



Wesley College,
Melbourne,
S.T.

24th Feb. 196-

Dear Harvey,

Here is a copy of
the minutes of the meeting of
women held at J.C.H. during the
Conference.

When I am speaking on the
Conference to the W.I.C.C. here in
Melbourne on Friday, I shall talk
them about ^{the meeting}. We are sending
copies of the minutes to all
State W.I.C.C.'s

I shall be in Sydney on
May 18th for the General Conference
meeting of the Australasian Federation of
Methodist Women, & I shall try to call
at the WCC office, before I return.
Yours sincerely,
Joan C. Coates

July 26, 1960.

Mrs. T.H. Coates,
Wesley College, St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.
Victoria.

Dear Mrs. Coates,

Following up your letter of February 24, in which you enclosed minutes of your meeting during the National Conference, I want to take up with you the possibility of one of the Women's Inter-Church Councils serving as a Commission for Women's work in the Council.

This is a purely personal enquiry, - it has not been so resolved by the Council. Rather I am exploring the field in order to be able to make a proposition to the Council.

I do not know what your Council in Victoria does, though I have seen 2 or 3 leaflets produced as programme suggestions for women's meetings.

I do not know either what your official relationship is with women's organizations in the churches.

I would like information on both these points.

As far as I see at the moment, the urgent need is for good programme material, with an ecumenical perspective, to be available to and promoted in the women's groups in the churches, and this primarily is what I see for a Council Commission on Women's Work to do. Let me have your ideas on this too.

We appreciate your interest and desire for a closer relationship with the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Harvey L. Perkins,
General Secretary.

HLP:TJS

Minutes of a Meeting held Tuesday, 9th February, 1960,
at Janet Clarke Hall, Melbourne

<u>Present</u>	Mrs. T. H. Coates (in the chair)	Methodist	Victoria
	Mrs. D. Gregory	Soc'y of Friends	N.S.W.
	Mrs. G. F. Cranswick	Church of England	Tasmania
	Mrs. S. R. Bowyer-Hayward	Methodist	N.S.W.
	Mrs. R. J. Latham	Methodist	N.S.W.
	Mrs. G. Littleton	Church of England	Victoria
	Mrs. M. Davies	Congregational	N.S.W.
	Miss Janet Barker	Congregational	Victoria
	Mrs. R. S. Byrnes	Presbyterian	Q'land
	Lady Stewart	Methodist	N.S.W.
	Deaconess M. Andrews	Church of England	N.S.W.
<u>Apology</u>	Mrs. H. H. Trigge	Methodist	Q'land

Mrs. Coates, a member of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria, had invited any women delegates to the National Conference of Australian Churches organized by the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches, who were interested in the Women's Inter-Church Council of their own States, to meet her in the Janet Clarke Hall Library on February 9th, 1960.

Discussion took place on the Women's Inter-Church Councils in the various states of Australia. The idea of closer co-operation was considered, and the possibility of co-operation between existing Councils and the World Council of Churches.

Miss Barker informed the meeting that in Victoria there were eight different denominations represented in their Women's Inter-Church Council - namely, Anglican, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, and Society of Friends. The meeting was told that the Western Australian Branch was flourishing.

Upon the proposal of Mrs. Latham, seconded by Mrs. Cranswick, it was agreed that we express our interest in the World Council of Churches and hope that the Women of the Christian Churches of Australia may be increasingly able to participate in its activities.

It was proposed by Miss Barker and seconded by Mrs. Gregory that greetings be sent to all State Women's Inter-Church Councils. Miss Barker offered to write to the South Australian Branch, and also to Western Australia.

Mrs. Coates then brought the meeting to a close.

Kathleen BOWYER-HAYWARD.

Secretary

C/E
Armidale

June 14, 1961

Bishop J. S. Moyes,
Bishops court,
ARMIDALE, NSW.

Dear Bishop,

Thank you for yours of June 12. I have been able to arrange for Mrs S. Barrett to visit Armidale for the meeting of your women's group on June 30.

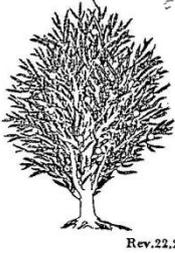
Mrs Barrett is the wife of a Methodist minister in Sydney. She attended the National Conference last year and, to use her own words, "has been holding a torch in speaking to women's groups ever since." She is very glad to have this opportunity of speaking in Armidale. Mrs Barrett has a brother in Armidale - Mr T. N. Harrison, Solicitor. She plans to travel to Armidale on the day train on Thursday, June 29 and will stay with Mr Harrison on the Thursday and Friday nights. She will contact Mrs Moyes as soon as she arrives in Armidale.

As for Miss Needham for the last Friday in September - she is ready to do this and I suggest you write to her straight away.

Yours sincerely,

HARVEY L. PERKINS,
General Secretary

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Australasian Federation of Methodist Women

(Affiliated with the World Federation of Methodist Women)

Bunya Street,
Greenslopes,
BRISBANE.
5th. Jany. 1963.

President:
Mrs. H. H. Trigge.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
511 Kent Street,
Sydney.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

First of all it seems I should introduce myself, since you have mistaken me for the wife of the Connexional Secretary in Queensland, the Rev. Cyril A. Read. My husband is a business man and is the senior treasurer of the Central Methodist Mission. (Albert St. Church) You will see too, that the spelling of the name is different.

I did appreciate receiving your letter, I feel that the Australasian Federation of Methodist Women should know what is being planned towards ecumenical promotion in relation to womens' work. As I told you we are aware that Methodist Women are already working with the other denominations in certain local areas.

I will look forward to hearing further from you after
Jany. 10th..
for us all.

May this New Year be one of continued joy in His service

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia



acknowledged 19/3/63

KIRKLANDS MANSE,
CAMPBELL TOWN,
TASMANIA

17th March 1963.

Dear Mrs Wylie,

I have read with much interest the report in the N. S. W. Presbyterian of the formation of the organisation of the Australian Church Women, & congratulate you & your committee on your work of investigation.

The Federal Executive of the P.W.A. of A. is at present situated in Tasmania.

I will be most grateful if you will keep us in touch with developments for I believe the Federal Executive will most gladly send on any information to the State Councils.

With good wishes & may the blessing & guidance of God be with this new linking of our Church Women in Australia.

I am yours sincerely
Majory Christie-Johnston,

MRS A. CHRISTIE-JOHNSTON, FEDERAL PRESIDENT P.W.A. of A

Australian Council of Churches

(Affiliated with the World Council of Churches)

TELEPHONE: 61 4766
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TELEGRAPHIC:
"ECUMENICAL", SYDNEY



ROOM 2, 3RD FLOOR,
511 KENT STREET
(CNR. BATHURST STREET),
SYDNEY

INTERIM COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

April 3, 1963.

Mailed: Federal, State and Diocesan
Heads of Member Churches
plus Baptist Victoria and Tasmania

The enclosed statement is sent to you for your information. The Interim Committee on Women's Work appointed by the Australian Council of Churches is convinced that there is a need to promote ecumenical interest and activity among the women of the churches especially at the local level.

We trust that you will be interested in this ecumenical venture and we hope that you will commend it to your women's groups and help, wherever possible to promote the establishment of Australian Church Women.

Yours sincerely,

Harvey L. Perkins (The Rev.)
General Secretary.

M. G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

Encl.

Member Churches:

Church of England, Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church,
Greek Orthodox Church, Churches of Christ, Congregational Churches,
Salvation Army, Society of Friends, Armenian Apostolic Church and
Antiochian Orthodox Church.

The Australian Council of Churches at its Annual Meeting in February 1963 authorised the establishment of an organization to be known as Australian Church Women.

The purpose of Australian Church Women:

To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to provide opportunities for Christian worship, fellowship and service across denominational divisions; through the Australian Church Women to incorporate Christian women into the total life and mission of the Church; and to unite them for the building of a world Christian community.

The name Australian Church Women has been chosen because it creates an image and suggests fellowship rather than yet another organization.

We realize that Christian unity is an imperative for the effective work and witness of the Church in our time. We believe that there is a desire among many women in the churches to have a deeper bond of fellowship with Christian women of all denominations at the local, national and international level.

The urgent need is for local development. It is important to help the church woman in the local area and in each denomination to realise that she is not only Anglican or Baptist, Congregationalist or Methodist, Orthodox or Presbyterian, but that she has a "oneness" with every other church woman in her own locality.

In the local area, women's organizations of the various churches would form a branch of Australian Church Women. Where there are existing women's inter-church groups it is hoped that they will become part of A.C.W.

There is no intention to divide the ecumenical interest of men and women. Australian Church Women will participate in the interests and activities of the World Council of Churches' Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

The interim committee plan in the first instance to -

- . promote a Fellowship Day and a World Community Day each year
- . provide study material for women's groups. In 1964 the study will be on the role of the laity with special reference to the cooperation of men and women in the Church
- . stimulate service projects
 - (a) at the local and national level - e.g. among migrants, aboriginals
 - (b) at the world level - e.g. providing scholarships, encouraging fraternal workers.

April 1963

from Mrs A.G. OGSTON,
27. Lawson Crescent,
Acton.

Mrs M.G. Wyllie,
90 Australian Council of Churches,
511, Kent St. Sydney.

Dear Mrs Wyllie,

I have a copy of a letter and circular about
'Australian Church Women' sent out on 3rd
April. Instead of bringing the matter before
my parish meeting I asked the Secretary
of the Diocesan Women's Guild 'was she
doing anything about it?' and she
had had no information at all.

So would you ask someone to send all
relevant information to:

Mrs C.A. Warren, 12 McKinlay Street
Narrabundah. A.C.T.

She is the Secretary of the "Anglican
Churchwomen's Union" of the Diocese

of Canberra & Goulburn, and ought
to be on your mailing list.

Mrs Warren tells me that the next
Executive Committee meeting is in
June. It has about 28 members, so
if you can have 30 copies of your
leaflet sent, she would be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Ogston.



16 APR 1963

FROM
THE BISHOP OF ADELAIDE
THE RIGHT REVEREND T. T. REED, D.LITT.
PHONE: 6 9364

BISHOP'S COURT
NORTH ADELAIDE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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women's work.

11th April, 1963

The General Secretary,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

Thank you for your letter concerning the Interim Committee on Women's Work of the Australian Council of Churches and the establishment of an organisation to be known as Australian Church Women.

In order that there should not be any duplication in such activities, which I think you will agree is desirable, I would strongly suggest that the Australian Church Women organisation seeks either to replace or to co-operate with the Women's World Day of Prayer, and also to co-operate with the National Council of Women. Unless this is done, there is going to be a considerable amount of overlapping in these two spheres. I find it increasingly difficult to find people to appoint to committees of all sorts of organisations which are doing various unco-ordinated tasks within the community, and I feel that wherever it is possible co-operation or amalgamation should take place.

With regard to the suggestion that a Fellowship Day and a World Community Day each year should be established, I must confess I am not enthusiastic about it. We have already far too many days upon which we are invited to observe something or other, e.g. Aboriginal Sunday, World Youth Sunday, Red Cross Sunday, etc. and to a Church, such as the Church of England, which follows the traditional Church's year, the institution of such days presents very grave difficulties because it tends to interfere with the purpose of the Church's year which is to bring before congregations the great truths of the Christian religion in an orderly sequence. If I were to authorise in my Diocese all the special days I am invited to authorise the Church year as I know it would become seriously dislocated.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Adelaide

From

The Bishop of Armidale

TELEPHONE:
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Armidale, N.S.W.

11th April, 1963.

Rev. Harvey L. Perkins,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Mr. Taylor ✓
Gen. Sec. ✓
1963
WOMEN'S WORKS

My dear Harvey,

Thank you indeed for your note about the Committee on women's work. My wife is tremendously interested in this and I know she will support you all very thoroughly. I am sorry in a way we are not near to you so that she might be allowed to be on your Committee.

I am afraid I cannot get down next week to the Executive, so I do hope I shall be pardoned, but I do expect to be down for the May Meeting and I hope the June one likewise.

Yours sincerely,

John D. Armidale

FROM
THE ARCHDEACON OF PERTH

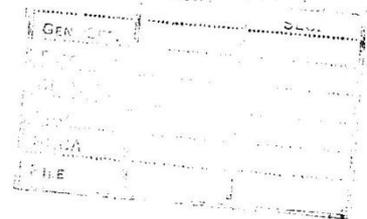
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THE CHURCH OFFICE,
CATHEDRAL AVENUE
PERTH, W.A.

G.P.O. BOX D 144

10th April, 1963.

The Revd. H. Perkins,
General Secretary
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.



