

## **ICFLC UPDATES** July to December 2018

TO US A CHILD IS BORN to be amongst us. Affirming our full humanity, Gifting us joy and passion. To act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. Be blessed with these gifts of Christmas!

The International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) (Photo credits: Sisters in Childcare, Nepal)



## YOUNG WOMAN TAKES THE LEAD @

ICFLC: Ms. Awit Marcelino, representing the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) to ICFLC and immediate past ICFLC Vice Chairperson, was elected Chair for 2018 to 2020. Awit, 33, represents the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Canada to WICC and serves as its Council Member since 2012. She is also Canadian representative for Disciples Women's Leadership Council in the US and Canada, and has been pastor of Sugarbush Christian Church in Guelph, Ontario since 2016. Currently she is

completing her Master of Divinity at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario.

The Christmas greetings of the ICFLC Chair can now be read at the FLC FB page and website (www.flc.net.ph).

Rev. Dr. Lydia Mwaniki, Director of Family Life and Gender Justice Department of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) was elected Vice Chair. Lydia, 55, is an Anglican priest from Kenya.

The ICFLC has traditionally been led and dominated by older women. The current ICFLC membership has several younger (30 to 55 years young) ones in the group. Providing

spaces for younger women to lead is a commitment of the ICFLC towards achieving inclusive, shared and intergenerational leadership.

To Awit and Lydia, we assure you of our full support and prayers as you lead the FLC movement to vibrancy and faithful commitment to justice, peace and reconciliation.

## The 38<sup>th</sup> ICFLC Annual Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 8 – 13,

2018, among its significant results, has come up with clearer Project Grant guidelines and a *Conflict of Interest Policy and Personal*Statement to be signed by each member every



year. The Conflict of Interest policy is meant to promote the FLC spirit broadly, and to protect the integrity of the Committee and its work.

The 2019 AM (October 11 to 19, including travel dates) will be in Ghana, Africa, to be hosted by the AACC. We are looking forward to that with prayers accompanied by our 'Least Coin' tokens.

Pray with our five (5) Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW)

grantees as they pursue their studies:

- 1) Anglique Mukankumburwa, 29, MTh, Rwanda
- 2) Zhimo Kivikali, 28, MTh, India
- 3) Christina John, 24, Bachelor in Computer/Communications Eng'g., Malaysia
- 4) Camey Mactzil Rodriguez, 18, Bachelor in Pedagogy of the Kaqchikel Language and Mayan Culture, Guatemala
- 5) Melisa Judith Cotichini, 32, Degree in Theology, Argentina

Join and support the activities and campaigns of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, wherever you are! #16DaysofActivismagainstGender-basedViolence

From the ICFLC Office in the Philippines, to wherever you are, we send you and your families the merriest greetings for celebrating Christmas. Let us welcome 2019 in full faith that we will be kinder, more welcoming and generous in our loving and living, especially for those who need God's love the most!

Liza and Lalaine