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Have a blessed Christmas!

*Home is where
the heart is!
Protect it!*



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After visiting Israel in April of this year, where I «walked where Jesus walked in days of long ago», I was touched to emphasize the importance of reaching out to all people with God's message of love for all mankind.

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the Christ. It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart—and our neighbors as ourselves. It is well to remember that he who gives money gives much; he who gives time gives more; but he who gives of himself gives all.

Let us make Christmas real. It isn't just tinsel and ribbon, unless we have made it so in our lives. Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values. It is peace because we have found peace in the Savior's teachings.

It is the time we realize most deeply that the more love is expended, the more there is of it for others. Christmas season envelops us with all its glory, may we, as did the Wise Men, seek a bright, particular star to guide us to our Christmas opportunity in service to our fellowman.

May we all make the journey to Bethlehem in spirit, taking with us a tender, caring heart as our gift to the Savior. And may one and all have a joy-filled Christmas and a bright, happy New Year with Christ in the centre.



President's Greeting



Dear all,

Welcome to the 41st WCTU World Convention to be held in Helsinki, Finland, 10-15 July, 2019. WWCTU(1883) - This organization has come about by the countless endeavours of people from all walks of life. Many have gone before us and, by God's grace, many will come after us. As Thomas Campbell says: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." We have a wonderful legacy which no-one person should ever be allowed to destroy. Legacy is about life and living. It's about learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future. Where do you think it is best to plant a young tree? In a clearing in an old forest or an open field? Ecologists tell us that a young tree grows better when it is planted in an area with older trees. The reason, it seems, is that the roots of the young tree are able to follow the pathways created by former trees and implant themselves more deeply. That's legacy: an interconnection across time, with a need for those who have gone before us and a responsibility to those who come after us.

I have the privilege of leading our international temperance organization forward. The WWCTU seeks, with God's help to promote a lifestyle free of alcohol, tobacco and drugs in every country through education and example. Together we work towards creating a world where all human beings are free to live up to their fullest potential, and protected from harm caused by alcohol and other drugs. It's a world of peace and equality which we work towards, where members who, by choosing not to drink or use drugs, go forward as good examples.

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017, the WWCTU stood together with the International Blue Cross and the International IOGT to represent over 100 years of temperance work. Since our inception in 1883, we have always shown that we care.

We care for all children and their fundamental rights to grow up free from harm. All addictive substances deprive them of the chance to become the best version of themselves.

We care for Human Rights and our members work for ensuring that all human beings are treated equally with dignity and respect.

We care for health and well-being for all and our members work to promote environments, norms and lifestyle choices that reduce and prevent the use of harmful substances and promote well-being, physically and mentally, individually and collectively.

We care for sustainable development in its social, economic and environmental dimensions. Our members work to end poverty and hunger, give clean water and sanitation to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity, equality and in a healthy environment.

We care for peace because there can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development. Wonderful speakers and workshops at World Convention.

If you CARE about the WWCTU and are FOCUSSED on "Going forward; thinking globally and acting locally" YOU are WELCOME to attend the World Convention in 2019 – The preliminary programme and the Registration Form are in this edition of the WRB.

Love and prayers,
Margaret



Margaret Ostenstad
World President



International Youth Day

Joy Marie Butler

‘The **United Nations**’ (UN) International **Youth Day** is annually held on August 12 to celebrate the achievements of the world’s youth and to encourage their participation in enhancing society.’ Here is the perfect opportunity for WCTU to focus on youth in your nation, town, church or street. Our youth are most precious and we all need to find ways and means to help, bless and show them the way ahead. Indeed, many are leaders already. Within WCTU there are young women who are being called by God to lead and we need to help empower them for the tasks ahead. Let’s pray for them, assist them and do all we can to provide them with skills and resources. If you know of young people who need to connect with us on **facebook** - here is the address - **I’m Worth It - teens**. Encourage them to join, discuss and find up-to-date information about things that matter to them. Here is a Bible promise for a young person near you. And claim it for yourself too.

