

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



## 20<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE

10 OCTOBER—14 OCTOBER 2005

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

### MINUTES

*“FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST”*



“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.” Psalm 127

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN 20<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**9<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

**The Collaroy Centre, Sydney, New South Wales**

***"FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST"***

**CONFERENCE MINUTES**

**Daily –** Thought for the Day – Major Nancy McLaren  
News – Miss Heather Reid  
Notices – Mrs Isabel Hewitt  
Graces – Set out on dining tables.

**Sunday October 9, 2005**

**Evening Worship** was conducted by Mrs Beryl Kirkwood.

**Informal Social/Bible Study/Prayer Groups** were formed (Major Joan Tong)

**Prayer Room** was set up and available for prayer.

**Monday October 10, 2005**

**9.00 a.m. Free Time**

**2.00 p.m.**

**CONFERENCE SESSION 1**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**WELCOME**

Major Nancy McLaren welcomed all to this 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference at which we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Australian Church Women and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Nancy reflected on the names in the President's Bible that had been presented to her at the commencement of her term of office and all the positive things that have happened as a result of their pioneering work.

The current National Executive were introduced and acknowledged.

Giving thanks for our heritage and our wonderful land Australia, Nancy said "On your behalf I acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Guringai people of the Eora Nation who have been custodians of this area for thousands of years. I wish to pay tribute for the way in which they cared for the land over tens of thousand of years."

**OPENING SERVICE**

Special guests Dr Esther Byu, Executive Secretary, International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin and Rev. Valamotu Palu, General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches, were introduced by Mrs Cela Cooper and Mrs Jan Harrison.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Major Lyn Middleton's message was focussed on Australian Church Women's Theme for 2003-2005 "Forward Together In Christ". Using St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4 as a reference, Lyn said we are all

one body (together); we have the same spirit (in Christ); we are all moving heavenward to the one hope to which we have been called. The aim is for the Church to move forward in building a better world, to produce men and women who have in them the reflection of Jesus Christ himself. The goal of a world redeemed in Christ is to move forward to Christian maturity until "we come to such unity in our faith, and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (v.13).

We must move forward together with humility, meekness, gentleness, patience and love that is seated in the mind (not emotion). God's Spirit within us enables us to choose to love as God's love.

When self is dethroned and Christ rules in our life there comes the peace, the togetherness, which is the great hallmark of the Church and we can go forward together. Through faith, one baptism which is into the Body of Christ, one God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the same family, loving and serving the same Father.

St. Paul summed up by saying spiritual unity is not something we manufacture, it is something we already have in Christ.

Let us then go forward to build a better world together with the bond of peace, in Christ.

### **3.15 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 2**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

#### **Official photos**

Photos of the whole group, State/Territory Units and Denominations were taken. These will be put onto a compact disk for distribution to State Units, who can then arrange to pass on photos to their interested members.

#### **Honouring Deceased Members**

Mrs Edith Ridge led a Service of Remembrance and thanks for those members who had passed away during the last two years. As each name was read out a floating candle was lit and a flower placed in the bowl by a representative from the corresponding State Unit, for each person remembered. The flowers represented beauty and fragrance. A prayer followed, thanking God for the way our lives have been enriched and touched by those people honoured.

#### **PRESENTATION OF WORKING PAPERS**

##### **Alterations to Working Papers**

##### **Changes to Participants List**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs Nola Dickson  | Delegate                 |
| Mrs Jean Porteous | Delegate – <i>delete</i> |

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| ACT UNIT       | Add Mrs Jean Thomson        |
| NSW State Unit | Add Mrs Ethel Wladysiuk     |
|                | Delete Mrs Pauline McKelvey |
| SA State Unit  | Delete Mrs Judy Burge       |



**Greetings from the floor....**

**Lady Wilson (Leila)** President, Western Australia Unit, sends apologies and greetings.

**Evonne Sullivan**, National Life Member from ACT Unit sends apologies and best wishes, with gratitude for prayers on her behalf.

**Ruth Burmeister**, National Life Member, ACT Unit, sends greetings.

**Ailsa Mailey**, Western Australia Unit

**Shirley Sampson** South Australia Unit sends greetings.

**Eva Cooper**, South Australia Unit sends greetings and apology.

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS (2)**

Mrs Margaret Greenslade and Mrs Marie Majoor

**2005/1** CARRIED BY CONSENSUS.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 2003 CONFERENCE**

**2005/2** The Minutes of the Australian Church Women National Conference held in Perth October 2003, were **CONFIRMED BY CONSENSUS**.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS. Voting to be by Consensus.**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Motion 1 - p. 52**

That changes made to ACW Constitution and Guidelines listed below be accepted:

p. 9 Guidelines: delete repetition *an amount not exceeding 10% from World Community Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin monies and Fellowship Day offerings* for from paragraph 12

p.11 **Publication Editor** not Publications' Editor—in line with Constitution

p.28 **Publicity Officer** not Publicity Convenor—in line with Constitution

p.2 'In the second **year** of office' not 'term' of office

p.22 substitute **ACWC** for ICFLC under September and June, and date altered to 10 June instead of 30 June—to comply with request from ICFLC

p.32 **ensuing year**—not ensuring year.

**2005/3** Moved Isabel Hewitt, National Executive  
CARRIED BY CONSENSUS.

**Motion 4 – p. 52**

**The Victorian Unit** proposed that the current Constitution clause

Finance 7.3: Signatories for all bank accounts and investments shall be any two of the Executive Officers

**be replaced with**

Finance 7.3: Signatories for all Bank accounts and investments shall be any two of the Executive Officers, one of whom shall be the Treasurer or in her absence an alternative Executive Officer, who shall ensure that the Treasurer is notified of the transaction as soon as possible.

**2005/4** Moved Margaret Watson  
CARRIED BY AGREEMENT (Western Australia Unit abstaining).

7.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 3

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:**

**National Archivist - p. 32.** Mrs Edith Ridge presented her report.

ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Motion 8 – p. 54**

**National Executive moved:**

That the Guidelines—National Archivist as set out on page 55 of the Working Papers be accepted and inserted as an update to the Australian Church Women Constitution and Guidelines 2003.

