

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORLDWIDE

(A ministry of the Anglican Church)

Gal 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ



From the
World
President

Here is our
word for today: Song of Solomon 2: 11

'See! The winter is past!' The Lord determines the season in nature and also in our lives. Seasons are designed to change and we do not for ever stay in one season. Winter comes to an end and spring dawns, and spring then give way to the summer. May the winter season in your life be over and may you enjoy the season that lies ahead. Welcome to September.

I am today in the second month of my journey as the GFS World President. The warm welcome that the family of GFS Worldwide afforded me is much appreciated. My special word of appreciation goes to Mrs Val Gribble, the past GFS World President (2014 – 2017), my Deputy President, for giving me hope that through Christ I can do it and also

lifting my hand when crossing this bridge. The messages of support, the suggestions, motivation from GFS National Presidents are much appreciated. God is wonderful.

The awareness program against abuse of women and the GFS Youth Exchange Program are in the agenda of this term.

The World GFS theme from 2017-2020 is "Growing GFS together with prayer and action". We believe the association will always grow as it is growing in numbers. Our aim now is to strengthen each other, to work as a unit more than before, growing this kingdom and bearing each other's burden. To partner with organizations which we share the same values would grow us, as unity is strength. It is in my prayer that GFS be fully recognized in all high-level offices. GFS is based on Christianity it is in my wish that our members would grow spiritually and be able to attract the world to be part of the Kingdom of God.

The invitation is for all of us to be involved in common prayer agenda on identified issues and in general. We are leading in very difficult times where the world is faced by disasters which are happening in

different countries almost at the same time. People have passed on in big numbers some are misplaced like people of Sierra Leone, USA and across India. It is in times like these that as brothers and sisters in the world, we join hands in prayer and action.

In closing, I am happy to inform you that we have managed to open the GFS World Account, which details are below. I thank my secretary and treasurer for their patience through the frustrations we went through with the bank and with God's grace all is in order.

Account Name: GFS World Council

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Balfour Park

Branch Code: 250655

Account No: 62720797953

Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

Bank Address:

**Shop 229 Balfour Park Shopping
Centre, Highlands North, 2192**

**Ms Thembeka Pama
GFS World President**

WORLD DEPUTY PRESIDENT



From Val Gribble

It is now six weeks since World Council finished and we handed over to South Africa. It has been a time of reflection and some relaxation for me, reflection on all that happened at World Council, the encouraging feedback on so many evaluation forms and all the comments on Facebook about the joys of Council of worshiping and talking together and the making of new friends. In between the relaxation time it has been a joy to work with Thembeke as she takes up the role of World President.

I know that Thembeke has great ideas to move GFS forward and I am sure that

GFS is in safe hands. I am excited to see what Thembeke plans and she knows that

I am always willing to support her. Please respond to emails. I know I found that one of the most disappointing part of being President was putting lots of work into emails and communications and then receiving so little response. Some of the last World team and our Australian Treasurer are still working on the finances so that we can transfer money to South Africa. We are nearly there!!!

May God be with us all as we grow GFS together in prayer and action.

SOUTH AFRICAN EXECUTIVE TEAM



From Left to Right: N. Benya, T. K. Matikiti, T. Pama, P Magona and S. B. Gijana

To the family of Dilys Fowler & GFS Wales

Worldwide is saddened by the news of passing on of dear Dilys Fowler, the past GFS World President from 1984-1987.

Her contribution in shaping what Girls Friendly Society is today will always be remembered. Her words of encouragement to many leaders and motivational speeches to members are still in the ears of many.

May her family and friends take the comfort from God who promised that He will never leave nor forsake us.

May Her Soul Rest in Peace



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Thembeke Pama'.

Ms Thembeke Pama



**PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
WITHIN GFS**

Tecla Kundai Matikiti
GFS World Youth Officer

Christ the King – Sophiatown, was once closed down during the apartheid era and was used as a gymnasium. In its history, it boasts of having had Fr Trevor Huddleston who played a big role in protecting the community and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba served as a priest. Mrs Pama, our president is also a member. The girls and boys in our group are devoted and Christ fearing. Our leaders are women of strength and dedication. We are united and we comfort each other in times of trials.

The GFS 22nd World Council was a marvelous platform to network, make friends and get a lot of discussions going. The bible study sessions helped me to grow spiritually and brought out a fresh perspective on how to read the bible and meditate on it. The highlight for most of the youth members in the business sessions was the youth exchange program. This is a very good opportunity to use our God given gifts to help and serve through GFS.

