Announcement by our Reps to other Organizations

ACWC Naoko Suzuki, Naomi Tajima, Representatives

A one-day seminar is planned in early November this year. Details are to be announced as soon as decided. Starting this April, Naoko Suzuki (Mitaka) is to be replaced by Keiko Renge (Tonan).

Itsukushimi Hisako Ishitobi, Representative for Kanto area
Akie Momiyama, Representative for Kansai area

The 14th Seminar in Kansai will be held on Sat. October 19 at Osaka Church. Ms. Yasuko Ii from Lutheran College will give a lecture titled “Church Music and Joy of Praise,” followed by a service of praise.

LWF/WICAS Kyoko Tawara, Representative

This fall, the International Christian Women’s League will have a convention in Korea, highlighting female leadership education and gender.

The Northeastern Asia Regional Meeting will also be held in the fall in Hong Kong. Women are asked to work and unite to spread the good news.

“What do you Mean by Gender and Power?”

by K. Tawara,

The LWF/WICAS textbook “A Faith Reflection on Gender and Power” has been posted on the JELCW website since last year. The web-book discusses the relationship between man and woman, helping us as Christians take a new look at the way it is at home, church, workplace and in the larger society. Also posted on the same website is the result of the questionnaire conducted last year. I thank you for your cooperation given at that time. Problems such as violence at home and in the society, power harassment, bullying or suicide often result from gender and power. I hope that the textbook will be used at every CW’s study sessions, not only by women but also by men, to bring about more fulfilling faith community. (abr.)

JELCW supports Sabah ---- Four Students Graduated

Lucy ministers at Johor Bahru Church, Eldah at Sepanggar and Lapasan Churches, and Mary Chu Saw Cheng at a church in Sandakan. Anthony, (left photo) who was once our scholarship student, returned to the Seminary after having served as a pastor and successfully received a master’s degree. On the next page are the Scholarship Students in FY 2013. They will be the leaders of the Malay mission and workers for salvation. Let us support their study together.

(from left) Lucy, Dr. Ken Phin Pang, Eldah, and Mary
(Sabah)

**Thomas Voo Chung Hew**
Program: M. Div. (2nd year)
Department: Chinese
Race: Chinese

Thomas grew up as a 3rd generation Christian. At the age of 12, he lost his father due to brain cancer. Since then he had been depressed but in 2001, he was renewed and baptised. After that he took part in various church activities including Student Mission Camp as a University Malaysia Sabah student. After graduating from UMS, he took a pre-seminary program and enrolled in STS in 2012.

**Lee Swee Tin**
Program: B.Th.(4th year)
Department: Chinese
Race: Chinese

Swee Tin comes from a Christian family. She attended Sunday School & came to know Christ gradually. She offers herself to be trained for God’s services and fulfill his command to make disciples of all nations.

**Rev. Deen Angkorou**
Program: B.Th.(1st year)
Department: Malay
Race: Murut

Rev. Deen Angkorou comes from a non-Christian family in the interior of Sabah, Pagalungan parish. Even though he has a family, that never was a hindrances for him to go to STS in 1992 to study theology to equip himself to be a servant of God and preach His Word to the indigenous people in the interior of Sabah.

**Pilihan Sungkiat**
Program: CTS (1st year)
Department: Malay
Race: Murut

Pilihan comes from Pagalungan parish, in the interior of Sabah. He was enrolled at STS four years ago and studied for 2 years. He needs to further his study to equip himself to serve God more efficiently and effectively.

**Jeremiah Lo Siong Yen**
Program: B.Th. (2nd year)
Department: Chinese
Race: Chinese

Jeremiah grew up as a 5th generation Christian. From a young age, he took part in various church activities until he went to further studies at KL. Due to financial problems, he had to return home despite being in the last semester of the diploma course in architecture. He had struggled through a big turbulence in his life before he finally served full time at the church for two years and took a year to equip himself at a 1-year church course.

**Liew Chui Chu**
Program: B.D.(4th year)
Department: Chinese
Race: Chinese

Chui Chuß came from Sandakan Singkang church. She very active in Church activities as Youth leader, Sunday school teacher, church van driver, choir and worship team etc.

**Soulus Jeffrin**
Program: B.D (4th year)
Department: Malay
Race: Dusun

Soulus comes from a devoted Christian family. Most of his family members are active and play important roles in their home church. As a teenager he helped his father repair vehicles at his workshop and learned the skill. But further more he learned that God is calling him to work in the field, as the harvest is plenty but the workers are few.
Ishak Jonius
Program: B.Th (4th year)
Department: Malay
Race: Dusun Labuk

Ishak comes from a Christian family and his father was one of the first who attended the Bible School before it was upgraded to STS. Ishak saw his father’s passion and hard work to spread the Good News while living a simple life at their remote and agriculture areas. But that never became a hindrance for him to answer God’s calling to serve Him.

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Obituary

+ Rev. Seigorou Ushimaru (at 90)
November 3, 2012
Served at Tsurumi and Tochigi (UCCJ) Churches, and Sapporo and Tokyo (now Ikebukuro) Churches (JELC)

+ Yoshio Miura (at 78)
November 22, 2012
Served at Kakegawa and Kikukawa, Choshi, Tonan, Saga and Omachi, and Beppu Churches

+ Jun Koizumi (at 78)
February 5, 2013
Served at Kawasaki, Shugakuin, Ube, Yanai, Shimonoseki, Masuda, Asa, Kyoto, Shugakuin, Nagoya, and Chita Churches

+ Ken Miura (at 67)
February 24, 2013
Served at Mihara, Shugakuin, (Fellowship in Germany), Hachioji, Koishikawa, Tsurugaya and Sendai, and Shugakuin Churches

+ Mrs. Haruyo Fukuyama (at 105)
Wife of late Rev. Takeshi Fukuyama
December 19, 2012

Please accept our condolences.

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Presenting JELCW Goods

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Small Letter Pads (with lines) 100Yen
Picture Postcard “Wild Flowers” (6 designs/set) 100Yen

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Announcement from JELCW

We have successfully finished the audit for the fiscal year 2012. Please take a look at the report on our communication “Hibiki”.

The English version of JELCW Newsletter is now posted on the JELCW website. We plan to develop our website even more.

PS JELC is in transition. We notice that we have come a long way in faith together with the teachers and elders who have nurtured us to date. We owe what we are to the pastors and others who prayed, sharing happiness or hardship, for intercession for the brothers and sisters. Above all, it is the Lord himself that intercedes for us and gives us life. With gratitude. (F)