

**Voice 1: *Let us pray for Asia***

- ❖ For rehabilitation of those who have suffered from earthquake and floods in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, Myanmar and Thailand; tsunamis in Indonesia and Japan; nuclear threat in Japan, for every effort of the global neighbors to help them; and for every action that addresses climate change;
- ❖ For women's health through awareness and good practices in Nepal;
- ❖ For Asian women doing contextual theologizing for gender justice and publishing their writings through Asian Women's Resource Center;
- ❖ For journeying with prostituted women through peace projects in the Philippines;
- ❖ For assisting poor women in their livelihood in Bangladesh, Mongolia and Sri Lanka.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 2: *Let us pray for our sisters in Africa***

- ❖ For overcoming violence against women and children in the home and communities in Ghana and the Congo;
- ❖ For women's livelihood and economic literacy in Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin;
- ❖ For leadership development among women in Kenya and Gambia;
- ❖ For empowerment of Christian and Muslim women to become advocates for peace, justice and reconciliation in Sierra Leon;
- ❖ For rain in places where there is drought and peace in the hearts of quarrelling tribes and groups in East Africa.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 3: *Let us pray for the Caribbean***

- ❖ For the ecumenical movement in the Caribbean and the gains of hosting the International Ecumenical Peace Conference in Jamaica in May 2011;
- ❖ For the promotion of FLC in the Caribbean and for the work with women and children in those communities.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 4: *Let us pray for Latin America***

- ❖ For the network of women acting for change in Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba

and Brazil, addressing women's issues, HIV-Aids, and building communities of peace amidst violence.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 5: *Let us pray for the Middle East***

- ❖ For justice, peace and reconciliation in the Middle East and among outside powerful nations who are actors in these countries in crisis;
- ❖ For the mission with youth in Jerusalem through the Evangelical Lutheran Church;
- ❖ For evangelization work with women in Syria and equipping church women leaders in Iraq;
- ❖ For the Middle East churches hosting the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin in Lebanon.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 6: *Let us pray for our sisters in the Pacific***

- ❖ For the FLC promotional work in all the Pacific Islands that women may connect with each other in prayer and acts of love;
- ❖ For access to education for women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Samoa;
- ❖ For strengthening women's roles in the ecumenical movement in the Pacific.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 7: *Let us pray for our sisters in North America***

- ❖ For the ecumenical ministry of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and for its new leadership;
- ❖ For the 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of CW-USA, projects of emergency services for the poor in Atlanta and work with American Indians in Nebraska.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 8: *Let us pray for our sisters in Europe***

- ❖ For inter-religious learning in Europe promoting social peace and mutual respect among Christian and Muslim women;
- ❖ For livelihood training for marginalized women in Poland;
- ❖ For ecumenical seminars and studies for peace and creation among women

in Europe.

**All: Hear our prayer, O God. Have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

**Voice 9: Let us pray for the global ecumenical movement**

- ❖ For World Council of Churches where our FLC Fund is located, may their staff be blessed in working with the ICFLC to spread the good news of God's love and grace;
- ❖ For strengthening the fellowship of Christian women worldwide through the FLC and World Day of Prayer and for the leadership of the two movements;
- ❖ For what our lips have not spoken, may the Holy Spirit intercede for us in the name of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

### INGATHERING OF THE LEAST COINS

**Leader:** The Least Coins that we will gather are to be given to all countries in need so that prayer and giving become a strength and a concrete response for the realization of justice, peace and reconciliation. FLC has already supported many projects for peace in many countries. Let us offer to God our selves and our 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 the least coin "token of love". Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### CLOSING BENEDICTION (echo to each other)

Go in faith.....Go in faith  
Go in hope.....Go in hope  
Go in love.....Go in love  
Go in peace.....Go in peace

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## INGATHERING SERVICE 2011

“Pray and Act for Change ”

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 67: 1-5 (Psalms Anew)*

**Leader:** God, show your faithfulness, bless us, and make your face smile on us!

**All:** For then the earth will acknowledge your ways, and all the nations will know of your power to save. May all the nations praise you, O God; May all the nations praise you.

**Leader:** Let the nations shout and sing for joy since you dispense justice to the world. You grant strict justice to the peoples; on earth you guide the nations.

**All:** Let the nations praise you, God; let all the nations praise you!

### OPENING HYMN

### PRAYER

**Leader:** As we have sung, may it be in our hearts, O God. As You have searched us and found us wanting, forgive us, now and always, for we yet live in a sinful world. Look with kindness on us so that what we do in this FLC Ingathering Service becomes a testimony to your presence in our lives and in different regions in our world. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving and praise, joy and hope because of your great mercy and love. And may every time of silence be a time of listening to your voice deep within our soul. In Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

*Silence*

### SCRIPTURE READING *Numbers 27: 1-11*

### MESSAGE/REFLECTION

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(The congregation stands and greets one another with the peace of God.)*

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & RECONCILIATION

**Leader:** Let us now join our hearts in prayer for justice, peace and reconciliation in different regions in our world. Let us pray for projects which FLC contributions have supported this year.