The world project taking place in Sri Lanka is also a wonderful idea, we would like to be part of it where possible. Sisterhood, friendship and order were a big thing at the conference. The buddy system worked wonders. All-inclusive the conference brought a whole new experience for me and I have already started adopting some of the ideas I got from the country reports for my team. Indeed, you have not lived if you haven't been part of the GFS World Council.

I have always known that if you are a leader, you should never forget that everyone needs encouragement and everyone who receives it, young or old, successful or less successful, unknown or famous is changed by it. That is the main reason why I have been going around spreading my smile like a virus and giving pep talks where needed. I adopted this role with a jovial heart and a mind willing to learn until it sticks. It has been a good experience so far, a few busy days and I love serving God this way. I communicated with Sierra Leone after hearing of the tragic disaster which recently took place and feel that it is all our responsibility to pray for them and help where possible. We have been communicating on the GFS

young adults Facebook page and the bond is still intact although I am looking forward to greater participation from the young people as the year progresses.

It is said that he who fails to plan, plans to fail and having said that, I have already started planning for the 2020 World Council in South Africa. We are all excited and ready to receive the world. GFS South Africa has so much in store for the council. I plan on getting the Facebook page more interactive because I feel it is the only way to keep the bond. It will also enable easy communication amongst the members. The more the merrier so we will continue to recruit more members in South Africa. I also plan on extending the buddy system to my parish occasionally.

My vote of thanks goes out to Mrs. Val Gribble and the organizers, who made the council a success. On behalf of the GFS youth, your hard work motivates us and it never goes unnoticed. Thank you to Ms. Thembeke Pama, the World Council President, for holding it together so far. I strongly believe the 3 years of service will go by smoothly because of her dedication. May God continue to guide you.

Saudações calorosas desde a Diocese dos Libombos - Warm greetings from the Diocese of Lebombo. Within our Province of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Anglican Church in Mozambique is split into two dioceses, the Diocese of Lebombo, of which I come from and the Diocese of Niassa.

GFS is fairly new in our diocese but is growing steadily. We have held a workshop with the girls and boys, teaching them the objectives and existence of GFS and the methodology we are going to follow.



On a monthly basis, we will choose a theme to follow from the Bible and we are thankful

for the support of the Mother's Union for sharing and spending time with the girls. As a first step, they were taught the motto, the prayer and goals of the association.



We had a discussion on early pregnancy and shared on how to take care of our bodies and how to avoid it. Table etiquette has been identified as one of the topics of interest and the girls were taught how to set the table and where to place the paper napkins.

As our theme is about sharing each other's burdens, we spoke about sharing each other's pain, how to comfort the bereaved family, praying for the sick in hospitals and to help them along and not to lose faith.

The girls were challenged to meet the five daily challenges to serve their families in a joyful and happy way.

In closing, we congratulate one of our GFS sisters, Enid Narasa, who got married on 26 August 2017. We wish her all the best in her new journey.



*Article and photos submitted by Ms
Veronica Pombe*

Mozambique ([/ˈmoʊzæmˈbiːk/](#) or [/mɔː-/](#)), officially the **Republic of Mozambique** is a country in [Southeast Africa](#) bordered by the [Indian Ocean](#) to the east, [Tanzania](#) to the north, [Malawi](#) and [Zambia](#) to the northwest, [Zimbabwe](#) to the west, and [Swaziland](#) and [South Africa](#) to the southwest. It is separated from [Madagascar](#) by the [Mozambique Channel](#) to the east. The capital and largest city is [Maputo](#) (known as "Lourenço Marques" before independence).

GFS in Ireland

GFS in Ireland is pleased that eight members attended World Council. Going to this important occasion was a wonderful experience. The journey was long and for me this was my first long trip. While there we got a glimpse of Australian culture, and we were comfortable with the climate.

Swan Valley Adventure Centre (Swanleigh) was an excellent venue as it was private and comfortable with all facilities. Food was excellent. Outings were most enjoyable and educational. Worship times and Bible Study sessions were really special. Meeting familiar faces again and making new friends with members from faraway places was a joy.

It is most uplifting to know that GFS is expanding Worldwide and it was a pleasure to witness Uganda, Mozambique, Rwanda and Honduras being welcomed to GFS World Council. May God richly bless and guide these countries. During the business sessions it was clear that the Mission of GFS is strong across the world. It makes me so proud to be part of our wonderful organization and Thank God for this blessing.



