



World Federation 'Her' story for 72 years...

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*“As we face the future with hope,
we need to acknowledge the past
in order to cherish the present.”*

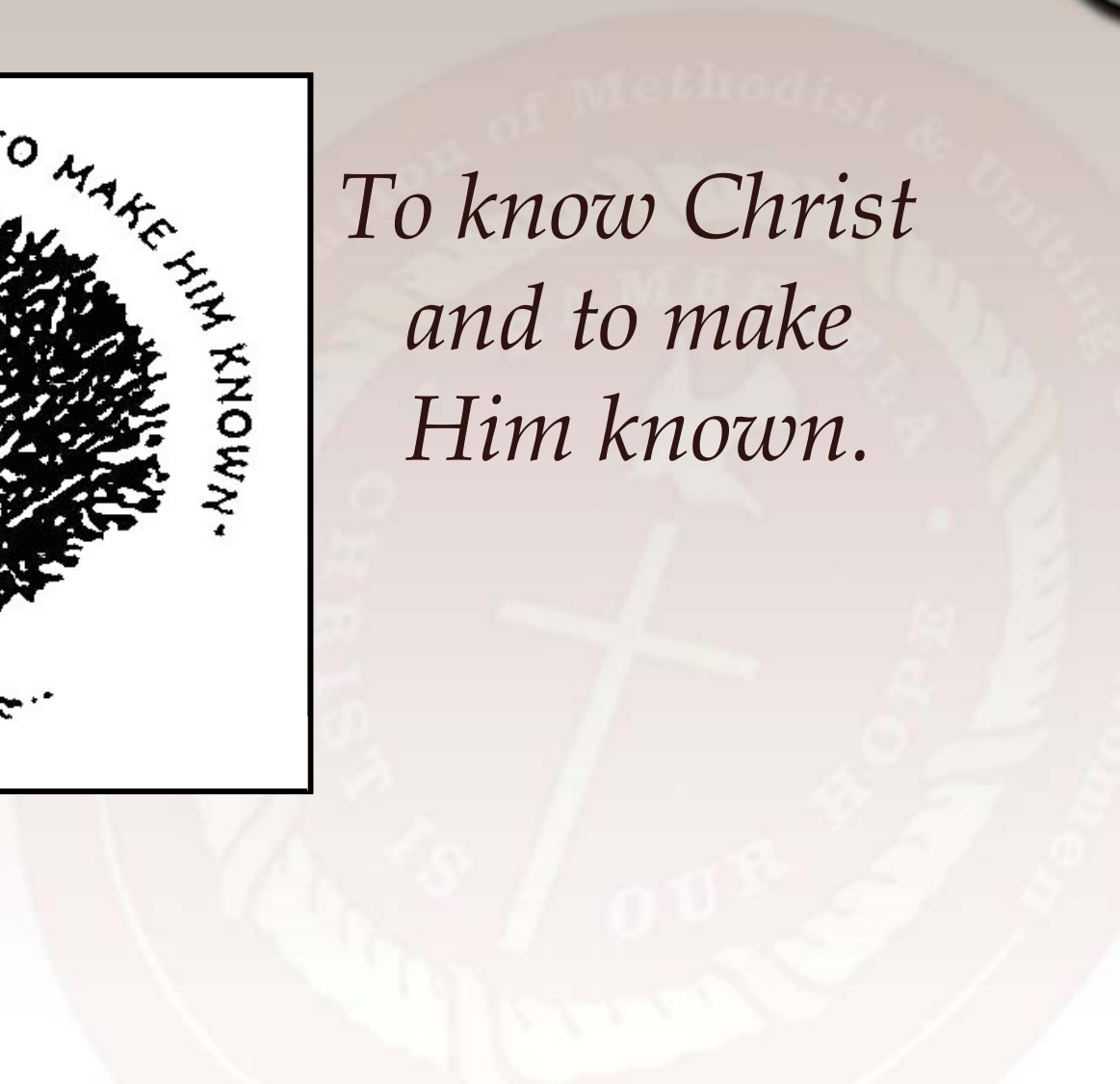
Sylvia Tarpley



Motto and Logo



*To know Christ
and to make
Him known.*



1923...



HELEN KIM, a Korean, proposes her vision for a world-wide Methodist organisation for women who will make a difference in the church and society

1929...

First meeting and forerunner
of World Federation of
Methodist Women (WFMW)
was organised



1939...



Constitution of the World Federation of Methodist Women

Article I - Name - This organization shall be known as the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Article II - Basis - The World Federation of Methodist Women is a fellowship of such organized groups as will accept Jesus Christ as the revelation of God and the Savior of mankind and will affirm that purpose, "to know Him and to make Him known."

Article III - Aim - The World Federation of Methodist Women seeks to aid in establishing Christ's Kingdom among all peoples and in all areas of life; to share the abundant life of Christ with womanhood and childhood through evangelism, healing ministries, churches and social services; to assist in promotion of the missionary spirit throughout our world parish; to seek with women of all lands fellowship and mutual help in the building of a Christian World Order.

Article IV - Membership - All national groups organized in accordance with Articles II and III are eligible for membership in the World Federation of Methodist Women. The Basis and Aim must be quoted in full in the Constitution of all national organizations.

Article V - International Council - There shall be a promotional and advisory body known as the International Council of the World Federation of Methodist Women. The membership of the Council shall consist of one official correspondent from each affiliated country on the basis of one member for each one hundred thousand or less members of the national organization. Each unit shall operate under its own constitution and by-laws. The Council shall act as a unifying and correlating agency for the exchange of plans, programs and policies and for the promotion of projects mutually accepted by the countries represented.