Dear Mr. Perkins,

I write to acknowledge the material you addressed to the Most Revd. R.W.H. Moline as Archbishop of Perth on the 3rd April concerning the work of the Interim Committee on Women's Work. Dr. Moline resigned as Archbishop of Perth as from the 31st December 1962, which explains why I am dealing with this sort of thing.

I read the report with great interest and have now passed it on to Canon James Paice, The Rectory, 731 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley. Canon Paice is responsible under the Archbishop for our share in ecumenical thoughts and action.

We do not know at this stage when the Archbishop-elect, the Ven. G. Appleton, Archdeacon of London, will arrive, but it seems likely that he will be here by the end of September.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

John Mason
Administrator.



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Victoria and Tasmania Conference

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11th April, 1963.

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Wesley College,
University of Sydney,
NEWTOWN. N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Thank you for the statement from the Interim Committee
on Women's Work appointed by the A.C.C.. I am referring it to our
Women's Organisations and first to the Women's Federation.

All good wishes,

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Rex Mathias

President of the Conference.

Diocese of Riverina



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CHURCH OFFICE.

Narrandera. N.S.W.

13th April 1963.

The General Secretary,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Mr. Doyle ✓

Dear Mr. Perkins,

re Australian Church Women.

A.C.W.

I wish to protest emphatically against the proposal to establish this body, and against the sponsorship of its activities.

Such interdenominational or undenominational activities have already caused serious dissatisfaction and trouble in many places, and as a result, in this diocese all official recognition of them is refused.

From the first days of the W.C.C. we were assured that there was no intention of promoting a super-church, but that it was a movement amongst Christian people to meet social and humanitarian and other problems, which were beyond the individual resources of the individual member bodies. I myself heard the late Dr. Bell of Chichester state this categorically. During the same week, the then Dean of Sydney publicly stated that its object was to work for the reunion of the protestant denominations. For many of us the whole activities of W.C.C. have been under some suspicion.

Since then, as far as large parts of this State are concerned, the A.C.C. had, as in this case, come to be regarded as an interfering and intruding body, wasting money and time in producing large amounts of printed and/or duplicated matter, reports, and minutes, and continually requesting larger sums for support, whilst displaying no relevance to the local situation, and disturbing and distracting the loyalty of members of the member churches.

For these, and perhaps other reasons, support is not forthcoming or available.

Yours sincerely,

H. G. Riverina

Bishop.

FROM
THE BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON

at Brisbane

LIS ESCOP
ROCKHAMPTON
QUEENSLAND

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15/iv/63

The Revd. H. W. Perkins

511 Kent St. - Sydney

Woman's Work.

My dear Harvey Perkins

I cannot refrain from writing you within an hour or two of departing for England to acknowledge your report of the interim committee on Women's Work you so kindly sent me.

Frankly, it disgusts me. It is jargon from beginning to end and says precisely nothing unless wasteful suggestions. Surely we have had enough of special 'Days'!

The women would appear to be way back in the time of the Suffragettes - why must they have special days, special study circles & even special study materials?

In our part of the world women regard themselves as human beings and not a special breed of cattle - they are quite capable of entering into discussions & study groups of a mixed nature. Indeed the more intelligent ones won't touch anything specially designed for women.

With all good wishes - God bless

Yours & sincerely

Theodore Rockhampton

The Armenian Church Council in Australia

Address all correspondence to:
G.P.O., Box No. 4866, Sydney.

Armenian Apostolic Church
of
Holy Resurrection,
108 Campbell Street, Sydney.
Tel.: MA 3312.



Rectory:
372 Miller Street,
Camberay.
Tel.: XB 1915.

16th April, 1963.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

With reference to your letter of 3rd April I have to advise that I shall recommend to our women's groups and help to promote the establishment of Australian Church women. I am sure that they will be very interested to promote ecumenical interest and activity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'A. Mirzaian', written in dark ink.

Rev. A. Mirzaian
Minister
Armenian Apostolic Church of
Australia and New Zealand .

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16th April, 1963.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Thank you for your circular of 3rd April. I shall be only too happy to discuss the contents of this at our next meeting. I fully appreciate the good work your committee is doing and am very interested in this ecumenical venture.

After our next meeting I shall submit to you the name or names of our representatives.

Yours sincerely,

K. MIRZAIAN
(Mrs.) K. Mirzaian

April 24, 1963.

The Rt Rev. T.T. Reed,
Bishop of Adelaide,
Bishop's Court,
NORTH ADELAIDE.
South Australia.

Dear Bishop Reed,

Thank you for your letter of April 11 concerning Australian Church Women.

The approach which the committee has made from the beginning has been not to create an additional organization but to bring together into cooperation all the relevant existing organizations. Unfortunately this attempt has not been successful in the case of the Women's World Day of Prayer which continues to take the view that its distinctive emphasis must be preserved by a process of separation. However, we have succeeded in winning the cooperation of the Women's Inter-Church Councils in Victoria and NSW so that one of the things being accomplished by us in Australian Church Women is to bring into national relationship the existing women's inter-church councils at a state level.

I agree wholeheartedly with your comments concerning the need to avoid the creation of additional committees to whom further representatives have to be appointed. We have been very aware of this in the committee planning Australian Church Women, indeed the title has been chosen in order to indicate that it is a fellowship rather than an organization. For example, when we talk about a Fellowship Day and a World Community Day, these days are not Sundays. There is no attempt to intrude into the Christian Year. For myself I agree wholeheartedly with you that the Christian Year is basic to the proclamation to the truth of the Christian faith. The plan for a Fellowship Day and World Community Day each year is rather to provide an occasion on which the women of the organizations of the local churches may gather together. In other words we affirm by implication that we do not believe that the inter-church pattern of women's work should be more than gathering together from their denominational organizations two or three times a year. The committee

work involved in this would be limited to the preparation of these ad hoc occasions.

I hope that these points help to give you some assurance that we are not creating another vast organization.

Yours sincerely,

Harvey L. Perkins, (The Rev.)
General Secretary.

32 Westall street,
Hyde Park,
South Australia.
29th. April 1963.

Rev. Harvey Perkins,
The Secretary,
World Council of Churches
Kent Street, Sydney.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

This is an unofficial note to ask you for some information about "Australian Church Women". The President of the S. A. Federation of Methodist Women, Miss Margaret Dawey, will not be able to attend the first of the Australasian Federation's meetings in May^(15th) and as I will be filling in for her I felt that some background information on the proposed new body might be helpful.

It seemed to me that any distribution of material by such a body could be handled by existing bodies. As far as any other ecumenical activity is concerned, it seems a pity to dissociate news & women's work. I wondered whether the movement was world wide, and secondly how the Dept. of Co-operation between Men & Women in Church & Society viewed it. It may not be worth fussing about either way, but unless the principle of co-operation needs preserving.

Our Federation did reply to Mrs. Wylie somewhat unenthusiastically & suggesting the use of a United Church group already here, but the matter is to be discussed by the

Federal body in May and we should be glad if you could enable us to have something more than our own hunches to go on.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Barbara Newman.



THE FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN OF S.A.

Affiliated with
The Australasian Federation of Methodist Women
World Federation of Methodist Women

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MAEVERN

25 Inverness Ave
St Georges.

The Convenor
Interim Committee on Women's Work
Dear Mrs Wylie.

Your letter of 3rd April was
received by our Executive.

It was felt that, at this stage, it was not
wise to add to the existing women's organizations
there in South Australia, "ecumenical interest
and activity among the women of our
churches at the local level" is encouraged
and stimulated by our very efficiently
organised Women's United Church Association
Hence, our hesitation in pledging support
to "Australian Church Women".

May we suggest that you approach
and work through the Women's United
Church Association.

Yours sincerely

Betty Dunstan (Mrs Dred)
Secretary.



THE MOTHERS' UNION

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1926)
DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

511 Kent St.,
SYDNEY.
ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
BATHURST STREET
MA 7385

OFFICE HOURS :
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

2nd May, 1963.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Thankyou for your letter of 3rd April. The Mothers' Union is a World Wide fellowship and with its particular organisation of local and central gatherings we feel it would not be possible to affiliate with the Australian Church Women.

The World Day of Prayer, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Community day for the Inter Church Council seem to provide sufficient opportunities for meeting the members of other Churches and working with them.

We feel there would have to be a direction from the Archbishop regarding the attitude of the Anglican Church as a whole, to such an organisation and it might be better if you approached him first.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Roughton

Diocesan Secretary.

May 3, 1963

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. M. Reid,
Australasian Secretary,
Methodist Women's Federation,
46 Bunya Street,
GREENSLOPES. Brisbane.

Dear Mrs. Reid,

You will have already received the letter and statement on Australian Church Women. I hope that there will be an opportunity for this subject to be discussed at the meeting of the Australasian Federation of Methodist Women in Adelaide during General Conference. I have had letters from both Victoria and South Australia raising questions for discussion. I would appreciate very much the opportunity to introduce the subject of Australian Church Women to the Federation. As you know I will be speaking at the Women's Rally during Conference, but will not be speaking specifically on Australian Church Women but rather on my own ecumenical experience as a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. Unfortunately I am not able to leave Sydney until the evening of Tuesday, May 14 and so will not be able to attend the social gathering on that afternoon, but I hope to make contact with you on Wednesday 15th. I shall be staying at The Grosvenor.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

MGW:TJS

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

May 3, 1963

Mrs. B. Newman,
32 Westall Street,
HYDE PARK.

South Australia

Dear Barbara,

Mr. Perkins has handed your letter to me. I can well understand your desire for further background information about Australian Church Women as you will realise we are still within the "planning stage" and are most anxious to have comments and suggestions from women and organizations in all denominations and from all States.

I will be in Adelaide for General Conference and hope that I may be given a few minutes to explain Australian Church Women to the Australian Federation.

In this letter I will only answer the questions that you raise.

(1) We are most anxious that existing women's ecumenical organizations should become an integral part of Australian Church Women, both at the local and state levels. Betty Dunstan has suggested that in South Australia the Women's United Church Association might so act.

(2) Madeleine Barot, director of the Department of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, is most enthusiastic about the formation of Australian Church Women. We have been encouraged by the experience of United Church Women in the USA. This is the organization which links Protestant and Orthodox women together in the States, which is an integral part of the National Christian Council in the USA and which jorganises consultations for the World Council Department of Co-operation.

The establishment of Australian Church Women is an important part of ecumenical promotion and it is necessary at this stage because

church women in Australia have so little opportunity to share in the ecumenical experience and inspiration of either the ACC or the WCC. We hope through Australian Church Women to promote the interest of the Australian churches in the work of the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Adelaide.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

May 3, 1963/

Mrs. D.A. Dunstan,
Secretary,
Federation of Methodist Women in
South Australia,
25 Inverness Avenue,
ST. GEORGES.
South Australia.

Dear Mrs. Dunstan,

Thank you for your letter written to me as convener of the Interim Committee on Women's Work of the Australian Council of Churches.

I am so interested to read of the South Australian Women's United Church Association. Is there a Women's Inter-Church Council in South Australia, or does the Women's United Church Association represent the same interest and organization as the Women's Inter-Church Councils in Victoria and NSW?

About Australian Church Women. You will realise that we are still very much in the preliminary stage and that we are most anxious to receive criticism and suggestions from church women around Australia. We had to begin somewhere and Sydney seemed to logical place.

Organizationally it is not easy. We are convinced that we do not wish to set up another top-heavy women's organization. We hope that wherever possible we will be able to work through existing organizations and thus provide a link between church women in Australia, and through the Australian Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches between Australian women and church women throughout the world.

Where Women's Inter-Church Councils exist we hope that they may be prepared to function as the co-ordinating body for Australian Church Women in that State. In South Australia perhaps the Women's United Church Association would be this link. This is something we must confer about.

On the other hand, since the ACC is made up of member churches, it was thought wise to acquaint all denominational State and Federal Women's Organizations of our intention to establish Australian Church Women.

I shall be in Adelaide for General Conference and am looking forward to conferring with you then. I hope that there will be an opportunity for me to speak to the Australian Federation and explain some of these matters and also to listen to criticism and suggestions. I shall be staying at The Grosvenor and I hope that you will contact me there. Unfortunately I cannot be at the afternoon meeting on Tuesday 14th as I do not arrive until the evening by 'plane.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

May 7, 1963

Mrs. A. G. Ogston,
27 Lawson Crescent,
ACTON.

A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Ogston,

Thank you for your letter. We will gladly add Mrs. Warren's name to our mailing list and will also send her 30 copies of the statement. In the first instance we sent all correspondence through the Bishop i.e. one statement to the Bishop for his information and another to the President of the Women's Organization in the Diocese c/o of the Bishop. Apparently in Canberra the women's copy has been halted somewhere en route. In future we will mail direct to Mrs. Warren.

