

METHODIST CHURCH, SRI LANKA

REPORT OF THE ALL ISLAND METHODIST WOMEN'S COUNCIL 2016/2017

The All Island Methodist Women's Fellowship is co ordinating and working with the Methodist women from the national level, and met on 8 occasions during the year.

The All Island Methodist Women's Fellowship allows us the opportunity to share our faith, our stories and our love for God, to be involved in serving and to learn from one another. One of the things that we have in common is our need to be in ministry with women in a way to help others find their strength and gifts that God has given them.

Carol Services: North and East district Carol Service was well attended in Koddaimunai Methodist Church on the 19th of November, 2016. Council members were given a grand welcome. 12 circuits of the North and East district participated.

The Central and Southern district Carol Service was held at the Wesley College, Colombo on the 27th of November, 2016 The President/ Bishop of MCSL addressed the gathering. The council decided that each circuit sing only one carol in the future. 400 women were participated.

Thummodera Girls' Home: The MWF Council had a fellowship lunch with the Thummodera Girls Home children to celebrate Christ's birth on the 08th of December, 2016 at the Scott Hall. Gifts were presented to the girls during afterwards.

Women Sunday Service: The Women's work week was observed Island wide from 13th to 17th of February, with local MWFs engaging in a variety of activities. The theme of the service was "God of Restoration" based on St. Mark 5:21-43. This year too, the Council decided to prepare only the guideline of the service, which will be given to the societies under the same theme, Bible readings and intersessions.

Stepping up in faith for empowerment: This program was organized to train and empower our women. It was carried out by the Methodist workers spouses committee together with the All Island MWF Council. There is a need among the Methodist women in the country who lack expertise in a particular field. Hence training in the area of handy craft and home nursing was held. This was carried out on the 29th of April 2017, at the KMC auditorium.

This program is to be extended and implemented across the different districts in the future. 250 women from all over Sri Lanka participated and were benefited by this programme.

Future Plans:

- A leadership program is to be organised for the MWF Secretaries.

- “Brilliant Mothers” a program initiative is to be launched particularly amongst the Methodist women in all three districts targeting common family issues faced by mothers.
- Furthermore, another programme under the title “The World Needs a Father”, in order to highlight the importance of a father’s responses / roles in a family.

These programmes we believe are eye openers to all, hence programs will be conducted in all three districts by MWF members to gather with the Methodist Workers Spouses’ Committee.

“We will exalt you, our God the King; We will praise your name for ever and ever.”

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