Article VI - Officers - There shall be a President, a First Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary elected by the Council. There shall also be an additional Vice President elected by each jurisdiction and Central Conference within the Methodist Church. Representation on a similar basis will be accepted national groups of women of other Methodist communions. The above constitute the Executive Committee of the Council. The Executive Committee and the Official Correspondents mentioned in Article V shall constitute the voting body at the quadrennial meetings.

Article VII - Meetings - The Council shall meet once in four years, at the time and place of the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

Article VIII - Finance - The Council shall be maintained by special gifts, bequests and devices and by voluntary contributions from each affiliated group.

Article IX - Change of Constitution - This Constitution may be amended at any quadrennial meeting of the voting body of the Council by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, notice of the proposed change having been given in writing one year in advance of the meeting.

October 26, 1939

The Constitution of the World Federation of Methodist Women signed in Pasadena, California, U.S.A., October 26, 1939.

Original
CHARTER of
ASSENT was
signed by 27
countries on
October 26, 1939
in Pasadena,
California, USA.

1944-1948



- **Assembly** held in Kansas, USA
- Mrs. Evelyn Riley Nicholson
- Elected **FIRST** World Federation President

1948-1952



- **Assembly** held in Boston, USA
- Mrs. Laura Reed, (USA)
Elected President



1952-1956



- **Assembly** held in Berkeley, California, USA
- Mrs. Ottilia de O. Chaves, (Brazil) Elected President
- **THEME:** "That All May Be One"



Otilia Chaves

1954



**World Federation
got affiliated
with the WORLD
METHODIST
COUNCIL**



1956-1961 (Beginning of the World Federation Quinquennium)



- **1st** World Assembly held in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, USA
- Mrs. Luise Scholz, (Germany) Elected President
- **THEME:** "Evangelism in a Changing World"



1961-1966



- **2nd** World Assembly held in Oslo, Norway
- Mrs. Freer Latham, (Australia) Elected President
- **THEME:** “Jesus Christ is Lord”

1966-1971



- **3rd World Assembly** held in Wimbledon, London
- Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo, (Philippines) Elected President
- **THEME:** "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"





Patrocinio Ocampo

1971-1976



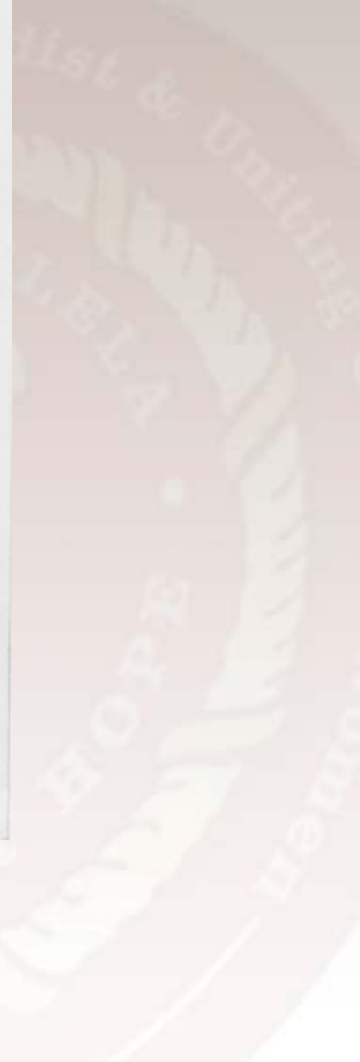
- **4th** World Assembly held in Denver, U.S.A.



- Mrs. Myrta Pfeiffer, [USA] Elected President
- **THEME:** "Christian Women in a Changing World"



Myrta Pfeiffer



1976-1981



- 5th World Assembly held in Dublin, Ireland



- Mrs. Elizabeth Kissack, (Britain) Elected President
- THEME: “Women in Christ’s Redeeming Work”



Elizabeth Kissack



World Methodist Peace Award



Women Recipients

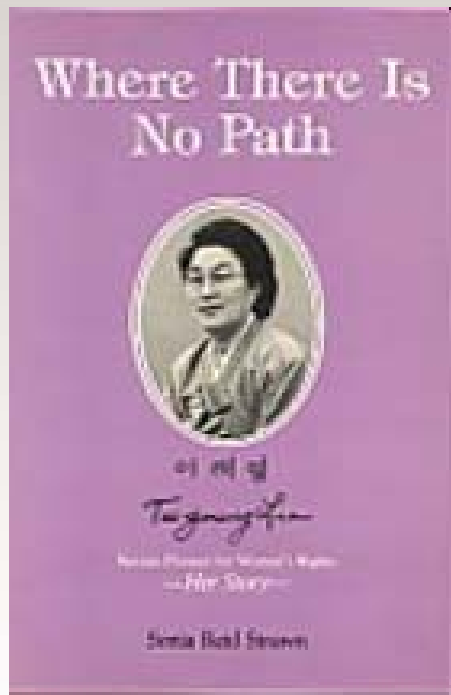


- **1977** Ms. Saidie Patterson
Belfast, Northern Ireland

World Methodist Peace Award



1984



Dr. Tai-Young Lee
Seoul, Korea

1981-1986



- **6th** World Assembly held in Hawaii, U.S.A.
- Mrs. Oknah Kim Lah, (South Korea) Elected President
- **THEME:** “New Dimensions”





