

Greetings from the KWCTU to all White Ribbon Sisters around the World,



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

According to Calvin, John 1:14 reveals to us most clearly who Jesus Christ is. This is apparent when the Evangelist says, “*And the Word was made flesh.*” Having been clothed with our flesh, Jesus Christ showed himself openly to the world. Here, the unutterable mystery is revealed; the Son of God was clothed with human nature. There is a great distance between the spiritual glory of *the Word* of God and the abominable filth of our *flesh*, yet the Son of God stooped so low as to take upon Himself that *flesh*, and become subject to so many miseries. In the phrase, *the Word was made flesh*, we should see, as stressed by Calvin, the unity of His Person, because the Son of God became man in such a manner that He still continues to be the eternal *Word* who has no beginning of time. *And dwell* means no one other than Christ was discharged on this earth to the office appointed to him. It reveals that Christ did not merely appear for a single moment, but that He conversed among men until He completed the course of His office. “*Among us*” represents the disciples who were eye-witnesses of Christ and what He did, and *beheld His glory*. It was only a few, whose eyes the Holy Spirit opened, that saw this manifestation of such *glory*. Christ was known to be man in such a manner that He exhibited in His Person something far more noble and excellent. Hence it follows that the majesty of God was not annihilated. Although it was surrounded by *flesh*; it was concealed under the low condition of the *flesh*, so as to cause His splendor to be seen. Calvin points out in the expression, “*As of the only-begotten of the Father*” that *as* expresses true and hearty approbation. The Evangelist therefore shows that Christ was *beheld a glory* which was worthy of the Son of God, and which was sure proof of His Divinity. That’s why the Evangelist calls Him *the Only-begotten*, because He is the only Son of God by nature. Thus, Jesus is placed above men and angels, and claims for Himself alone a status that belongs to no other being. The Evangelist brings forward a part of the approbation, from which faith obtains delightful advantage, because Christ demonstrated that He actually is an inexhaustible fountain of *grace and truth*. The *fullness of grace* in Christ is the fountain from which all of us must draw life. *Grace and truth*. He was *full of grace*, which is *truth* or perfection. This *grace and truth*, he afterwards contrasts with *the Law*, because He had in himself the fulfillment of things which belong to the spiritual kingdom of God. Truly He alone deserves our worship as the Son of God, the Redeemer, and the Messiah. Standing in His presence, we cannot but repent our sins, believing that in His blood shed on the cross alone, there is forgiveness of our sins. Furthermore, He sends His Spirit for all who believe, to obey His Word. Calvin said well that He has the most striking mark by which He ought to be distinguished from all others. *Sola Deo Gloria*.

We acknowledge that death tolls by drunken driving, crimes by binge drinking among youths, and the birth rate of babies born with FAS by mothers drinking during pregnancy increase rather than decrease each year. The temperance movement worldwide since its foundation in 1883, and in Korea since 1923, has focused on educating the public on the harms of all narcotic drugs. By the help of the Spirit, many White Ribbon Sisters have come out as conquerors in their fight against alcohol. It is because they relied not on their resources but on God Almighty to successfully carry out His call to spread the Gospel and help the public to live soberly for the glory of God.

1. Christian Outreach Department (Director: Rev. Hae Kyung Kim)

1) The KWCTU and her branches meet monthly, studying the Word of God and praying that Jesus Christ guide each of our steps by His Spirit. 2) We hold nationwide campaign each year to awaken the public on the harms of all kinds of narcotic drugs. 3) We share Bibles, Christian books, and temperance pamphlets with those in the military service, in order to help them to believe in Jesus Christ and lead drug-free as soldiers of God’s army.



2. Education Department (Director: Mrs. Duk Ja Nam)

(1) At the 15th FAS Prevention Seminar, Dr. Won Ho Kim shared his new research on how alcohol affects the fetus, even through consumption of alcohol before pregnancy. (2) We renewed our internet cyber education program, the ‘No Smoking and No Drinking Education Guide’ for teachers, publishing 1,000 CDs for soldiers and missionaries. (3) We published 1,200 temperance calendars for the year 2019 with Bible verses and temperance messages to share the Gospel and prevent addiction and FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder). (4) Director of the School for the Addicted, Mr. Sung Phil You, himself a former alcoholic, provides wonderful seminars more than twice a year. The numbers of the addicted and their families, attending his seminars are growing steadily. We gladly supply Christian books for them. (5) We support the Peter Beyerhaus Academy, which, just founded in Korea, upholds Jesus Christ as the only foundation of Christian Families and exposes the fallacies of various modern ideologies such as Neomarxism and Gender Ideology, which challenge Christian values. (6) CTS, a Christian network service interviewed Mrs. Young Joo Kim on temperance work.