We are planning a conference in Sydney on July 10. It will be attended by Presidents and Secretaries of denominational groups and inter-church groups. Would you be able to come? We will send you an invitation when they are ready.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Mabel G. Wyllie,
Convener.

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Victorian Congregational Women's Fellowship

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16 Brisbane Street,
ASCOT VALE, Vic.
12th May, 1963.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener, Interim Committee,
Australian Church Women,
Room 2, 3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Your letter dated 3rd April was considered at our Executive Meeting on 9th May. There are still many doubts in our minds as to the nature and purpose of Australian Church Women in its relation to existing bodies such as the Inter-Church Council of Women which already holds a Community Day.

We are interested in your reference to a study booklet for 1964, especially as the C.W.F.A. publishes a study booklet for women's groups, and we have been asked for suggestions for the topics for 1964. Your booklet could obviate the production of a booklet by C.W.F.

We would be very glad to have one of the members of the Interim Committee to meet us at our next Executive meeting on 13th June for half an hour (say 11 - 11.30 a.m.) as suggested in your letter. If this date is not convenient, another time could be arranged. Our meetings are held on second Thursday morning of each month.

On behalf of the Executive of V.C.W.F.,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

Congregational Women's Fellowship of N.S.W.

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13th May, 1963.

The Convener,
Interim Committee of Women's Work.

Dear Mrs. Wylie,

Your letter setting out ideas for promoting the establishment of "Australian Church Women" was thoroughly discussed at our Council meeting last Tuesday, and favourably received.

We feel that this ecumenical venture could have a profound influence on the women's work in Australia.

It was good to hear of the co-operation between the Inter-Church Council and how they plan to work with the Australian Church Women.

It was felt that providing suitable literature and promoting study among our women, was the strongest move at the present time, stressing the vital link with the Churches in Asia, and at the World level.

A member did feel that the name might be changed to "Australian Christian Women" because "Church" has lost much in meaning these days, and Christian may embrace more people.

We look forward to hearing more from your committee and will continue to discuss this new venture at our meetings.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Phil Dainton
Hon. Sec.

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(CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY - CENTRAL COUNCIL

HEAD OFFICE
109 CAMBRIDGE STREET,
STANMORE, N.S.W.

16th May 1963

Mrs. M. G. Wylie
Convener,
Australian Council of Churches,
3rd Floor
511 Kent St.,
S Y D N E Y.

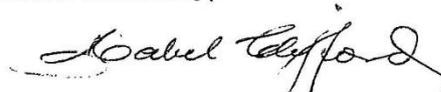
Dear Mrs. Wylie,

Your letters of April 3rd and 5th with regard to the Australian Council of Churches were put before the members of Central Council at their meeting on 29th April last, and they asked the Executive Committee to appoint a representative to attend your next meeting, and report back to them.

We would ask that you advise us of the date, time and place of that Meeting so that our representative may attend.

Thanking you, and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Federal Secretary.

May 17, 1963.

Mrs. H.G. Firth,
17 Birnam Grove,
Strathfield.
NSW.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Mrs. Wyllie has asked me to acknowledge letters addressed to her during her absence from Sydney while attending the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Adelaide.

I am sure the committee will receive your letter with delight and I am also sure that your committee will be glad to know that the ACW is planning a conference to which the presidents and secretaries of all denominational women's/g groups will be invited to give opportunity for further discussion and planning. This conference will be held on July 10 at the YWCA from 10.30am until 2pm. The official invitations will be mailed when Mrs. Wyllie returns to Sydney about May 29.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thelma Skiller,
Office Secretary.

May 17, 1963

Miss M. McLennan,
16 Brisbane Street,
Ascot Vale.

Victoria

Dear Miss McLennan,

Mrs. Wyllie has asked me to acknowledge letters addressed to her during her absence from Sydney attending the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Adelaide.

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Wyllie will be visiting Melbourne on May 28 and will be meeting with the members of the Women's Inter-Church Council in the afternoon. Mrs. N. Faichney, 6 Estella Street, Glen Iris, is making the arrangements. It may be that this meeting, to which no doubt your fellowship is also being invited, will be helpful to you in clarifying the questions your executive have raised.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thelma Skiller,
Office Secretary.

May 17, 1963.

Miss M. Clifford,
Australian Board of Missions,
109 Cambridge Street,
Stanmore. NSW.

Dear Miss Clifford,

Mrs. Wyllie has asked me to acknowledge receipt of letters addressed to her during her absence in Adelaide attending the General Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Interim Committee of Australian Church Women is planning to hold a special conference on July 10 to which will be invited representatives of the various denominational women's groups. The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for further discussion and planning following the distribution of the Statement on ACW.

I have your name on the invitation list and would be pleased to receive the name and address of your president so that I may also send her an invitation to the conference on July 10.

The conference will be held at the YWCA from 10.30am until 2pm. The official invitations will be mailed when Mrs. Wyllie returns to Sydney about the 29th May.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you and the conference will provide the opportunity your organisation seeks for further information, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thelma Skiller
Office Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA
Victoria and Tasmania Conference.

Methodist Women's Federation of Victoria and Tasmania

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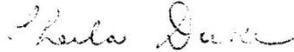
Mrs G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH.S.E.15.

Dear Mrs Wyllie,

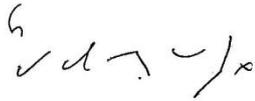
At the Executive Meeting of the Methodist Women's Federation of Victoria the following resolution was passed and I have been instructed to forward it to you, "That the Methodist Women's Federation of Victoria warmly supports the idea of co-operation with Australian Church Women and endorses its general aims and looks forward to hearing further details".

We are to have a general meeting later this year at which we shall have a speaker to outline the aims of the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women.

Yours sincerely,



(Hon. Sec.) Methodist Women's Federation
of Victoria.



Congregational Womens' Fellowship . . .

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

11 Marchamley St
Ballie W. A.
5th June 1963.

Dear Mrs Wyllic,
I have to advise you
that the above Fellowship has
agreed to affiliate with your
body of "Australian Church
Women."

Yours sincerely
Jessie Beaton, (Mrs.)
Secy.



TELEPHONE 71 0558

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA

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PLEASE ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE
TO
88 CHELTENHAM STREET
UNLEY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

June 9th 1963

Dear Mrs. Wylie

In response to your challenging address at the Women's

Rally at Kent Down during General Conference, I am writing to let you know that some of us have answered that challenge, up to a point, by attending a service this morning at the Greek Orthodox Church here in our Malvern district. We have here, on our Kitchen staff at Resthaven a Greek woman whom I thought we could contact. So I asked her what Church she attended & she said the Greek Orthodox & she went at Easter & at Christmas time. I asked her what time the service was held on Sunday morning & she told me from 8 a.m. to 12.30. So then I wondered if she could take a few of us to the service this Sunday morning. She said "Yes & she'd get her brother to call for us at 10 minutes past 11 & we could stay till 12.30. Apparently they come & go thro' all the service. As 4 of us, my husband included, went from the home, & we were very interested in their beautiful Church, which has just been built. The service being in Greek we could not understand, but we were able to enter into the atmosphere of the service which we felt was very sincere & earnest.

After the service we were introduced to the minister of the Church who explained the meaning of many of the symbols. He also told us that he was to address the students at M.S.C. one day this week, so surely there are signs, however small, of Christian Unity in our midst. I thought you might be interested to know that your suggestion re contacting members of other Churches had had some effect. May good come of it.

W. W. Christian Fellowship
Geoffrey G. Shapley



Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

June 5th 1963

Mrs G? Wyllie,
511 Kent Street
SYDNEY.

13 JUN 1963

Dear Mrs Wiley,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the A.C.W. Our members are interested in this movement and would welcome any further correspondence that you may be able to send.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

J. Parker

.....
Hon. Secretary W.A. Unit.



The Mothers' Union

(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

Diocese of Newcastle

172 Bridges Rd.
New Lambton
7/6/63.

Dear Mrs. Mort
Your letter of the Australian Council of Churches on the Interim Committee for Women's Work was read & discussed at the recent meeting of our Executive Council. We were interested & will be happy & willing to co-operate, & will be looking forward to hearing more from you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Edith A. Mort. (MORT)
Hon. diocesan secretary.

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INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

June 14, 1963.

Mrs. E. Mort,
172 Bridges Road,
NEW LAMBTON.

N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Mort,

Thank you for your letter of June 7.

Here in Sydney we are happy to know of the interest and cooperation of the Mother's Union of the Diocese of Newcastle. We shall certainly keep in touch with you as we continue with our planning. In the near future we hope to send you information on a proposed Community Day on September 27, and also on study material which is being prepared by a group of women in Melbourne.

With best wishes for your work in Newcastle.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

June 14, 1963.

Mrs. J. Berston,
Congregational Womens' Fellowship, W.A.,
11 Marehamley Street,
CARLISLE.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mrs. Berston,

Thank you for your letter of June 5. We are glad to know that the Congregational Womens' Fellowship of Western Australia have decided to be part of Australian Church Women. There has been a great deal of interest shown by the Congregational Womens' Fellowships throughout Australia. While I was in Adelaide recently I had conversations with Mrs. Ida Haynes and Mrs. Lillian Wells and was able to answer some of their questions.

At present we are discussing how best we can "affiliate" or "associate" the various denominational women's groups with Australian Church Women and we will keep in touch with you so that you will know what is happening. For the present we are happy and grateful to have your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.

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3rd July, 1963.

Victoria

5 JUL 1963

The Rev. Harvey L. Perkins,
General Secretary,
Aust. Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

re AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

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I thank you for your letter of June 24th, enclosing statement authorizing the establishment of the above Organization.

I think had The Salvation Army been represented on the interim Committee on Women's work we would have pointed out that there are already many means "which provide opportunities for Christian worship and fellowship and service across Denominational divisions". There are, for instance, the Women's World Day of Prayer, and the united meetings in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

On our own part our Women's Home League is constantly uniting with other Churches, and they with us, on the local levels.

Having said this, however, we shall endeavour to participate in the A.C.W. wherever this is possible and suitable.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Hubert W. Goddard)
Colonel.
CHIEF SECRETARY.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

July 15, 1963.

Mrs. G. I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH
S.E.15 Victoria.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the Methodist Women's Federation of Victoria resolution on Australian Church Women.

The Committee was very happy to receive this indication of your interest and support and we will keep in touch with you concerning developments.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.

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"YANGA,"

11 ROBIN HOOD ROAD,
EAST IVANHOE, N. 21

6th July 1963

Dear Miss Skeller

In May I received a letter from Miss M. Clifford, Federal Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the Australian Board of Missions enclosing a copy of your letter to her of May 17th concerning the Conference of the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women. In the letter you asked for the name & address of the Federal President of the W. A.

As Federal President I immediately wrote to my Vice-President Mrs. H. Morgan of 24 Fairlight Avenue, Kilsnoe, N. S. W. asking her to represent me at the

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Conference, as I will not be able to come to Sydney on 10th July. This Mrs. Morgan is willing to do. Quite possibly Miss Clifford has given you this information, but I felt, as President, I should write to you myself.

Hoping the Conference is very successful and with satisfactory outcome. Will you, please, make my apology - my prayers will be with you.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours
Kathleen H. Bright - Parker
Federal President of the Women's
Auxiliary of A. B. M.

29.4.63

Dear Mrs Wyllie,

I am most interested in your efforts to promote ecumenical interest among women at the parish level.

I am sure it is important that the men and the women of the church are not left too far behind the leaders in their efforts towards more Unity

Four women from each church, meeting together, could study the developments that have taken place and the future proposals. The clergy invited to the meeting when the need arises.

I have been hunting along these lines for some time and would be glad of any advice and help you have to offer - any pitfalls or such like -

Sorry to be so long answering your letter -

Yours sincerely
Eunice Winter



23 JUL 1963

Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

VICTORIA UNIT

26 Darlington Grove,
Coburg, N.13.

22nd July, 1963.

Dear Miss Skillier,

I am writing in connection with Australian Church Women and the letter we wrote on April 22nd. Would it be possible for us to have a reply to this letter by the end of this week.

At the beginning of next week the Presbyterian delegates to the Women's Inter-Church Council in Victoria are meeting to discuss various matters including A.C.W. and it would be very helpful if we could have before us answers to the questions raised in our previous letter to the Interim Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Banham

(Mrs. A. R. Banham)
Hon. Secretary.



Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

Kirklands Manor,
Campbell Town,
Tasmania.

