

## The report of the annual ACWC Day in 2023 from Japan

In Japan, it will be held in two parts, one around Tokyo and one around Osaka(organized by Kansai branch). The theme is “Women Caring for God’s Earth”, and used the same liturgy prepared by the church women of Korea.

### <Kansai branch>

Date: Oct. 6.2023

Venue: United Church of Christ in Japan Kobe Eiko Church

We gathered face to face, and also performed You Tube distribution. The message was told by Rev. Shigeyosi Sato of Kobe Eiko Church belong to the United Church of Christ in Japan. Guest Speaker was Rev. Makin San San



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Aung who is Atuttu Myanmar Support Co-Representative. She explained the current situation in Myanmar in an easy-to-understand manner with the national politics and history of Myanmar. It was heartbreaking to see and hear through the images of the painful scenes, but we made a mental note to stay close to the little ones and continue to pray for them.

### <Tokyo area>

Date: Nov.17.2023

Venue: Salvation Army Yamamuro Gunpei Memorial Hall

We gathered face to face, and also performed You Tube distribution. The message was told by Rev. Rumi Hosoi in Japan Baptist Convention Tokyo North Christ Church. Guest Speaker was Rev. Sayuri Watanabe who is Atuttu Myanmar Support Co-Representative. She introduced herself by saying, "Asian women have been closed off from telling their own stories, so I dare to start by sharing mine." I was impressed by her simple and unpretentious tone of voice,



(ACWC Japan committee members  
With Rev. Hosoi and Rev. Watanabe)

and her repeated phrases, "May one life be protected" and "Each one of us is an important life connected to God." I was also struck by the attitude of the members. they have continued the prayer meeting every Friday without missing a day since the coup d'état in Myanmar on February 1, 2021. The prayer at the end of the meeting, "May we share our weaknesses with one another," still resonates in my heart.

In the introduction of ACWC activities, there was also a report on the 17<sup>th</sup> quadrennial general assembly, which was held for the first time in five years. Sixty-six people from 13 countries gathered in Taiwan from November 5 to 9, with five participants from Japan. All Asian countries are facing various difficult problems, but they reported that they received a lot of encouragement through mutual prayer, support, encouragement, and above all, fellowship with women who are connected to the Lord. Thank God.

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