

Editorial

The first issue of "In God's Image" was published in December 1982. The ad hoc committee was then a small group of women in Singapore who were interested in doing theology from the perspective of women in Asia. The objective of the group was to see "In God's Image" as a forum through which Asian women could share their theological thoughts. Shortly after, an Advisory Committee was formed on a permanent basis. The Committee had remained on a nominal level until its first meeting on May 2-6, 1987 at Desaru, Malaysia.

Nine women met, including volunteers who help to bring out this journal. Each day started with a morning worship followed by presentation of national papers reflecting the Asian women's realities, struggles and faith. Some of the issues highlighted during the sharing sessions were:

- Asian Women's Movement.
- Similarities and Diversities of Asian Women.
- Vision - Strategy - Theology.
- Doing Theology as presented in "In God's Image".
- Differences between God's reign and secular vision.

The statement of purpose which is presented on the cover page was derived from the meeting.

We hope through these efforts, we can share with each other the realities of Asian Women and in solidarity build a new community.

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in the absence of the editor*

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Woman Star of the morning,
Woman Star of the evening,
Women two and a half billion
stars of the earth,
(Women are half the earth's
population of five billion)
Shine in me,
Shine on me,
Shine through me,
Two and a half billion stars
of the earth.
Risen \times Star of David,
Risen \times Star of stars,
Risen \times oh Glorious Liberator,
Shine in me,
Shine on me,
Shine through me,
Lighten thou my path

by Judith Siqueira

Letters to the editor

Dear Sun Ai

I am always very happy when a new issue of "In God's Image" arrives in the post

In addition to the copy you send to me. We, the members of CCWI, which is a National Catholic Organization recognised by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, and a constituent member of its Laity Commission, would like you to convey our greetings and solidarity through your columns to ALL our Christian sisters in Asia. I would like your permission to share some of the beautiful editorials, in particular your poem (March '87 - My dear sisters . . .) with our own readers, through the monthly publication of our office: "NEYTHRI".

With renewed warm regards to you and Maria.

Frances Lynn
President

Council of Catholic Women of India

Greetings in the name of our Lord.

I am Luningning R. Nicolas, a middler student here at Union Theological Seminary - Philippines, taking up Bachelor of Religious Education.

I happen to get hold of a copy of the publication "In God's Image" and I got so interested because of the views and features contained therein. In this regard, may I be privileged to be included in your mailing list of this publication so that through this, my perspective on women's issues will be widened?

Luningning R. Nicolas
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Dear Rev. Park,

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank you for the very meaningful and worthy magazine, "In God's Image". The quality of articles show the dedication of writers but of the staff as well. Each article, poem and illustrations are heartily arranged.

In these days of difficulties and problems all around, our faith binds us together wherever we are and gives us abiding joy when we interact with our country people.

C. Maya Michael
Asian Church Women's Conference
India

I was introduced to your Magazine recently and was impressed by your quality work and commitment. As an American missionary in Japan, I also am interested in learning more about and working for the equality of women in all aspects of our lives. I think your magazine will help me in that task and so I would like to begin receiving *In God's Image* myself.

Natalie Johnson Shenk
Japan

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