On behalf of GFS in Ireland I thank Canon Val and her team for all they did in organizing a successful World Council. We realize that the task was huge; it began three years ago and it culminated in a job 'well done'. Congratulations to everyone involved.

I also wish Thembeke well in her role as World President and pray that she will be guided as she leads her team. Preparations for the 2020 World Council in Johannesburg, South Africa is underway.

Love and greetings to everyone

Sylvia Quinn.

GFS Korea

Blessings from Korea. In July, 2017, 15 members of GFS Korea participated in GFS World Council 2017 in Perth, Australia.



Big gratitude to the staff of GFS Australia and all the participants of the world council for making such unmemorable experience. The love and connection from GFS World has been spread to the whole of GFS Korea.



Ireland ([/ˈaɪərlənd/](#) listen); Irish: *Éire* [[ˈeːrʲə](#)] listen); Ulster-Scots: *Airlann* [[ˈɑːrlən](#)] is an island in the North Atlantic. It is separated from Great Britain to its east by the North Channel, the Irish Sea, and St George's Channel. Ireland is the second-largest island of the British Isles, the third-largest in Europe, and the twentieth-largest on Earth.^[6] Politically, Ireland is divided between the Republic of Ireland (officially named Ireland), which covers five-sixths of the island, and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom, in the northeast of the island. In 2011, the population of Ireland was about 6.4 million, ranking it the second-most populous island in Europe after Great Britain. Just under 4.6 million live in the Republic of Ireland and just over 1.8 million live in Northern Ireland.^[7]



The first week of September is the women's Mission week in Korea. All in the Anglican Church of Korea will come together to pray and empower women in the Anglican Community and in Korean society. Offerings and funds raised during the period will be donated to organizations helping women and women's rights.

Mid- September we are holding the annual GFS Council, where all the members of GFS Korea would gather to discuss the future of GFS Korea.

Heather Noh

Korean doesn't have a separate **greeting** for morning, noon, afternoon and evening. It's appropriate to use Anyoung haseyo at all times of the day. However, there is a phrase used to say "Good night". ... And for those who want to play it casual, you can use one of the following phrases to say "bye".

GFS CAMEROON **Mrs Estelle Eyoh Dibo Elango**

Greetings from Cameroon to the GFS family worldwide. GFS Cameroon is growing from strength to strength with its joy of having participated in the 2017 World Council in Australia. It has been three months of long vacation holiday in which lots of activities has been going on across the Diocese such as opening of new branches, admission of new members in different parishes, parish conferences with exciting activities for the girls.



GFS Diocesan president @ GFS World Council

It was great joy for Cameroon to be reconnected with the worldwide GFS family, having their senior delegate represented during the World Council in Australia 2017. Cameroon lastly attended the World Council in 2003 and the first time for the senior delegate herself to attend the World Council.



Opening of new branch and admission of new members

Official opening of GFS branch in All Saints Parish Bamenda on the 27th August 2017. This witnessed the admission of eleven new members into the GFS family, who are full of enthusiasm to carry on with parochial activities.



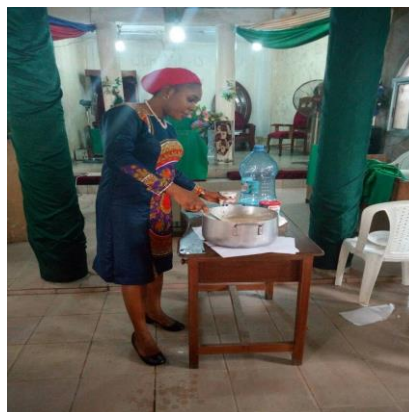
Two new members admitted at St. Michael and All Angels' Cathedral, Douala.



GFS Members at Victory Station New Bell –Douala during 2-Day Conference from 19th – 20th August 2017



GFS members at St. Andrew's parish, Tiko pose after football match during their conference held from 18th - 20th August.



Practical class on Yoghurt-making

GFSUSA

By: Lois Frankforter, GFSUSA President

GFS World Council was awesome and thanks again to our hosts – GFS Australia! Our GFSUSA delegation returned home inspired by our world-wide sisterhood and energized by the faith and passion evident in our GFS programs and activities. Work has already begun on our Gender Violence Awareness Program and we are exploring how GFSUSA can be a part of the Joy Exchange. Plans are also in motion for World Day of Prayer services and fundraising to support our World Project in Sri Lanka. Country reports and conversations with other delegates have also sparked numerous ideas for collaboration and support. Our new theme of “Growing GFS together in Prayer and Action” truly captures the spirit we took with us from World Council and GFSUSA is excited to see what we can accomplish with it as our guide.