1st August 1963.
Dear Mrs Lilley,

Thank you for your letter & copies of the Service & Study for World Community Day.

I was in hospital recovering from a gall bladder operation when I received your letter & that is why I have been so long in answering.

Unfortunately we do not have a meeting of the Fed. Exec. of the P.W.A. of A. until 5th Sept. so I am unable to do anything very much but I hope the Exec. will agree when we do meet to commend such meetings to State Units of the P.W.A.

As I expect you have sent copies to State P.W.A. Units some may have decided to recommend that the Service & Study be used.

Meantime I am hoping to be able to hold a World Community Day in my own district & am

contacting the local World Day of Prayer committee.

I am still confined to the house & quite considerably so but as soon as I can get something organized I will let you know the number of Services & Studies we will require.

I have been speaking quite a bit about Australian Church Women but find people slow to take on anything else at the moment.

I feel perhaps this World Community Day may be something the women will feel is the sort of thing we can add to, for some of us anyway, our already rather heavy commitments.

Country areas I'm afraid haven't got a long enough week for all the things the folk are expected to take an active interest in!

Nevertheless I am fully behind the movement A.C.W. & will do my best to further the cause, but it can't be pushed. I am very glad you have produced this Study

"Who is my Neighbour" even if we don't all use it on the same day or quite in the same way.

With kindest regards
& best wishes

Yours very sincerely
Marilyn Christie-Johnston.
(In A.) Fed. Pres. P.W.A. of A.



Consultation
Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

VICTORIA UNIT

2 Vista Ave
Kew E.4.
24.8.63

Dear Mrs McKay

Our Council decided, as I had expected, to arrange a meeting about Australian Church Women on the morning of October 12th (Tuesday) at 10.30 a.m. in Scots Church Hall. They were delighted to know that you are coming down. The final details of the meeting are not yet arranged but it will almost certainly open with a devotional, then I shall explain why the meeting has been called (very brief). We shall then ask you to give an account of A.C.W. what it is all about & the stage that has been reached so far. Then we propose, if you are willing, to have a period for written questions to be answered.

We feel that spoken questions could land us in all sorts of long & irrelevant discussion & airing of pet theories. We have invited members of the interchurch Council to be present if they wish, but we shall confine questions during the meeting to Presbyterians because the meeting is to clear up our difficulties, & we must not confuse the issue by bringing up other people's problems. The meeting can make no decisions, but executive may feel it is desirable to test the general feeling of the meeting. We shall have copies of the suggested structure available and executive wishes the meeting to know these points about which it is concerned. However any expression of opinion could only be in the most general terms at this stage. The points raised & answered at the meeting will be discussed at

our November Council meeting. In a state which has a number of organisations linked as one as there is no quick or easy way to get an expression of opinion or make decisions.

I enclose notes about executives' views and about points that are causing concern in general and in relation to the suggested structures so that you can be prepared. Some of the comments are not very sensible but I think some have real point. A certain amount of the difficulty is that people feel that they have been put in the position of choosing between something they don't really approve of + in the creation of which they had no say, and staying out of ~~the~~ the first interchurch thing at an Australian level. If only A.C.C. had authorised the committee to see what sort of women's group if any could be formed instead of

Setting up A.C.W. I have made it clear that A.C.W. is here & have urged that we try to help not hinder the work, but I could not urge them to agree in principle to the suggested structure.

Perhaps later on you will let me know when you are coming down and how long you would like to stay and whether there are any points you would like more information about.

Joan has a job with the Presbyterian Church in Canada and seems happy and settled.

I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of October.

Yours sincerely

Maya and Maenial

President

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25th August, 1963.

30 SEP 1963
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The Secretary,
 Australian Council of Churches Committee,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

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EXEC. SEC.		
DICARWS		
PRO.		
WCA		
W.S.		

Dear Sir,

Further to our previous correspondence with reference to us becoming members of the A.C.C. Women's Dept., I have to advise that this matter was brought before our delegates at our Board Meetings recently held in Melbourne and after fully discussing our affiliation with this movement and hearing report of meetings attended in N.S.W. by Baptist delegates and discussions which had taken place in the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria, the following motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously:

"That as the Australian Baptist Women's Board is a Committee of the Baptist Union of Australia and a loyal unit of that Union, we therefore take no part in "Australian Church Women".

Yours sincerely,

F. J. Wright
Hon. Secretary



I shall
be in Hobart
from 31/5/63 - 8/9/63.
m.h.

Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

VICTORIA UNIT

2/12/63

Kew E.4.

29.8.63.

My dear Mrs McKay

Please don't worry about expense to us in connection with your visit to Melbourne. Fly both ways if it makes life easier for you. We discussed this at our P.W.A. meeting & decided that there are times when you have to do what appears the best thing and have faith that what you do will make good any depletion of funds. We are so appreciative of your coming that we would worry if you rushed unnecessarily. I shall arrange to meet you however you come, and when you let me know how you are coming I can tell you what we will do. If you care to fly down on the Monday I'll be quite happy about that.

About the questions. We shall finally decide that at our Executive meeting on September 11th. At the moment we envisage

suggesting that organisations or people who already know about it could send us some questions ahead if they are not already covered & what I have sent you. We tend to like questions arising from the address to be written & passed up for several reasons. We find more people usually ask questions if they don't have to stand up in public. Also there are usually people who deliver speeches instead of asking, & people who air irrelevant views. Also I think that there will be someone there who can be very troublesome - she has been a marvellous worker & thinker, but is now too old & thing in the past. As I shall be in the chair I'd rather not have to cope with her. If we have any questions in earlier I shall send them to you. If you prefer spoken questions do let me know. We plan to start as punctually ~~as~~ as possible and to be finished by 12.30 p.m. I hope you will have lunch with me. If there are any people you would like me to invite also please let me know.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Margaret Macmillan

Christian Women's Fellowship

Churches of Christ, Victoria and Tasmania

5 Atkins Avenue,
GLEN IRIS, S.E. 6.
4th September, 1963.

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Convener Interim Committee on Women's Work,
Australian Council of Churches,
Room 2, Third Floor,
811 Kent Street (Cnr. Bathurst St.),
S Y D N E Y, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Thank you for your letter re Interim Committee
on Women's Work.

I have been requested to advise that Christian
Women's Fellowship (Vic. & Tas.) Churches of Christ have eight
representatives at Victorian Women's Inter-church Council and our
State Executive are in agreement with the decision of the
Victorian Women's Inter-church Council to co-operate and be the
unit through which Australian Council of Women will operate in this
State.

Yours sincerely,

Edith M. Rankine

Secretary.

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<i>Mrs. Wyllie</i>	✓	SEC.
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69 BOURKE STREET,
MELBOURNE, VIC.

18th September, 1963.

Mrs. F. McKay,
Interim Committee
of Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Madam,

On behalf of Lt. Commissioner H.R. Scotney, who is at present overseas, I would acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 13th inst. together with enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

(Captain)
Private Secretary.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd floor, 511 Kent Street
Sydney.

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September 13, 1963

TO: HEADS OF CHURCHES
DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

Dear Friends,

You will recall that we wrote you some months ago concerning the establishment of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN by the Australian Council of Churches as an aspect of ecumenical promotion and indicated that the purpose of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN was:

"To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to provide opportunities for Christian worship, fellowship and service across denominational divisions; through the Australian Church Women to incorporate Christian women into the total life and mission of the Church; and to unite them for the building of a world Christian community."

At the moment the state women's inter-church councils (or the appropriate organization) are considering an invitation by the Interim Committee to become the state unit of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN and N.S.W. and Victoria have accepted the invitation, and are busy publicising and organising the visit of Dr. Madeleine Barot who is Director of the World Council of Churches' Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, to their particular States.

When there is a state unit in each state it is hoped to have a national consultation to prepare for the establishing of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN and the setting up of appropriate structures for national, state and local penetration.

The Interim Committee has drawn up suggestions for a more formal structure and a copy is enclosed for your interest and information together with the original statement concerning the purpose of Australian Church Women.

You will note in the statement concerning Australian Church Women mention is made of promoting study materials for use in women's groups. The Interim Committee has now before it material for the 1964 study which they hope will be used in denominational and interdenominational women's groups. The study is based on the role of the laity in the Church and the world and announcement concerning it will be made through the church press and the Australian Council of Churches' publication, IN UNITY.

We have been encouraged by the interest shown in this new ecumenical venture and forward to you the enclosed so that you may know of the developments taking place. If you have any comments to make we will be glad to hear from you.

Encl.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret McKay
Mrs. F. McKay on behalf of
Interim Committee. *JK*

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and questions on the general ideas behind A.C.W. and your suggestions for the next steps.

Later in the year we hope to be able to present to you more of the details of organization on the local, state and national levels.

We realise that already you are experiencing the "ecumenical adventure" in your own church fellowship and that you are demonstrating the advantages of working together across denominational lines. We hope that you will join us in this wider fellowship of Church women in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

Encl.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Suggestions for a more formal structure of Australian Church Women

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1. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

The basic composition of the National Council of Australian Church Women shall be representative of:

- (1) Federal denominational women's organizations (appointed by the Federal Body or by whatever means appropriate to the particular church).

Church of England	4		
Methodist	2		
Presbyterian	2		
Congregational	1		
Churches of Christ	1		
Salvation Army	1		
Other churches one each		minimum 15	

- (2) State Councils of Australian Church Women (by whatever name they are called) (see No.2 below)

Queensland	1	Sth. Aust.	1
N.S.W.	2	West. Aust.	1
Victoria	2	A.C.T.	1
Tasmania	1		

- (3) Special interest groups: as will be named in the Constitution
e.g. Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, Y.W.C.A. 2

- (4) The Australian Council of Churches 4

2. STATE COUNCILS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

The existing State women's inter-church groups (where their constitution provides for representatives to be appointed by the denominational women's organizations of the State) shall be invited to be the State Council of Australian Church Women.

3. STATE COUNCILS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN shall have consultative status on the State Council of Churches or the Committee affiliated with the Australian Council of Churches.

(Consultants have the right to speak and move motions but not to vote.)

4. LOCAL GROUPS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN in suburban and rural areas shall be affiliated with the State Council of Australian Church Women.

5. The LOCAL GROUP of Australian Church Women shall become affiliated with the Local Inter-Church Council if that Council is affiliated with the State Council of the Australian Council of Churches.

6. Individuals may become corresponding members with the State Council of Australian Church Women if there is no local group to which they may belong.

7. When the invitation to existing State Women's Inter-Church Councils to become State Councils of Australian Church Women is extended the following points should be made:

1. That the present name of the State body may be retained but that the

organization function as the State Council of the ACW.

2. That the organization which functions as the State Council of ACW shall give priority to the promoting of and continuing assistance to local groups of ACW in suburban and rural areas.

3. That the State Council include all member churches of the Australian Council of Churches and such other churches as may desire membership. e.g. The Russian and Serbian Orthodox Churches are in the Inter-Church Aid in Australia but are not member churches of the ACC., the Baptist Federal Board of Christian Education is a member of the Australian Council of Christian Education and the Australian Christian Youth Council, but the Baptist Church is not a member of the ACC., the Baptist Unions in Victoria and Tasmania are members of the Victorian and Tasmanian Councils of Churches affiliated with the ACC., but the Australian Baptist Union is not a member of the ACC. The basis of membership shall be that which governs admission to the Australian Council of Churches:

"A fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

4. That the State Councils of the ACW determine their ratio of representation from their member groups.

5. That special interest groups which have membership on the National Council of ACW shall be invited to the members on the State Councils.

3/7/63

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN was initiated by the Australian Council of Churches as an aspect of ecumenical promotion and as part of the activities of the Department of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

The purpose of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:

To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to provide opportunities for Christian worship, fellowship and service across denominational divisions; through the Australian Church Women to incorporate Christian women into the total life and mission of the Church; and to unite them for the building of a world Christian community.

The name Australian Church Women has been chosen because it creates an image and suggests fellowship rather than yet another organization.

We realize that Christian unity is an imperative for the effective work and witness of the Church in our time. We believe that there is a desire among many women in the churches to have a deeper bond of fellowship with Christian women of all denominations at the local, national and international level.

The urgent need is for local development. It is important to help the church woman in the local area and in each denomination to realise that she is not only Anglican or Baptist, Congregationalist or Methodist, Orthodox or Presbyterian, but that she has a "oneness" with every other church women in her own locality.

In the local area, women's organizations of the various churches would form a branch of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN. Where there are existing women's inter-church groups it is hoped that they will become part of Australian Church Women.

