

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.

Each year, least coins from around the world make possible several types of grants. Project grants support 20–25 initiatives around the world. Regional ecumenical organizations, women's programs, the World Council of Churches Just Community of Women and Men and the World Day of Prayer International Committee (WDPIC) receive block grants to enhance their work and to strengthen ecumenical solidarity. Emergency grants for disaster relief and rehabilitation are also given to show loving concern to disaster-stricken countries. The Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW) and the Bursary for Older Women (BOW) are the scholarships given to individuals.

Project Grants

AFRICA

Zarya Gardens
Cannon Wambugu
Kenya, \$4,000

Bring Christian women together for prayers, family teachings, encouragement and counseling

**Menstrual Health
Empowerment and Promotion
Slum Youth Rehabilitation and
Development Organization
(SYRADO)**
Uganda, \$3,000

Empower women and adolescent girls by making reusable sanitary pads and talking with them about God

Upendo Craft Centre
Anglican Church of Kenya,
Diocese of Mumias
Kenya, \$4,000

Empower women spiritually and morally

**Beekeeping Projects to
Empower Youth and Women**
Anglican Diocese of Harare
Zimbabwe, \$4,000

Address the problem of low household incomes and rampant poverty by engaging youth and women in beekeeping as an income-generating project

ASIA

Atutu Myanmar Support
Japan, \$4,000

Support the Myanmar people in Japan and Myanmar after the military coup where civilians,

2023 Funding

Block Grants	\$52,000
Project Grants	\$47,000
Scholarships	\$1,000
Emergency Grants	\$8,000

especially women and children, are confronted with the danger of their lives

**Equipping Women Using
Social Media**
Ecumenical Church Women
United of the Philippines
(ECWUP)
Philippines, \$4,000

Educate and equip all ECWUP leaders to connect with participants organization-wide using technology

EUROPE

**Empowering Learning of
Women with Women for
Peacebuilding**
International Academy for
Diakonia and Christian and
Social Practice
Czech Republic, \$4,000

Empower the women and communities who are affected by personal, organizational and regional conflict

MIDDLE EAST

**Emergency Relief Aid for
Children of Syrian Refugees and
Lebanese Minor Girls**
The Preventive Center of Nabaa,
Beit-el-Nour (House of Light
and Hope)
Lebanon, \$4,000

Support vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese girls to protect them against violence and exploitation and ensure their schooling

USA

**End the Cycle—Stop the
Violence**
Angels of Mercy
USA, \$4,000

Work to prevent domestic violence and human trafficking against women and children in the first place; provide referrals to women leaving abusive situations

Heal Our Land
The REACH Initiative
USA, \$4,000

Provide training for women to have an ecumenical dialogue about healing, raising awareness about adverse childhood experiences, stigmatizing language and the power of storytelling

LATIN AMERICA

Educating for Inclusion
Ingeniero Budge Evangelical
Methodist Church
Argentina, \$4,000

Help improve the lives of socially vulnerable women, young people and children through academic development

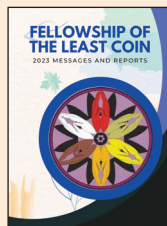
Sports and Integration Program
Sembradores Methodist
Community
Uruguay, \$4,000

Provide space for games, sports and educational activities for boys and girls ages 8-11, focused on the perspective of the Gospel 🏈



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.



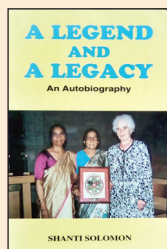
FLC Messages and Reports, 2023

This annual booklet includes reports from the ecumenical organizations that support FLC, profiles of the 2023 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 pesbyterianwomen.org/shop.



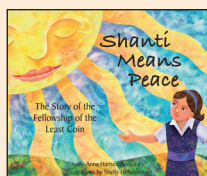
A Legend and a Legacy by Shanti Solomon

Shanti Solomon shares her story in this lovely book; item PWR06462; \$3*



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 PWR06465; \$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.

*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).