Cameroon, often referred to as the heart of Africa, is a buzzing country with life and soul in abundance. The large and industrious cities here are complemented by vast areas of mountains, rainforest and beaches. The terrain here is as varied as the language with over 230 local languages complementing the English and French speaking regions. The variety of wildlife at the large number of natural parks in the country provide nature lovers with plenty of chances to spot rare and exotic creatures. Gorillas are common in the south of the country in the Campo Ma'an National Park and elephants, hyenas and giraffes make an appearance at other parks.

During World Council, the opportunity to hear from experts during the panel discussion on Gender Violence was invaluable. The small group discussions brought home the sad reality that there are more similarities than differences in the types of gender violence faced by women and girls across cultures. While we are still developing our Awareness



Program, GFSUSA has embraced wearing orange on the 25th Day of each month. We are designing a logo for orange t-shirts which will be available for sale in time for Nov 25th and the 16 Days of Activism. We are also encouraging social media posts on the 25th Day of each month - photos of members wearing orange, memes to raise awareness, and sharing articles with information or statistics about gender violence and the resources available to help. Our Junior Delegate, Juanita Miller, has started a GFS Social Justice Facebook group to facilitate sharing information, initiatives and activities among GFS members worldwide.



Our GFS Branches typically follow our school calendars by holding meetings from September through June, so they are gearing up to start their new year now. However, over the summer there are some diocesan activities. GFS Pennsylvania and GFS New Jersey both held camps for junior members at the GFS-PA Holiday House in Cape May, New Jersey.



The **United States of America (USA)**, commonly known as the **United States (U.S.)** or **America** (/əˈmɛrɪkə/), is a **federal republic**^{[19][20]} composed of 50 **states**, a **federal district**, five major **self-governing territories**, and **various possessions**.^[fn 6] Forty-eight of the fifty states and the federal district are **contiguous** and located in **North America** between **Canada** and **Mexico**. The **state of Alaska** is in the northwest corner of North America, bordered by Canada to the east and across the **Bering Strait** from **Russia** to the west. The **state of Hawaii** is an **archipelago** in the mid-Pacific Ocean. The U.S. **territories** are scattered about the Pacific Ocean and the **Caribbean Sea**, stretching across nine official **time zones**. The extremely diverse **geography**, **climate** and **wildlife** of the United States make it one of the world's 17 **megadiverse**

Greetings from Japan,

First of all, we would like to express our thanks to Val and Australia GFS team who held 2017 World Council in Perth. We had such a wonderful time there getting together with sisters of GFS World. Thank you again, Australia GFS.



We also praying for all those who are affected in Sierra Leone. Our prayers are always with our sister Hannah and them.

After coming back to Japan, we had an annual meeting at Noboribetsu in Hokkaido.

We also had a study about Ainu who have been living there since a long time before like aborigine.



We went to the church named Usu Sei-koh Kai where Father John Bachelor who used to baptize a lot of Ainu people. This church was rebuilt using the stones which were made by the Mt. Usu's eruption.



Tsukishim GFS girls went camping to the cottage near Lake Nojiri. From 13th Aug. to 16th Aug. Look at the girls' smile. Father John Kanzaki is a good chef.

After the world council, our world project is still going. From Ishinomaki to Nagano 14 children were invited. Some of them are very poor and they cannot pay the money to join the camp. So, we can afford them using the World Project money. Their parents are still suffering to live after the disaster. They are staying in a village to fish and get vegetables to eat. It is a survival camp.

Please check our GFS Japan Facebook page as we are going to report how the camp went. Japan GFS is going to work responding to in this 3 years Growing Together, Praying and Action.

Japan is fun to visit any time of the year. However, if you are looking where to spend your winter holidays, don't look any further and consider visiting Japan. Many winter activities, festivals, celebrations and just simply beautiful landscapes turn the country into a postcard-pretty and desirable destination. The Blue Pond, Biei; Hokkaido, Takaragawa; Onsen, Gunma, Japan; Tadami, Aizu, Fukushima.; Kinkaku-ji, Kyoto; Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park, Nagano; skate in Fuji-q Highland; visit the Sapporo snow festival; Tokyo and celebrate new year in the big city.