There is no intention to divide the ecumenical interest of men and women. AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN will participate in the interests and activities of the World Council of Churches' Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

The interim committee plan in the first instance to:

- . promote a FELLOWSHIP DAY and a WORLD COMMUNITY DAY each year
- . provide STUDY MATERIAL for women's groups. In the 1964 the study will be on the role of the laity with special reference to the cooperation of men and women in the Church
- . stimulate service projects
 - (a) at the local and national level - e.g. among migrants, aboriginals
 - (b) at the world level - e.g. providing scholarships, encouraging fraternal workers.

APRIL 1963



THE BISHOP OF NORTH QUEENSLAND, BISHOP'S LODGE, TOWNSVILLE

17th September, 1963.

Mrs. F. McKay,
Interim Committee of
Australian Church Women,
3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. McKay,

Thank you for your circular letter of 13th September addressed to the Bishop.

The Bishop is, at the moment, still overseas and will not be returning to Australia until late October. I shall, however, file your letter for his attention on his return.

Yours sincerely,

P. Logan

(Bishop's Secretary)

23 SEP 1963

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FROM
THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

BISHOPSCOURT
GREENOAKS AVENUE
EDGECLIFF
NEW SOUTH WALES

O.G.

18th September, 1963.

Dear Mrs. McKay,

In the absence overseas of His Grace the Archbishop I acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 13th September. This will be brought to His Grace's attention on his return to the Diocese towards the end of the coming week.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary.

Mrs. F. McKay,
3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

The Mothers' Union

DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

12 Osborne Avenue,
Trevallyn,
LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA.
4th October, 1963.

Dear Madam,

I apologise for this belated reply to your circular letter of 3rd April last in connection with "Australian Church Women", but this had to be held until our Council Meeting last month.

X The matter was discussed then and it was decided to leave it to be dealt with the Church of England Council of Women in this diocese. The Mothers' Union is represented there and the C.E.C.W. embraces the various women's organisations (Anglican) in Tasmania.

If you have not already heard from the C.E.C.W. I expect you will in due course. The acting secretary is Mrs. R. Perry, "Yaringa", Jetty Road, KETTERING, TAS.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs. J. N. Gee)

Hon. Dio. Secretary, M.U.

Mrs. M. G. Wylie,
Convenor - Interim Committee on Women's Work,
Australian Council of Churches,
Room 2, 3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street (Cr. Bathurst Street),
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Bishopscourt,

Bendigo,

Victoria

11th Oct. '63.

Mrs. F. McKay,
Interim Committee of Australian
Church Women,
3rd floor, 511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

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Dear Madam,

I have brought before the members of the Diocesan Council of the Mothers' Union in the Bendigo Diocese your ecumenical venture - the establishment of the Australian Church Women - and now I wish to thank you for your following letter of Sept. 13th. 1963.

This letter will be discussed at our November meeting and I will get in touch with you later as to the members feelings on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Richards

(Mrs. R.E.) Nancy Richards.

President,
Mothers' Union Diocesan
Council,
Bendigo. Vic.

Kirklands
Campbell Town,
Tasmania.

14th Oct. 1963.

My Dear Mrs MacKay,

I thought you might be interested
in the enclosed cutting.

It was a good little meeting & well
worth while.

The C. of E. was represented from the neighbouring
township, the Campbell Town C. of C. women
decided to be sticky & thought they had
enough meetings of their own & couldn't take
on anything else!!!! We just carried on
without them!

A. C. W. is not, as far as I can see, "taking
on" at the moment in Tasmania. I'm not
very sure how we can tackle it unless
perhaps through the W. C. C. & they were
not sympathetic when we brought it up
at the Annual meeting. However we'll
find a way & perhaps our new "write up"
may stir up something.

I personally very greatly treasure the
fellowship with the R. C.'s in Campbell Town

& I think we'll be able to have other meetings similar to this last one.

I have stacks of "muck" letters to write tonight. I am going to W.A. on the 28th for several meetings & to S.A. & Vic. on the way home. Some meetings seem a little vague & I find that very hard to prepare for, & it makes me feel stithey!

Alastair has not been well for quite a while. He has Hodgkins but a mild form & has been having deep ray therapy. It has dealt successfully with the glands that were swollen in his neck but for the last fortnight he has had a very sore throat as a result of the treatment.

He has gone off to Melb. today for Assembly feeling a bit better & I hope the change may do him good. Hamish, at his first Assembly, is with him, which is rather precious for them both.

Must get on with the "mucks"!!!

With much love
Affectionately

Mayjoy.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

November 11, 1963

Mrs. J. N. Gee,
Honorary Diocese Secretary,
Mothers' Union,
12 Osborne Avenue,
TREVALLYN.
Lannceston, Tasmania

Dear Mrs. Gee,

Thank you for your letter of October 4. The Interim Committee which met on November 6 were very interested to receive your letter and to know that you intend discussing this further at the Church of England Council of Women in the Diocese of Tasmania.

You will be interested to know that the women's inter-church councils in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales have accepted our invitation to act on our behalf in these states. We are looking forward to working in cooperation with them in bringing together the existing women's groups in an ecumenical experience.

At the moment we are working on a study booklet for use in women's and inter-church groups - it is to be entitled "Saints Alive" and is a study on the laity in the life of the Church and the World. It is hoped that the study will be available from December 1 - full details will be announced shortly.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Convener.



The Mothers' Union

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1926

10 Hallam Street,
Bendigo

5.11.1963.

Dear Mrs. McKay,

I have been asked by Mrs. R.E. Richards, our Bishop's wife and President of the Diocesan Mothers' Union Council to reply to your letter of 13th. September.

She was unable to preside at our meeting.

Your letter was before us and the members decided to give its contents careful consideration in preparation for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Elvie L. Ullonatti.

(Hon. Sec. M.U. Diocesan
Council)

11 NOV 1963

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES WOMEN

November 11, 1963

Mrs. R. E. Richards,
Bishopscourt,
BENDIGO.
Victoria

Dear Mrs. Richards,

Thank you for your letter of October 11. The Interim Committee which met on November 6 were very interested to receive your letter and to know that you intend discussing this further at your November meeting.

You will be interested to know that the Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council have accepted our invitation to act on our behalf in Victoria and we are looking forward to working in cooperation with them in bringing together the existing women's groups in an ecumenical experience.

At the moment we are working on a study booklet for use in women's and inter-church groups - it is to be entitled "Saints Alive" and is a study on the laity in the life of the Church and the World. It is hoped that the study will be available from December 1 - full details will be announced shortly.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener.

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3rd December, 1963.

Mrs. F. McKay,
Interim Committee of
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. McKay,

At our Executive meeting to-day we discussed the proposed 'suggestions for a more formal structure of Australian Church Women.'

There are three points on which we would be pleased to receive further information.

- (1) Why should there be four (4) representatives from the Australian Council of Churches.
- (2) Where and how often would the Council meet.
- (3) How is it proposed to meet the expense incurred in travelling.

Yours sincerely,

Winifred Rodham.

Hon. Secretary.

*Dear Mrs Rodham did we answer the one?
The other included in the
committee will keep - good*



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13th December, 1963.

16 DEC 1963

Mrs. B.R. Wyllie,
Australian Church Women,
c/- Room 2, 3rd floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

This will acknowledge, with thanks,
receipt of the November newsletter concerning Australian
Church Women.

All has been read with interest, with
special appreciation of the sections which have to do with
study material, as the availability of such should, I
would think, be a big factor in encouraging what it is
hoped Australian Church Women will become.

Thank you for your Christmas greetings.
May this season of the year prove to be a Very Happy one
for you and those associated with you, with, I trust, just
a little time to not be extra busy.

Yours sincerely,

Lieut. Colonel
Territorial Home League Secretary

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

December 18, 1963

Mrs. K. Rodham,
Congregational Women's Fellowship
of New South Wales,
95 Shirley Road,
ROSEVILLE.
N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Rodham,

The Interim Committee of Australian Church Women at its meeting on December 4 discussed your letter concerning ACC's proportionnal representation on the national level as suggested in the proposed structure.

The meeting agreed that it was important that there be 4 ACC representatives on the national level of the Australian Church Women so as to keep adequate links with the ecumenical promotion of the Council and keep a close relationship with the Liaison Committee of the Council with the WCC's Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. Also this is the kind of representation which the ACC has on independent committees related to it; e.g. the Australian Council of Christian Education on which the ACC has four representatives.

We trust that this will be helpful to your committee. With all good wishes for a happy Christmastime.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.



Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

18 Derwentwater Ave.,
SANDY BAY,
Tasmania.
7th January, 1964.

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Convener, A.C.W.,
511 Kent Street,
Sydney, N.S.W.

9 JAN 1964

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

re Australian Church Women

Thank you for the Newsletter containing interesting items relating to A.C.W.

We note that a National Consultation will take place in Sydney in March, and I have been asked to advise you that, as the Federal Conference of the P.W.A. of A. will not take place until September of this year we are not in a position to express an opinion about Australian Church Women until after that Conference.

With best wishes for the success of your work,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. A. E.) Bell Thompson

Federal Secretary, P.W.A. of A.

W. A. J.

is not well office
committee

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The Convenor
Interim Committee on Women's work
Austrian Council of Churches.

Dear Mrs Wyllie,

Your letter of April 3rd 1963 with information concerning
Austrian Church Women was received & discussed at the Mothers'
Union Diocesan Council meeting in November last.

Members already cooperate with other denominational
women's groups when opportunities occur & agreed that it was important
that such cooperation should continue & develop if possible in new
projects. The actual formation of a new group or committee would
have to be considered if the proposal were made in actual parishes &
towns. Meantime the importance of the work of the A.C.C. will be
kept before the notice of our members.

Yours sincerely

Evonne Garvey.

(Mothers' Union Diocesan President
Diocese of Lifford)

[Sorry for late reply - blame Toronto - of course, bfe
shouldn't expect you wd. be in Melbourne!]

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia



18 Derwentwater Avenue,
SANDY BAY,
Tasmania.

9th March, 1964 *10 MAR 1964*

Rev. H. Perkins, LL.M., B.D., B.Com.
General Secretary,
The Australian Council of Churches,
472 Kent Street,
Sydney, N.S.W.

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Dear Mr. Perkins,

The Executive of the Victoria Unit of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia has asked me to forward a copy of a report prepared by them on "Australian Church Women" reading as follows:-

" Since receiving the initial information regarding the formation of Australian Church Women at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches, the executive and Council of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, Victoria Unit, have given much thought to the suggestions sent by the Interim Committee.

The P.W.A. does not really favour setting up a separate women's organisation, but should prefer to see, within the structure of the Australian Council of Churches, an organisation patterned upon the Department of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, as exists in the World Council of Churches.

Representation to such a department (or even to a women's organisation if this be decided upon) should be on the basis of member Churches."

Please accept this as the ⁱⁿ opinion of the Victoria Unit.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. A.C.) Bell Thompson

Federal Secretary, P.W.A. of A.

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

AUSTRALIA YEARLY MEETING

Mr. Wyllie

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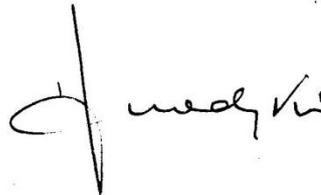
24th April 1964

Mrs. B.R. Wyllie,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

I am writing to acknowledge your letter and enclosure in relation to Australian Church Women. As our Society has no special women's organisations or sections we may not be able to take a very active part in your proposed work. I will however bring this matter before the meeting of our mid-year Standing Committee in July.

Yours sincerely,



(David K.R. Hodgkin)
Presiding Clerk

EXPERIENCE OF FRIENDS REGARDING WOMEN'S WORK IN THE SOCIETY. ①

From the earliest days of the Society of Friends women and men were free to take part in Meeting for Worship on a basis of equality and shared all the work of the ministry. For some years the business affairs of the Society were conducted by men in business meetings held at both the local and national level. In 1673 George Fox ~~xxx~~ recommended the setting up of women's business meeting so that "faithful women, being made partakers of the same precious faith, and heirs of the same everlasting gospel of life and salvation that men are, might in like manner be meet-helpers unto the men in the service of truth, in the affairs of the church, as they are outwardly in civil, or temporal things." . . . "For they are all called, both men and women, a royal priesthood; they are the living stones that make up the spiritual building, which Christ is the head of; and are to be encouraged in their labour in the gospel; for all things that they do, both men and women, are to be done in the power of God."

