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Fellowship of the Least Coin

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Around the world the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) brings connection and comfort. Whether one prays for wholeness for all people, setting aside a coin as a symbol of that prayer, or participates in a program made possible by an FLC grant—or both!—the Fellowship of the Least Coin changes lives. In 1956, when Shanti Solomon envisioned this prayer movement, she saw it as global and ecumenical, rooted in the pursuit of wholeness for all people.

The FLC Prayer Movement is simple, yet significant and unique.

- ♦ It brings Christian women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, culture or denomination. Christian women of the world demonstrate solidarity with each other through their common concern and love for humankind and creation. They are bound together in both giving and receiving.
- ♦ The offering is unique because all—regardless of income, education, nationality or home—give only the smallest coin of their currency. All are within the same discipline and share the common concerns of women around the world.

- ♦ It is stewardship, both of the idea and the funds. The least coins, when put together, become a large amount in the same way individual prayers offered by many members throughout the world become a strong force in bringing about reconciliation, peace and justice.

We praise and thank God for those who support FLC, who pray earnestly, give generously and share Shanti's vision for more justice, peace and reconciliation in our world. More than 60 years since Shanti first conceived of the movement, our least coins, which go with our prayers, still flow around the world. I invite you to participate in the FLC movement by regularly praying for peace, justice and reconciliation, and setting aside a least coin (bigger coins and bills are perfectly fine, too!), and allow your everyday life and faith to be richly blessed.





2022 Project Grants

Africa

Raising the Voices of Single Mothers

Burundi, \$3,000

Empower single mothers through spiritual formation and socio-economic support

Self-reliance for Disadvantaged Widows

Cameroon, \$3,000

Offer skills training, coordinated by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, to improve the socio-economic status of disadvantaged widows in northwest Cameroon

Educating Community on Challenges Facing Women

Tanzania, \$3,000

Aid the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's Iringa Diocese focused on gender justice and equity

Purposing Religious Approach in Sustainable Engagement (PRAISE)

Kenya, \$3,000

Help improve the social, economic and nutritional status of 115 women-led households in the Kabare ward of Kirinyaga

Livelihood Improvement Through Livestock Production and Climate Change Adaptation

Malawi, \$3,000

Promote harmony, integrity and self-reliance while empowering less privileged women to adapt their homes in response to climate change

Asia

Feeding the Body, Mind and Spirit: A Holistic Shelter for Foreign Domestic Helpers

Hong Kong, \$3,000

Provide migrant women workers in Hong Kong with temporary shelter and nourishing food; training to help them solve their employment problems; and through regular Bible studies and other faith-based activities, spiritual community and health

Reconciling Distressed Women to God's Deep Comfort

Philippines, \$3,000

Aid women experiencing pandemic-related stress women through trauma healing and mental health seminars

Youth Leadership Training

Thailand, \$3,000

Provide opportunities for the youth of Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Church in the Mae La refugee camp to deepen their fellowship and strengthen their leadership in the church and broader society

Women Doing Theology

Laos, \$3,000

Equip women pastors and lay evangelists of Laos Evangelical Church in developing a holistic sense of ministry and further empower them for leadership

Europe

UnMute Now, "Empowering Generation Z"

United Kingdom, \$3,000

Enable the UnMute Now podcast to dedicate a season to mentoring young women from the migrant community in Northern Ireland

**New Beginnings after the
Pandemic—Ecumenical
Prayer Chain**
Romania, \$3,000

Revive the prayer fellowship by making new connections across Slovenia, Serbia, Ukraine, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania

Economy Is Care
Switzerland, \$1,000

Contribute to more widespread understanding of the care economy, which means caregiving is work and an economic factor in a nation's growth, consequently improving the position of women in society

Middle East

We Needle
Lebanon, \$3,000

Teach women residents at the Armenian Evangelical Boarding School and women of the broader community various types of embroidery and needle work for income generation