2005/5

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**ACWC POSITIONS – NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A committee including two voting delegates from each State Unit was formed to consider both:

- (1) the appointment of the ACW Representative to ACWC and
- (2) a further two persons from ACW to attend the Quadrennial Conference in 2006.

7.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 3

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**Motion 7 – p. 54**

**South Australian Unit moved:**

**That the current clause in Guidelines on p. 25**

10 Time Table

November

Research possible recipients for World Community Day Special Project for recommendation to National Executive in February.

**be replaced with**

10 Time Table

August

Research possible recipients for World Community Day Special Project to be returned to the newly appointed Convener (in Conference year) for recommendation to National Executive in February.

2005/6

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Motion 9 – p. 54**

**National Executive moves:**

That every National Conference be covered by public liability insurance.

2005/7

CARRIED BY AGREEMENT

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**Australian Women's Coalition Report 2003-2005**

In the absence of Mrs Jean Hambley, Mrs Isabel Hewitt presented the report.



REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

Conference expresses its sincere thanks to Mrs Jean Hambley for her contribution in representing Australian Church Women on Australian Women's Coalition.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Appointment of ACW Representative to Australian Women's Coalition.**  
Major Nancy McLaren advised that Mrs Jean Hambley is no longer able to serve as ACW Representative to Australian Women's Coalition and Mrs Anne Murray has accepted this position.

REPORT RECEIVED BY CONSENSUS

**National Special Days Convenor Report - p. 25**  
Major Eileen Holley presented her report and gave feedback received regarding Special Days. Positives, Negatives and Suggestions for improvement, noting that younger women are into causes rather than commitment.

REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Evening Devotions** were led by Tasmania State Unit Scripture reference Matt. 16:24-28. Just as Jesus called the disciples to take up that cross together and follow him, so he is calling us today to do likewise.

**Tuesday October 11, 2005**

**8.45 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 4**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Morning Devotions** were led by Qld State Unit with the theme "Living Life to the Fullest". An object lesson was given to demonstrate how there is always room in our lives to help others.

**Celebrate the Word** – Bible Study with Sr. Patricia Stevenson, RSJ  
Referred to Acts 2:1-12 and Acts 15:1-35. Delegates were asked to form groups, listen to the readings, discuss questions and write their answers on a sheet of paper. Sr Patricia expounded on the Scripture and helped delegates to see how this could be applied to our church communities today.

Contact details for Sr. Patricia's book "Songs from a Pierced Heart" are: St. Joseph's Centre for Reflective Listening, 64 McKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153. Tel: (02) 9634 2317.

**11.00 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 5**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**National President's Report p. 14**  
Major Nancy McLaren presented her report and thanked God for the opportunity given to serve on the National Executive.

**National Secretary's Report p. 15**  
Mrs Isabel Hewitt presented her report.

REPORTS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**National Treasurer's Report p. 16**

Mrs Nola Dickson presented her report.

REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Note:** Discussion took place regarding the fact that up to 10% of FLC offerings may be taken by both the State Units and the National Executive for funding purposes. Major Nancy McLaren suggested this matter could be raised at the next National Conference in 2007.

**Funding for Travel Pool**

Helen Lloyd, ACT, asked if a Travel Pool had been set up for this National Conference as mentioned on Page 10 of the Guidelines under "National Conference Fund". Major Nancy McLaren advised that this information will be provided at a later time in the Conference.

**National Publicity Convenor's Report - p.30** Sr Marie Craddock. Please add to the report: "Contacted 11 or 12 media outlets who were most gracious, courteous and supportive."

**National Publication Editor Report - p. 29**

In presenting her report, Mrs Ridge commented that it had been a joy and a privilege to serve as Publication Editor and thanked all those who had contributed to ACW News.

REPORTS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Motion No. 3 - p. 52**

**National Executive** moves to change the Guidelines 2003 under National Conference Fund page 10 to include:

**That the subsidising of costs associated with attendance at National Conferences of Australian Church Women be extended to all members of the incumbent National Executive subject to the availability of funds.**

Moved by Major Nancy McLaren.

2005/8

This matter was deferred until later in the Conference.

**Motion No. 5 - p. 53**

**Western Australia moves:**

That the Incoming National Executive investigates ways of receiving sufficient copies of the Circle of Prayer for our needs more quickly.

2005/9

Moved Lee Edwards

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Dr Esther Byu related the various steps that have to be taken in order to produce a new edition of Circle of Prayer, including the time it takes to receive articles from different countries and the cost of sending out orders. Various personal suggestions were offered by delegates regarding printing of Circle of Prayer, such as:



- Copy it on to a compact disk and airmail it to one place to be printed (say, Australia for instance).
- All Units make an effort to send in an article for Circle of Prayer and do one for the National Conference.
- Copy on to compact disks and give one to each State Unit at National Conference.
- The ideal situation would be to have this for Fellowship Day in July.

#### **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

##### **National Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor – p.24**

Miss Shirley Wells presented her report and thanked all State Convenors and Dr. Esther Byu, for the support she has received during the last two years. The history of FLC in Australia has been compiled and sent to ICFLC Secretary as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

#### **REPORT RECEIVED BY CONSENSUS**

#### **2.00 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 6**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

##### **Fellowship of the Least Coin 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee (1956-2006)**

**Theme: Celebrating the Legacy, Visioning the future, Living the Jubilee.** Miss Shirley Wells introduced Shanti Solomon's vision saying that countless lives have been reached, touched and changed through prayer and the offering of our least coins. Reflecting on the past, rejoicing in the present and envisioning the future, may we be receiving and giving channels of God's love, peace and reconciliation and in his name reach out and change lives. Each delegate received a memento in the form of a white linen handkerchief, embroidered with the Fellowship of the Least Coin logo in green.

Three special guests were acknowledged, these being Pastor Annie Lewis-Bramall from Hopetreet Urban Compassion (received a grant this year), Sister Joan Westblade, member of the Little Company of Mary who has worked in East Timor (grant given), Rev. Lee Edwards, W.A., Kwinana Project (grant given).

