



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023

“I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH”

Service from Taiwan



## Greetings from the National Liaison Officer, and Notes for the Worship Leaders

Dear Friends

2023 World Day of Prayer preparations are underway. If you have received the pack of resources but are not going to be involved in leading the service, please send it on to someone who is. Please try to contact every church in your area so we can make this a really ecumenical service. Although the service is written by women, with women's stories, men are always welcome.

Services in 2022 were disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic resulting in changes in venues and dates, as well as some groups being unable to meet at all. Some groups and individuals joined a service online. The National Committee was impressed with the creative efforts that many groups made to join services. Thank you so much for your continued support.

In June I was privileged to represent Aotearoa New Zealand at an international meeting hosted by Scotland WDP and held online. The events began at 9 am New York time (1 am in New Zealand!). During this meeting, Joyce Steiner from Ghana was elected International Chairperson. Joyce is the first African woman to be elected to this international position. The new Executive Director is Katie Reimer from New York. Pacific Region delegates to the International Committee are Vicki Marney from Australia and Amanda Sanele Iosefo from Samoa.

**Looking to 2023** – Remember to check the website ([www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz](http://www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)) for information

**Music:** The music chosen by the National Committee will be more familiar for New Zealand congregations and may be downloaded from our website.

Find out if there is a local Training Day / WDP Workshop, or if not, you may wish to run one yourself! These times of fellowship and learning are invaluable.

**However, the National Committee is holding a workshop in Christchurch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023, commencing at 10 am – Venue: Chapel Street Centre, Christchurch North Methodist Parish, Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street – which will be livestreamed. The link will be available on our website – or email – [worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz](mailto:worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz) for details.**

The Children's Service and activities are available on the World Day of Prayer website. You may like to take a copy of this to your local Sunday School or Primary School.

If you need extra copies of the Service booklet or posters remember to request these early so that they arrive in good time. (World Day of Prayer, PO Box 8452, Riccarton, Christchurch 8440 or email to [wdpnz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wdpnz@xtra.co.nz)).

**Reminder:** Please fill in and return the yellow report and remittance forms which are enclosed in the pack sent to your group, as soon as possible after the service, with as much feedback as possible. We would be especially interested in any ideas that work to encourage people to attend. **Also any photographs would be appreciated.**

✠ Please pray for those leading the service, for the congregation and your community, as well as for the people of the writer countries.

God Bless you all

Zella McGirr

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