

Our Members, Subscribers, Church Partners and Friends,

Warm greetings to you during the joyful season of Advent! We cannot help but share with you the journey of AWRC this past year 2019 which has indeed been an amazing year to witness God's abundant grace for AWRC.



Our Legal Entity in Taiwan

No words could express how it felt to receive the formal document of AWRC registration approval from the Taiwan Ministry of Interior (MOI). Praise the Lord! Many thanks to the local members for their recognition of the significance of AWRC and time and money they provided to achieve the status of legal entity in Taiwan.



With this important certificate as well as the presence of Rev. Lin Ni-Ling, Managing Director of MOI and Local Representative of Coordinating Team Member (CTM), we were able to open a bank account at **E. Sun Commercial Bank**. At the same time, we registered PayPal as the alternative method of receiving payments from abroad. The purpose of having two modes of payment is to minimize our losses in currency exchange and bank charges.



Modes of Payment

- a. **E. Sun Bank** (we recommend payments for more than 90 USD be paid via E. Sun Bank)

Name of the Bank: E. Sun Commercial Bank, Ltd., Taipei, Taiwan

Swift Code: ESUNTWTP

Name of the Account: Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology

Number of the Account: 1300-879-078206

- b. **PayPal** (we recommend payments for less than 90 USD be paid via PayPal)

One of the most easy and safe means for the payment. You do not even need a PayPal account in order to pay your payment. First you need to simply register PayPal with your email, and with credit card pay to AWRC email < awrccoordinator@gmail.com > then the transaction will be complete!

If anything is unclear do not hesitate to let me know.

Transitional Work in Malaysia

Due to various difficulties and challenges, transitional work could only be completed with the very BIG HELP of Clare Law and Yong Ting Jin. Heartfelt thanks to both of them for the precious time and enormous efforts- database software Access learning and practicing, *in God's image (iGi)* publications from A to Z, evaluation of the *iGi* and 103 copies of *iGi* in print kept and packed for me to carry back Taiwan. My very special thanks to Clare and Kuma for the warm receiving and free stay at their cozy home.

New Look of AWRC Website

Did you have difficulties with the AWRC website? We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused due to the website "migration" few months ago. Our apologies also, to those of you who tried to secure membership or subscription through either email or website but failed! With same website address <https://awrc4ct.org/> but a brand new face, AWRC has begun to welcome you to get to know us and join our membership to be one of us! We update every ongoing program and look forward to hearing news and stories from every one of you.



Shipping of AWRC Publications



Do you desire to receive and read previous issues of *iGi* and booklets? The stocks of AWRC publications, weight 2 tons, successfully arrived in Taichung Harbor in October, and Taichung office in November.

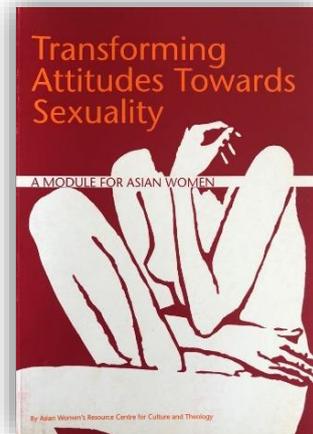
We will make a list of iGis and booklets on our

website after

counting all the copies. To celebrate new beginning to the AWRC, we offer special

price for selected booklets -

Transforming Attitudes Towards Sexuality and our **modules on Asian Feminist Theologies books 1-4.**



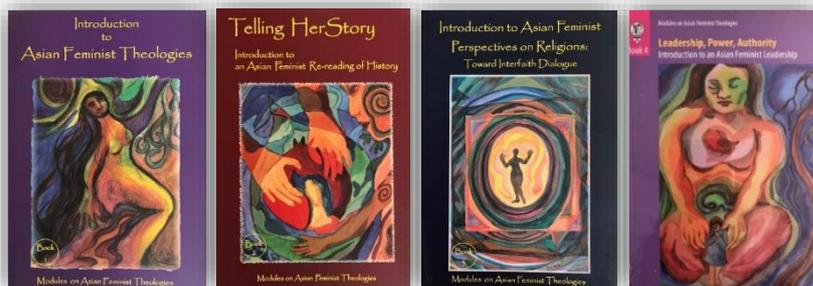
-Book 1 - **Introduction to Asian Feminist Theologies**

