

JAPAN

Greetings in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ

We would highly appreciate you, Asian sisters, for praying for Japan.

ACWC-Japan is an ecumenical organization of seven denominations of church women to share our common faith to serve the Lord as well as the people in the world.

The seven member-Organizations are:

United Church of Christ in Japan (National Federation of Kyodan Women's Society)

Salvation Army Women's Organization

Episcopal Church Women of Japan

National Women's Association Korean Christian

Japan Baptist Women

Japan Baptist Women's Union

Japan Evangelical Lutheran Women's Society

A steering committee of ACWC-Japan is carried out by the one National representative and two representatives from each denomination

We have a committee meeting every month and also in Kansai(Western part of Japan) Branch.

But for 3 years the committee was done by online due to Covid19.

● Activities of ACWC Japan

◎ACWC Day

One of the main activities of ACWC-J is to hold a seminar once a year in the autumn in Tokyo and Kansai area. We did the face-to face training in 2019, but by Covid 19 pandemic no training sessions in 2020, and online training sessions in 2021 and 2022.

Main theme is 「Now choose life, change our ways and actions」

2019 renewed by the Lord

2020 not done

2021 Let us overcome our divides and move forward in solidarity

2022 Revived with Christ



◎ Promotion by ACWC and ICFLC

ACWC-J has been promoting Signature campaign and Least Coin activities for a long time. Signature campaign has been carried out by member nations since 2002 for supporting the activities of ACWC. In Japan we asked the participants of ACWC Day to sign and got the approval and the cooperation more than 3000 people from each church every year. The signature campaign has been renamed 「ACWC Support Offerings」 from 2021. because Covid19 made it difficult to sign.

The donations collected (\$1=¥130) 2019 JPY 435,500 2020 JPY 347,000 2021 JPY 324,000
2022 JPY 363,000

Also, we have been promoting the Least-Coin donations from all over the country.

We sent the following amount of offerings to ICFLC

2019 US\$ 26,843 2020 US\$ 27,339 2021 US\$ 23,373 2022 US\$ 18,954

○FLC Project Grant to Japan

2019 Children's cafeteria 「Yuzurihanoie」

2020 did not apply

2021 Women's shelter 「Kanita Fujin no Mura」

2022 Atutu Myanmar Support in Japan

◎ Prayer Partnership

This time Australia is the partner of Japan. We have been praying for Australia at the monthly committee. We pray as follows. Prayer for our prayer partner country Australia.

Australia is experiencing a number of natural disasters due to the extreme weather conditions.

Pray to be taken for measures to minimize damages and to prepare for them.

We are concerned about the aging of church members and young people leaving the church. Pray for the succession of faith.

Pray that there will be no more abuse of children, and they will live in safety.

Pray that young people will cherish the precious life given by God.

Refugee problems are becoming a serious social issue. Pray that we can make efforts toward a society where we can coexist.

As a partner nation pray that we can share the challenges of prayer and continue to pray for each other,

And Prayer Request from Japan

- Pray that youth in Japan will accept Christ as their Savior
- Pray that the churches in Japan will be a welcoming place for children and the elderly person and that they can spread the Gospel effectively.
- May each of us be aware of environmental destructions and take specific actions to prevent them.
- May we be Christian witnesses in a secular society. In Japan Christians are less than 1 percent.
- May churches in Japan help young women leaders to grow.
- May our politicians make the correct judgement for the peace and stability of Asian region
- May the victims recover from the March 11th 2011 disaster, such as the earthquake and Tsunami and nuclear plant problems, and may they get along on their own.
- Pray for the local churches of affected cities by the disaster.

◎ We have been doing the fund-raising activities for the natural disaster of member countries.

◎ We translate the part of Grant of ICFLC report into Japanese distribute it, and share it with nationwide sisters.

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