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Friends and Sisters

Greetings to you all from Papua New Guinea where I am back again after more than 2 months away. My travels took me to Kenya and Canada where I enjoyed meeting many new WCTU friends and learning a lot more about God's wonderful creation.

40th World Convention in Canada

The 40th World WCTU Convention in Ottawa, Canada was truly inspiring and it was especially wonderful to see a good number of young people. They came from - Canada, USA, Korea, Norway and South America. They are our future and we were delighted in hearing from and seeing them in action.

World President re-elected

Margaret Ostenstad was re-elected as World President along with 3 officers and 4 vice presidents and various departmental leaders. Please refer to the www.wwctu.org website for all the details and pictures of everyone. Please pray for Margaret as she leads this wonderful organisation that she will have wisdom, courage and health. Remember to pray every day at 12 noon for WWCTU.

Speakers at Convention

The speakers were all professional and came from Canada, USA, South Africa, Norway, South America, Australia and you can find their papers on the website. Please read and use in your ministries wherever you are. The information is up-to-date, pertinent and for your use.

New members from Africa

It was especially exciting to have new members from Africa at the event. We look forward to great news from them as they grow WCTU in Kenya and South Africa. Some were not able to come due to visa problems but they were not forgotten and if you are reading this - please see the world website and catch up on all that happened there.

REGISTER WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT

I want to urge you to register your WCTU Constitution and organisation with your government. In this way you will be recognised and have more influence in your nation. THIS IS IMPORTANT. If you need help to do this, please just ask me.

WCTU growing

Be encouraged - WCTU is on fire and growing. The theme "Preserving the Past, Reflecting the Present, Shaping the Future" is something we must hold on to and emulate in all our activities. Remember we are here 'For God, and Home and Every Land' and our task is very clear.

God bless you each one with grace and love **JOY BUTLER**

2nd Vice President, World WCTU

World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union Triennial Convention, August 18 - 24, 2016

RESOLUTIONS

ALCOHOL

Whereas, alcohol is the most used drug of choice worldwide; and

Whereas, alcohol is the world's third highest risk factor for disease; and

Whereas, alcohol is a known carcinogen; and

Whereas, conclusive evidence shows that alcohol consumption does not improve health; now, therefore, be it -

Resolved, that the members of the WWCTU continue to vigorously and publicly advocate for a life of total abstinence.

CYBERBULLYING

Whereas, cyberbullying is a relatively new phenomenon of bullying with the intent to harass, threaten, or abuse another person by the use of cell phones or the Internet; and

Whereas, it appears in all age groups, but is most common among teenagers and young adults; and

Whereas, it is extremely hard to stop or prevent cyberbullying which can lead to serious personal suffering including distress, anxiety, loneliness, depression, and even suicide; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that members of the WWCTU offer guidance, especially to youth, in the use of cell phones and the Internet, warning them about the risks, and furthermore support victims by intervening as soon as cyberbullying is detected.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Whereas, of all areas of abuse, domestic violence is the most widespread and usually most invisible to others; and

Whereas, domestic violence includes physical, emotional, mental, and sexual harm; and

Whereas, women and children are the primary targets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the WWCTU increase worldwide public awareness of the importance of changing domestic violence from an internal family matter to a crime recognized by society and prosecuted by law.

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD)

Whereas, for the fetus there is no safe amount of alcohol consumption by a pregnant woman; and

Whereas, it is possible to completely eradicate FASD; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members of the WWCTU rededicate their efforts to educate about the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and provide programs to encourage and support pregnant women to totally abstain from alcohol.

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Whereas, Human Trafficking is a fast-growing vice for the purpose of organ-harvesting, sexual slavery, forced labor, and/or military actions; and

Whereas, the victims, for the most part, are helpless women and children recruited from low economic countries or politically or religiously persecuted migrants from war-torn areas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the WWCTU support governments that seek to arrest traffickers and bring them to justice and that individual WWCTU members pray for victims and give aid to organizations who help them.

PEACE

Whereas, the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been an advocate for world peace since its founding convention in 1891; and

Whereas, the message of the White Ribbon movement is one of love toward all and peace among all nations; and

Whereas, the WWCTU is a supporter of the peaceful resolution of conflict around the globe; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the WWCTU advocate for peace around the world, seek to eradicate all forms of hate speech, and work to eliminate barriers built between nations.

Sarah F. Ward, (USA) *Chairman*
Anneli Klemetti (Finland)
Pastor Irja Eskelinen (Finland)
Dr. Jung Joo Kim (Korea)
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