

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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Friends and Sisters

Australia National Convention Report

At the beginning of March I attended the Australia National Convention for WCTU which was excellent. It was especially good to meet some new younger women who wish to be or are part of WCTU. The older women such as Elma Coombe, Dawn Giddings, Margaret Martin, Ellen Chandler, and Anne Bergen have led WCTU for many years in Australia. They are amazing women who always persevere in telling and spreading the temperance message. Resolutions made at the convention included matters relating to: FASD, Prostitution, Alcohol taxes, Gambling, Rehabilitation for addicts, Medical Cannibals, Sexualisation of children. These are all areas we must be vigilant about. I can share more about these if you ask me.

World Convention Canada

The time is drawing near for the 40th World WCTU convention in Ottawa, Canada. If you are planning to come you need to make your bookings, apply for your visas and register on the World WCTU website. Dates are August 18-24. The speakers for this event are all professionals and preparing excellent presentations which will inspire and urge us on in our temperance ministry.

Papua New Guinea National Convention

PNG is planning for its National Convention at the end of May in Port Moresby. Plans are being made now and include plans to reach out to the community in a more concentrated effort. Rita Maruha and Beatrice Kemo are working hard to make this a highly successful event. Beatrice and her faithful committee work with nearly 100 people in their community near POM.

Our Babies

Dedicating our babies is something many people do in churches. WCTU provides a special White Ribbon ceremony which can be included in any dedication of babies. This is the time to help parents sign the pledge and promise to teach their children the same. Use a white ribbon to tie on the baby's wrist. Next month I will provide more detail about this beautiful ceremony that you can do.

Reports please

Thank you to those who send reports. We need more for our world report in August. You must be part of it.

From World Leader

In closing I share these words from our World Leader Margaret Ostenstad:

"In the midst of all this uncertainty, there is light, a hope, and a purpose. Retain the message that 'God is with us.' Know that we are never alone because He brings light, hope, and life to the world. What a wonderful gift to have a light that shines in the darkness."

Keep praying - every day - Ask, seek, knock and it will be opened to you. Read Luke 13:9-13 and let it speak to your heart.

Bless you in every way every day in your WCTU work and ministry.