3. YTC (Youth Temperance Council, Director: Mrs. Hyun Kyung Kim)

1) On January 20th, the Yonsei Christian Union Orientation for Freshman Students was held at Yonsei's International Songdo Campus. YTC gave a lecture on the harms of alcohol and nicotine and recruited new members. Furthermore, YTC members had in-depth discussions with incoming students about FAS, a medical condition that few of the incoming students originally knew about. 2) YTC students participated in distributing and conducting the 'Korean College Alcohol Study' pilot survey. On February 20th, a symposium regarding the harmful drinking behaviors of Korean college students was held at the Korean parliament building. Participants, as well as YTC students, discussed the various ways in which Korean college students could stop binge drinking and harming themselves. 3) On May 9th, recruiting booths for Christian fellowship organizations at Yonsei University were set up on campus. YTC also held a booth and distributed free snacks and drinks, as well as pens with the phrase, "No alcohol! No tobacco!" Also, brochures regarding the WCTU and Christian books were given away. Around 150 students visited the YTC booth. 4) On Wednesday June 17th, at 2pm, YTC members gave a lecture in front of North Korean refugee students at the Christian Korean School in Seongnam. The temperance message was given, and students were taught about the harms of consuming alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. 5) A temperance campaign was held at Bosung Girls High School by Rev. Hae Kyung Kim. 6) Last November 2nd, an anti-alcohol, anti-tobacco campaign was held in front of the Yonsei University Central Library. For around three hours following lunch time, YTC members distributed temperance leaflets and pens with the phrase 'No alcohol! No tobacco' written on them. Around 120 students are believed to have participated in the campaign. 7) On November 15th, YTC mentor, Hyun-Kyung Kim, gave a lecture on the harms of alcohol and drugs to the Yonsei Christian organization, ICHTHUS. For around 40 minutes, students were taught about the association between alcohol consumption and crimes, especially sexual crimes.



4. LTL (Loyal Temperance Legion, Director: Mrs. Ku Sa Oh)

1) We run Child-Care Centers in Seoul and Taegu. 2) Temperance education of the children made them aware of the harms of drinking and smoking. Children too share their knowledge at home when their fathers smoke by saying "Daddy! Smoking is not good for your health." To passengers smoking in public, they also say, "It is not good for you to smoke." 2) The parents held a bazaar and raised fund which they donated to Gabriel House, a center for handicapped children.



5. Social Service(Director: Evangelist Kyung Ja Choi)

1) Scholarships are distributed to children of single parents and students in seminaries in Korea and overseas. 2) 2,000 pieces of children's clothes were donated to defectors from North Korea, oversea KWCTU chapters, national unions of the WWCTU in Indonesia, Thailand and Vanuatu, and the children in mission fields under the care of With (Nutrion Specialists' Mission Society). 3) The KWCTU Seoul Chapter members visited the Church for the Blind, which Evangelist Kyung Ja Choi has ministered, after it moved to a new location.

6. KWCTU Chapters Abroad and Newly Planted National Unions of WWCTU (Dr. Jung Joo Kim, Field Worker, WWCTU)

1) Australia KWCTU Chapter (founded in 1993)

(1) The AKWCTU contributes to unity among Korean churches through their singing, having formed a choir, serving at various church events. (2) They educate the congregation and the public on the harms of alcohol and nicotine, and other addictive drugs. (3) Their members attended the Australia National Convention in October, 2018.



2) Indonesia WCTU (founded in 1997)

(1) The IWCTU celebrated her 21st Anniversary in 2018. (2) Under the leadership of Mrs. Hyun Sook Lee, the founder of the IWCTU, three chapters have been formed in different cities around Indonesia. (3) The IWCTU holds monthly meetings, visiting the sick and offering free medical service. (4) The IWCTU national convention spreads the temperance movement. (5) A poster contest is also held for temperance education.

3) New Zealand KWCTU (founded in 2011)

(1) NZKWCTU president, Mrs. Young A Chung, and other members attended the 131st National Convention of the NWCTU, reporting there how they had planted two national unions, in Cambodia and Vanuatu, and have helped them to grow. (2) Temperance lectures were given by Ms. Moon Ja Kim (alcohol) and Mr. Woo Suk Chung (addictive drugs) to the Joyful Orchestra members. (3) The photo in the middle shows NZKWCTU members, in the newspaper of One Church. (4) Mrs. Brenda Seung Hyun Seo, Asian Fieldworker of the VWCTU, showed in her temperance lecture how water dissolves sugar cubes, but how alcohol hardens them. It indicates that if one drinks alcohol, it will hinder digestive functions in the body.



4) Cambodia WCTU (founded in 2013)

(1) The CWCTU gave temperance lectures with quizzes and gifts, on Feb. 15, to 360 students composed of kindergarten to middle school students, on May 9, to 180 highschool students, and on May 30, to 140 high school students. (2) The CWCTU visited Ewha Srung Middle School also to give a temperance lecture, where they were invited to give another lecture at their high school, about to open, by Asia Service Mission of Ewha Women's University.

