



FLC UPDATES

January to April 2019

THE FLC RESURRECTION MESSAGE*

Like Jesus, each of us has had a share of *Good Friday* experiences of pain and anguish, *the darkest moment in one's life*. Nevertheless, important for us to note, is that Jesus did not remain in the grave. On the third day, i.e. the first day of the week, he rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection teaches us that *there is life beyond the grave*, there is life beyond the *Good Friday experience* of anguish, pain and death. Resurrection or God's intervention is soon coming. Even at a point when our loved ones have departed from us, we need to be comforted that death is not their end, but the beginning of a new and better life in God's presence. For those who are widows, Jesus' resurrection challenges us not to be confined to the graves of our husbands, but to move on with life, focusing on the risen Jesus. The Resurrection of Jesus teaches us that God is in the business of the resurrection, such that the death of one reality is the resurrection of another - when one door is closed in life, another wider and better is opening.

Finally, this message cannot be complete without mentioning the role of women in the resurrection of Jesus. All the gospels record that the risen Jesus first appeared to women, who had gone to the tomb on the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene is mentioned in all the Gospels. These women were present in Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection. He then sent them to the eleven disciples with the message of the resurrection, hence making them the first post-resurrection Evangelists. The message of the resurrection was a message of peace not only to the troubled hearts of the disciples, but also to the war-torn world, which needs to embrace the risen Jesus as the Prince of Peace. In this case, the risen Jesus has a similar message for women this Easter, in line with the purpose of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC):

To Pray and act for justice, peace and reconciliation... Strengthen faith in the living God who has the power to heal broken relationships... and help restore dignity and justice for all.

The little you do as an ambassador of peace in your home, church, society, nation, continent and the world, will go round and round like the least coin and bear much fruit, for God's glory.

Do what you can, with what you have, and where you are. I wish you all a happy Easter!

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*Excerpted from the full message

FEBRUARY: With the Ecumenical CWU Philippines



CHILDREN ARE NOT CRIMINALS!
The Ecumenical CWU Philippines: leaders advocating for children's rights. Photo ops after the Skills Training on Organizational Management, 02 February 2019.

MARCH: International Women's Day Celebration





Courtesy visit to the Salvation Army, Philippine Territorial HQ. With Col. Elsa Oalang, President of the Women Ministries. March 8. (Note the FLC wall décor in her office!)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: "Come! Everything is Ready!"



After the worship, with all the women left to pose. Earlier there was a forum on sustainable energy. March 02

Before the WDP worship. With the UMC women, Know UMC, Manila. March 23.



APRIL: Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) Executive Committee Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. April 7-11



WE MEAN BUSINESS! Meeting at the Paradornparp International House, Payap University, Chiang Mai.

With friends from the Christian Conference of Asia, and the Christian Women of the Church of Christ in Thailand, after the Opening Worship, where the ICFLC Executive Secretary gave the Theological Reflections.



IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER: JUNE 30

Project Grant, and Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW) applications due, to the ICFLC Office. Contact your regional rep to the ICFLC regarding details.

Praying and working with you, for a world of reconciliation, justice and peace!

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