Major Eileen Holley introduced Speaker **Dr. Esther Byu** who brought greetings from the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin. In her address, Esther expounded on the theme: "Celebrating the Legacy, Visioning the Future, Living the Jubilee" and asked: "How do we measure the impact of the FLC prayer movement? How do we measure the miraculous deeds of God? How much money has been collected and how many projects have been assisted? The only way we can measure all this is by listening to the stories of those involved in the projects, and thinking about the lasting effect of the projects." "The uniqueness of this prayer movement is that it brings us all down to the same ground – and we have to deepen our faith to trust that our little coin will make a difference. We must keep re-kindling this vision to the next generation."

"Asian Church Women's Conference was like the mother and that is why the climax celebration is going to be at the ACWC Quadrennial Conference in 2006. Founding members of the FLC movement were contacted and their stories will appear in a book that will come out in January 2006 – Climax 2006."

The Fellowship of the Least Coin song was then sung by the National Executive.

**3.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 7**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Meditation from Volume 2 of Circle of Prayer**, written by Margaret Shannon was led by Lyn Morrison.

**Hopetreet Urban Compassion – The Women's Space – FLC Grant 2005**

Mrs Beryl Kirkwood introduced Annie Lewis-Bramall from The Women's Space, a project of Hopetreet Urban Compassion (Baptist Inner City Ministries). The Women's Space is a creative space where women sex workers can come together and offer each other a hand of love, care and support. Many women have been able to explore their creative talents, renew their inner strength and deepen their connection with God.

**East Timor FLC Grant 2001**

Sr Marie Craddock introduced Sr Joan Westblade of the Little Company of Mary. Sr Joan is a registered nurse who has worked for seven years in East Timor, experiencing the oppression and horrors that have taken place. Having recently returned to Australia from East Timor, and seeing the contrast in values, this was hard to come to terms with.

Sr Joan recalled how in 2001 four nurses were able to come from East Timor to Australia through the generosity of the FLC and were able to attend a specially tailored course in primary Health Care at Cairns TAFE. Two years after returning to East Timor, the NGO's were saying "We must do something about primary health care". This was an affirmation that sometimes we need to wait on the Lord. Sets of pictorial charts have been produced for the health care workers, together with a book and charts aimed at someone in the village who might be interested in health. It is not a compassionate society and there are a lot of orphans. Procedure has been reformed and a safe place to work has been set up for them, including the nurses that have been trained through FLC. We were asked to continually include them in prayer. The effects can be felt like a ripple and the smallest coin is like chewing gum – it stretches!

**Presbyterian Ladies College Display** explanation by Major Eileen Holley. PLC received a Special Days donation in 2003 for the School's project in East Timor.

**ICFLC Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 9-13 October, 2006**

Rev. Lee Edwards spoke to Conference regarding her vision of ACW members attending the above Conference in 2006, arriving back in Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> October. After presenting information on costs, indications of interest were called for.

**7.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 8**

**Chair: Mrs Cela Cooper**

**Fellowship of the Least Coin Audio-Visual Presentation**

Major Lyn Middleton showed an audio-visual depicting the origins and history of FLC. The audio-visual was prepared using slides and script distributed by Dorothy Wagner (USA) to ICFLC members and delegates attending the 40th Anniversary of FLC in New Zealand in 1996. The audio-visual presented at the Conference was prepared by the NSW Unit who

presented a copy to each State Unit of ACW to assist in the promotion of FLC across Australia.

#### **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

##### **National Social Justice Issues Convenor's Report – p.31**

In the absence of Mrs Jean Porteous, Mrs Isabel Hewitt presented this report which, among other things, emphasised the need for members to write to governments, the media, etc. as individuals when circumstances warrant a complaint.

##### **REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS**

This Conference wishes to record its appreciation to Mrs Jean Porteous for her work as National Social Justice Issues Convenor.

##### **CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

##### **Motion 2 – p. 52**

**National Executive** regarding the title of the portfolio currently termed 'Social Justice Issues' moves:

That the portfolio currently termed 'Social Justice Issues' (Convener) in the 2003 Guidelines of ACW be titled 'Social Issues' (Convener) rather than 'Social Justice Issues' (Convener), and address issues upholding community values aligned with the Christian ideals implicit in the ACW Constitution (see 2.2 of Guidelines) rather than the issues which are potentially divisive.

**Withdrawal of the above Motion.** Because of a Constitutional point of order National Executive withdrew this motion and proposed that it be brought to the next National Conference by NSW State Unit in 2007. Each State Unit was asked to read the rationale behind the motion and give their consideration to the matter.

**2005/10**

##### **PROPOSAL CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

##### **Motion 6 – p. 53**

**Western Australia moves:**

That this Conference of Australian Church Women expresses deep concern at the level of mental health funding throughout Australia; particularly as it affects the mental health of young Australians, Australians in rural Australia, and the lack of properly resourced community care, and urges both Federal and State Governments to give urgent attention to the identification of areas of critical need and to provide adequate funding to address these immediately, as well as further developing productive partnerships between government and community groups.

We affirm our belief in the value of such partnerships, as exemplified in the Federal Government funded Mind Matters and Families Matter programs, in encouraging prevention and early intervention and breaking down barriers of prejudice and stigma which isolate mental health patients from the community whose support they need for full rehabilitation.

**2005/11**

Moved Major Laurel Pearce  
**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

**Proposed** by Major Lyn Middleton that a letter setting out Motion 6, be sent by National Executive to both Federal and State Governments on behalf of National Conference of Australian Church Women.

**2005/12 PROPOSAL CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

**Kwinana Project Western Australia 2005**

Rev. Lee Edwards presented information on the above project.  
"Journey to Wholeness" – a project of Uniting Care of Kwinana offers an exploration of women's inner self, spirituality and personal growth.

Evening Devotions were led by Western Australia Unit.

**Wednesday, October 12, 2005**

**8.45 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 9**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Morning Devotions "Who is my Neighbour"**

South Australia Unit presented a modern, dramatised version of the parable of The Good Samaritan, which was both humorous and very meaningful.