5) Vanuatu WCTU (founded in 2015)

(1) The VWCTU planted a new branch at Bluinda Church, where 15 members gather each month for Bible Study to learn about the harms of drugs and the kava drink. (2) Refugees from the volcano eruption at Ambai, the VWCTU supported, preparing for them temporary tents with wooden floors, to prevent them from sleeping on muddy floors during the rainy season. Land sites to grow vegetables, and water pumps for fresh water were also provided by Rev. Chunhee Won and his wife, Mrs. Nanjoo Kim, the founder of the VWCTU, some, with financial support from the NZKWCTU. (3) They started on Island Tutuba, another branch, and a third one at the only seminary in Vanuatu, the Talua Presbyterian Church Seminary.



6) Thailand WCTU (founded in 2018)

(1) Missionary Mrs. Spring Chunye Kim, teaching Korean at MaeFahLuang University in Chiang Rai, founded the TWCTU in 2018. (2) We helped her print Thai temperance pamphlets which she uses to educate university students during her lectures. She finds support from the Nursing College faculties, who have been already active in a 'no smoking' campaign there.

7) Senegal WCTU (founded in 2014)

(1) Mrs. Yang Jin Kim, the former director of the KWCTU Child-Care Center, moved to Senegal in 2014 as a missionary with her husband. They run elementary, middle, and high schools, founded by her home church, Chung Dong Methodist Church. (2) She uses the temperance pamphlets in French, for the temperance education of students in schools and her church.



8) Nepal WCTU (founded in 2010)

(1) Missionary Michelle Myung Hee Ko, is preaching in the deep mountains in Nepal, educating the villagers on the harms of

alcohol, nicotine, and other narcotic drugs. She also teaches her students about the harms of narcotic drugs, because addiction is a very common way of life among the public. (2) She has kept extending her school from elementary school to college, having recently started a seminary. We supported her to buy glasses for the dormitory windows, and also sent children's clothes. We give scholarship to Moses, a Nepalese graduate of her school, who is now studying in Korea,

9) Tanzania WCTU (founded in 2013)

(1) Mrs. Mi Kyung Lee who has provided homeless children with food and shelter. (2) She shared the temperance message and formed TWCTU with women leaders in Tanzania. (3) The KWCTU sent children's clothes for these children.



10) India WCTU (founded in 2015)

(1) During her sabbatical year, Missionary Jung A Sohn, shared *Mission and Apologetics*, written by Dr. Peter Beyerhaus, with missionaries from India, to equip them with ways to communicate the Gospel apologetically, where world religions are flourishing. (2) She teaches missionary kids about the harms of alcohol and nicotine for them to share with fellow students.

10) USA KWCTU (founded in 2018)

(1) In Texas, Mr. Young Soo Kim and Dr. Soo Jung Kim, a missionary couple, help foreign students from all over the world to find Jesus Christ, as their Lord. In their outreaches, they also inform students on the harms of alcohol, nicotine and other narcotic drugs to prevent them from addiction. (2) Mr. Juha Baik and Mrs. Saya Lee are in the doctoral and master's programs at the School of Public Health in Texas A&M University. The couple have met with five other Christian students since March, 2018, to worship and share the harms of addictive drugs so that they may share the temperance message with other students on campus.

11) Mongolian WCTU (founded in 2018)

(1) Dr. Sunhoon Chung, President of Huree University in Mongolia formed the MWCTU to educate on the harm of addictive drugs, especially that of alcohol at his Christian university. He is keenly aware of the epidemic calamities of binge drinking among the public. He stresses that the temperance education should be a top priority for public health policy. (2) Dr. Betseseg of Huree University translated the temperance pamphlet into Mongolian, which was printed in December, ready for use. (3) We are very happy to support three excellent female students with temperance scholarship hoping them to grow as future temperance worker. (4) Huree University held a temperance lecture, where 135 students out of 150 students in their first year signed the temperance pledge for total abstinence.



We thank our Lord for all the abundant grace, for in the midst of all the spiritual warfares, He gave us victories in 2018. As we look forward to the world convention in 2019, we thank Mrs. Margaret Ostenstad, the World President, Mrs. Anne Bergen, the World Organization Secretary, Rev. Irja Eskelinen, the 3rd World Vice President, and the Finnish WCTU National Officers, who have been preparing the next world convention so graciously. We trust in the faithfulness of God and pray that our Lord pour out the fullness of His Spirit upon all who attend the next world convention and all White Ribbon Sisters worldwide anew, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and power, and of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). May our Lord enable us to help each person to live drug-free, in humble obedience of faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is full of grace and truth. All praise be to His holy name now unto eternity. The reason why we are not afraid of the enormous task ahead is because we rely on His Word. Therefore, let us sing to our Lord for His wonderful grace, "Bless the Lord! O, my soul (2x). Let all that is within me, bless His holy Name." (Psalms 103:1)

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