**Letter of support and Prayer for the people
of Sierra Leone form Liberia**

Dear Madam President & GFS Sierra Leone:

Greetings.

Just to inform you that on last Wednesday, August 16, 2017, my Parish had a prayer service for the Government and people of Sierra Leone. The prayer points were:

1. The protection for victims' relatives (Ps. 102:1-7)
2. For international community to rapidly respond to the crisis in Sierra Leone (Ps. 80)
3. For the Government of Sierra Leone to be able to address the problems (The hymn: My hope is built on nothing less...)
4. For God to reveal to the people of Sierra Leone what He is saying through these calamities (The hymn: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling...)
5. For the people of Sierra Leone to avail themselves and their service of God and that He God be their master. (The hymn: Sweet hour of prayer...)

6. For the Church leaders to have the strength to provide counsel to the people during these difficult times. (The hymn: O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight...)

It was a wonderful time spent. On Sunday, August 20th, the Church again prayed for Sierra Leone singing the hymn:

My God, My Father, While I Stray"
by Charlotte Elliot, 1789-1871

1. My God, my Father, while I stray
Far from my home on life's rough way
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done."
2. Though dark my path and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
"Thy will be done."
3. What though in lonely grief I sigh
For friends beloved, no longer nigh,
Submissive still would I reply--
"Thy will be done."
4. Though Thou hast called me to resign
What most I prized, it ne'er was mine;
I have but yielded what was Thine--
"Thy will be done."

5. Should grief or sickness waste away
My life in premature decay,
My Father, still I strive to say,
"Thy will be done."

6. Let but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its Guest;
My God, to Thee I leave the rest--
"Thy will be done."

7. Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with Thine and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done."

8. Then, when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer, oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done."

The GFS will have a time of prayer for Sierra Leone on this Saturday.

Lord in your mercy.

Georgiana T. Williams
GFS Liberia

Tue, Aug 22, 2017

Liberia is a country in West Africa, bordering Sierra Leone, Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire. On the Atlantic coast, the capital city of Monrovia is home to the Liberia National Museum, with its exhibits on national culture and history. Around Monrovia are palm-lined beaches like Silver and CeCe. Along the coast, beach towns include the port of Buchanan, as well as laid-back Robertsport, known for its strong surf. **Capital:** Monrovia; **President:** Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

GFS Rwanda – Revd Winnie Muvunyi

It was blessing for me and GFS Rwanda to be part of World Council in Perth as our first official enrolment to the GFS membership worldwide.

I take this opportunity to thank the then World President, Canon Val for the warm welcome for us for the last two years when we were introduced to GFS by Elizabeth and Helen Petering during their mission trip to Rwanda in July 2015. GFS Rwanda will always value the big love, encouragement and support given to us by GFS Melbourne for the last two years.

At World Council, I felt God's love from all the wonderful sisters and brothers from other GFS countries, it was a blessing indeed to hear and learn from others countries who have served God through GFS for many years.



After World Council Australia, my Diocese has been busy working on our annual Mothers Union conference which took place on the 12th of August 2017, during the conference the GFS Rwanda gave a big hand to the Mothers Union in so many ways. They served food to over 1000 women of all ages and worked as protocol officers for the whole conference, as you can see in the pictures, Bishop Louis giving a hug to thank them of their help towards the elders.

Javellah and I want to thank Canon Val and the current president of GFS World Council for the love and for committing themselves to GFS ministry.



Rwanda, a small landlocked country in east-central Africa, is trying to recover from the ethnic strife that culminated in government-sponsored genocide in the mid-1990s. In the genocide, an estimated 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by dominant Hutu forces in 100 days. The country has struggled with its legacy of ethnic tension associated with the traditionally unequal relationship between the Tutsi minority and the majority Hutus. Today, Rwanda is striving to rebuild its economy, with coffee and tea production among its main exports. The World Bank has praised Rwanda's recent "remarkable development successes", which it says have helped reduce poverty and inequality.

GFS ZAMBIA IN PICTURES

1. GFS Girls at the Cathedral in Ndola playing sack race which is one of the physical activities of our programme.



2. The second and third picture is the enrolment and opening of a new branch in Kasama which was done by leader Mary. May God bless her for the work of God in the diocese of Luapula.



3. The fourth picture is another enrolment which was in the diocese of Lusaka where 63 members were admitted. Mutsa, chaku and Salome were the leaders that spearheaded this enrolment. May God richly bless her.