Oknah Kim Lah

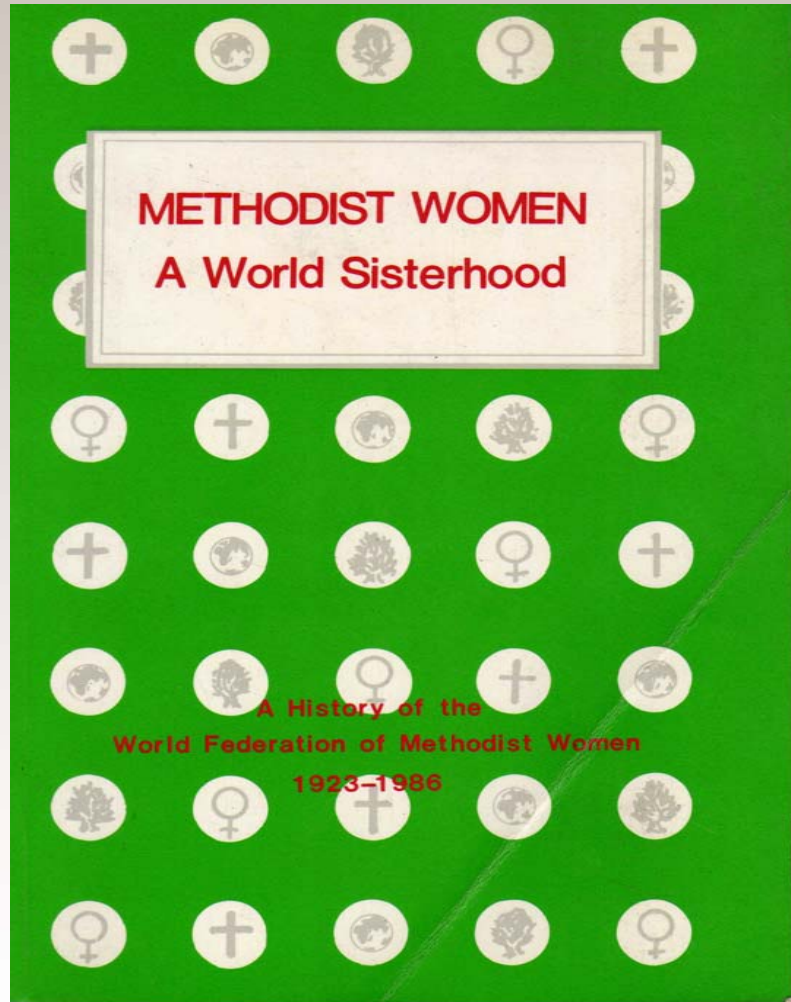
1983 (February 17th)



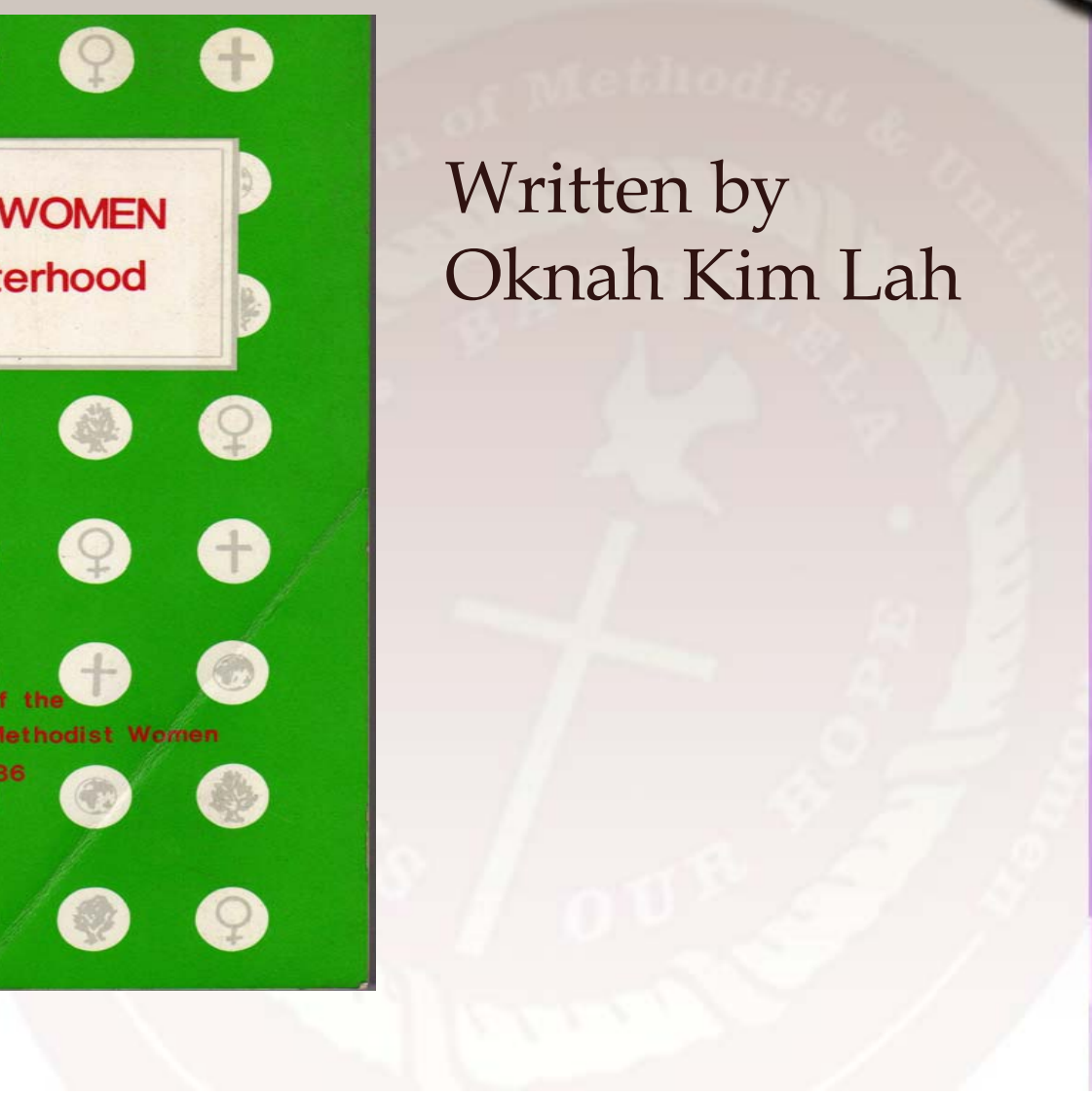
World Federation gained NON-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS (NGO) from the UNITED NATIONS

World Federation U.N. Representatives elected in New York and Geneva to report back on information particularly regarding Women and Children's Affairs, and put forward WF initiatives.

