

History

In 1956 Shanti Solomon traveled through Asia as part of Pacific Mission Team, organized by Margaret Shannon of the National Office of the Presbyterian Women in the U.S., seeking reconciliation among women from war-torn countries. Refused entry into Korea, Shanti waited and prayed for inspiration while in the Philippines. She sought guidance for healing relationships among women of different cultures and countries. She envisioned women praying for each other across boundaries, setting aside a coin as a symbol of their sincerity. The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) movement was born when other team members embraced her vision. From 1958 to 1970, the Asian Church Women's Conference promoted the FLC, with the East Asia Christian Conference (now CCA) administering the FLC Fund. Since 1970, there have been four executive secretaries:

Shanti Solomon, 1970–1987
Shirin Samuel, 1987–1997
Esther Byu, 1998–2007
Corazon Tabing-Reyes, 2008–present



Vision and Mission

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has flourished as a global ecumenical women's prayer movement. The key to the movement's success is its simplicity. Individuals or groups may join by committing to pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation among families and communities, and worldwide. Each time a woman prays, she sets aside the least coin of her local currency as a symbol of the prayer. Women's national groups collect the coins and send them to the central FLC Fund c/o World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. The prayers offered and the least coins collected support projects for women and children around the world.

ICFLC

Since 1979 the International Committee for the FLC (ICFLC), comprised of the various global and regional ecumenical organizations which support FLC, has administered the promotion and interpretation of the movement. The ICFLC meets annually to discuss regional reports, to learn and to share in solidarity with sisters around the world. Committee members allocate grants prayerfully, supporting programs that address:

- gender justice issues
- literacy and education
- health and social concerns including HIV/AIDS
- overcoming violence against women and children
- poverty alleviation

ICFLC Materials and Publications

- Circle of Prayer, published every two years to enhance individual or group meditation and prayers for sisters around the world.
- FLC Messages and Reports, published annually
- FLC Newsletter Moves and Touches
- FLC Brochure, FLC Prayer Card and FLC Coin box

Ingathering

*Worship services
Collection of least coins*



FLC Prayer

O loving Creator, we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept this least coin 'symbol of love.' Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honor your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ.

Amen



The FLC Logo was designed by Rayann Ma of Hong Kong. The folded hands in prayer, encircling a small plum flower, form a lotus flower.

Prayer

*For peace, justice
and reconciliation
Ecumenical and inclusive*



Networking

*Circle of Prayer
Regional/national/
international meetings*

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Stewardship

*Project grants
Regional grants
Emergency relief*