

Dear White Ribbon Sisters Around the World 2023-5-10

[Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery,  
but be filled with the Holy Spirit \(Ephesians 5:18\).](#)

The Korea Woman's Christian Temperance Union celebrated her Centennial Year, on May 10, 2023. That day, we also celebrated Mrs. Kwi Ok Yeu's 100 Birthday. Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad, the President of World Woman's Christian Temperance Union was invited to be the guest of honour for this event. In the morning, at the KWCTU Hall, we gathered together, having worship time and a fellowship luncheon. Over 100 members of KWCTU and supporters of the temperance work have gathered from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..



Ostenstad spoke on the importance of the temperance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



Paul Morrison's Wall Painting, W-Space Dedicated to the Lord.



The Officers and Trustees of KWCTU

There were good speakers: Professor of Counseling for the Rehabilitation of the Addicted, Dr. Hyun Sup Cho, spoke on the importance of prevention from addiction which is so prevalent today among youth. Professor of New Testament Theology, Dr. Sang Il Lee, shared on the remarkable leadership of women in the NT, especially in Paul's letters, highlighting the role of Priscilla and Pheobe, for us to remember our duty to carry out our calling faithfully wherever we are. Ostenstad spoke on the significant role of Yeu, who devoted her whole life to the temperance work not only in Korea, but also worldwide, by actively participating in the world conventions of the WWCTU. Ostenstad further noted that temperance unions the KWCTU continues planting among many continents in corporation with the Korean missionaries, is vital for the growth of the WWCTU today. She encouraged all the participants that we should educate the next generation on the harms of narcotic drugs such as alcohol, nicotine, and various other kinds of addictive drugs. The news of the KWCTU's centennial celebration appeared in 25 different medias, such as in newspapers, Christian TV, and Youtube.

The KWCTU continued her centennial celebration in the afternoon by the opening event of W-Space and White Gallery downtown in Seoul, with the permanent exhibition of the paintings of Mrs. Young Joo Kim, the president of KWCTU, to commemorate the Centennial of the KWCTU and 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs. Kwi Ok Yeu. The W-Space was a building where the Daesung Group, an energy conglomerate started in Seoul in the early 1960s, originally founded in Taegu in 1947. Therefore, we also celebrated 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

of Daesung Group at W-Space. The wall of the building was painted by Paul Morrison, a famous wall painter of Great Britain.

Rev. Myung Whan Whang, Pastor of Suseo Church, spoke on 2 Cor. 5:15-19 about how Christ has made possible through his bloodshed on the cross that all who believe in him can be reconciled with God. The ministry of reconciliation is now given to all who believe in Christ so that we should witness to the truth of being reconciled with God and call others to be reconciled with God. Rev. Whang is interested in the role of arts in spreading the Gospel. Hence, he encouraged Paintress Kim at the dedication service of the White Gallery to use her paintings as instruments to open hearts to the message of reconciliation, and thus enable visitors to be open to the Gospel and share with one another the Gospel message in the love of Christ. Rev. Man Joon Kim of Duksoo Church gave congratulation message, too. Rev. Juwon Kim of Juan Presbyterian Church, served as presider of the worship service. We together prayed that her paintings and the W-Space may be used as instruments to lead many to faith in Jesus Christ.



Rev. Myung Whan Whang, giving sermon on 2 Cor. 5:15-19.



Ostenstad, the President of WWCTU sang "New Jerusalem" to congratulate her dedication of the gallery.



Kim dedicated her paintings for the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



At the dedication of the gallery ceremony, all the people sang "This is My Father's World", praising our Lord who created the heavens and earth for us to see His glory and His magnificence.

In the evening, Kim family gathered together to commemorate Mrs. Kwi Ok Yeu's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, inviting relatives, KWCTU trustees, and Church friends.



Mrs. Kwi Ok Yeu at her 70th Birthday.



Rev. Jung Hyun Oh of Sarang Church preached on the grace of the Holy Spirit who enabled Yeu to dedicate her life to the temperance movement so wholeheartedly.



Mr. Young Hoon Kim thanked Ostenstad for attending Yeu's 100th Birthday party.

President of Daesung Group, Mr. Young Hoon Kim remembered his mother as he mentioned how he grew up in a home like heaven on earth, because Yeu, being filled with the Holy Spirit to the fullness, always kept praising God for His glory without ceasing at home and wherever she went to witness to the love of Jesus Christ. Ostenstad sang, “As Deer Pants for the Water” beautifully to the blessings for the whole audience. Rev. Oh spoke on the godly life of Yeu as an example of a Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit. He had read her autobiography and had found so much blessing from it, as her life was fully devoted to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in her ministry of the temperance work. She shined so brightly with her genuine love of Jesus Christ and of the neighbors that Rev. Oh recommended her as model for Christians to imitate. He wanted to share her life for his sermon on the Pentecost on May 28 at his church of 75,000 members.



