

Newsletter

July 2020 to June 2021

ACWC Nepal would like to thank Almighty God for his guidance and protection throughout the year.

Activities:

- Continue monthly member prayer meeting.
- Continue counseling on messenger whenever needed home visit.
- ACWC Nepal is privileged to work jointly like minded organization
- Continue prayer for the FLC Ministry

World Day of Peace:

Every year on 21st September The UN declared 'International Day of Peace' or 'World Day of Peace' is observed throughout the world. The main aim of this celebration is to create public awareness regarding issue of peace and promote peace education. The theme of 2020 UN declared the theme of International Day of Peace is 'Shaping Peace Together'.

During this COVID 19 pandemic even though Asian woman are exposed to various forms of gender-based violence however they are continuous making efforts to shape peace through dialogue of life and sparking hope. Hence in order to celebrate women's creative power of shaping peace ecumenical women leaders from South Asia and global ecumenical organizations engage in 'Cha Adda, Herstories and Dialogues of Love and Hope' conversations on 26th September 2020.

The theme of Conversation is: **'Women Shaping Peace Together'**



The first Series of dialogues and conversations was organized by Asian Church Women's Conference (South Asia Region) in partnership with World Council of Churches, South Asia Women's Ecumenical Network, Food Speaks Her stories of Love and Hope Network on September 26, 2020. From Nepal, our National Representative Ms. Draupati Rokaya shared about the women's issues and pandemic situation.

COVID Response Program:



ACWC members are helping with food and other vital supplies in small way. We were able to support some families who were in need for food.

We provided 150 pieces' mask to the 30 community children to raise awareness about the safety of their own health at Lalitpur area on October 2, 2020.



ACWC General Committee Meeting:

It was great privileged to have the first ACWC General Committee meeting via Zoom, on October 22, 2020. It's so sad that we could not have the meeting face to face because of the virus

COVID-19 pandemic. Anyway we thank God for all circumstances. We will try to do our best to serve the Lord and His people together, especially to our Asian women and children.

From Nepal, National Representative Draupati Rokaya and General Committee Member Jyoti Ranjit Shrestha able to attend the program via zoom. Even though it was short time we were able to see our sisters faces.

16 days Campaign:

We also joined the hands with the global movement around the world to celebrate 16 days campaigns which start from November 25 - December 10, 2020. Every morning ACWC committee member prayed in the group for the people who were facing different kinds of trauma and violence. We would like to pray for peace, security and world without violence.



ACWC Day Celebration:



In Nepal, we observed ACWC Day on November 25, 2020. We read from the ACWC Worship Liturgy “Theme: Breaking Walls, Bridging Gaps and Moving forward in Solidarity”. We focused on the verse Numbers 27:1-8 and Hebrews 10:19-22. We gathered



in a small group and prayed for sisters all over Nepal, the 19 Asian countries as well as for the world.

World AIDS Day Celebration:

On December 1, 2020 we celebrated World AIDS Days with our ACWC members and members from different churches. There were about 30 people who attended the program. With joined hands in prayer especially for survivors of aids and those fighting against with these viruses.



Protest Against Violence Against Women Rally:



On February 12, 2021 we joined the hands with different liked minded organizations on the protest rally against Violence against Women.



PRAYER VIGIL: JUSTICE FOR MYANMAR

In this Lenten period we express solidarity with our Myanmar sisters and brothers, South Asian Women's Ecumenical Leaders from Different Networks (including ACWC networking) and Churches. It was held on February 27, 2021. ACWC Nepal sisters also joined hands in this program.

World Day of Prayer 2021 "Build on a Strong Foundation"

Praised the Lord for his mercy upon us, March is a blessing month for World Day of Prayer Nepal Team to celebrate World Day of Prayer 2021. We were in the small group at the prayer time with ACWC Nepal at two places in different dates. It was great time for all of us even though we were from different churches and different faith.

On March 14, 2021 the program started with maintain social distance by singing the choruses and the hymn about the Lord's Love, Healing and remembering the sisters, children's and families around the world at this pandemic. At this crucial time, Vanuatu sisters send us prayer and solidarity to all sisters we highly appreciate and would like to thank them.

National Representative Ms. Draupati Rokaya briefly shared about the World Day of Prayer. Why we were celebrating this month March as a World Day of Prayer. Then, Jyoti Ranjit Shrestha read and shared the Gospel Mathew 7:24-27. All members joined hands in prayer.



On March 29, 2021 the program started with the chorus and the Hymn about the God's Creation, Love, Healing and remembering the sisters, children's and families around the world at this pandemic. At this crucial time, Vanuatu sisters send us prayer and solidarity to all sisters around the world prepared the World Day of Prayer Bible Study about "Build on a Strong Foundation".

Program started with prayer by the Member Ms. Jyoti Ranjit Shrestha.

Ms. Draupati Rokaya briefly shared about the World Day of Prayer. Why we were celebrating this month March as a World Day of Prayer. Then, she read from the Gospel Mathew 7:24-27. The sharing session were done after reading the Bible verses. Each and every one shared that how Jesus heal us proclaims Himself as the only Son of God, Light of World etc. Right from the beginning He is not the hidden Messiah. The gospel takes up some narratives about Jesus and his miracles; the tradition of the passion. This theology relies on the foundation of our faith, even this pandemic hitting world at this moment how we believe in God and strong foundation of our relation with God. At this crucial time the need of love which is expressed the strong foundation in participating and healing together. The sharing session was blessing time. All the members join hands together to glorify the God and uplift all the people in World Day of Prayers.



Member Ms. Kalika Karki led in prayer especially for the people around the world who were suffering from the Corona Virus (COVID 19) and thanking the sisters who send us this powerful message in this crucial time to build our own strong foundation with God.

We would like to thank Almighty God and Vanuatu Island sister for sharing with us about prayer and allowing us to be a part of World Day of Prayer. Through World Day of Prayer we came to know about Vanuatu Island is a new country. It is so beautiful country just like Nepal. We all inspired to watch video it looks many similar things and situation like us. It was a wonderful and blessings.



Different Programs:

Time to time ACWC committee members joining hands in program and prayers with World Day of Prayers Group, Ecumenical sisters group and others via zoom.

With Prayers,

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