**The Good Shepherd Trading Circle**

Sr Marie Craddock introduced Sr Helen and Sr Noelene from The Trading Circle – an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd – which actively supports women's groups in several African, Asian & Latin American countries, working to create employment opportunities for women struggling in situations of severe poverty. The handcrafted goods which are made by these women are marketed over here and this enables them to earn a just return for their labours. The goods that Sr Helen and Sr Noelene brought to our trading table were immediately sold and more were ordered. The address of the sales outlet in Sydney is 78 Victoria Street, Ashfield 2131 (enter via Robert Street). For information please telephone (02) 9799 6301.

**10.45 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 10**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Ecumenical Service**

The Ecumenical Service commenced with a procession of State Unit Banners which then formed a backdrop to the proceedings.

President Nancy McLaren acknowledged the people of this land, the Guringai people of the Eora Nation.

Greetings were brought by Secretary Mrs Isabel Hewitt. Prayers of Thanksgiving, Prayers of Praise and Reflections of the Past were offered by Publicity Convenor Sr Marie Craddock RSJ, Mrs Helen Richardson, Treasurer NSW Unit (Inc) and Mrs Marie McCann OAM, Past National President.

Guest Speaker Rev. Valamotu Palu was introduced by WKS Convenor Major Joan Tong. Vala spoke on the Scripture reading Colossians 3:1-4 and 12-17 saying that as Australian Church Women, we communicate the timeless values that Christ taught us; we communicate the universal and unconditional love and forgiveness. Referring to the fact that we are celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, Vala said we are celebrating

the fact that so many women have succeeded in their ministries through the assistance and support of the Scholarship. So many lives have been touched, so many hands have contributed towards this Scholarship. We celebrate because we have been called to continue this important ministry. In the Bible reading, St. Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit with which we should cover ourselves. Do everything in celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ. Vala went on to say that not all the spiritual gifts are visible but God sees what is in your heart. We are God's chosen ones to serve the world. We need to do mission together in order to do what God wants us to do – *oikoumene*. Come and celebrate and go forward together in Christ.

The Service finished with the singing of the Australian Church Women chorus, (NSW State Inc) written by Mrs Lucelle King, "We being many are one in the Lord".

**1.00 p.m. Ecumenical Luncheon**

**2.00 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 11**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Honouring Australian Church Women**

Names to be added were read out; those present were asked to come forward and were thanked for what they have contributed to Australian Church Women.

Mrs Jan Harrison paid tribute to Mrs Isabel Hewitt who had worked very hard to produce the 2005 edition of the Memorial bursary Book which is now called "Honouring Australian Church Women". Isabel spent countless hours researching information and collating it. She had also made the covers and the protective cases with assistance from her husband Doug, and her daughter Angela. ACW is very grateful to each of them for producing this wonderful resource. All who read the stories will be able to share in the accomplishments of the women honoured.

Mrs Hewitt presented each State Unit with a copy of the new version.

Major Nancy McLaren presented "stars" to delegates and referred to the Boulevard of Stars in the USA where fan clubs pay \$2000 to have a person's star embedded in concrete. "We want to honour you today; you are a star because Jesus has chosen you and paid for you already".

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**Report on Asian Church Women's Conference 2005 p. 33**

Mrs Pat Walker presented her report and especially mentioned the ACWC Newsletter which is available on subscription at a cost of AU\$12 per year for four copies. This contains interesting items from member countries and tells us a lot about their problems and their achievements. The 2006 General Assembly is being planned, which will be a combined celebration with ICFLC who will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Money is needed to enable the funding of overseas delegates. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Report of Australian Baptist Women - p. 43**

Mrs Beryl Kirkwood presented this report which had been compiled by Kay Bullpit, National Co-ordinator, Australian Baptist Women. Beryl added that it is hard to target younger women because they have other commitments so

their target is older women, perhaps retired, when they have experience, knowledge and time to give.

#### REPORTS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

#### 3.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 12

Chair: Major Joan Tong

##### **Scholars**

Letters from previous WKS Scholars were read out and prayers offered for the 2006 scholars. Major Joan Tong had compiled a file of letters received from Scholars, which she will pass on to the Incoming National WKS Convenor.

**Rev Valamotu Palu** showed an audio-visual presentation about the Pacific Region and all the many countries that go to make up that region. This highlighted the effects of global warming and other environmental concerns. Vala will take this presentation to the World Council of Churches Assembly next year. Answering a question from the floor, Vala explained which of those countries accepted women ministers and in what capacity. The difficulties experienced in getting one of the WKS Scholars to Australia were highlighted.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)

##### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report – National Convenor – p.26**

Major Joan Tong presented her report. In addition, every State Unit had been asked if we could replace the yearly 3-fold leaflet, with a WKS pamphlet which would include general information on the scholarship, list of all scholars and fellowship awardees, and the new scholar's and fellowship awardees names to be inserted every two years. An insert to the pamphlet (single page A5) for the current scholar(s) to be prepared each year.

#### REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

Mrs Jan Harrison moved that the new Winifred Kiek Scholarship pamphlet be adopted for use for the ensuing two years and an insert to the pamphlet (single page A5) for the current scholar(s) be prepared each year.

2005/13

#### CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

##### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Report for 2004/2005 – p. 27**

This report was presented by Mrs Maureen Clark on behalf of the Trustees.

#### REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Recommendation** 'That the surplus of \$3,804.59 from 2004, be transferred to the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Fund'.  
Moved by Mrs Maureen Clark.

2005/14

#### CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

##### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Treasurer's Report – p.28 (Circulated at Conference)**

Moved that the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Financial Statements for the years ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005, be accepted, subject to the Auditor's verification of same.



2005/15 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Re-appointment of Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Auditor**

Moved that Adrian Nicholls be re-appointed Auditor to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust and that he be paid an honorarium of \$125.

2005/16 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Re-printing of Book "Winifred"**

Mrs Margaret Greenslade (SA Unit) reported that she had been able to visit the original publishers of this book (Lutheran Publishing House, now Open Book) and had obtained quotes for re-printing.