A World Sisterhood



Written by
Oknah Kim Lah



1986 - 1991



**7th World Assembly held in
Nairobi, Kenya**

- Mrs. Edith Ming, (U.S.A.)
Elected President
- THEME: “Kukua Katika
Kristo’





Edith Ming

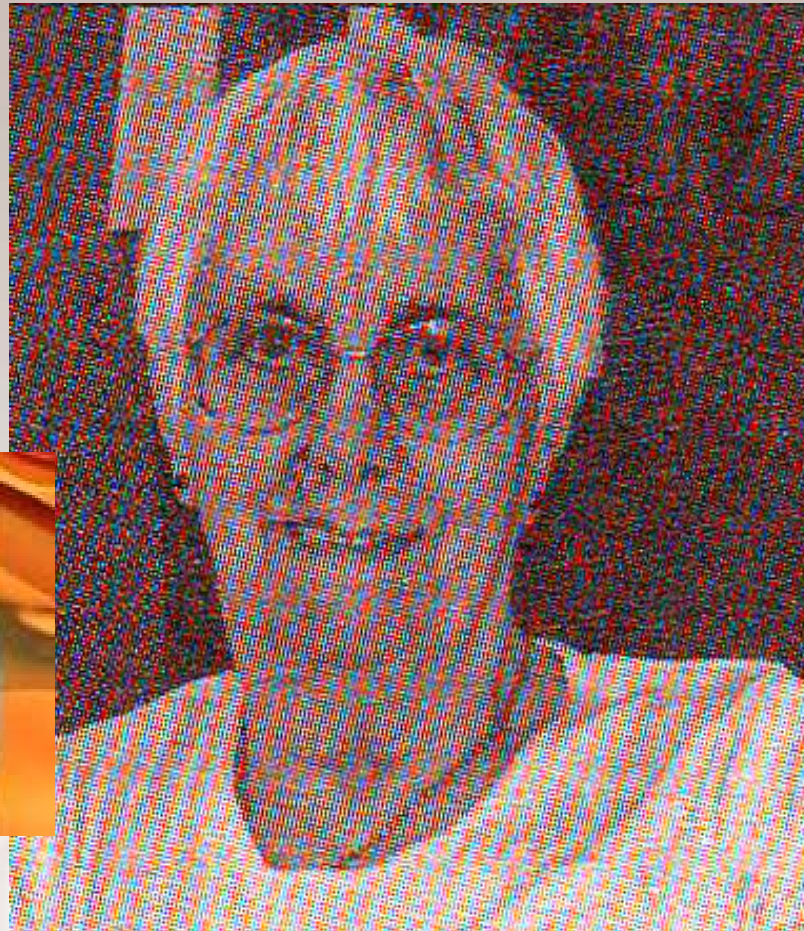
1991 - 1996



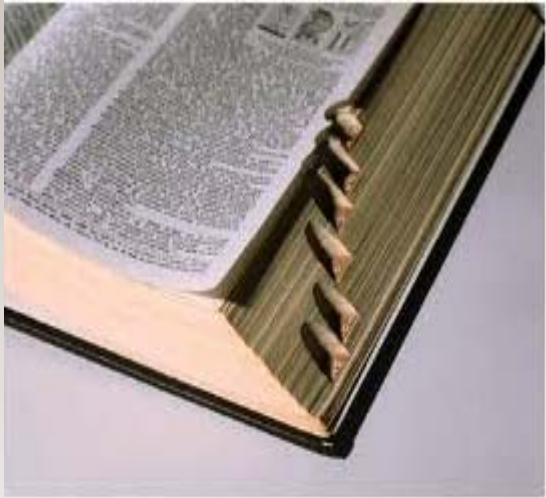
8th World Assembly held in Singapore



- Edith M. Loane, (Ireland)
Elected President
- THEME: “Jesus Christ:
Strength for Today, Hope for
Tomorrow”



Edith M. Loane



- Introduced the term '*President Emerita*', a new word for many dictionaries, as it always had been a masculine title (*Emeritus*)
- Recommendation that a World Officer may serve only 2 terms in a World Officer position



Introduction of the 'Bossey' programme, to send representatives from Areas to attend short courses at **Bossey Ecumenical Institute** in Switzerland.

This programme is financed by legacy funds designated by Womens' Division, USA of The United Methodist Church.



Establishment of an Archives Department with the purpose of monitoring the archival material in Lake Junaluska and collecting and collating papers from Area Presidents to be stored in the World Methodist Archives in Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. **Ethel Born** [USA] – first Archivist [1992 – 2001]

Senior Friends



The World Executive developed the idea of a 'Senior Friends' structure, to keep in touch with past World Officers and World Executive members. This proposal was passed to the World Executive, who *'made it live'*.

It is coordinated by the President Emerita.

U.N. Programmes



- Conference on Environment and Development 1992, WFMW was involved in a lobby to have women's voices heard at this important meeting.
- World Conference on Human Rights, WFMW was involved, through our Geneva Representative, in drafting a Resolution which stated that human rights for women are an inalienable and integral part of universal human rights. This was adopted.