4. The fifth group is the group from St Michael's of the diocese of Northern Zambia who went to introduce GFS to another branch. They are trying to

spread GFS in their diocese for it was recently introduced. Well done girls.



5. The sixth and seventh group is the national executive of the GFS officiating the enrolment. Team work works well with us. God bless you.



GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORLD PRAYER

Gracious Faithful Savior,
Guide us,
Fill us and Shape us
With Your Power of the
Holy Spirit.
May Our Worship to You be a
Sweet Smelling Sacrifice
May Our Faith in Your Son
Jesus Christ Our Friend
Be Deep and Truthful.
May Our Service to All Your
Creation be Full of Love
Help Us to Continue to
Demonstrate the Love of
Christ to All Who Are in
Any Kind of Need.
May We Be a Channel of
Courage to All Young Women
and Men Who Have Lost
Hope in Life
Gracious, Faithful Savior
We Thank You for Our Friendship
With You and One Another.
You are the
God Who Forgives Our Sins
In Jesus Christ, We Pray.
Amen

Girls' Friendly Society (GFS)

World Day Of Prayer Service 2017

St. Stephen's Parish ProCathedral,
Manila, Philippines

September 22, 2017

Theme: Seek God's Kingdom

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST said, "But seek
first the kingdom of God and His
righteousness, and all these things shall be
added to you." Matthew 6:33

Prepared by: GFS Philippines

Brief History of GFS Philippines

The GFS was founded in London, England, United Kingdom, in the Anglican Church, by Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend, to help girls who came to the city from the countryside. It was a society for friendship and recreation in which all girls share and are bound together in a fellowship of Christian love and service in accordance to what the Word of God said in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." With this in mind, GFS was formed in the United States of America in 1877, in the Anglican-Episcopal Church.

When the Anglican-Episcopal Church ministry came to the Philippines in 1899, the missionaries brought the GFS ministry with them. GFS was established in 1932. However, during and after World War II, GFS was inactive.

On September 2, 1963, a GFS group was organized at St. Stephen's High School (an Anglican-Episcopal Church school) in Manila, by Ms. Yok Wing Wong, a Christian educator in said school, and endorsed by their chaplain, The Reverend Lester Westling. Since then, GFS enjoyed rapid growth in membership in said school, and later, spread to other parts of the city and country. However, after several decades, because of the lack of leadership and training, the GFS in other parts of the country became inactive. The GFS at St. Stephen's High School continued with the successive leadership of Ms. Isabel Yu, Mrs. Rosalina Yuchenkang, Mrs. May Y. Tanhuanco, and their co-workers, all of which are Christian educators of the same school.

Mrs. May Y. Tanhuanco was appointed the GFS Philippines Coordinator by Diocesan Bishop Taclobao, in the diocese where St. Stephen's High School is located. Bishop Taclobao also appointed The Very Reverend Doctor Patrick Tanhuanco, who, for many years, was the GFS Chaplain for the Philippines, appointing him to this position again. In the World Council Meeting held in

Swansea, Wales, UK in July 2014, Mrs. May Y. Tanhuanco officially represented GFS Philippines as Senior Delegate, with Ms. Sarah May Y. Tanhuanco as Junior Delegate. After said meeting, Mrs. May Y. Tanhuanco, with Bishop Taclobao, called a meeting with women who may be interested in activating GFS in their respective areas. As of today, their commitment is being considered.

Collect: All pray together:

Grant us, Lord not to be anxious about earthly things, but to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-4

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 6: 25-34.

²⁵ "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Prayers of the People: All Kneel

1. For the Unity of The Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before His passion prayed for His disciples that they might be one, as You and He are one: Grant that Your Church, particularly the Anglican-Episcopal Church, being bound together in love and obedience to You, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in Him Whom You have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

2. For all Christians In Their Vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of Your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before You for all members of Your Holy Church, particularly the GFS leaders and members, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3. For Our Mission Which Our Lord Has Commissioned Us All:

O God of all the nations of the earth:
Remember the multitudes who have been created in Your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of Your holy Church, specially our GFS leaders and members doing our part, they may be brought to know and worship You as You have been revealed in Your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

4. For Our Country:

Lord God Almighty, You have made all the peoples of the earth for Your glory, to serve You in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

5. For Peace:

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with Your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

6. For GFS in Serving One Another:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all of us in GFS, who, following in His steps, give ourselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, we may minister in His Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*