President, Dr. Yun Keum Chang, third from right, in the back row.



Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad giving lecture at the MEAK headquarter.



With MEAK leaders, Rev. Jung Woo Lee, Secretary-General at 4<sup>th</sup> from left in the photo.

The KWCTU organized three strategic meetings beside the centennial ceremonies. On May 8, Ostenstad met Dr. Yun Keum Chang, the President of Sookmyung Women’s University, a large body of 12,249 students. The main subject of the meeting was how to promote the temperance work among women of the university. The meeting went well, as Dr. Kwang Sook Chung, the retired faculty adviser of the Christian Union at Sookmyung Women’s University found the importance of the temperance work on campus, especially to prevent the FASD, whose main cause is alcohol consumption of women during pregnancy.

On May 9, Ostenstad met Rev. Jung Woo Lee, the secretary-general, and his colleagues, of the Military Evangelical Association of Korea (MEAK) at their head quarter. Ostenstad spoke on the harms of narcotic drugs through zoom to the chaplains in several military bases in Korea. They were eager to hear the message so that they may equip their church soldiers to information regarding drug addiction. Our aim is to organize the temperance union in the military churches so that they may help the military armies to prevent themselves from addictions. As we all know, the most dangerous drug today is fentanyl. It is so fatal that even smallest amount, if taken, may cause death. It is widely spread and leads to many to deaths in the U.S.A., now being spread all over the world. Just recently it was found to be in widespread use among youth in Korea. Therefore, we need to put effort into preventing

addiction to such fatal drugs among those in the military service.

On May 11, Ostenstad gave a special lecture for the Youth Temperance Council (YTC) at Yonsei University. The lecture went well with Q & A sessions, followed by good lunch fellowship. Yonsei YTC prepared the Green Cafe beautifully, providing the reception with much food out of the expense of the Yonsei YTC superintendents, Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim and vice superintendent, Mrs. Ye Jin Kim. They provided cookies, lunch boxes, soft drinks, and Christian books, to share with students. To their surprise, they welcomed the visit of a high school group of 50 students, who came to tour Yonsei University. They enjoyed good lunch and snacks, receiving good Christian books such as *Rise and Shine*, a book containing solid conversion testimonies, written by Yonsei University students to help fellow students to meet Jesus Christ, and another book, titled *FAS*, teaches on the importance for women to abstain from alcohol during pregnancies.



A high school group of 50 students visited the YTC Green Café.



YTC members and those who attended the lecture.



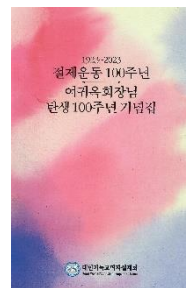
First from left: Michael Nahm, First from right: Rev. Hyunwook Choi

The beautiful gift bag had also another book published recently by KWCTU to promote the temperance work, titled *The Temperance Movement 100 Years* and the Temperance 2023 Calendar. Such gift bags were shared with each who attended the centennial events for them to learn the temperance movement and share with others for the revival of our work among youth especially.



Left: FAS

Right: Rise and Shine



The Temperance Movement 100 Years.

Commemorating Mrs. Kwi Ok Yeu's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Ostenstad left Korea, leaving behind the good fragrance of her zeal to reach out as many to hear the Gospel anew with the message of the temperance work, For God, for Home, and for Every Land. Her eagerness to share the temperance message moved many

hearts, especially those in the military service, universities, and church ministries.  
May all Glory God be.

The KWCTU would like to share more photoes. The NZKWCTU, founded in 2011 by the



KWCTU also celebrated the KWCTU Centennial in Auckland, New Zealand, on May 20, holding a concert with a youth Orchestra under the leadership of Young Ah Jung, the president of the NZKWCTU. The NZKWCTU eagerly educates young people on the harm of narcotic drugs. They convince youth that they can overcome the peer pressure regarding drug abuse, equipping them with the armor of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for them to fight the good fight, by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Bible Studies.

How wonderful the grace of God is who pours upon all His children around the world with the fullness of His Spirit and thus enables us to become ambassadors of Christ, to bring people to be reconciled with God and with one another, being washed by the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;  
To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember  
his commandments to do them (Psalms 103:17-18).

In Christ,  
Jung Joo Kim  
Vice President and Field Worker, WWCTU and KWCTU