Jeremiah 1:7-9 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord



Know the Facts

A World Health Organization Report, “Alcohol use and burden for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016” which was published in the British Medical Association Journal, the Lancet. on September 27, 2018 reveals that:

- Alcohol was responsible for nearly 3 million deaths worldwide each year. 13.5% of deaths among people in their 20s are linked to alcohol.
- Alcohol was the leading risk factor for disease and premature death in men and women between the ages of 15 and 49 worldwide in 2016, accounting for nearly one in 10 deaths.
- Alcohol use contributes to health loss from many causes and exacts its toll across the lifespan, particularly among men.
- Those deaths include alcohol-related cancer and cardiovascular diseases, infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, intentional injury such as violence and self-harm, and traffic accidents and other unintentional injuries such as drowning and fires.
- **"The most surprising finding was that even small amounts of alcohol use contribute to health loss globally,"** said senior study author Emmanuela Gakidou, a professor at the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. **"We're used to hearing that a drink or two a day is fine. But the evidence is the evidence."**

The report concluded that, **"Our results show that the safest level of drinking is none. "**

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Meet the Keynote Speaker for World Convention

Dr. Bertha K. Madras is Professor of Psychobiology, Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School (HMS). She developed and chaired the Division of Neurochemistry at the HMS-NEPRC. A neuroscientist, her research focuses on addiction biology and neuropsychiatric disease. Her work is reported in over 150 manuscripts and book chapters. She is principal editor of books “The Cell Biology of Addiction” (2006), “The Effects of Drug Abuse on the Human Nervous System” (2012), and co-editor on “Imaging of the Human Brain in Health and Disease” (2012). As an educator, she developed and taught a course on addiction biology for 4th year HMS medical school students, and created an international course titled the “Cell Biology of Addiction” at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. In public policy, she served as Deputy Director for Demand Reduction in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). At ONDCP, she advocated for medicalization of the diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders. She mainstreamed Drug and Alcohol Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in healthcare systems as a component of the national drug control strategy. She also spearheaded approval of billing codes for these services resulting in reimbursement by Medicaid and health insurers, adoption by federal agencies. SBIRT was endorsed by the UN. In service to public education, she directed creation of a museum exhibit, a CD (licensed by Disney Corp), “Changing your Mind: Drugs in the Brain” for the Boston Museum of Science and has delivered hundreds of presentations on the biology of drugs and addiction. She holds 19 patents, is a recipient of a NIDA Public Service award, a NIH MERIT award, American Academy Addiction Psychiatry Founders’ Award, and the Marian Hirschman Award. A brain imaging agent strategy she developed was cited by The Better World Report, 2006, as one of “25 technology transfer innovations that changed the world”. Her experiences in translational neurobiology, government, and public service afford her a unique perspective science and public policy.



Restaurant Meripaviljonki, Helsinki



Glenda Amos and her 98 year old “wonder Mum”, Elma Coombe with the Australia/Korean Chapter at the Australian National WCTU Convention in September.



*Anne Bergen
Organization Secretary*

Greetings to you all in the name of the Lord Jesus. In this issue we will hear of work being done in India, Thailand and Papua New Guinea. Congratulations to all those involved. Anne Bergen

News from India

Vandna Charan, WCTU India President, reports that WCTU work is going well with one new WCTU started this year in the Punjab. They have taken every opportunity to educate children. They have celebrated Mothers' Day, World No Tobacco Day, and World Prayer Day and have done the World kit projects for children, encouraging them to sign the pledge. Below are some pictures of their activities. Persecution of Christians in India is increasing so please pray for continued protection for our WCTU members there.



Above: Worksheet says, "Cocaine Ruins Success."



Top right: No tobacco

Right: A group of young people with the WCTU India banner.



