

# Women's Fellowship for Christian Service, Church of North India

WFCS is one of the various ministries which has its own constitution and operates at the following levels of the Church:

- a. Pastorate
- b. Diocesan and
- c. Synodical

WFCS mainly focuses on Family, Prayer, Education, Unity, and Friendship. Women's fellowship cultivates interest in the church and its projects and otherwise encourages women to take an active part in the life and witness of the church.

## **VISION:**

The Church of North India, Women's Fellowship for Christian Service, envisions a just society that respects women as they are irrespective of caste, creed, culture, color, or religion; affirming their dignity and role of leadership in the irrefutable and prophetic mission of peace, justice, and reconciliation and thereby striving to fulfill God's purpose for His creation.

## **MISSION:**

- To empower the women of CNI for gender equality, justice, and rights.
- To strive for women's participation in the decision-making process of the church and society.
- To act as a reconciliatory force for the eradication of disputes within the church.
- To bring peace and create a spiritual environment in the life of the church.
- To uphold Christian standards of marriage and make their homes the center of Christ-like living.
- To recognize, maintain and create bonds of friendship with the women of India and other countries.
- To advocate for women's participatory rights. To be a good neighbor to the earth.

## AIMS

1. To unite women of all age groups of the CNI in the task of witnessing for Christ, their homes, neighbourhoods, places of study, and work.
2. To emphasize prayer life, the study of the scriptures, stewardship of time, talent, and possessions.
3. To uphold Christian standards of marriage and responsible parenthood; to help the members make their homes the center of Christ-like living.
4. To participate in the Church's work of pastoral care and evangelism, in its ministry of Healing and education, and in social work here in our country and beyond.
5. To recognize, maintain and create bonds of friendship with the women of our land and other lands.

## REGULAR EVENTS....

- Epiphany Sunday: 1st week of January
- World Day of Social Justice: 20th of February
- World Day of Prayer: 1st Friday of March
- International Women's Day: 8th of March
- World Health Day: 7th of April
- Labour Day: 1st of May
- Mother's Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May
- International Day of Families: 15th of May
- World Environment Day: 5th of June
- Father's Day: 3rd Sunday of June
- Theological Education Day: 6th of July

- World Population Day: 11th of July
- Thanksgiving Day: 22nd July
- Peace & Justice Sunday: 16th of August
- 15. Teacher's Day: 5th of September
- Christian Education: 8th of September
- Christian Home Week: Last week of September
- International Day of Elderly: 1st of October
- WFCS Sunday: 2nd Sunday of October
- Festival of Unity: 14th of November
- Fellowship of Least Coin: 3rd week of next November
- Child Rights Day: 20th of November
- CNI Day: 29th of November
- World AIDS Day: 1st of December
- Human Rights Day: 10th of December

#### **WFCS MINISTRY AT THE BEGINNING OF COVID-19.....**

When the world had a jolt due to COVID-19. The lockdown was the major weapon to shield the people of the country. The government enforced the lockdown as preparedness and response to COVID-19 but it brings problems for vulnerable populations. Soon after the announcement of the lockdown in India mass exodus of migrant workers/laborers started without any preparedness which causes starvation among migrants who were going by walking. The worst sufferers were the people who lived on daily wages.

The women of God started praying for the migrant workers, senior citizens, Doctors, Health workers, Security personnel, sweeping personnel, Police department, Local Administration & the Government of India for providing them protection, safety, food, health, strength & every possible help.

**Remembering the word of God which says: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matt 25:40**

WFCS of various churches started feeding people & distributing essential items to the distressed & needy. Women have also contributed to the churches, and societies by making masks during the deadly pandemic and undertaking safety programs to reach out to society.

**When there was no hope of life....**

Fear of Covid-19 coronavirus was at its peak. No one was sure about the next minute. Every human being started losing hope in life. At that time women started drawing people near to God through Prayer fellowship, Chain Prayer, complete Bible study & sharing the grief of those who had lost their beloved during Covid-19. Keeping them engaged by organizing virtual meetings, and competitions amongst women of the Church of North India like writing Articles on Lockdown Experience, Poems, Stories & Testimonies. These activities and acts helped a lot to remove the fear of the unknown devil.