Moved that the book "Winifred" be re-printed, subject to Margaret Knauerhase's approval, and the quote for 500 copies in the amount of \$4,688.20 from Open Book be accepted, to be paid for by National Executive.

2005/17 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Nomination for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee – p.63**

ACW South Australia Unit Inc nominated Judith E Atherton as a Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee.

2005/18 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Re-appointment of Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Treasurer**

Moved that Christine Barber be re-appointed Treasurer of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust.

2005/19 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**ACW Western Australia Unit Report – p. 41**

Major Laurel Pearce presented this report, adding that the Unit had been saddened by the death of Sir Ronald Wilson, husband of Lady Leila, WA State Unit President, and acknowledged Sir Ronald's valued support for ACW activities.

**ACW Victorian Unit Report – p. 40**

Mrs Lola Adam presented this report, adding that State Unit had also been saddened by the passing of member Freda Morris, and she will be officially remembered at the 2007 National Conference.

**ACW Tasmanian Unit – p. 39**

Mrs Juanita Miller presented this report.

**ACW South Australian Unit Inc Report - p. 38**

Mrs Coralie Wright presented this report.

**ACW Queensland Unit Report - p. 37**

Mrs Avril Jell presented this report.

**ACW New South Wales Unit Report - p. 36**

Mrs Isabel Hewitt presented this report.

**ACW Australian Capital Territory Report - p. 35**  
Mrs Betty Farrell presented this report.

REPORTS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

**7.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 13**

**Chair: Major Nancy McLaren**

**Discussion Topic proposed by Victorian Unit: p. 54 – Mrs Lola Adam**

**Future aims and structures of Australian Church Women.**

This is a concern to us — and most other States—because of the shortage of delegates/Units able to take on the major positions or National Executive. Should our aims be redefined for the continuing growth and development of Australian Church Women?

Conference Delegates split into groups and discussed this issue which gave opportunity for an exchange of information and ideas for reaching the community and recruiting new members.

Findings:

- Invite other denominations and community groups to a morning/afternoon tea/breakfast, etc. and social activities.
- Women hospital chaplains often have contact with other denominations.
- Go out together in pairs and talk about Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship to groups.
- Compile stories of WKS and FLC to attract younger people (more likely to be attracted to a cause than a commitment).
- ACW information could be handed out at World Day of Prayer events.
- Publicise information in church/community newsletters and issue a press release.
- Ask to place information in local library/doctors' rooms, etc.
- Personally invite people you know from other denominations and groups, such as Ministers Fraternal.
- Ask someone to sing/help out at a special day service and invite them to become a member.
- Ask to hold special day service in a church whose denomination is not a member.
- Build bridges with morning teas, fund raisers.
- Focus groups (age related) could involve people in particular activities, regular or bi-monthly, etc.
- One to one usually results in positive responses.
- We may have to change in order to involve younger people.

Major Nancy McLaren summed up by saying we need to keep our meetings interesting and relevant to the people we seek to attract. Our ultimate aim is to join together and make an impact on the community.

**Evening Devotions** were led by the ACT Unit.

Thursday October 13, 2005

8.45 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 14

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**Prayer Concert – New South Wales State Unit Inc**

Major Lyn Middleton led the delegates in a Prayer Concert, assisted by a PowerPoint slide presentation. This eventuated in a wonderful time of very meaningful prayer. Some prayers were written on paper chain links and placed around a globe of the world.

11.00 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 15

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**Celebrate the Word**

Captain Robyn Collins led a Bible Study on the theme of our Conference "Forward Together in Christ" using Scripture from Nehemiah, Numbers and Ephesians 6. Robyn asked the question: "What are we doing?" We are Kingdom building. Nehemiah gives a great picture of what can be achieved when a group of people work together to accomplish a given task. Where are we going? Forward together in Christ. We need to take hold of the promises of God and know He is with us.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PROJECT**

Mrs Judy Burge and Mrs Coralie Wright reported on S.A. Unit's Community Concern Events Project – an annual series of events that raise money to help their chosen cause. Wider Adelaide is divided into 15 areas including the different denominations from each group. A different church offers to be the host year to year. Invitations are sent to all churches. Morning tea café style and then a formal meeting follows plus a Trading table. (Entry fee \$3.00. ) A leaflet setting out the history of the South Australian Unit 1936-1996 is available. Circle of Prayer, spoons, etc. Invitations are then extended to Services and meetings. When the roll is called a request is made for a church to host the event the following year.

2.00 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 16

Chair: Mrs Cela Cooper

**National Life Members Presentation**

**Nomination of National Life Members – ps. 58 and 59**

The following nominations were presented by their State Unit representatives.

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mrs Juanita Miller  | Tasmania State Unit            |
| Lady Wilson (Leila) | Western Australia State Unit   |
| Mrs Janet Watts     | Western Australia State Unit   |
| Miss Shirley Wells  | New South Wales State Unit Inc |

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ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION

**Congratulations to the new National Life Members.**

**Official photos** were taken of all Life members and National Past Presidents who were present.

**Motion 10 – p. 57**

**National Executive moves:**

That following the information obtained and the responses made from State/Territory Units, steps be taken to establish an Australian Church Women website. (See full report and costs p. 57 of Working Papers).

**2005/21** CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Letter of acceptance and thanks be sent to Jeff and Sherie Hanbury, The Salvation Army, for their offer to donate their time in supplying a simple template and setting up the Australian Church Women website. This will considerably reduce costs. Brenda Dickinson offered to donate her time to help set up and administer the website from The Salvation Army Headquarters, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. Incoming National Executive to take responsibility for setting up the website with the assistance of Mrs Brenda Dickinson.

**2005/22** CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Report  
Women's Ministries – Ministry to Women**

Commissioner Heather Lang presented her report. At the end of last year the membership of their Women's Ministries was 10,230. \$84,533.29 was raised for missionary support. Many individual women as well as families have come to the Lord through this ministry. Play Group is becoming very successful and older women in the corps are taking on the role of "Nanna" in these groups. The vision is to see Women Transformed – celebrating God.

