

Fellowship of the Least Coin, Scotland.

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Christmas and New Year Newsletter 2022/23



Dear friends and supporters,

I first want to thank you all for support given to the mission of Fellowship of the Least Coin (Flc) in the past year. It has been a year of challenge for us all and prayers for reconciliation and peace have been so needed in our communities and stretching out worldwide. Every prayer is an expression of God's love and through your generous gifts we are able to support practical action to transform people's lives.

Flc International ([Fellowship of the Least Coin](#)) have sent a link to this year's Prayer Circle, Reports 2022, and there are regular updates on their Web page and Facebook postings. We are encouraged to do more and more online to save

funds so they can be directed to the Projects and that we may act responsibly from an ecological perspective. Therefore, I am please asking you to **send me an email contact for future mailing** wherever this is possible. Use this as an opportunity to share the work and ministry of Flc with you church community or a family member or a friend who is online and can share news and worship resources with you. In doing so we are spreading the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ and demonstrating our care and prayers active in his name.

Things are ever changing;

Flc Scotland have a new Treasurer. Firstly, I want to offer our sincere thanks to Suzanne Foster for all her time and dedication as she retires as our Treasurer. Since taking over the funds as World Day of Prayer Treasurer, she has carefully updated the banking system and created Flc as an independent account. Her final task was to send a very generous donation of £2,022 to Flc International from the contributions received in 2021/22. Thank you, Suzanne, your dedication has been very much appreciated. Every blessing for your continuing ministry of

administration as European WDP Treasurer.

Donations from January 2023, to aid administration please send donations or notification of donations to me as Secretary, so they can be acknowledged.

Address for all cheques: Ann Wren, 40 Park, Thornhill, Dumfries and Galloway, DG3 5JP

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Banking Details: **Virgin Money**
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Account No: 50033484

Accounts 21/22 accounts have been inspected and are available on request

I am writing this on a very cold Advent Day and was encouraged by the Flc Christmas Prayer reflection that arrived this morning written by Mathilde Sabbagh, Pastor of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Al-Hassakeneh Northeast Syria.
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If you are able, please look at the full Bible Reflection on Mary's Magnificat (Lk1: 39-56) but I quote from the author's prayer that follows:

Gracious God, we come before you in prayer and we pray for ourselves and all women serving your kingdom with open hearts and merciful hands.

Give us and them the opportunities to serve with justice, mercy and faith. Give us and them listening hearts so that your words flow through us as we talk, teach, serve and lead. And that we may be open gospels for others as they see your love and care in their lives.

Give us and them, the courage to step outside of our plans and programs and discipline us for your glory, as we walk every valley with you and as we witness to many. We pray for the capacity to welcome all people who are in need for a word, advice, and for daily life needs. Therefore, give us endurance and patience to face our troubles in society that spawns all types of poverty. Keep us all

well and restore us always in your love and Grace. Amen.

Please use this prayer to pray for those situations and women you know who are in need at this time.

The Flc In Gathering Service
(Follow link to Publications on Website)

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Every year, in the late summer, Flc International publishes a Liturgy for groups and individuals to use in the Autumn. This, like the WDP is an opportunity to join with our prayer partners across the world. Please use the autumn as your time for coming together and reflecting on the mission of Flc and to give and gather your donations.

Please do not take the offering at WDP in March as a collection for Flc. They are different charities. Individuals and groups can send donations for Flc at any time of the year but please consider holding a In-Gathering Service this coming year and watch for details in postings and online in September.

If you contact me I will happily set up a Zoom service for your church, Guild or Organisation.

Be in contact if you have any problems or need a copy of the Service.

New European Representative

Martina Heinrichs has retired after serving 10 years as our Flc Representative on the European Forum of Christian Women (EFECW). Her successor is the Rev'd Judit Vincze from Rumania and her alternate is Marianna Apresyan from Armenia. I have recently been in touch with them to plan a meeting with them and other UK officers on Zoom to explore how can improve communication and participation in Flc gatherings in the future.

www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org

FLC is a world-wide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Founded by Shanti Solomon of India in 1956 Anyone who wishes to join makes a commitment to spend time in prayer whenever there is a situation of discord locally with individuals or between communities and to also uphold in prayer others who are victims of jealousy, hatred, violence, and injustice. Each time a prayer is made a gift of a "least coin" of the currency is made as a tangible token toward the prayer being

answered and an expression of solidarity with suffering humanity and with women of every nation. This ministry of intercession and reconciliation is so important in the current situations world-wide of war, climate change and continuing effects of Co-vid and disease leaving thousands of people vulnerable. Prayer and action is the ministry and mission of Flc to meet needs and bring transformation in lives today.

Sara says thankyou

Among the many Flc Emergency Grants in 20/21 was a grant to vulnerable families in Beirut, Lebanon when a bomb blast and the delay in forming a Government left 300,00 homeless. A grant awarded to Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) provided essential support to 33,600 vulnerable people, among them was Sara. **Sara a widow and mother of 3 children**, one with paralysis and Special Needs who was made homeless by the bomb blast and she records her thanks for essential food support and items to provide some stability for her family . This is just one of many grants awarded to Educational, community building and Emergency Aid awarded in 2021. Do please read the full reports on the website and pray for

the people supported by Flc this past year.

Flc needs a few people to form a small co-ordinating Group to forward the work and ministry in Scotland. Have you the time to meet 2 or 3 times a year on Zoom? Please do be in contact with me, details below.

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