

## Korean Church Women United (KCWU) Update /Jan.~June. 2020

### (1) New Year Service

KCWU started New Year of 2020 with worship service on 8th January. As many members of KCWU gathered together, Rev. Sunghee Lee gave an inspiring sermon, “Women, Wake up! Arise!” President Yeon-jin Chung in her New Year’s message encouraged members to continue working in solidarity and with love in Christ. All the members attending the service gave thanks to God for the beginning of another New Year and renewed commitment to the missions of KCWU. After the service, members shared fellowship with lunch and traditional Korean New Year’s Day folk game called Yutnori.



### (2) 1430<sup>th</sup> demand rally to resolve the issue of Japanese military sexual slavery system during World War II

On the 11th March, KCWU hosted the 1430<sup>th</sup> demand rally to resolve the issue of Japanese military sexual slavery system during World War II. Due to the Covid19 pandemic situation, instead of large crowd gathering, our on-site rally in front of the former Japanese embassy in Jongno-gu, Seoul was broadcasted live on YouTube. Many people commented while watching online. President Yeon-jin Chung of KCWU

urged Japanese government to restore the honor and human rights of victims. The Justice and Memory Association leading the movement reported activities around the world on the issue. In Sydney, Australia, wearing Kim Bok-dong's T-shirt, the Sydney Girls Awards Action Promotion Committee held a march with Sydney women. Kim Bok-dong, one of the survivor victims who testified on Japanese military sexual slavery system and a reborn peace activist, passed away last year. She raised voices in solidarity with the victims of sexual violence by the Korean military during the Vietnam-American War and many suffering women around the world through the Butterfly Fund. We hope the same pain as the victims of the Japanese military sexual slavery would never happen again, and all the wars were halted so that women would never again suffer sexual violence in any war.



### (3) 2020 World Day of Prayer

As the number of confirmed cases of the novel corona virus infection (Corona 19) was rapidly increasing in Korea since February, the government has restricted large-scale gatherings. Many churches have converted regular worship services to home and small group worship services. The situation forced WDP worship service scheduled on March 6th to be postponed to April 24th. However, despite of numerous difficulties, many members of KCWU has carried out WDP worship service at home, in small groups, and online. Inspired by this year's theme, "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk", Korean church women will work in unity without fear or hesitation,

