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KYOFUKAI Newsletter

A leaflet introducing the activities of the organization; issued annually.

VIDEO

An attractive ventriloquist's dummy named Ken introduces the activities of KYOFUKAI.

Centennial History of KYOFUKAI

A book which traces the history of the women's liberation movement in Japan from the 19th century through 1986. It contains original documents concerning the anti-prostitution campaign, the women suffrage campaign and so on. Recommended to students of women's history.

Japan Through the Eyes of Women Migrant Workers

Documents of the activities of HELP, Asian Women's Shelter, published by HELP.

JOIN US as a member

(women only)

We have branches in various parts of Japan: each is a small activity unit of the organization.

Our organization is supported by its members. There are two membership systems.

One is members of these local units and the other is individual members who belong directly to the head office. Each member pays the regulation Membership Fee.



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KYOFUKAI JAPAN Christian Women's Organization, Est. 1886

KYOFUKAI, Japan Christian Women's Organization was established on December 6, 1886. It was started by 56 women in Tokyo and it is the oldest women's organization active in Japan. In its first years, KYOFUKAI submitted yearly petitions calling for monogamy and an end to Japanese women being trafficked and prostituted overseas. In 1894 it acquired land and established a refuge for the women upon their return to Japan. Social welfare and movement are the indispensable activities of KYOFUKAI. There have been welfare projects in the various regional branches. The KYOFUKAI has worked for women's basic human rights, such as to end legalized prostitution, gain the right to vote etc. and at the same time, to create laws preventing minors from abusing alcohol, tobacco and drugs. As we could not prevent the last World War,

the KYOFUKAI is promoting world peace now. Our long-sought Prostitution Prevention Law was successfully passed in 1956, but now we can see the serious loopholes and are working toward the new laws for the 21st century, while we also continue our women's welfare services.

Sexuality and Human Rights Sexuality is a precious gift with which every human being is endowed. To live this sexuality with dignity, in freedom and equality is a human right. To realize this right, this department tackles concretely the problems of sexual discrimination, sexual violence, and sexual exploitation and continues necessary actions in the various related fields as well as operating social welfare institutions. (HELP, Step House, etc.)

Peace

As Christians, the Peace Division supports and takes action for utilizing 3 principles of the Japanese Constitution, i.e., pacifism, respect for basic human rights and the sovereignty of the It is the greatest international contribution we can give to make use of the peace constitution in the 21st century. Appealing to public opinion that "peace cannot be created by military power", this department continues activities to build peace and coexistence among other nations in the 21st century.

Prevention of Alcohol and Tobacco Abuse

division carries on educational activities increasing accurate information and knowledge about addiction issues (addiction = pathological dependence on alcohol, drugs, etc.) and information about Counseling is provided, including the effects of addiction on families (child abuse, eating disorders, etc.).

In addition to the above 3 divisions, the following committies are at work: International Cooperation; Freedom of Religious Belief; Legal Affairs, Youth; Child Education; Religion; Welfare, etc.

Emergency Shelter and Hotline

For single women and women with children, regardless of Nationality, who need safe refuge

HELP Asian Women's Shelter

HELP provides support for solving the problems that are limiting women's rights and freedoms. Violence against women, marriage, divorce, discrimination, etc.

03-3368-8855

HELP provides counseling in Japanese, Thai, Tagalog, and English. Mon∼ Sat 10 a.m. ~ 5p.m.

- The usual length of stay is two weeks.
- Daily fees for food and lodging are ¥3500 for adults and ¥2500 for children.
- HELP can not accept boys over age 10.

A hearding place for women without families

KYOFUKAI Step House

While staying here, each one can prepare for a life of self-establishment, straightening out her own life and feelings, recouping her health, regaining self-confidence for living by herself, or looking for a job to get ready for a new, independent life.

- Available, basically, for women up to 65 years of age for a stay of up to 6 months.
- Boarding Fee / overnight 2,200 yen Utility Fee / 150 yen a day
- Private room (Room-key is each user's own responsibility)
- Possible to go out to work or attend school
- Cook your own meals (Kichenette for mutual use)

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