Dr. Edith Loane, World President (Ireland) conversing with Edith Ming, President Emeritus (USA) and Aurora Soriano-Cudal, World Secretary (Philippines). Lorraine Solomon, South and East Africa Area President and spouse Kenny Solomon are seated at the back



Emmy Lou John, World Vice
President, (USA) in a post-lunch
conversation with Dr. Oscar Loane
and Martha Riegraf



Joan Stott, South Pacific Area President
and Editor, Tree of Life with Martha Riegraf,
World Treasurer (Germany)



Dr. Sylvia Faulk, North America Area President in an early morning walk and conversation with Aurora Cudal in Bossey, Switzerland



Celia Bretanha Junker Silva, Latin America Area president, (Brazil), leading in hymn singing.



Renate Bloem, UN Representative (Geneva) with her family at a Swiss church dinner for WFMW Executives.



Area Presidents, Darshini Gunasekera, West Asia (Sri Lanka); Rev. Regina Eva Adu, West Africa (Ghana); Ellen F.I. Fay, East Asia Area (Taiwan) posing with Aurora Soriano-Cudal, World Secretary (Philippines) at the United Nations Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland



WFMW Executives (1991-1996) taking a breather after a hectic meeting at Bossey, Switzerland.

Shown in the photo are: (L to R) Ellen Fay (East Asia) Darshini Gunasekera (West Asia); Aurora S. Cudal (World Secretary); Renate Bloem, UN Representative, Geneva; Edith Loane (World President); Andrea Siegrist (UN Representative, Vienna); Lorraine Solomon (South and East Africa); Sylvia Faulk (North America);Martha Riegraf (World Treasurer); Susanne Brose (Europe), Edith Ming (President Emeritus), with some supportive spouses – Kenny Solomon, Harry Fay, L. Faulk, Winlove Cudal and Dr. Oscar Loane. Present in the meeting but not in the photo are: Rosemary Wass. (Great Britain & Ireland); Celia Silva (Latin America) Joan Stott (South Pacific); and Emmy Lou John (World Vice President)

- In 1993, WFMW was involved in forming a working group on the Girl-Child, bringing to UN the plight of vulnerable girl-children.
- Following the Area Seminar in Dublin, 1993, a petition was collected, asking respective governments to adopt extraterritorial legislation with regard to sex tourism supportive of a resolution in Platform for Action.



4th World Conference on Women (Beijing)



- WFMW had a team in attendance, headed by the World Vice-President, which resulted in the Platform for Action, the most comprehensive statement on Women's Rights, holding governments to account. Included in the Platform for Action is a paragraph on Religion and Spirituality, strongly supported by WFMW.

1996 - 2001



- **9th** World Assembly held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



- Khushnud Azariah, (Pakistan) Elected President
- **THEME:** “Come Holy Spirit, Weave Us Together”



Khushnud Azariah

1996 - change of World Federation title/name at Rio de Janeiro World Assembly



- From 'World Federation of Methodist Women' to 'World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women'
- Rationale: to give recognition of the many United and one Uniting Church that are part of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

1998



*Ms. Renate Bloem,
World Federation
United Nations
Volunteer
Representative in
Geneva, was
elected President
of CoNGO*



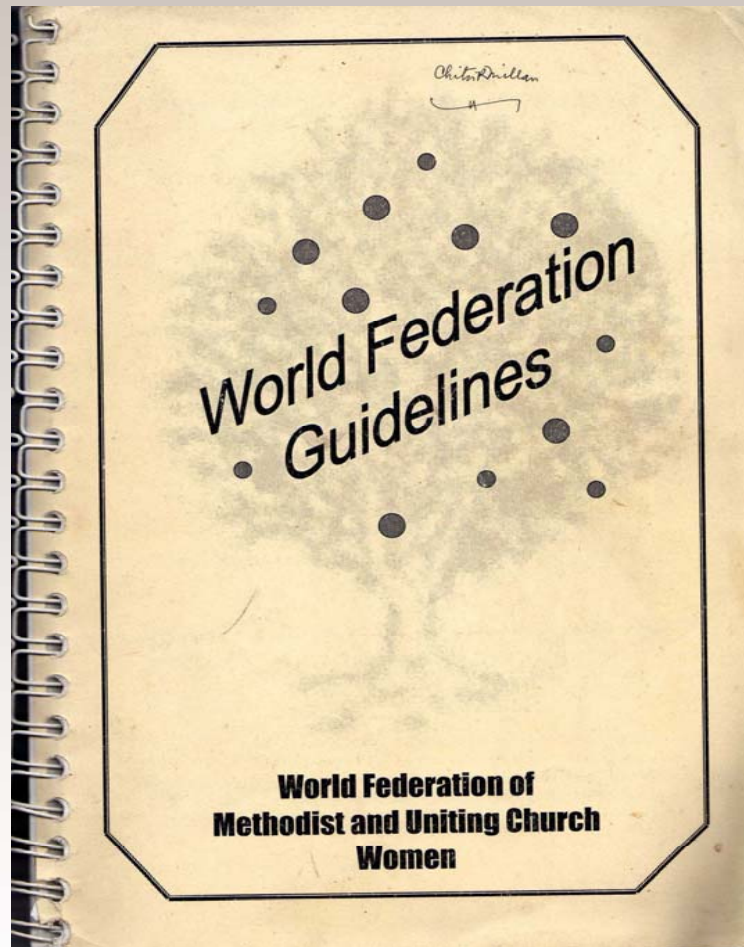
- The Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship was developed after a visit to Korea for the 100th anniversary of Ehwa University where Helen Kim had been its Director/President, etc.

- The Weaving Together Program for Unit/ Area leaders prior to their Area Seminar. This was a great opportunity for World and Unit Officers to meet and share 'grass roots' issues and challenges.