Welcome to our new WWCTU Field Worker for Asia

For a number of years, Dr. Kyung Il Park was the Field Worker for Asia but she has indicated that she is no longer able to do this work. We thank her for her past contribution.

We are now very pleased to report that Brenda Seung-Hyun Suh has accepted this position. Brenda was born in South Korea and migrated to New Zealand in 1994. She is very well qualified, having gained B. Science and M. Science degrees from Ewah Women's University in Seoul and a B. Theology and M. Ministry in Auckland. Brenda is currently a Pastor in a Presbyterian Church in Auckland.



News from Papua New Guinea

Joy Butler and Mitroy Sapul have reported that 650 high school students met recently in Nagum, Sepik Province and 65 of them came forward and signed the pledge and committed to God's ways. Special prayer was offered for these fine young people.

In June, Joy and Bob Butler spoke to 25 teenagers at a campout by the sea and all of them signed a pledge to say NO when faced by the temptation to try drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or betel nut.

WCTU in Papua New Guinea will be holding its third convention from 5– 8 August.



Chunye Kim is part of a mission team in Thailand where she used the opportunity to lecture to students about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. She found that as the students heard such lectures for the first time, they were rather shocked, and were very attentive. In the future she plans to teach more Temperance lessons education.



**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR THE
41 WORLD WCTU CONVENTION**

VENUE: Scandic Paasi Hotel and Congress Paasitorni, Helsinki,
FINLAND

THEME: "Going forward! Thinking Globally, Acting Locally"

Song: "The Lord is my Shepherd"

TIME: 10-15 JULY, 2019

10 July: Lunch 12:00; Registration 14:00;

Official Board meeting 16.00 and rehearsal with flags

Each morning - 08:30 Meditation music, 08:45 Devotional thought for the
day 09:00 - Minutes

12:00-1400 Lunch (after noontide prayer)

17:30 Dinner

19:00 Evening programme

Evening

19:00

World Convention Opening programme, (Congress Hall)

Music: Taru Koviosto (Fin), Anne-Marie Rønningen (Nor),

Su Yeon Kwac (Kor)

Procession National Flags:

Announcer:

1st Vice President presiding – Young Joo Kim (Kor)

Welcome: Sinikka Vilén, National WCTU President,
Finland

National anthem "Maami"

Response: Desiree Lanigan, National WCTU
President, Canada

CRUSCADE PSALM 146:

2nd & 4th V.P. Joy Butler (NZ) and

Dr. Dora de Barrientos (Gua)

Greetings by dignitaries

Violin: Su Yeon Kwac (Kor) "Great is thy faithfulness"

Testimony of Faith: Lise Karlsen, Evangeliesenteret,
(Nor) "There is always hope."

"Amazing Grace": 1.USA, 2.Korea, 3.Norway and
4,5 "Hallelujah" and "Amen"

World President's speech, Margaret Østenstad (Nor)

"Don't worry about tomorrow. God is already there!

Let's go!"

Music: "Get acquainted" activities: Taru Koivisto



Thursday morning 11 July

- 09:00 Roll Call, Minutes – Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics changes (1. Reading)
- 09:45 State of the Organization Address:
Anne Bergen, World Organization Secretary (Aus)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 United Nations Report: Kathleen Johnson (USA) NY
Brita Nilssen (Nor) Genev 
- 10:45 Report from WWCTU UN Blogger: Sarah Oh
- 11:00 Fieldwork Report: Africa and Oceania – Joy Butler (NZ)
and Mitroy Sapaul (Png)
Fieldwork Report: Asia – Brenda Suh (NZ/Kor)
- 14:00 inspirational Address: Sung Joo Kim, Hon. OBE (Kor)
- 14:30 Keynote address: Prof. Bertha K. Madras (USA)
“This is not a war on drugs. It is a defense of our brains”
- 15:30 Break
- 16:00 Fieldwork Report: Korean Missionaries,
Dr. Jung Joo Kim (Kor)
- 18:00-20:00 Finland’s evening: Mayor’s Reception, Helsinki City Hall
followed by sightseeing bus tour, including a 30 min.
visit to the Helsinki Cathedral.