**The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory  
Women's Ministries Report**

Commissioner Coral Strong spoke to her report, highlighting the Women's Bible Convention held in February when over 500 women shared together in praise, worship and the Word. The Salvation Army's Child Sponsorship Program supports 1,946 overseas children by assisting with education fees. Every year the women belonging to the Home League work towards raising \$85,000 for an overseas project. In 2004, with other projects added, the amount raised was \$150,000. Groups for young mums and toddlers, designed as an outreach to the community, are well attended.

REPORTS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Discussion Topic proposed by National Executive on Incorporation:**

**That consideration be given to the matter of Incorporation of Australian Church Women at National Level. (See Report page 56)**

In considering this Discussion Topic, Major Nancy McLaren acknowledged the work that Mrs Jean Porteous had done in researching this matter. The Report set out the Reasons to Incorporate, How to Incorporate and some of the difficulties associated with Incorporation for ACW National Executive. These are:

1. An AGM must be held once in each calendar year and within five months of the association's end of financial year.
2. A register of members must be kept and must be available for inspection by association members.
3. The Public officer must live in the ACT.
4. The ACW Constitution would need to be revised to bring it in line with what is required for incorporation.

**Proposed:** that the incoming National Executive keeps this matter on the Agenda for discussion and review, informing the State Units of any progress made.

**2005/23** CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Nominations for Delegation to ACWC Assembly – p. 60**

After deliberations by a sub-committee, Captain Donna Bryan was appointed ACW representative to the ACWC Assembly in 2006 and Major Laurel Pearce and Mrs Kaylee Fearn to attend as ACW delegates.

**2005/24** RATIFIED AND ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**3.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION NO. 17** Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**Change Over and Dedication of Incoming National Executive**

Outgoing National President, Major Nancy McLaren led this session. The Incoming National Executive was introduced and affirmed their commitment to serve in their new capacity. All members of Australian Church Women present affirmed their commitment to prayerfully support the National Executive and to uphold the aims and objectives of Australian Church Women. Badges of Office were then exchanged.

National Convenors met to hand over information and written records.

Opportunity was available for delegates to meet with Dr Esther Byu and Rev. Valamotu Palu.

An official photo was taken of the new National Executive.

Major Elaine Johnson, Incoming National President, together with the Victorian Unit, led devotions based on Ecclesiastes 11:1 and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Their theme for the next two years is "Sharing the Loaf". Whatever little we bring, Christ will multiply it and Christ is longing for disciples to distribute his gift. To do this we need all the fruits of the Spirit. We make ourselves available, God sends us and we go in the power of God's love.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship National Committee – p. 48**

**Joan Kelley, President. Betty Omond, Secretary.**

Joan Kelley presented this report. This committee represents 22,000 affiliated members in Australia, the largest grass roots network in the Uniting Church. Fellowship Groups around the country, comprising of both men and women, come together in a wide variety of roles – spiritual, social, educational, recreational, service and mission support activities.

REPORT ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS

**Memorial Bursary Book**

Mrs Isabel Hewitt proposed that the Memorial Bursary Book be placed in the Archives.

2005/25 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Honouring Australian Church Women**

When researching for this project, Mrs Isabel Hewitt noticed that information is still needed for eleven Past Presidents. Isabel requested the States to research their records and type up any missing information on their past National Presidents, which could then be added to Honouring Australian Church Women.

2005/26 CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Official Photo**

An official photo was taken of all National Past Secretaries present.

7.30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 18

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

The delegates were wonderfully entertained and ministered to by The Salvation Army Sydney Staff Songsters.

Friday October 14, 2005

8.45 a.m. CONFERENCE SESSION 19

Chair: Major Nancy McLaren

**Devotions – Northern Territory**

Captain Kaye Viney led devotions on the theme: "Let your Light Shine" using Scripture reference John 1.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS (continued)**

**Mothers' Union Australia Council Report for ACW 2005 – p. 42**

Mrs Mina Whybourne spoke to this report, which had been compiled by Lois McGrath, Secretary. The MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY campaign had been very successful. There are now 3.5 million members of MU in 76 countries around the world. "Today we affirm our belief that the things that hold us together are greater than the things that divide us."

**Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia Report (distributed at Conference).**

Mrs Nola Dixon presented this report on behalf of Mrs Rae Moore, Federal Secretary. The PWA of Australia celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Federal Conference in September 2004, when the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia met in Sydney.

**Catholic Women's League Australia – p. 44**

Mrs Thora Regan, National President, presented her report. The CWL National 42<sup>nd</sup> Bi-ennial Conference was held three weeks ago. The theme of the current tenure of office, which concludes in three months' time, has been "Light tomorrow with today". This theme has driven their Mission Statement and entrusted in them the sharing of their journey with all members.



**Women's Ministries Churches of Christ in Australia – p. 45**

Mrs Shirley Wallis presented this report compiled by Marion Rowe, Secretary.

**Gender Commission of The National Council of Churches Australia – p. 49** (correction to Working papers: Mrs Linda **Burney** not Mrs Linda **Burnley**).

Mrs Isabel Hewitt presented this report on behalf of Convenors Bernice Moore and Alicia Simpfendorfer. Isabel added that the Commission has been looking intently at the inter-faith question. We need to be much more aware of significant avenues of dialogue and if we have any invitations to a function, we could take the opportunity to hear what others are doing.

**Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association, Australia Inc. – p.50**

Mrs Edith Ridge presented this report on behalf of Jennifer Bennett, President. Edith highlighted the objectives of PPSEAWA and mentioned their website, which is regularly updated. During the year the Corporate members were asked to give a talk on their organisations and Edith had been privileged to present hers on behalf of ACW.

**World Day of Prayer, Australia Report – p. 51**

Mrs Lillian Deane, National Liaison Officer presented her report, bringing greetings from the WDP and adding that next year their National Committee will be operating from Victoria, and will be able to liaise more closely with ACW National Committee which will also be based in Victoria. The 2006 WDP Theme is "Signs of the Times" and has been prepared by Christian women from South Africa.