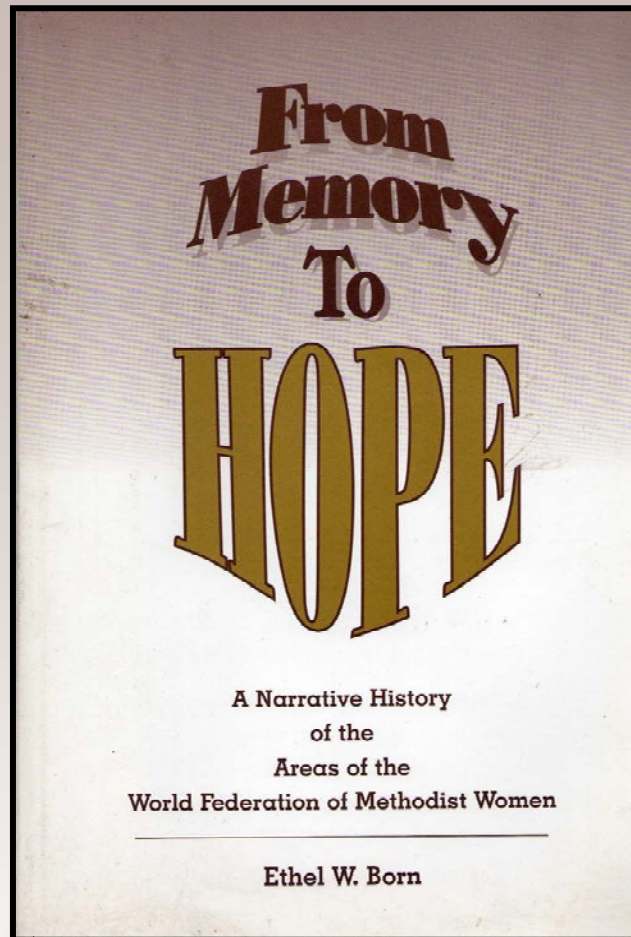




- Started the 'Senior Friends of Federation' to give recognition to long-serving people in the cause of World Federation.
- Joan Stott, World Secretary, established a timeline format for the planning of a World Assembly and Area Seminar, and developed a guide to responsibilities of all World, Area and Unit officers, that was adopted by World Federation.



- Prepared by Joan Stott, World Secretary



Ethel Born
Author

2000 - Honorable Order of Jerusalem

By the WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Awarded to former World Federation Presidents:

- Ms. Elizabeth Kissack, (1976-1981)
- Ms. Oknah Kim Lah, (1981-1986)
- Ms. Edith Ming, (1986-1991)
- Dr. Edith Loane, (1991-1996)



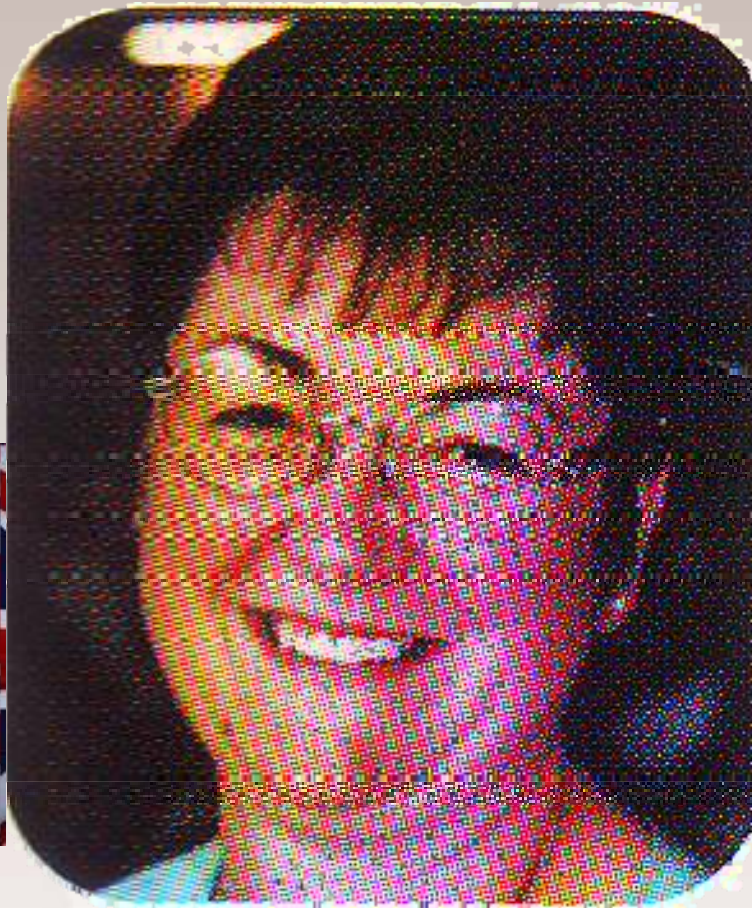
2001 - 2006



- **10th** World Assembly held in Loughborough, England



- Rosemary Wass, (Britain) Elected President
- **THEME:** “Go in Faith and Share God’s Healing Grace”