## PROGRAMMES

### 1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Enhancing the academic status of girl children of churches, we started giving Scholarships to the needy, and financially weak students. Poor are to serve as Jesus taught us.



Scholarship to financially weak students who are pursuing higher studies in Nursing, Vocational/Technical Training Courses, Theology & others. Scholarship of Rs. Rs.10000/-each student is being awarded under the head of Christian education. Yes, it is a very small amount but it gives big encouragement to those who are in need.



### 2. HPDP & Social Outreach

The aim is to identify a member's strengths and areas of development and to predict what performance they will be capable of in the future if given appropriate support.

An example of human potential is...that which is potential can theoretically be made actual by taking the right action; for example, a boulder on the edge of a cliff has the potential to fall that could be



actualized by pushing it over the edge, and a person whose natural aptitudes give them the potential to be a great pianist can actualize that potential ...

We try to promote social justice, spark human rights advancements, and provide viable solutions to complex issues like human trafficking. We organize an awareness workshop to make them aware of human trafficking in sensitive areas.

We created Self Help Groups in some of our Diocese to make them self-sustained/ employed. Some WFCS is making Spices, Pickles, and Papad & running their small-scale business to take care of their families.



**Christian Education:** We believe the Bible is the book of life that gives us the knowledge we need. Educate our women through Bible study. Bible changes our life & its value. We belong to God and we have to be good citizens of heaven that can be possible if we walk with the word of God. Christian Education is a must that takes us to the high.

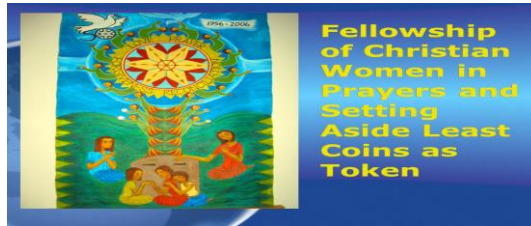
Christian Education involves those tasks and expressions of ministry that enable people:

- a. Teach & learn the ancient and present Christian stories
- b. Training to develop their skills to act out their faith
- c. Self-aware of its truth and
- d. Nurturing them to live together as a covenant community.

### **Christian Literature:**

WFCS encourages our women to take an interest in Christian literature. We ask them to read and write biblical articles, bible study material & sermons so that their thoughts & work may change and they may be brought closer to God. WFCS encourages to come out with new ideas so that others can also be benefitted from their studies & knowledge.





**Fellowship of the Least Coin:** FLC is a global, ecumenical prayer movement begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India, who believed that women anywhere could be part of a worldwide family of faith. a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women for women and girls all over the world.



## The World Day of Prayer

WDP is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

## Mother's Day



The mother of the family is a celebration honoring, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May

### CHRISTIAN HOME:

- **What is a Home?** -- It has been answered that "It is the unit of society." It has also been pointed out that this unit must be kept clean, pure, and right, in all its relations, or society and the state will suffer grave consequences. Certainly, in the past, the

institutions of society and state have been seriously weakened only when the moral decay of the family has first set in.

- **Good character** of an individual at home is of the utmost importance, for his growth in all manners which pertain to morality and spirituality.
- **The Difference in Homes** –With materialistic life, an individual loses his actual life or home. When all is attained that is possible in this direction, and this end, and only this end, is sought of outer adornment, it is found that the essentials of true home life have been missed. WFCS emphasizes being connected with originality, purity & actualism to maintain a real Christian home with the guidelines of our Jesus.
- **Another way** is the cultivation of love between husband and wife and all the members of the family. Care and forbearance are urged and commended in speech and action, mutual kindness, careful consideration of feelings, and helpfulness in bearing burdens, which exalt the soul and make life worth living. This act or thought may build a true home to be realized.

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Always need guidance, support & prayers for the successful journey of CNI-WFCS from each worshipper of CNI.

THANK YOU