**REPORTS RECEIVED BY CONSENSUS**

**Equalisation of Cost of Travel to National Conference**

Mrs Isabel Hewitt referred to the above and presented the following figures which had been worked out by taking the cost of travel for one person and averaging them. Those who have had to pay more then receive a refund.

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| Western Australia would receive | \$275 |
| Tasmania would receive          | \$100 |
| South Australia would receive   | \$ 50 |
| Qld & Victoria                  | Nil   |
| NSW would pay                   | \$245 |
| ACT would pay                   | \$180 |

Mrs Nola Dickson, outgoing National Treasurer advised that notices go out at the end of the year from the National Treasurer, including the request for State Units to support the National Travel.

**REPORT CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

**Motion 2 of Australian Church Women 19<sup>th</sup> National Conference held in Perth, October 2003.**

**2003/69 That a. The Incoming National Executive review the structures of the total funding of Australian Church Women and report their findings to the next National Conference.**

Major Eileen Holley addressed this on behalf of National Executive. Eileen reported that it had not been possible for National Executive to adequately carry out the review due to constraints of time and lack of expertise. National Executive had, however, made an attempt by forming a sub-committee to give attention to the request. The sub-committee had met and with the auditor present, reviewed the Treasurers Guidelines. From this came a draft copy of recommended changes.

Eileen proposed that, after this Conference, a copy of the suggested changes to the National Treasurers Guidelines be sent to each State Unit and the Incoming National Executive for their consideration and further review.

Eileen further proposed that during the next two years, State Treasurers and National Treasurer dialogue with each other in an effort to reach desired outcomes, i.e. how the funds of ACW could be better administered. These findings to be presented at the next National Conference in 2007.

The following points were emphasised by Eileen:

- Income exceeded expenditure throughout the term of National Executive 2003 - 2005. It was noted however that there are 'hidden' costs that should be properly accounted for.
- All commitments as laid out in the Guidelines had been met.
- Conference Fund is not being supported by all State Units as set out in the Guidelines.

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CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**Motion 3 – p. 52**

**National Executive moves to change the Guidelines 2003 under National Conference Fund page 10 to include:**

That the subsidising of costs associated with attendance at National Conferences of Australian Church Women be extended to all members of the incumbent National Executive subject to the availability of funds.

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CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**A retiring offering** for the victims of the Pakistani Earthquake resulted in an amount of \$ 406.00 being sent to the national Council of Churches Fund.

**Permission to include names and addresses** of delegates in the Minutes was sought and given.

**Prayers of intercession** for other ACW members and prayer that we will be kept in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ was expressed.

**A souvenir bookmark** was given to delegates by National Executive.

#### **CLOSING SERVICE**

Mrs Jan Harrison said that at the Perth Conference we were all given a rock, a stone – and the Bible tells us a lot about rocks, including Ps.61 "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I". This rock too, reminded Jan of the strength, comfort and love that this Executive has given to herself and to each other.

Paying tribute to Major Nancy McLaren Jan said Nancy had been a rock to all the Executive. "May we all be encouraged that God our heavenly Father will lead us to the rock that is higher than ourselves."

Major Lyn Middleton prayed: "As you have been Lord of this Conference, may you be Lord of our lives."

Major Joan Tong read from the Scriptures Mark 6:1-13.

Mrs Nola Dickson acknowledged the encouragement and support of the National Executive in her role as National Treasurer and God's leading her in the way he wants her to go.

Major Nancy McLaren gave a thought from the Word of God saying that Jesus' commission to the disciples was from vision to mission to vision: go – do and go. Go to the lost sheep, with the authority and the power – they are the tools and the equipment for the task. Go out two by two – each can support, help and learn from the other. We have the vision and the mission, let us go forward together in Christ.

Mrs Edith Ridge recited a poem adding that with God's help we go forward together in Christ until we meet again in 2007 in Victoria.

The Service concluded with the rest of the outgoing National Executive reading the Aims of Australian Church Women and closing in prayer.

The Outgoing National Executive acknowledged the work and support of its individual members and congratulated the Incoming National Executive on its new role. May God bless them in all their endeavours.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Guests**

Rev. Valamotu Palu, General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches, P O Box 208, Suva, FIJI ISLANDS

Dr. Esther Byu, International Committee, Fellowship of the Least Coin, c/- Women's Desk CCT, Student Christian Centre Compound, 328 Phayathai Road, Rachathevee, Bangkok 10400 THAILAND.

### **National Life Members**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Mrs Olive Ackland, PO Box 497, Craigieburn              | VIC 3064 - Observer |
| Mrs Shirley Brooks, 20 Riseley St., Kings Meadows       | TAS 7249 - Observer |
| Mrs Eunice Reidy, 50 Hewish Road, Croydon               | VIC 3136 - Observer |
| Mrs Ailsa Skippen, 8 Milford Street, Alderley, Brisbane | QLD 4057 - Observer |
| Mrs Dorothy Wright, 16b Cadell Street, Seaview Downs    | SA 5049 - Observer  |

### **Retiring National Executive**

|  |  |                     |
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| <b>President</b>                             | Major Nancy McLaren, 6/13a Thames Street, Balmain            | NSW 2041 - Delegate |
| <b>Vice President</b>                        | Mrs Cela Cooper, 288 Rothery Street, Corrimal                | NSW 2518 - Delegate |
| <b>Vice President</b>                        | Mrs Jan Harrison, 2/8-10 Morwick Street, Strathfield         | NSW 2135 - Delegate |
| <b>Secretary</b>                             | Mrs Isabel Hewitt, 16 Hillcrest Avenue, Strathfield Sth      | NSW 2136 - Delegate |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                             | Mrs Nola Dickson, P O Box 213, Epping                        | NSW 2121 - Delegate |
| <b>Minutes Secretary</b>                     | Mrs Brenda Dickinson, 3/53 Kurrajong St., Sutherland         | NSW 2232 - Observer |
| <b>Fellowship of The Least Coin Convenor</b> | Miss Shirley Wells (NLME), 125/3 Homelands Ave., Carlingford | NSW 2118 - Observer |
| <b>Special Days Convenor</b>                 | Major Eileen Holley, 7/13a Thames St., Balmain               | NSW 2041 - Delegate |
| <b>Winifred Keik Scholarship Convenor</b>    | Major Joan Tong, 12 Lincoln Close, Rathmines,                | NSW 2283 - Observer |
| <b>Social Justice Convenor</b>               | Mrs Jean Porteous, 259 River Avenue, Carramar                | NSW 2163 - (Absent) |
| <b>Publications Editor</b>                   | Mrs Edith Ridge, 54 New Line Road, West Pennant Hills        | NSW 2125 - Observer |
| <b>Publicity Officer</b>                     | Sr Marie Craddock, 76 Prospect Road, Summer Hill             | NSW 2130 - Observer |