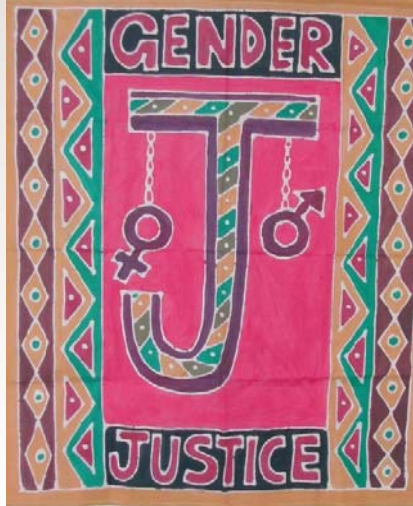
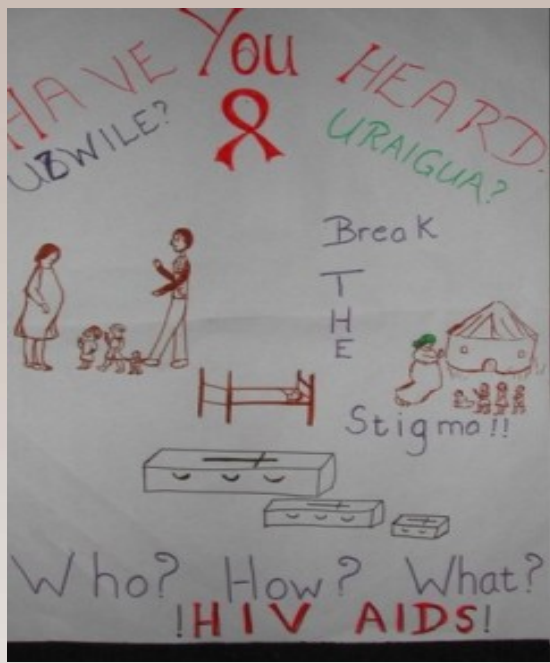
Rosemary Wass



Logo Q 2001-2006



Perpetual Banner designed
by Pamela Klimcke





"Thursdays in Black" was started by a group of Argentinian women as a protest against oppression, domestic violence and blatant sexism by the men in their country. We support the group's belief that no one should have to go through any type of rape or violence.

"DEMANDING A WORLD WITHOUT RAPE AND VIOLENCE!"



Thursdays in Black Movement



Area Seminars



Area Seminars



Area Seminars



UN Conference





World Executive





11th World Assembly
Ramada Hotel, Jeju Island, South Korea





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Helen Kim Memorial Scholars
World Assembly 2006

2006 - 2011



- **11th World Assembly in Jeju Island, South Korea**



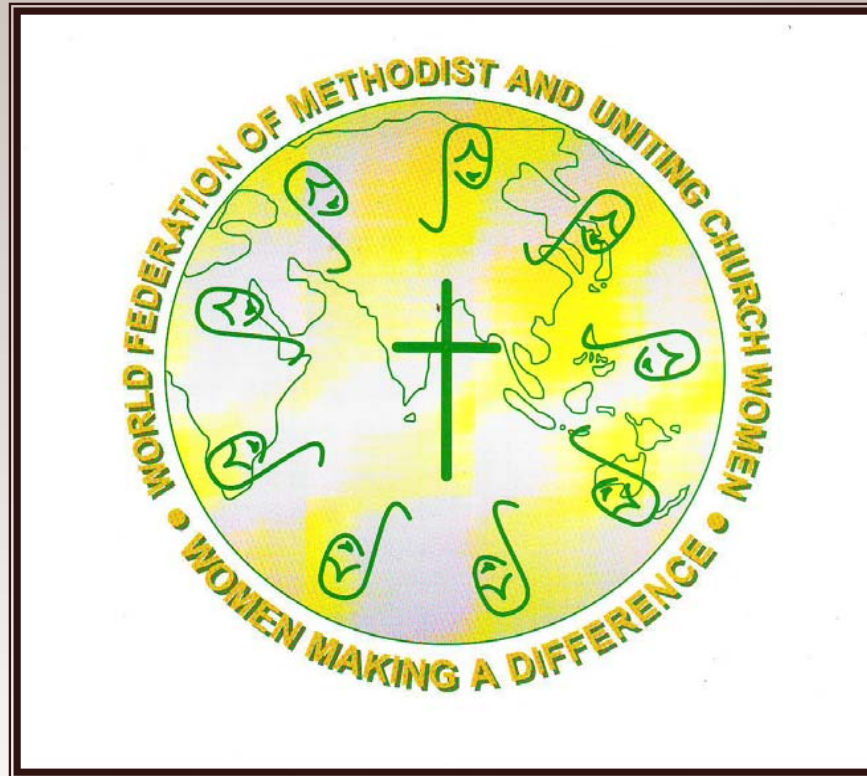
- Chita R. Millan, (Philippines) Elected President
- **THEME: “Women Making a Difference”**





Chita Rebolledo-Millan

Logo Q 2006 - 2011



Induction of Officers



The beginning is at the end
From Korea to South Africa
And so the story goes on, with the new quinquennium beginning at the end of 11th Assembly. Elected World Officers are inducted and commissioned to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known.





World Officers Q2006-2011: Lyra Richards, WT; Shunila Ruth, WS; Mia Adjali, WVP; Chita Millan, WP





NORTH AMERICA AREA Nashville, Tennessee, USA





LATIN AMERICA AREA

Santiago, Chile





SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Tonga, South Pacific





WEST AFRICA

Freetown, Sierra Leone





JOINT ASIA AREAS Medan, Indonesia





JOINT EUROPE AREAS

Scotland, Europe





Southern & East Africa Harare, Zimbabwe



ACTION PLAN



- **North America Area**
MDG 4 & 5
- **Latin America Area**
MDG 1 & 3
- **East Asia Area**
MDG 3 & 5
- **West Asia Area**
MDG 3 & 6
- **South Pacific Area**
MDG 4, 5 & 7
- **Europe: Britain & Ireland**
MDG 3 & 5
- **Europe Continental**
All MDGs
- **West Africa Area**
MDG 3 & 6
- **Southern & East Africa Area**
MDG 2

MILLENNIUM DEV'T GOALS



World Federation Day Study Programs

- 2007
 - Promote Gender Equality, MDG 3
 - West Asia Area



MILLENNIUM DEV'T GOALS



- 2008
 - Improve Maternal Health
 - MDG 4
 - South Pacific Area



MILLENNIUM DEV'T GOALS



- 2009
 - Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger
 - MDG 1
 - West Africa Area



MILLENNIUM DEV'T GOALS



- 2010
 - Ensure Environmental Sustainability
 - MDG 7
 - Europe Continental Area



MILLENNIUM DEV'T GOALS



- 2011
 - Develop Global Partnership
 - MDG 8
 - Europe: Ireland & Britain Area





BOSSEY STUDY PROGRAM

- 2007 West Africa
Europe: Britain & Ireland
- 2008 South Pacific
East Asia
- 2009 Southern & East Africa
- 2011 Carribean Unit* [for the first time]
Latin America
South Asia

BOSSEY STUDY PROGRAM 2007

Jennifer, England



Angela Mangabi



BOSSEY STUDY PROGRAM 2008



Heeja Kim from Korea
Mataiva Robertson from New Zealand.

