



# FLC UPDATES

## May to August 2019

### IN 1966...LOOKING BACK AT THE FLC HERSTORY:

At the third Asian Church Women’s Conference (ACWC) assembly held in Tokyo, Japan where the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FLC was celebrated, ACWC Chair from Thailand, Jannuan Suriyakham mentioned one important aspect of the FLC:

In interpreting the Least Coin, we strongly stress the following principles:

- 1) The fact that no more than the least coin in our currency be given to this fund in order to keep the idea that every woman can give the same amount to this project. It should not be in competition with the regular church giving.
- 2) That the covenant of prayer and world fellowship be emphasized, rather than the form of raising the money or the amount.



A corner at our ICFLC Office.

Let this be our meditation for this quarter!

(Grace Nies Fletcher, *In Quest of the Least Coin* (NY: William Morrow and Co., Inc., 1968), 29.)

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### FIRST FILIPINO WOMAN BISHOP INSTALLED

The Rt. Rev. Emelyn Gasco-Dacuycuy, of the Philippine Independent Church (IFI) was installed as the first woman bishop of her church on May 5, 2019, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary in the City of Batac, Ilocos Sur, Northern Philippines.

The IFI is an active member of the Ecumenical Church Women United Philippines and a committed companioner of the FLC movement in the Philippines. The ICFLC Executive Secretary presented the Bp. Emelyn some FLC



Bishop Emelyn and her family, Rev. Dr. Noel Dacuycuy, and daughter.

materials and publications for her Diocese of Batac as a token of support and commitment to the full participation of women in the entire life of the Church in the Philippines.

## INDONESIAN SISTERS VISIT ICFLC OFFICE

Sisters from the Protestant Church of Western Indonesia (GPIB) dropped by the ICFLC Office on May 17. They visited the Philippines through a joint collaboration with the Presbyterian Church USA, which was facilitated by Rev. Catherine Chang, PC – USA Regional Facilitator for Migration and Human Trafficking.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY OF THE KYODAN WOMEN

“WHAT IS IT TO LIVE IN LOVE AND TRUTH?” The Kyodan women grappled with this theme at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Assembly of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) National Federation of Women’s Societies on June 6 to 8, 2019, which was held in Chiba, Japan.



Global Solidarity group forum.

The ICFLC Executive Secretary was invited together with the ACWC President, Supaporn Yarnasarn, and gave greetings at the welcome reception dinner on June 6. They also gave a brief presentation at the Global Solidarity Workshop on June 7.



Women at WoW, Kobe Union Church

On June 12, the Executive Secretary shared about the FLC to the Women on Wednesdays (WoW) of Kobe Union Church in Kobe, Japan, pastored by the Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto, a classmate of the Executive Secretary at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

## NEW REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC

The regional representations at the ICFLC Table are complete this 2019, just in time for the Annual Meeting in October in Accra, Ghana.



Marvia Lawes

The Rev. Marvia Lawes, Co-Coordinator of the Caribbean Women for Theology and Transformation (CWTT) will represent the Caribbean.

Deaconess Tamalesi Makutu, Vice Moderator of the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) will represent the Pacific.

Hearty and warmest welcome to dear sisters, Marvia and Tema!



Tamalesi Makutu

## THIS SEPTEMBER: 2019 FLC IN-GATHERING WORSHIP

The 2019 FLC In-gathering Liturgy with the theme, “We Lift Our Voices!” was already made available in July 2019, for local language translation and use. If you need a copy, you may

visit the FLC website, <http://flc.net.ph/> Or, email to: [icflcphph@gmail.com](mailto:icflcphph@gmail.com) The theme was lifted from the next issue of the Circle of Prayer.

Union Theological Seminary community will have the FLC In-gathering worship on 26 September 2019, to be lead and facilitated by the ICFLC Office staff.

Please do share to the ICFLC members your experiences and stories in using the liturgy.

**“WE LIFT OUR VOICES FOR THE INTEGRITY  
AND WELL-BEING OF GOD’S CREATION!”**

This is the theme of the Circle of Prayer, Volume 25, to be released in 2020. An initial count of reflections and prayers have been received, and more are welcome and expected.

**THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ICFLC AM IN GHANA**

Pray with us for a fruitful and wisdom-led deliberations at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ICFLC to be held at the Presbyterian Women’s Centre Abokobi in Accra, Ghana, on October 12 to 18, 2019.

Journeying with you in prayer and with our Least Coins,

*Liza* (ICFLC Executive Secretary),  
& *Lalaine* (Office Assistant)