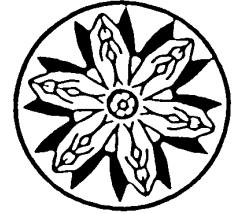




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called to action*  
*De la foi à l'action*

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# FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

*Fellowship of the Least Coin: Quick Facts*

- ◆ 2006 marked the 50th anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, founded by Shanti Solomon of India in 1956.
- ◆ While on a good will reconciliation mission to countries on the Pacific Rim, Shanti was refused entry into Korea because the two countries did not have diplomatic relations with one another. As the divisions among people and nations became her reality, she prayed and sought guidance for healing relationships among women of different cultures and countries. It was then she envisioned women praying for each other around the world, setting aside a coin as a symbol of their sincerity.
- ◆ FLC is now a flourishing worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation, with supporters in more than 70 countries.
- ◆ The concept is simple: individual or groups of Christian women commit to pray for a world free of oppression and full of peace, justice and reconciliation among families and communities.
- ◆ Each time a women prays, she offers the least coin from her local currency as a sign of solidarity with others.
- ◆ In Canada, women's groups collect funds once a year at local "ingathering" services and forward them to WICC, which, in turn, forwards the offerings to the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC).
- ◆ With donations collected from all countries, the ICFLC has been able to grant more than \$1 million to Christian organizations in support of projects for women and children around the world, regional grants and funds for emergency relief initiatives.
- ◆ FLC is a unique collective movement of prayer, bringing women together without discrimination of race, nationality, colour, culture or denomination to share in their love and concern for each other. It is not a fund-raising effort; the coins are tokens of women's prayers.
- ◆ WICC is the FLC coordinator for Canada, where nearly 500 women's groups participate as fellowship members each year.
- ◆ WICC has contributed close to \$200,000 in FLC offerings over the past 7 years to the global FLC fund which is administered by the ICFLC. Requests for FLC grants in Canada are made through WICC.
- ◆ Grants are issued to a number of project areas: literacy, health, social justice, education, leadership development and disaster relief.
- ◆ WICC provides, at no charge, resources in support of the Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer movement, including an "Ingathering" service, annual Prayer Concerns (a prayer focus for each month), prayer cards, the Circle of Prayer (a booklet of meditations prepared by the ICFLC, with each meditation written by a woman of a different country), brochures, coin collection container labels and more.

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