Day 1 of the South Asia Zonal Women’s Conference, 29 November 2015

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” Commissioner Silvia Cox focused on 1 Peter 2:9 In her opening message, and it would be a recurring theme for the Zonal Conference.

It was with great joy that the women leaders of the South Asia Zone greeted one another, and especially their leaders, World President of Women’s Ministries, Commissioner Silvia Cox, and Zonal Secretary for Women’s Ministries, Commissioner Nemkancheng. The day started with vibrant worship and prayer, laying a solid foundation for a God-glorifying time of deliberation, reflection and sharing.

One of the main topics of the day was the vital issue of human trafficking. Captain Andrews Christian from the India Western Territory provided education, information and inspiration to take action.

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The second day of the conference was marked by inspiring worship, thought provoking Bible teaching and open discussion on relevant topics. The issue of domestic abuse and violence against women was presented by Colonel Marieke Venter, and focused specifically on the roots and symptoms of the issue in South Asia. Commissioner Silvia Cox provided up-to-date teaching on the dangers of the Internet, and valuable and helpful training on Internet Technology was provided by Mr Buddhika Adikari.

The conference concluded with a devotional time during which delegates were invited to give thanks for their experiences: “Thank you for fellowship”, “thank you for friendship”, “thank you for what we learned and shared”, “thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit”.

Having been reminded of their identity in Christ, the delegates agreed that they were energised to continue to fulfil their high calling to proclaim the message of salvation and freedom in the South Asia zone.

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