-Book 2 - **Telling HerStory- Introduction to an Asian Feminist Re-reading of History**

-Book 3 – **Introduction to Asian Feminist Perspectives on Religions: Toward Interfaith Dialogue**

-Book 4- **Leadership, Power, Authority- Introduction to an Asian Feminist Leadership**

The above-mentioned booklets are the ABC to the Asian feminist theology. Check it out for your bookshelf. Buy Four get Five. We encourage you to buy Books 1-4 price 16 USD and you get **Transforming Attitudes Towards Sexuality** for FREE! Make sure you don't miss them!



Meet Our New Staff

Since July 2019, AWRC office warmly welcomed two new faces to join our team.



Paulili Park (left)- our Publications Assistant, is in charge of English administration, matters related to *iGi*, membership, subscription and website.

Jocelyn Chen (right)- our accounting person and Chinese administrator.

We are all at your service anytime you need!

in God's image (iGi)

June & Dec 2019 : The Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC) decided June & Dec 2019 would be a combined issue. Many thanks to Limatula Longkumer and Aruna Gnanadason our Guest Editors. The extension date for the call for papers is the end of **March 2020**. A reminder will be sent to everyone for the collection of articles, graphics and artworks.

Local *iGi* Monthly Book Club

We have started *iGi* monthly Book Club for Taiwan local women/ members since April. There are around 10 women participants from across Taiwan attending the Book Club every month - from North Taipei and far South Pingdong.



It is a wonderful cross section of clergy and laity, Han people and Indigenous people (Amis and Bunun tribes), Pastor's wife and young women, Taiwanese, Japanese (missionary) and Korean.



iGi has been the greatest resource for us to utilize, share and do reflections to our own contexts. We began reading *iGi* with articles like *Being a Mother: A Theological Reflection* by Hye-Ran Kim-Cragg and *Writing Our Own Herstory* by Jen-Wen Wang. The diversity of background from this core group surprisingly enriches our understandings towards one another and few more steps to the Feminist Theologies. We highly recommend you to start a similar book club in your country/region.



Attending Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly



During November AWRC was invited to attend the first ever **Asian Ecumenical Women's Assembly (AEWA)**, organized by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), as one of the most important women ecumenical organizations in Asia. AEWA was hosted by the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) and the venue was the Presbyterian Bible College in Hsinchu. Our Coordinator was also invited to be one of the facilitators for the Bible study groups for three days. We seized the opportunity of AEWA's "Lydia's Basket" to showcase some selected *iGis*

and booklets, AWRC brochure and Membership/Subscription Forms at the venue.

We were encouraged by how many women showed interest in AWRC and joined membership, especially those from Indonesia. Our sincere Big thank you to CCA Rev. Grace Moon and General Secretary Dr. Matthew George Chunakara for giving us this precious opportunity and space to learn and share with 250 sisters!





Immediate Programmes

In December, we will have Feminist Theology Workshop, Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC) and Coordinating Team Member (CTM) – three meetings in a row in Chang-Hua, Taiwan. The theme for the workshop is “Introduction to Doing Feminist Theology” with participants from Taiwan and abroad. Forthcoming *iGi* themes of next three to five years will be discussed and decided by the EAC. Activities and plans for the next four years will also be brainstormed and blueprinted by the collective work of CTM. Thank you EAC members and CTM as Resource Persons and Working Persons behind the scenes. The wheels of the AWRC keep moving forward even after the turmoil of initial challenges. Last but not the least, my very gratitude to Hisako Kinukawa and Yong Ting Jin for their ever strong spiritual and practical support provided any time. The AWRC has again started sailing with YOU. Let us rejoice together and thank God for a fruitful year and abundant grace! Thank you to all who have journeyed with us thus far!

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AWRC Coordinator