

Editorial

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all of you.*

In this issue we present the following articles.

Christmas Liturgy prepared by Margaret Lacson, Philippines

Who is Mary? by Hilda Buhay, Philippines

Annunciation by Pearl Drego, India

Women and Spirituality in Asia by Aruna Gnanadason, India

Image, Status and Reality of Asian Women in Asia and Australia—An Insight Into Their Personhood by Arlene D'Mello, Australia

Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women 1988-1998 by Sr. Pauline, India

Liturgy for International Women's Day by Satyashodhak, India

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Living with the Poor—Theological Reflections on A Journey to the Philippines by Renate Rose, West Germany/U.S.A.

Women Activists by Streevani, India

Celebration for Rita Monteiro's 50th Birthday April 10, 1989, India

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Asian Women's Resource Centre sponsored the first Asian Women's Consultation on Inter-faith Dialogue from November 1-8, 1989 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting left in every participant's heart unforgettable impressions of caring sisterhood and commitment to go on building just and peace loving societies. Intellectual discussions were challenging. The summary report is included in this issue. The statements of commitment of every participant pronounced at the closing worship are also shared.

We hope you will enjoy reading this issue.

*Where do we go
You and I
You and I*

*Help me sisters
To listen to you
Your cries from the deepest
agony you suffer*

*Help me hear your sighs
and cries
Many nights sleepless
Alone, alone
Your heart beating
in loneliness*

*Lifes journey
Is too tough
My sisters and daughters
I also suffered
Many nights*

*Pain of growing
Pain of being honest
Let us make it pain for birth
for new life
Irresistable urge
That pushes you
To seek and ask
Because the given norms
are not acceptable*

*In times of no answer
Your heart burns
Your mind seems to go insane*

*From time to time
Let us keep ourselves
Detached
From the world
And ourselves*

*From time to time
Pretending
That nothing bothers you
Nothing overcomes you*

*Because there is God
Who is just
Who also suffers
And listens to
Your cries of pain
Your sighs of despair*

*Let us dare to look up
The sky endless
Even the passing clouds
are brightly lit
By the mighty sun
And sing the song
Of hope and faith everlasting*

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Editor—IGI

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