**Montessori Materials for
Benevolent Lebanese Evangelical
School for Special Education and
Development (BLESSED School)**
Lebanon, \$3,000

Help provide low-income students with special needs (such as autism, Down syndrome and intellectual disabilities) with learning experiences that build their independence, skills and life education

**Psychosocial Support to Children
and Mothers**
Lebanon, \$3,000

Provide parenting classes to mothers and psychosocial support sessions for families and children with low incomes

**Empowering Refugee and
Low-Income Women**
Jordan, \$3,000

Help equip and empower refugee women to face challenges related to their economic and refugee status

Pacific

**Stop Gender-based Violence
Against Women**
Papua New Guinea, \$3,000

Raise awareness in community leaders, counselors and the broader community about gender-based violence and call for action on the issue

**Stop Stigma, Discrimination and
Violence Against People Living
with HIV/AIDS**

Papua New Guinea, \$3,000

Build public awareness and education campaigns about ending stigma, violence and discrimination against people, particularly women and girls, living with HIV/AIDS

**Women and Girls Access
to Education**

Papua New Guinea, \$3,000

Create and promote educational opportunities for girls and women to help them realize their full potential and improve themselves, their families and their communities

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Here's What You Can Do

Support the Fellowship of the Least Coin by joining this prayer movement. More information is available at fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org or on Presbyterian Women's Least Coin web page, presbyterianwomen.org/leastcoin. The following resources help share the story of FLC.



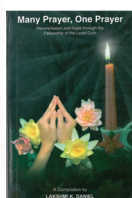
FLC Messages and Reports, 2022

This annual booklet includes reports from the ecumenical organizations that support FLC, profiles of the 2022 grant recipients, updates on past grant recipients and messages from officers of the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin; free download at fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org.



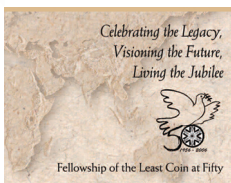
Circle of Prayer Devotional Booklet

Circle of Prayer, Volume 26, themed "Touch Our Lives, Heal Our World," includes reflections, testimonies and prayers from the many diverse people involved with FLC. Item PWR22465; free download at presbyterianwomen.org/shop.



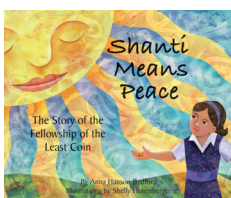
Many Prayer, One Prayer: Reconciliation and Hope Through the Fellowship of the Least Coin

This paperback book, published by the FLC in its 40th year, tells of the miraculous story of the FLC and the thousands of women from around the world who have prayerfully participated in FLC; item PWRO6461; \$10.*



Celebrating the Legacy, Visioning the Future, Living the Jubilee

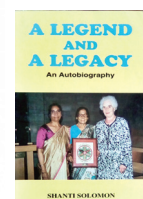
Published in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the FLC in 2006, this book features women from around the world describing their encounters with and commitments to the FLC prayer movement; item PWRO6465; \$10.*



Shanti Means Peace

This whimsical tale of the founding of the Fellowship of the Least Coin is told through the eyes of a girl from India who finds a nearly worthless coin and, by spinning it in her hand, is able to visit places and people touched by the Least Coin prayer movement. Written by Anna Hanson Bedford and illustrated by Shelly Hehenberger, this beautiful (and award-winning!) book is a wonderfully told story on its own, and a lovely way to introduce this international prayer movement to children of all ages; item PWR14470; \$7.50.*

A free downloadable resource packet (including recipes, crafts, a song and more) is available at presbyterianwomen.org/shanti-resources to help you interpret the story.



A Legend and a Legacy by Shanti Solomon

Shanti Solomon shares her story in this lovely book; item PWRO6462; \$3*

*Order from presbyterianwomen.org/shop or call 800/533-4371 (Monday–Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM ET). Prices do not include shipping (calculated based on weight of order, \$6.25 minimum).