

**Report of the Conference Methodist Women's Association - CMWA**  
**(Upper Myanmar) - Unit 3**

Conference Methodist Women Association - CMWA (Upper Myanmar) is organized with 8 Districts (DMWAs) and 3 Area Councils (AMWAs). They are in particular: Mandalay DMWA, Tahan DMWA, Homalin DMWA, Tamu DMWA, Hakha DMWA, Let Pan Chaung DMWA, Mindat DMWA, ReZua DMWA, Falam AMWA, Kabaw AMWA and Paletwa DMWA.

Most of the Districts and Area Councils are in the hilly regions and about two-thirds of the members are ethnic minorities with different languages and cultures. The Districts and Area Councils consist of 54 Circuits and 164 Units with a membership of 11,714 Women in total. Some places have much difficulty in transportation, especially, during the rainy season, when there used to be occurrence of landslides, floods and heavy rain pours.

The delegates of the respective districts and area councils meet once a year, mostly in March and present annual reports, discussions and evaluations And programs for the forthcoming year. The election is also held once a year at the annual meeting.

Each district has their own women's' projects such as: (1) paddy fields (2) sewing and tailoring training (3) cloth weaving (4) pre-schools (5) cattle breeding and (6) Leprosy Missions. Our future plans are (1) shelter for young women with sexual problems such as trafficking, rape and prostitution and (2) home for the children from war-torn areas.

**Fund raising**

Praise box, palm full of rice, yearly contributions, producing liquid soap, fun-fairs are convened in every unit and circuit. One of the achievements is capability of appointing a fulltime evangelical worker in the remote area through the contributions received from palm full rice donations.

**Donations**

Donations for the Asia Christian Women's Conference, World Day of Prayer, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Women's Day, Fasting Prayers, Myanmar Theological College and Leprosy Missions are all gathered once a year at the annual general meeting, and are donated to various Mission Areas such as: the Myanmar Council of Churches (Women's Department), Myanmar Theological College messing, St. Luke's Church (Leprosy Mission) ulcer clinic.

The new effort is fund-raising for the Conference Headquarters new building. 5% from the praise box is donated for the building's 3-year project.

### **Trainings and workshops**

Trainings are held every year in different places around the country following the Conference Annual Meeting and focuses on: Christian Family, Women's Leadership, the value of a Woman in the Community, the Pastor's Wife, Project Management, Balancing our time between home and church, Gender, Maternity and Child Care, Transformational Leaders, etc.

The CMWA has good relationship with the Myanmar Council of Churches Women's Department, Methodist Women in Ireland, Conference Methodist Women's Fellowships of Lower Myanmar which is the WFMUCW's Units 1 and 2.

### **Activities**

Each year, we have competitions on Bible Studies, Script writing, poem writing, handcrafts, solo and choir competitions. Most districts have distributed their own magazines, journals and newsletters.

### **The theme**

The theme for the year 2017 is Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" and for the year 2018 is Jeremiah 31:16 'All that you have done will not go unrewarded.'

We are very grateful to God for giving us and opportunity to be part of the participants of the South Asia Seminar and a Representative in the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women's Weaving Together Programme. We are determined that CMWA (Upper Myanmar) will be strengthened and Empowered by the new experiences and visions which is by the Grace of God and encouragement from the fellow-women leaders and efforts of the unified members knowing and making known to Christ.

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