Friday morning:

- 09:15 World Department Directors v/Mentor Dr. Sheela Lall (India)
*Home Protection Department – Rhona Theodor (Aus)
*Social Department – Anna-Mari Laine (Finland)
*Education Department – Sarah Oh (Korea)
*Christian Outreach Department – Gena Torres (Canada)
- 10:00 Fieldwork: Europe, Taru Koviosto (Finland)
- 10:15 Break:
- 10:30 Country reports: Europe
- 11:00 SPEAKER: Leena Harak  (S) “Alcohol and other addictive
substances – Global Obstacles to the Sustainable
Development Goals”

Friday afternoon

- 14:00 WORKSHOPS: Leena Harak  (S) “Tools for hope – tackling
locally and globally addictive obstacles to the Sustainable
Development Goals”
- 15:15 Break
- 15:45 Country reports: Asia
Country reports: North and Central Americas



Friday evening Children and Youth Department reports and programme
 Taru Koivisto (Fin), Charlotte Lauritzen (Nor)
 Elsie Masuku (Zimbabwe)
 REFLECTIONS – WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

Sat. morning, 13 July Worship Service:
 08:30 Sermon: Joy Marie Butler
 09:00 Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics changes
 (1. Reading)
 09:30 Business session: VOTE RESOLUTIONS SPECIAL
 AWARDS ELECTION
 10:15 Break
 10:30 SPEAKER: Hanna Heikkilä, Senior Specialist at EHYT
 “The Icelandic Method”

Sat. afternoon FINLAND’S AFTERNOON
Sat. evening REFLECTIONS
 19:00 Talent programme

Sunday, 14 July
 09:15 Memorial Service
 10:00 World Convention Worship Service,
 including Holy Communion
 14:00 Installation Service for World Officers and World
 Department Directors
 Break
 16:00 Post Convention Official Board meeting
 17:30 World Convention Banquet at the Restaurant
 Meripaviljonki

Sunday evening
 19:30 Prayer and praise meeting
 Greetings and goodbyes, reflections
 CONVENTION: Closing remarks

Monday, 15 July Breakfast and departures



Noontide prayer
Around the world, someone is always praying



World Woman's Christian Temperance Union
41st World Convention – July 10-15, 2019
Scandic Paasi and Congress Paasitorni, Helsinki, FINLAND
REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT/TYPE your name, complete mailing address
(Street/Suburb/City/Country/Postcode), email address and phone number (country
code/area code)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ / Phone _____

CONVENTION COSTS

Single room: Package price for overseas visitors (includes registration fee (Euro €40) for a single room **is available for €1150, for 5 nights and all meals during Convention.** All amounts inclusive of taxes and service charges.

Double room: Package price (includes registration fee (Euro €40) for a shared room (2 people) with **two beds for 5 nights and all meals during Convention for €880 per person.** All amounts inclusive of taxes and service charges.

Triple room: Package price (includes registration fee (Euro €40) for a shared room (3 people) **(Queen bed + extra bed) for 5 nights and all meals during Convention for €795 per person.** All amounts inclusive of taxes and service charges.

Non-refundable deposit of €115 (single), €88 (double) or \$79 (triple) by 31 March, 2019.

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- ☐ I need ____ night before/____ after Convention

(Price for room and breakfast only PER PERSON/night is €124 (single) \$72 (double) and €55 (triple).