These women's meetings, functioning beside but not subordinate to the men's meetings were charged with the pastoral care of the women of the meeting, they appointed their own elders and officers and had a special responsibility for the training of the children and the relief of distress; the men's meetings were responsible for the buildings. Provision was made for consultation and the exchange of information between the two meetings and certain important matters could only be decided by agreement between them. By 1678 women's meetings were established throughout England under the general supervision of a yearly meeting held in London. This form of organisation lasted until comparatively recent times. The separate meetings were combined in England, and consequently in Australia, about 1890; since then the whole of the ministry and work of the Society has been shared with no separate men's or women's organisations.

It is difficult for Friends, among whom men and women work together on committees and accept office without distinction of sex, to appreciate the difficulties experienced by women in attaining "recognition" in other churches. However, from one's own observations of church and some secular organisations, the difficulty does exist; many men feel more at home in all-men activities, and tend to withdraw when women take a fuller share, and probably the reverse applies.

Basic to this experience is the fact of ordination of men only in most churches. To Friends the words "Laymen" and "Laity" have little meaning; all have equal responsibility of witness and work in the Society. Men or women Friends accept office or undertake activities according to their abilities and time available, without distinction of sex. There seems no formal insistence of sharing of work, except in the case of the Board of Friends School, where it is stated that at least two members shall be women; otherwise in our constitution no stipulations are made as to the sex of

Friends undertaking various work.

In practice, in Australia we have had both Federal and State bodies (General and Monthly Meetings) nominally headed by women "Clerks". In the appointment of Friends committees care is usually taken that each committee contains some men and some women, with no special proportions allotted. Some women Friends have been appointed "Marriage Celebrants" under the Commonwealth Marriage Act.

Perhaps Friends' method of worship which gives opportunity of expression to all members makes for an independent-minded outlook, and this results in an easy and un-self-conscious attitude to each other by all members, both men and women.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

(21)

The following points are submitted for the consideration of Standing Committee by the committee set up by Sydney Regional Meeting to consider the proposed constitution of Australian Church Women.

1. On page 10 of Report of Consultation it is stated:
"The basis of membership shall be that which governs admission to the ACC:

A fellowship of churches which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfil together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

It appears that Friends cooperation in ACW would have to be on the basis that they are already in ACC and would not involve acceptance of a new basis of membership. We do not know whether Standing Committee would think it desirable to point this out at this juncture.

2. With reference to recommendation 2(d) we think that comment might be made in something like these terms:

With reference to recommendation 2(d) we hope that the position of those Inter-Church Councils which agree to act as ~~state~~ state units of ACW will be clarified. Will they continue as autonomous bodies simply acting as agents for ACW? or will they become branches of ACW? In the latter case what provision will be made for the continued operation of Wybalena Hostel? We assume that these matters are receiving attention in consultation with the Councils concerned.

3. Since the cooperation of men and women in the Church is a matter of interest to ACW and the Society of Friends have had long experience of such cooperation we thought it would be appropriate to enclose a brief account of our experience in this respect.

ACW. As representation is to come from women's organisations in each of the churches and as we have no such organisation it would not appear to be possible for us to be represented. Co-operation may however be possible, especially at the State level and we leave this to our Regional Meetings to consider at the appropriate time.

We agree to forward to the A.C.C. the comments made by Edna Briggs and the statement which she has prepared

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

AUSTRALIA YEARLY MEETING

Mrs Mabel G. Wylie. 24 August 1964.
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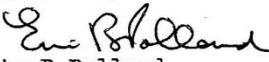
Dear Mrs Wylie

Your letter of April 21 regarding a Constitution for Australian Church Women was considered by our Standing Committee, together with comments made by a Committee of Sydney Regional Meeting of this Society. Standing Committee also had before it a statement on "the experience of Friends regarding women's work in the Society".

The relevant part of their Minute is on the attached slip, while a copy of the statement is enclosed herewith, with comments.

I think these are self-explanatory. The whole question of Friends cooperation or membership in A.C.W. would presumably be on the same basis as the Society's membership in A.C.C.; this matter is being discussed at present in the light of the position between London Yearly Meeting of the Society and the British Council of Churches, although Australian Yearly Meeting, being now independent, would not necessarily follow what is done in England.

Yours sincerely


Eric B. Pollard.
Secretary.

25 AUG 1964

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INTERIM COMMITTEE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

July 13, 1964.

Mr. Harold Gross,
35 Mast Gully *Road*.
UPWEY. Victoria.

Dear Mr. Gross,

I am writing on behalf of the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women. We understand that during the meetings of the Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ in Brisbane there will be a Christian Womens Fellowship Day. We are anxious that Australian Church Women should become widely known and we would be grateful if you could suggest that a discussion of Australian Church Women be put on the agenda of this Fellowship Day. Mrs. D. J. A. Verso and several other Churches of Christ Sydney Women will be in Brisbane at this time and I know that they would be happy to take part in the discussion and answer questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mabal G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.



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ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ Ν. ΖΗΛΑΝΔΙΑΣ

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+ ARCHBISHOP EZEKIEL
+ Bishop of Nazianzos Dionysios
+ Bishop of Myrini Chrysostom

18-March 1965.

19 MAR 1965

Mrs. M.G.WYLLIE , President,
Committee of Australian Church Women ,
Australian Council of Churches ,
511, Kent Street ,
SYDNEY , N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie ,

Regarding the representation of our Church to your Committee and Sub-Committees we feel that it would be better if instead of the Archbishop , the Central Committee of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Societies and Church Auxiliaries made the decision as to who would be our representatives.

The person or persons elected would then be approved by the Archbishop and be made known subsequently to you.

The above mentioned Central Committee of the Greek Ladies Philoptochos Societies in its monthly meeting of March the 3rd, under our Chairmanship , decided that the following ladies would be our representatives for the year 1965:

- 1- Mrs. DORATIS , Tel. 947992.
30, Moore Street,
CLONTARF , N.S.W.
- 2- Mrs. L. Evangelinidis, Tel. 394946.
25, Darley Road ,
RANDWICK , N.S.W.
- 3- Mrs. A. Mageiros ,
14, Billong Street,
VAUCLUSE , N.S.W.

Prayerfully yours ,

Archbishop Ezekiel

Archbishop Ezekiel

of Australia and New Zealand .

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 8, 1965.

Mrs. H. J. Lilley,
Secretary,
NSW Women's Inter-Church Council,
206 Eastern Valley Road,
WILLOUGHBY.
N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Lilley,

You will recall discussion at the meeting of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women, having to do with representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Copy of letters to Archbishop Ezekiel and Mrs. Doratis are enclosed herewith.

We think you have it in mind to write renewing the invitation for ladies of the Greek Orthodox Church to attend the Women's Inter-Church Council, so this will acquaint you with what has been said.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Hazel Cross,
Honorary Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 8, 1965.

Archbishop Ezekiel,
374 Edgecliff Road,
WOOLLAHRA.
N.S.W.

Dear Archbishop Ezekiel,

We thank you very much for your letter of 18th March.

The NSW Women's Inter-Church Council, which is the State Unit of Australian Church Women, will be delighted to welcome Mrs. Doratis, Mrs. L. Evangelinidis, and Mrs. A. Mageiros as representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Each Denomination appoints one representative only to the National Committee of Australian Church Women.

We would be glad if for 1965 this could be Mrs. Doratis who was elected by the National Committee to serve on its Working Committee for this year.

If desired one of the other two ladies mentioned in your letter could be appointed as alternate for Mrs. Doratis.

We are taking the liberty of writing to Mrs. Doratis, because of previous association with her in Australian Church Women meetings, explaining the position to her.

She could then, as desired, more fully inform your Ladies Central Committee of the position.

With warm Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,
Colonel Hazel Cross,
Secretary.

LETTERS OF THE WORD OF GOD TO THE PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 8, 1965.

Mrs. Doratis,
30 Moore Street,
GLADSTONE
N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Doratis,

We have been glad to receive a letter from Archbishop Ezekiel giving the names of representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church to Australian Church Women for 1965.

This has been acknowledged, as per attached copy.

Our purpose in writing you is to explain the position a little more fully, so that you could in turn explain to the Central Committee having to do with Women's Work within your church.

Firstly, the NSW Women's Inter-Church Council, which is the State Unit of Australian Church Women will be delighted to welcome you, Mrs. Evangelinidis and Mrs. Mageiros to its meetings as representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Women's Inter-Church Council meets in the Board Room, 2nd floor, Bible House, Bathurst Street each fourth Friday of the month, at 10.30am.

Having to do with the National Committee of Australian Church Women, each Denomination appoints one representative only; a second may be appointed as an alternate.

When the election of office bearers was held at the National Committee on February 11, this also included the election of five others who, with the office bearers, form the Working Committee for 1965. You were elected a member of the Working Committee and hope this will be acceptable to you.

The Working Committee will meet each fourth Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Meeting Room of the Australian Council of Churches, 3rd floor, 511 Kent Street.

If your Central Committee likes to select one of the other two ladies as your alternate, we will be glad to know who is appointed. Alternates may attend all meetings of the Working Committee; if the original representative is present she is not able to vote, but in her absence has the right to vote.

We trust this makes the position clear. If not, and we can help in any way we will be glad to do so.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Connel Hazel Cross,
Honorary Secretary.



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17th April, 1965,

Colonel Hazel Cross,
Secretary,
N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Miss Cross,

I received your letter of the 8th April, 1965,
regarding the representatives of our Church in the Australian
Church Women's organization.

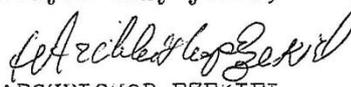
I think I see the difficulties which you raise in
having more representatives from our Church in your committee,
and I would like to ask that you kindly accept both Mrs. L.
Evangelinidis and Mrs. A. Mageiros if not as regular members,
at least as alternates of Mrs. Doratis.

Mrs. Doratis is very capable and very understanding
but she has moved away from her former ~~parish of the~~ Greek
Ladies Philoptchos Auxiliary ~~of the~~ parish in the Eastern
Suburbs and she finds it difficult to follow the activities
of our Church Women's Organizations.

Therefore, I feel that although she is very willing
and competent she cannot represent in your organization the
views of our Church women.

Wishing you a Good Easter,

Prayerfully yours,


ARCHBISHOP EZEKIEL.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

August 10, 1965.

Archbishop Ezekiel Tsoukalas,
Bishopscourt,
374 Edgecliff Road,
WOOLLAHRA. N.S.W.

Your Eminence,

Thank you for your advice of the 16th July, to the effect that, with Mrs Doratis, Mrs L. Evangelinidis will represent the Greek Orthodox Church on the Working Committee of the National Committee of Australian Church Women. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Evangelinidis at a recent meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Secretary.



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23rd November 1965

Lt Colonel H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Secretary,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 19th November 1965, concerning the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women, to be held in Melbourne, from 19th to 21st January 1966, at St. Hilda's College, in the University of Melbourne.

We have written to Mrs Evangelinidis, asking her to represent us at the above Meeting. 39,4946.

We hope that Mrs. Evangelinidis may be able to participate in the Meeting. *not able*

Prayerfully yours,

+ ARCHBISHOP EZEKIEL

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

20th December, 1965.

Archbishop Ezekiel,
374 Edgecliff Road,
WOOLLAHRA.

Dear Archbishop Ezekiel,

The Executive of Australian Church Women would like to thank you for your letter of 23rd November in which you said you had invited Mrs. Evangelinidis to represent your Church at the National Committee Meeting in Melbourne, 19th - 21st January, 1966.

As a meeting of the Executive in connection with plans for the National Committee Meeting was to be held on 14th December, I took the liberty of ringing Mrs. Evangelinidis the day before to find out as to whether she would be attending the National Committee Meeting. She explained that it would not be convenient for her to go to Melbourne at this time.

The Executive, at our meeting on 14th December, asked me to write you again and say just how very anxious we are that the Greek Orthodox Church be represented at the National Committee Meeting.

As our earlier letter indicated we would be very glad to have present the person nominated by yourself whether from Sydney or Melbourne, but wonder whether the position might be easier if you were able to nominate someone resident in Melbourne. However, that is, of course, entirely in your hands.

Trusting for a favourable reply, which we would appreciate as early as you find possible,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary



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Third Floor,
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

August 10, 1965.

TO STATE UNITS & FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL
WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS & YWCA

Re - National Committee Meeting, 1966.

Further to our letter of July 2, we now wish to advise you that the proposed dates for the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women have been brought forward to Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, 1966, with the hope that it may be possible to have an Opening Session on Wednesday night, January 19.

Since our earlier letter it has been found that during the earlier proposed dates inter-divisional meetings of the Australian Council of Churches will be held, which would interfere with the attendance of some members of the National Committee at the full series of our meetings. This, we consider, would not be desirable.

We trust these revised dates will be convenient to you.