BOSSEY STUDY PROGRAM 2011



Giselle Santos from Brazil



Avanka Fernando
from Sri Lanka

Not in Photo:
Nzingha Eisdale (Caribbean)

Conferences attended by WF UN Representatives:



- UN Advocacy Ecumenical Week promoted by WORLD Council of Churches, New York, USA, 2007 & 2008
- Tenth Regional Conference regarding the Latin America and Caribbean Women CEPAL, Ecuador, Quito, August 6 - 9, 2007

Conferences attended by WF UN Representatives:



- United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS in consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC, June 10-11, 2008.
- 61st Annual DPI/NGO Conference at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, September 3 - 5, 2008
- Launching of Religions for Peace North American Women of Faith Network, November 14, 2008.

Conferences attended by WF UN Representatives:



- Week of Incidence at the United Nations, New York, USA, November 14 – 21, 2008 on "Churches together to transform the World"
- 53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, UN New York, NY, March 2-13, 2009 on "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS."

53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

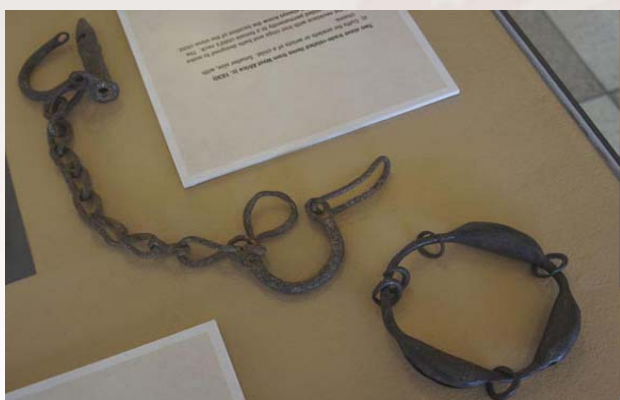
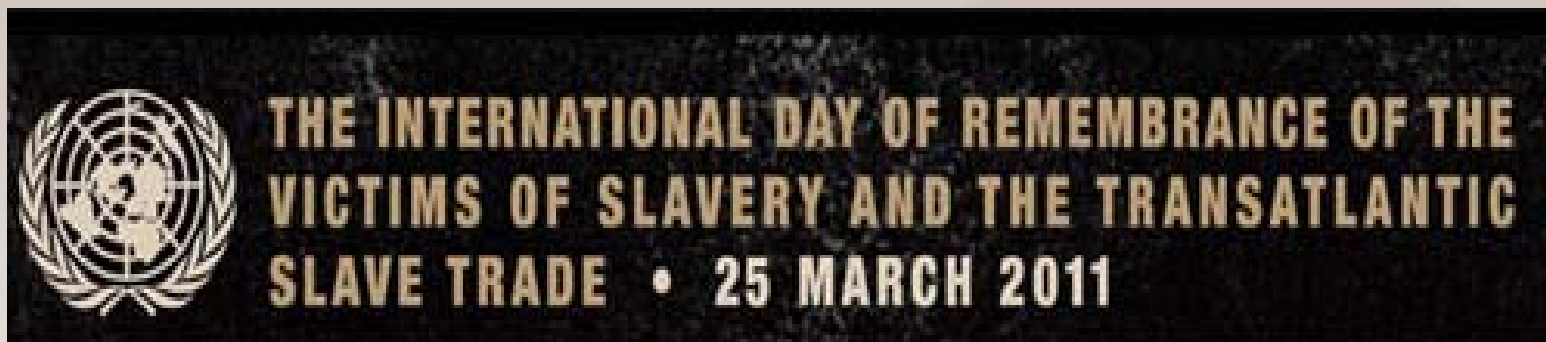


Conferences attended by WF UN Representatives:



- 8th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, May 18-19, 2009.
- 62nd DPI NGO Conference in Mexico City, with a delegation of Methodist Women Federation Presidents of the Church in Mexico, September 9-11, 2009.

International Slave Trade Observance – March 2011



THURSDAYS IN BLACK



- respecting all human life without discrimination
- wearing black t-shirts or button pins on Thursdays.
- symbol of strength and courage, representing our solidarity with victims of violence, demanding a world without rape and violence
- started by the World Council of Churches during the 1980s as a peaceful protest against rape and violence

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INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER



Dorothy Kumar
Tree of Life Editor
India

World Federation Website



www.wfmucw.org



Ken Millan
Web Administrator
Philippines

World Assembly Logo

Theme: Bamblela, Christ is our Hope
Johannesburg, Africa



Circle: one world, one body, one struggle

Cross: symbol of the Living Christ

Dove: symbolizes God, our Hope who is in the midst of us

Rope: many weak strands but twisted together for strength

9 rings: 9 areas of WF



World Assembly Logo



12th World Assembly logo designed by
Miriam Murray



*“After these things the Lord appointed 72 others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, **“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”** (Luke 10:1-2).*

Thank you!

