

Korean Church Women United (KCWU)

(1) The 34th General Assembly of KCWU

The 34th General Assembly of KCWU was held on the 12th of May, with the theme "Arise, and let us go up unto the LORD our God." (Jeremiah 31:6). Kye-Soon Won from The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea was appointed as the new president, and new executive committee members were approved. At the assembly which looked at the activities of the 33rd session and planned the 34th session, △ appointment of new General Secretary Rev. Mijung An and other officers, △ reports of each committee, △ Report of the local church women's association, △ an audit report, △ a settlement report, △ a mission plan approval and △ a budget proposal were approved. Inauguration ceremony for the president Kye-Soon Won and general secretary Rev. Mijung An was held afterwards. KCWU under the 34th session will keep on working in solidarity with church women in Jesus Christ.



(2) 2021 Church Women Seminar

On September 13th, 2021 Church Women Seminar was held on the topic of '21st Century Leadership of Church Women'. Since number of people allowed for site participation was limited due to Covid-19, the seminar was broadcasted on Youtube. First, So-Young Baek, a professor of Christianity at Gangnam University, gave a keynote lecture titled 'Because the daughters of Slovhat are right'. Professor Baek presented the contents of Numbers 27, in which God supported Zelophehad's five daughters when they raised a problem with the Mosaic Law at the time, which prohibited women from inheriting family property. Just as God recognized the economic rights of the five daughters of Zelophehad of the Joseph family, women's leadership in the church should be established on an equal footing with men according to God's providence of creation. And the education of female leaders in each denomination of the Korean church and education on gender sensitivity should be actively carried out. After the lecture, Representatives of women's organizations belonging to each denomination presented the current status and improvement measures of women's policies within the church.



(3) Emergency Relief Fund for Myanmar

Executive committee members raised relief fund to help COVID-19 situation in Myanmar. Five million won was donated to the Solidarity Fund for NCCK(The Korean Council of Christian Churches) to supply urgent medicines and vaccines for the treatment of COVID-19 in Myanmar.

(4) 2021 Statement on Suggestions for the Korean Church Reform and Maturity

The Statement urges Korean Church to make more effort to ▲ legislate and actively implement women’s participation in institutions and policy-making bodies, ▲ conduct compulsory education to prevent sexual violence in the church, operating a dedicated body, ▲ take the lead in education and practice with responsibility to cope with the climate crisis, ▲ participate in human rights protection for those who are marginalized due to war, terrorism, and economic polarization etc.

(5) Upcoming Events this year

- November 3rd - Workshop for Executive committee and each committee members
- November date undecided - Annual Ecumenical Women Leadership Meeting
- December 14th - Pre-meetings for the 2022 World Day of Prayer
- December 15th - ACWC Day Service