It would be appreciated if you would give consideration to the nomination of your representative/s. As you will know from the Constitution, members of the National Committee are appointed annually, one from each Federal Denominational Women's Organization. (For State Units - two from each Unit).

It would be of assistance if the name/s of your representative/s could reach us not later than early October.

We would also welcome suggestions you may care to make concerning subjects to be included in the Agenda for the National Committee Meeting. There may be some vital matter which you think should have consideration at such a meeting. We are anxious to serve to the best of our ability. If there are such matters, we would like to have word of them at an early date. Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

MEMBER CHURCHES:

Church of England	Greek Orthodox Church	Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church	Lt. Col. H. Cross, Secretary.
Armenian Apostolic Church	Congregational Church		
Presbyterian Church	Churches of Christ	Salvation Army	Society of Friends

STUDY BOOK:

15 JUN 1966 10 Wainland Road

Moorabbin

14.6.66.

Dear Colonel Cross,

I have been asked by the Missionary Committee of our Victorian Churches of Christ & Christian Women's Fellowship, to ascertain from you the progress of the 1967 study, for A. C. W.

This committee holds two women's camps in February & March of each year, & considers using the new study, provided it is ready in good time to prepare before the end of this year.

At their July meeting, they would like to have something definite re the study to present to their members for consideration.

Could you let me know by the end of this month, ⁽¹⁾ the subject chosen, ⁽²⁾ the name of the writer, approximately when the first copy would be ⁽³⁾ available, & any other ⁽⁴⁾ information you have which might be of value?

Thanking you, & with good wishes,

Muriel E. Stafford

(Vice Pres. Victorian Women's Inta-church Council)



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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

15th June, 1966.

To Presidents and Secretaries of
Federal Denominational Women's Groups

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The Working Committee of Australian Church Women would like to develop a stronger link between Federal Denominational Women's Groups and Australian Church Women.

As you will know, the National Committee of ACW is largely made up of representatives from State Inter-Church Councils and Federal Denominational Women's Groups, and we are inclined to think that during our short history we have not kept Federal Denominational Women's Groups as fully informed as we should have concerning the work of Australian Church Women.

It was, therefore, resolved at a recent meeting of the Working Committee that both the President and Secretary of Federal Denominational Women's Groups be placed on our mailing list to receive copies of Minutes of Working Committee Meetings. With this letter you will receive a copy of Minutes of our last two meetings. These are held monthly.

Also, we are sending to the Secretary of each Federal Denominational Women's Group a copy of the Minutes of our National Committee Meeting held in Melbourne in January of this year. We are sorry we have not two copies available to send. In some cases the President of the Federal Group attended as a member of the National Committee Meeting and will have already received a copy of the Minutes. In cases where this does not apply, it would be appreciated if the Secretary would provide opportunity for the President to peruse the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting.

Whilst we expect State Inter-Church Councils, as the State Units of Australian Church Women, will be in touch with your State Secretaries concerning the Programme and Activities of Australian Church Women, yet we would appreciate all that you are able to do in encouraging participation in the ACW programme and projects.

If you have not already seen a copy of this year's Fellowship Day Order of Service, to be held during the last week in July, you will be interested in the copy enclosed which, as you will see, was prepared for Australian Church Women by the Rev. Edwin Robertson, who is visiting Australia in connection with the Church and Life Movement.

We send you our warmest greetings.

M.G. Wyllie (Mrs)
President

Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14th June, 1966.

Mrs. M. Raupach,
Hon. Secretary,
The Federation of Methodist Women of Sth. Aust.,
115 Devereux Road,
BEAUMONT, STH. AUST.

Dear Mrs. Raupach,

On behalf of our President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie, and the Working Committee of Australian Church Women, I have been asked to convey to you appreciation of your thought in sending us a copy of the Programme and material covered at your Second Annual Conference. This was tabled at our last meeting.

We would like to offer our congratulations on this fine production, and most of all on the type of material covered at your Conference. We couldn't help but feel that here is so much that is related in theme and purpose to the aim and programme of Australian Church Women.

Some of us are looking forward to studying this in further detail.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

17th June, 1966.

Mrs. C.E. Parker,
67 Elstree Avenue,
MT. LAWLEY, N.A.

Dear Mrs. Parker,

We have tried, without much success, to obtain the name and address of the Federal President of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, so we have thought maybe the easiest way in the long run is to ask you, your name having been given to us as the Secretary.

Would you be good enough to supply us with this information?

You will have received, or be receiving a letter which we are sending to all Presidents and Secretaries of Federal Groups, together with Minutes. We also wish to send this letter to your President. The address has been promised to us by one of your Presbyterian ladies, and it will doubtless arrive in due course, but as we wouldn't like the letter to your President to be lagging too far behind we thought this enquiry might help us along.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

15th June, 1966.

Mrs. J. Strack,
66 Tennyson Street,
MOONEE PONDS. W.4. VIC.

Dear Mrs. Strack,

You will have observed from Minutes of Working Committee Meetings that we have come to feel we should try to develop our links with Federal Denominational Women's Groups to a greater extent than we have done in the past.

Having been a member of the two National Committee Meetings all this will be clear to you. Whilst we do depend a great deal on State Units, and rightly so, yet we think that, on the whole, we have not been able to get through to denominational women's groups to the extent that is desirable.

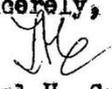
Whilst we say this, we would also like to say that Mrs. Verco has mentioned how good you are within their Church in passing information on.

Enclosed is copy of letter we are sending to Presidents and Secretaries of Federal Denominational Women's Organisations. We will not send you a second copy of the Minutes as you would probably regard that as a bit superfluous.

In addition to explaining the foregoing, there is another real purpose in this letter. We understand that the meeting (biennial) of the Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ will be held in Melbourne on Monday, 17th October of this year. We are writing you as President to ask if in some way Australian Church Women could be highlighted in your programme? You will know that whatever lead you are able to give in this respect will be very much appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

11th May, 1966.

Dear Mrs

At the last meeting of the Working Committee certain lines of action were decided upon to strengthen our links with Denominational Women's Groups. I won't reiterate these, as you will find them listed in the Minutes of the Meeting of April 27th.

However, to implement these decisions, we need the information asked for on the attached form.

We expect you either already have this information, or would be in a position to obtain it for us, and would appreciate the return of this form as early as convenient to you.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. C.F. Gribble - Methodist: Mrs. A. Dougan - Presbyterian
Mrs. D.J.A. Verco - Churches of Christ: Mrs. J.F. Dey - Congregational
Deaconess M. Andrews - Anglican: Mrs. L. Evangelinidis - Greek Orthodox.
(see separate letter to Mrs. M. Grenville - Armenian)
Lt. Col. Cross to supply information for Salvation Army

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

11th May, 1966.

Mrs. M. Grenville,
34 Lower Cliff Avenue,
NORTHBRIDGE.

Dear Mrs. Grenville,

We send you greetings from the Working
Committee of Australian Church Women.

In order that we might strengthen our
links with Denominational Women's Groups through keeping them
more fully informed concerning the activities of Australian
Church Women - such as by sending a copy of Minutes of our Meetings
and other news from time to time - we are endeavouring to bring
our list of names and addresses up to date.

A form such as is attached to this letter
is being sent to a representative of women's work in each of the
Churches. We expect you would be in possession of this information
as it affects the Armenian Church, or could obtain this for us, and
we would appreciate very much your co-operation in this way.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

a/- AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
3rd floor, 511 East Street,
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to the Hon. Secretary, Lt. Colonel R. Cross

1. Title of Federal Women's Group of

2. Name and address of the President

3. Name and address of the Secretary

4. When are meetings held, e.g.
annually, biennially, triennially?

5. What is the date of the next meeting?

Where will this be held?

Note: If not able to supply the information asked for in point 5 now, it would be appreciated if you will do this when it is available.

30th June, 1966.

Mrs. V.C. Stafford,
10 Warland Road,
MOORABBIN. VIC.

Dear Mrs. Stafford,

Thank you for your letter of 14th inst.
concerning the Study Book being prepared for Australian Church Women.

Your letter was presented at yesterday's
meeting of the Working Committee and the contents noted with interest.

Now, to answer your questions.

1. Subject. This will be as outlined in the Working Committee Meeting Minutes of 23rd March -

WORSHIP - four studies are being prepared -
 - . what is worship?
 - . Prayer ... the Lord's Prayer
 - . Scripture ... teaching, preaching
 - . Holy Communion
2. The writer. The Rev. Alan Dougan, Principal of St. Andrew's College (Presbyterian), Newtown, Sydney.
3. Approx. date when will be available: The end of November, 1966.

I don't know that there is a great deal more information that we can give you, apart from saying that the name of the writer recommends the quality of the study material; also that Mrs. Wyllie and Mrs. Dey, of the Working Committee, together with Mrs. A. Dougan are members of a small sub-committee having to do with the preparation of the study book, and that ladies of St. Stephens have also been invited in to participate in a 'try out' of some of the earlier study drafts.

We trust this will be of service, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Col. H. Cross
Hon. Secretary



New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

14th July, 1966

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Hon. Sec. A.C.W.
Flat 13,
171a Wollongong Road,
ARNCLIFFE. N.S.W.

Dear Colonel Cross,

With regard to your letter of May 11, 1966 about the strengthening of our links with the Denominational Women's Groups, I have to advise that this Council does endeavour to follow the procedure outlined by the Working Committee.

This is not without its problems for the Council but we are continually looking for ways and means to improve the situation.

Attached is the list of the dates of periodical meetings as requested by you.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ralph.
Hon. Secretary.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Baptist Women's Federation	between 14th and 21st September in 1966 - 21st September
Church of England: Mothers' Union	4th Friday of June
Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship	end of March
Congregational Women's Fellowship	1st or 2nd Tuesday July
Methodist Women's Federation	2nd Tuesday in August
Presbyterian Women's Association	2nd week of May
Lutheran	combining next year - date to be advised
Salvation Army	Congress Rally - 29th May 1967
Society of Friends (no special women's meeting)	Federal Meeting early in January
Y.W.C.A.	

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MRS. R. J. S. LANE
68 CRAMOND STREET,
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Queensland

Dear Mrs Cross

I very much regret that this form is so late in being returned to you, but trust the information may prove helpful.

May I also express our thanks for the thoughtfulness of your members in sharing their meetings with us by sending copies of the minutes of the Working Committee to us. These are most useful not only in disseminating information to our fellowship but enabling us to be more useful in interchurch work.

Could I ask that the copy of your minutes for our President be sent to the Acting Pres. Mrs Maynard Davis 92 Chapman Ave Berrcroft N.S.W until December please? as Mrs Lilian Wells is at present overseas.

With our thanks and good wishes

Yours sincerely
Evelyn J. Cooper

Denmd.

Women's Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia

Sat. July 16th

FEDERAL COUNCIL VICTORIA

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Mrs. A. R. LLOYD Mrs. R. RANDALL

To Secy of Aust. Church Women

Dear dear. Mrs.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of Working Committee minutes each month, which I find most informative & which, I know, represents a great deal of work by committee. I noted your reference to our Federal Conference to be held in Oct. & will be happy to report an A.C.W. at this session.

I try to keep the women of our churches constantly informed & to support all activities of A.C.W.

Regarding the questionnaire that was sent out last month on the future location of working committee.

Together with the Federal Council, I talked this matter over & found that it was rather a complex one. Because we realized that it needed our careful consideration & because of pressing business we were unable to give it further time - we have deferred our decision till next meeting.

I was asked to write & inform you that we felt the whole situation of A.C.W. & the location of working committee should be reviewed & we will forward, what we hope will be positive comments after our next meeting on Aug 18th.

I am leaving for a fortnight's visit to West Aust tomorrow & have been invited by Mrs Eaton to visit the Inter Ch. Women's League of W. A. whilst there. This I will try to do despite a very full itinerary already planned.

This is quite unofficial - but I'm wondering if Mrs Badger's proposed visit to Ferrania could coincide with our Fed. Conf on Oct. 17th - could you let me know. unofficially!!!

With sincere greetings from Fed Council & members of Christ & myself. I remain yours. Doreen Strack.



Australasian Federation of Methodist Women

(AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN)

4 Roslyn Ave
Roseville

June 12th 1967

President: Mrs. C. F. GRIBBLE

Dear Mr's Astor. Today I have been in touch with Dr and Mrs's Lucy Lushon I had sent a copy of your letter to me giving July 1st as the latest suitable date for you to receive the completed Order of Service and other material for World Community Day.

Mr's Loy tells me that all will be completed and I have asked her to send it direct to you and she says that she will send a copy also to me for our files. I hope that this will set your mind at rest.

Good wishes to you and your committee - especially at this time for the printing and distribution this material, no doubt a slow and painstaking task.

