

## Resources

✓ at no charge:

Label for “Least Coin” container

Prayer cards with the official FLC Prayer

Ingathering Service for fellowship & gathering of least coins

Annual Prayer Concerns

Available on our website:

<https://wicc.org/fellowship-of-the-least-coin/how-to-participate/>

(for a mailed copy please call the WICC office)

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✓ at cost (prices include shipping):

Circle of Prayer:

booklet of meditations (\$4)

FLC pin (\$15 for first pin,

\$5 for each additional pin)

A Legend and a Legacy:

An autobiography of FLC founder Shanti Solomon (\$8)

Many Prayer, One Prayer:

Stories about the work of prayers and least coins around the world (\$8)

Shanti Means Peace:

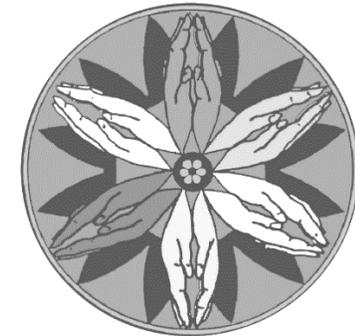
An illustrated children’s book (\$12)

## A New FLC Prayer

*Loving God, we thank you for the many gifts that you have given to us as women in the FLC. Thank you for the gift of sisterhood, which connects us with women and girls all over the world – no matter who they are, what they look like, where they come from, or how they pray. Thank you for the gift of empathy, which give us insight into the struggles of sisters living in poverty and in war zones. Thank you for the gift of compassion, which moves us to reach out to sisters who have been denied human rights, an education, job opportunities, and health care. Thank you for the gift of holy anger, which pushes us to seek justice for sisters who are oppressed and exploited. Thank you for the gift of leadership, which allows us to work together towards Shanti’s vision of peace, justice, and reconciliation for all.*

*Dear God, accept these least coins as tokens of our prayers. May they be a blessing to others. May they show our love in action. May they transform our lives, our faith, and our world. Amen.*

# FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN



AN INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL  
PRAYER MOVEMENT FOR PEACE,  
JUSTICE, AND RECONCILIATION



**WICC**  
Rooted in faith,  
called to action ♯  
De la foi à l'action

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# The FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is an international ecumenical prayer movement for peace, justice, and reconciliation. It was birthed by Shanti Solomon in 1956 after she travelled with a team of Christian women across Asia. They met with women who had faced violence and oppression, and had lost their homes, livelihoods, and families during World War II and the Korean War.

Some of the women they met were so hurt and traumatized that they could not have conversations with team members from countries with whom they had been at war. Similarly, Shanti was denied a visa to South Korea because India had supported the division of the Korean Peninsula. So, while the rest of the team went to South Korea, Shanti remained behind and reflected on her experiences on the trip.

When the team returned, Shanti shared her idea about prayer and forgiveness. She asked each woman to pray for forgiveness and seek. She also asked them to pray for women and girls around the world who faced poverty and oppression, violence and war. She wanted to start a ripple effect of

forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace that could transcend every border and reach all women and girls.

## FLC and You

Offering forgiveness to people with whom we are in conflict is difficult. Jesus' disciples also struggled with this, so he taught them to pray for forgiveness *as* they forgave others (Luke 11:4).

You are encouraged to pray for forgiveness and seek reconciliation whenever you are in conflict with someone. Similarly, you are encouraged to pray for women and girls around the world who face poverty and oppression, violence and war. Then, as a token of your prayer, you are invited to set aside a least coin (a nickel) in a jar. Only a least coin is offered so that no matter how much or how little you have, your generosity can contribute to peace-making in our world.

## Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)

WICC is a national ecumenical women's organization founded in 1918. In addition to being the Canadian partner of the FLC and promoting its sister organization, World Day of Prayer, in Canada, WICC

encourages women to restore hope to women touched by injustice and it empowers Christians to pursue justice, peace, and reconciliation by standing together in prayer and action.

## FLC Fund

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a prayer movement and our least coins are tokens of our prayers. Every year, our prayers and least coins are collected during local "Ingathering" services, which are hosted by churches and women's groups. Then, individual and group offerings are sent to the WICC office. From there they are remitted to the FLC Fund via the World Council of Churches. The FLC Fund is faithfully stewarded by the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC), which is made up of Christian women from each region.

Each year, our prayers and least coins are able to do *great* things for women and girls around the world. They provide grants for grassroots projects that prevent violence against women and girls, and support women's and girls' education, job and training opportunities, advocacy, and access to health services. *\*An annual list of FLC project grants is available from the WICC office.*