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DEPARTURE: Airline: _____ Flight No.: _____ Time: _____ Date: _____

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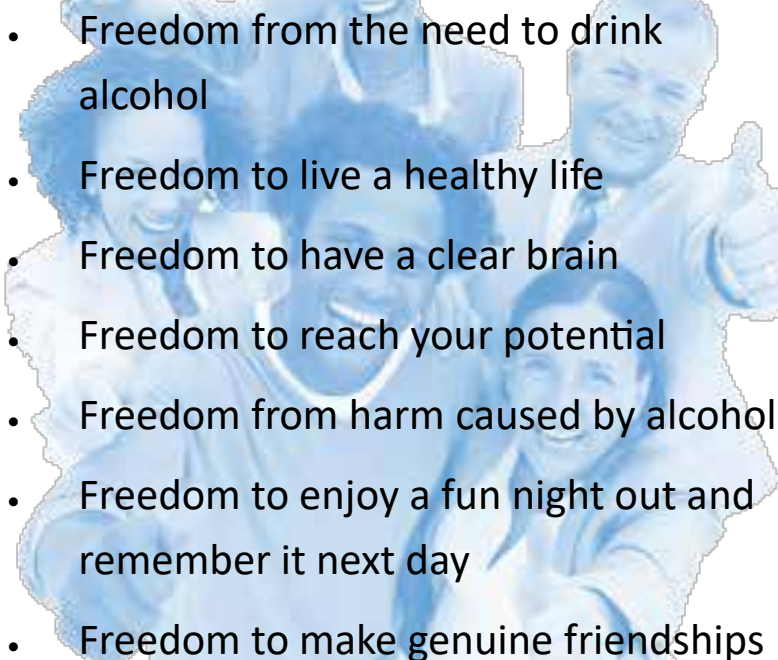
Prayer Calendar for 2019

Cut out this page and follow the suggestions to pray daily.

1. WWCTU President, Margaret Ostenstad
2. World political leaders – courage, wisdom, good alcohol policies
3. WCTU National Presidents, especially yours – direction, vision, energy
4. Your country's Government – concern and action on alcohol/illegal drug issues
5. WWCTU Christian Outreach Department Directors –
Revs. June Ballard /Gena Torres
6. Planning for the WWCTU Convention in Helsinki, Finland, July 10th –
15th, 2019
7. Field Worker –Dr. Dora de Barrientos (Central and S. America)
8. The special needs of WCTU in your region
9. WWCTU Organization Secretary, Anne Bergen
10. Fundacion Debora in Guatemala – provision of funds, effective work
11. WWCTU Children's Director, Glenda Amos
12. Persecuted Christians in many countries – faithfulness and courage
13. World Convention - inspiration and lasting impetus after Convention
14. WCTUs in Africa and Field Worker, Joy Butler
15. WWCTU Education Director, Sarah Oh
16. Field Worker for Asia – Brenda Suh
17. WWCTU Recording Secretary, Florence Einwechter
18. WWCTU Home Protection Director, Rhona Theodore
19. WWCTU Youth Director, Elsa Masuku
20. WCTUs in Asia
21. WCTUs in Oceania
22. Acting World WCTU Treasurer, Dorothy Russell and provision of
finances
23. WCTUs in Europe
24. World WCTU Social Service Director, Anna-Mari Laine
25. WCTUs in North and Central America
26. WWCTU Vice Presidents –Young Joo, Joy, Irja and Dora
27. Field Worker for the Pacific – Mitroy Sapul
28. Pray for more young women to join WCTU around the world
29. WWCTU Korean Missionaries - Dr. Jung Joo Kim
30. Wise leadership in USA that will not give away its legacy and assets
31. Thanksgiving for the Lord's provision and guidance



Choose Freedom

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- Freedom from the need to drink alcohol
 - Freedom to live a healthy life
 - Freedom to have a clear brain
 - Freedom to reach your potential
 - Freedom from harm caused by alcohol
 - Freedom to enjoy a fun night out and remember it next day
 - Freedom to make genuine friendships

In Australia more young people than ever are choosing not to drink alcohol.

So choose to get with it -

Say "No" to alcohol and be the best that you can be.

BE ENCOURAGED - WCTU started in THAILAND!