Yours sincerely
Yolande M. E. Newman
Hon Sec. A. F. M. W.

5th - phone conversation.

5th - thanked for letter & phone call.
Told her order of service had arrived
questions for discussion to follow.

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5th December 1967.

Miss C. Ritchie,
President, A.C.W.,

Dear Cath, This letter is being written to you, mainly because the Secretary is not known to me, and I find it much easier to take on paper to someone whom I know!

It is about the possibility of inviting Mrs Myrna Bruchmeyer, an American, now resident in Sydney, to attend part (or all?) of the forthcoming National Committee meeting. Mrs Bruchmeyer's husband has accepted a two-year term as minister of the Pitt Street Congregational Church (Sydney) and both have stated their desires to be in the nature of learners^{of} and participants in Australian church life. More than this though, for many years, Mrs B. has been keenly interested in the work of Church Women United (USA), in all its branches, particularly in the national organisation of World Community Day for some time. She would have much to contribute to our thinking and much to give us, as well as being a "learner" herself. I think she would be pleased to attend for the whole time, if the Working Committee considers this a workable suggestion; but at the least, maybe she could be asked to attend the session on the planning of our special days for 1968. — It was she who helped me so much while I was in the U.S. last year, to become conversant with the American ways of church life. I see by the minutes of the Working Committee, that you are all going to be very busy between now and February next! Kind regards to Committee members, of course, to yourself, Yours, Helen C. Wells.

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Federal Conference, Churches of Christ

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6th August, 1968.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,

Dear Mrs Duke,

In reply to your letter 25th June, which came just to late for our July Meeting, we would like to thank you for the privilege of sharing in the work of A C.W.

At our meeting yesterday it was decided that we would undertake the preparing of an Order of Service for World Community Day 1969, as requested and will have it to you by the end of October.

May God guide you in all your work for Him,

Thanking you again,

Yours Sincerely,

DA Elliott

D.A. Elliott. Secretary.(Mrs A.G.)



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Young Women's Christian Association of Australia
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21st November, 1968

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Australian Church Women,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH 3165

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Thank you for your letter reminding us that the YWCA of Australia is entitled to send one representative to the National Committee Meeting of the Australian Church Women. The name and address of our representative is:

Mrs. T. C. Rentoul, O.B.E.,
16 Glen Street,
Hawthorn 3122

Mrs. Rentoul is a National Board Member and is Chairman of our Victorian Region.

We are also delighted that our National President, Mrs. A. W. Burton, will be at the meeting.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Florence Christian

Florence Christian
Executive Director

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28th November 1968.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
Hon. Secretary
Australian Church Women,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

We have just received at our Headquarters a letter from you addressed to the Commissioner of the Eastern Territory, Sydney.

Incidentally, the memo though dated 24.10.68. was not received at this Headquarters until 27.11.68: the postmark on the envelope being 27.11.68.

It is understood that a somewhat similar letter has been sent to Sydney addressed to Commissioner F. Harvey: obviously the communications were placed in the wrong envelopes: there is no need for concern, as we have written to Commissioner Scotney advising that the two letters are basically the same, and doubtless he will be replying direct to you with the name of their Representative for the National Committee meeting scheduled to be held in Melbourne from February the 4th to 7th, 1969.

Our Representative so far as the Southern Australia Territory is concerned will be Mrs. Colonel Flo Saunders (R) and we both know that no better person could be secured for such an assignment.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK F. SAUNDERS
(Colonel)
CHIEF SECRETARY.



"Serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul."

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18 Jan St
Broadview
16/12/68.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bendleigh 3165 Vic.

Dear Mrs Duke,
As the books & reports have not yet been received from N.S.W. I regret that we are unable to give a comprehensive report, but assure you that Churches of Christ women in all States take a very real interest in A.C.W. affairs.

At present we doubt whether it will be possible for a member of our Federal Executive to attend National Committee meeting of A.C.W. in Melbourne in February, but as Mrs. M. A. K. Crosby & also Mrs Helen Morrou both from S.A. Churches of Christ, will be attending we will ask one of these women to report to us.

At present I am holidaying Interstate (N.S.W. & Queensland) & expect to return to Adelaide on 10th January, when I will forward further information.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs. N.H.) Glenda Coombe
Secretary.



Presbyterian
Women's Association
of Australia

6th July, 1969

Mrs. Duke,
Secretary,
Australian Churchwomen.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

The Federal Executive of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia have pleasure in nominating Mrs. F. Ashton as a delegate to the Asian Church Women's Conference in Indonesia September 1970, and the name of Mrs. L. Thomson, South Australia as an observer.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. T. Coutts

(Mrs. J. T. Coutts)
Federal Secretary.

Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia
(including the NAURUAN PROTESTANT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP)

10 Gunn's Road,
Kensington Park - S.A. 5068.
24th July, 1969.

The Secretary,
A.C.W. Working Committee.

Dear Mrs Duke,

In reply to the invitation in A.C.W. News re nominations for the Asian Church Women's Conference, the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia wishes to nominate its President, Mrs D.W. Bailey, as a delegate. We believe that Frances Bailey would be a very worthy representative of Australian Church Women and commend her to you.

Yours sincerely,

Jean M. Bache

General Secretary.

President's address:
24 Salisbury Crescent,
Bot. Light Gardens.
S.A. 5041.

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January 23, 1970

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh,
NSW 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Your letter, for some unaccountable reason, did not reach us here until recently, and I have hurriedly prepared a report, gathered from information obtained from our Women's Departments. I fully realize that it is probably too late for use at the annual meeting, but it may be useful in some way, otherwise.

It is deeply regretted that I am not able to attend this National Meeting at St. Hilda's College this year. Please be assured that it is not for lack of interest nor willingness to give every support. I have had some difficulty in grasping just where the various associations fit in, but do promise you my fullest support, on behalf of this Territory, during this year.

With every good wish and prayer for a successful and blessing filled annual meeting, February 3rd to 7th,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Colonel Leslie Pindred)

President: Mrs. D. Bailey, 24 Salisbury Crescent,
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Mrs G. J. Burke
Sec. A.C.W.

May 4th '70.

Dear Sheila,

Under separate cover you will receive a registered parcel from me, which is the taped interviews with Rev. Winifred Keith. Do you remember the tape was a bit indistinct & I promised to have another one taken off, so that A.C.W. would have a spare copy? Interstate visits & a heavy programme, have made this late - I'm sorry. I was handed what I thought was a new tape, but have discovered that it was the tape I took to Nat. C'tee in Feb. After much listening to it & my husband has wiped off the original & has recorded the whole thing, afresh. He thinks it is superior to the first, after trying it on a number of tape recorders. If A.C.W. wants to have another one i.e. a spare tape for branches & States to hire, could you send another tape with Mrs Betty Ashton, whom I shall be seeing next Sat. here, in Adelaide - or if this is not possible - I could get

Another tape here, if you want it
I hope you feel this tape
is helpful "equipment" to have on hand
for the promotion of the scholarship.

Will I be seeing you at
Nat. C'tees (Meth. - Pres. - Conf.) meeting on
June 17th? Hoping you are well &
with every good wish to yourself &
the working c'tee.

Yours Sincerely
Frances Bailey.

P.S. What is the news, if any, of
the Asian ^{Church} ~~Christian~~ Women's Conference?
I haven't heard any news at all
from Djakarta. Should I have?
Frances B.



William Booth, Founder

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15th January, 1971.

Mrs. S. Duke,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH.
VIC. 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

We have asked Mrs. Lt.-Colonel Geo. Carpenter, to represent the Australia Eastern Territory of The Salvation Army, at the National Committee meeting, to be held in Newtown February 9th to 12th, 1971, instead of my wife, Mrs. Colonel Pindred.

Mrs. Carpenter, who would have been present in any case, is happy to accept this extension of her responsibilities and representations of our Movement, providing this carries your approval insofar as the Australian Church Women Association is concerned.

Mrs. Colonel F. Saunders, of the Australia Southern Territory will remain that Territory's representative, and also plans to be present.

Thanking you, and with every good wish for the success of your Annual Meeting,

God bless you!

Yours sincerely,

(Leslie Pindred)
Colonel.
CHIEF SECRETARY.



We express our congratulations to the Working Committee of Victorian women who, under the leadership of Deaconess Cath Ritchie, and then Mrs. F. Ashton, have made the A.C.W. more effective.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

In facilitating a sharing of views as between the states these have always been worthwhile. Recent Annual Meetings have been very good in that they also brought before the members for study and discussion some matters of importance to the whole church. The 1968 Meeting took the theme, "Behold I make all things new". Mrs. J. Mullan was our P.W.A. delegate to the Meetings held in Sydney.

In 1969 the theme was based on reports from the Uppsala Assembly of the World Council of Churches, with the Rev. N. Faichney leading discussion on "The Catholicity of the Church", and other speakers including the Rev. David Cox and Mrs. J. D. McCaughey on the needs of migrants in Australia.

In 1970 the theme, "Christian Concern", was covered very effectively with addresses from leaders who looked at the needs of Youth, of very young children, and of those who have proved to be "vulnerable personalities" in our free society, viz., the alcoholics and drug-addicts.

WIDER PARTICIPATION.

The attendance at the Annual Meetings has been widened to include OBSERVERS from the State Units and the affiliated Federal groups, and also from the women's organizations in the denominations ~~at~~ at State level, in the State in which the Meetings are being held. Observers from the Roman Catholic Church and from the Women's World Day of Prayer have attended as well as Y.W.C.A. This is a very good move, and we urge that P.W.A. should avail themselves of these opportunities for more people to participate in the Annual Meetings of Australian Church Women.

The next Annual Meeting will be in Sydney from Feb. 9th.-12th., 1971.

From that time, the Working Committee will be located in Queensland for the ensuing two years.

FINANCE.

Financially the A.C.W. have taken initiative in this last 3 years, by raising money for a Travel Fund. ~~the~~ The sale of A.U.W. biros and of A.C.W. stationery is commended to all P.W.A. members.

A.C.W. SPECIAL PROJECTS.

The two projects undertaken each year by A.C.W. have made steady progress. The Fellowship of the Least Coin continues to attract more members each year and the sales of the "Circle of Prayer" have been noteworthy.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund has been a little slower in gaining publicity and recognition. However, the presence of Miss Jackie Kini from Port Moresby in 1969 and of Miss Veronica Kafa from the Solomon Is. in 1970 have done a lot to prove to Australian church women the value of this scholarship, not only to the church from which these young women come, but also to our own churches here in Australia.

SPECIAL DAYS.

1. Fellowship Day is in July-- The offering from these combined church women's meetings in many centres goes each year to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. (In 1969, offering was approx. \$800.)

2. World Community Day is in October, as near as practicable to United Nations Day. The Least Coin offering, given month by month in many local women's groups, is often dedicated on this Day in those centres where combined meetings are held. In addition the offering on the World Community Day goes to a particular Inter-Church Aid project (In 1969 approx. \$600 went to education in Hong Kong.)

We commend to State Units the observance of these special days and of the support for the Special Projects.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Australian Church Women provides our link with the Asian Church Women's Conference. This group meets every four years, and will be convening at the same time as our Federal Conference in September. A.C.W. are sending a good team to this Meeting in Djakarta:---Delegates: Mesdames Doreen Strack (Churches of Christ and Victorian) and Frances Bailey (Congregational and S.A.). Observers: Mesdames Eileen Dingle (Methodist and Queensland) and Elizabeth Ashton (Congregational and Victorian) In addition Mrs. Olga Badger

(Congregational and N.S.W.) has been a member of the Asian Women's Committee and will also attend the meetings in Djakarta. These 5 women will be available for meetings when they return and Federal Conference commends them for consideration when syllabus and programmes are being drawn up.

In addition, Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam, the Chairwoman of the Asian Church Women's Conference will be addressing a few meetings in Australia in October 1970.

PUBLICATIONS.

"Women at Work" is an interesting newsheet published every two or three months by the Working Committee. All State Units of P.W.A. should receive several copies from their State Unit of A.C.W. (Women's Inter-Church Council, etc.)

"Christian Concern" addresses may be obtained from the Secretary of A.C.W.

"Parents and the Teen-age Revolution" was prepared by the Committee for Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. It is also obtainable from the hard-working Secretary of Australian Church Women:

Mrs. G.I. Duke, 38 Argyle St., East Bentleigh. 3165.

Report presented by Jean Yule.

Dear Sheila,

This copy is for your interest only.

But - could you please confirm Betty Ashton's appointment by phoning Florence?

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I had a letter in to-day
from Mrs. Stack.

yours, Jean Y.