## Incoming National Executive

|  |   |                     |
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| <b>President</b>                                 | Major Elaine Johnson, 26/300 Elgar Road, Box Hill South VIC 3128 - Delegate |                     |
| <b>Vice President</b>                            | Mrs Eunice Reidy, 50 Hewish Road, Croydon                                   | VIC 3136 - Delegate |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Victoria                | Mrs Anne Murray, 979 Canterbury Rd., Box Hill                               | VIC 3128 - Delegate |
| <b>Secretary</b>                                 | Mrs Barbara Lacy, 1/39 Garfield St., Cheltenham                             | VIC 3192 - Delegate |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                                 | Mrs Margaret Watson, 6 Tyne Cres., Mount Waverley                           | VIC 3149 - Delegate |
| <b>Minutes Secretary</b>                         | Mrs Joy Morley, 18 Stanley Grove, Blackburn                                 | VIC 3130 - Observer |
| <b>Fellowship of the<br/>Least Coin Convenor</b> | Mrs Lola Adam, 27 Byron St., Box Hill Sth VIC 3128 - Delegate Victoria      |                     |
| <b>Special Days Convenor</b>                     | Mrs Beth Skilbeck, 36/107 Andersons Creek Road,<br>Doncaster East           | VIC 3109 - Observer |
| <b>Winifred Keik Scholarship<br/>Convenor</b>    | Mrs Una Birtchnell, 10 Lyrebird Court, Boronia                              | VIC 3155 - Observer |
| <b>Social Justice Convenor</b>                   | Rev Marian Welford, 2/36 Grevillia Rd Oak Park                              | VIC 3046 - Delegate |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                                | Captain Donna Bryan, 1/38 Aberdeen Rd., Blackburn Sth                       | VIC 3130 - Observer |
| <b>National Publicity<br/>Officer</b>            | Mrs Joan Maher, 4 Walker Grove, Cheltenham                                  | VIC 3192 - Observer |
| <b>State Units</b>                               | <b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>   |                     |
|  | Mrs Jan Abrahamffy, 142 Burrinjuck Crescent, Duffy                          | ACT 2611 - Delegate |
|  | Mrs Betty Farrell, 48/27 Cockcroft Avenue, Monash                           | ACT 2904 - Delegate |
|  | Mrs Margaret Lawton, 10 Pope Street, Hughes                                 | ACT 2605 - Observer |
|  | Mrs Helen Lloyd, 7 Mokoan Place, Duffy                                      | ACT 2611 - Observer |
|  | Mrs Joan O'Neil, 46 Wambaya Crescent, Waramanga                             | ACT 2611            |
|  | Mrs Olga Scott, 11 Wootten Street, West Wyalong                             | NSW 2671            |
|  | Mrs Jean Thomson, 36 Musgrave Street, Yarralumla                            | ACT 2600            |
|  | <b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>  |                     |
|  | Dss. Heather Badgery, 5 Amaroo Avenue, Strathfield                          | NSW 2135            |
|  | Mrs Carmel Keys, 1/64 Francis Street, Manly                                 | NSW 2095 - Observer |
|  | Mrs Marie McCann OAM, 10/51 Upper Pitt St., Kirribilli                      | NSW 2061            |
|  | Major Lyn Middleton, 3/14-16 Tuffy Avenue, Sans Souci                       | NSW 2219 - Delegate |
|  | Mrs Beryl McLaughlin, 2/15 Morwick Street, Strathfield                      | NSW 2135            |
|  | Miss Heather Reid, 33 Melville Avenue, Strathfield                          | NSW 2135            |
|  | Mrs Helen Richardson, 33 Lynwood Avenue, Dee Why                            | NSW 2099 - Observer |
|  | Mrs Ethel Wladyskiuk, 80 Throsby Street, Fairfield Hts.,                    | NSW 2165 - Delegate |
|  | <b>NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>   |                     |
|  | Major Kaye Viney, 17 Terry Court, Alice Springs                             | NT 0870 - Delegate  |
|  | <b>QUEENSLAND:</b>  |                     |
|  | Mrs Margaret Florence, 55 Jagora Drive, Albany Creek                        | QLD 4035 - Observer |
|  | Mrs Averil Jell, 35 Osprey Drive, Thornlands                                | QLD 4164 - Delegate |
|  | Mrs Aileen Mortensen, 205 Ernest Street, Manly                              | QLD 4179 - Delegate |
|  | Mrs Joan Trudgian, 2 Pinewood Street, Geebung                               | QLD 4034 - Observer |

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

|                      |                              |                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs Aileen Eldridge, | 6 Kennett Street, Para Hills | SA 5096 - Delegate |
| Miss Margaret Flint, | 56 Fisher Street, Norwood    | SA 5067 - Observer |
| Mrs Coralie Wright,  | 28 Eliza Street, Salisbury   | SA 5108 - Delegate |

**TASMANIA**

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| Mrs Narelle Digney,        | 7 Bonalla Street, Ravenswood                 | TAS 7250 - Delegate |
| Mrs Marlene James,         | 117 Caroline Street, East Devonport          | TAS 7310            |
| Mrs Juanita Miller, (NLME) | 8 Floreat Crescent,<br>Trevallyn, Launceston | TAS 7250 - Delegate |
| Mrs Kath Pearce,           | 2/40 George Street, Devonport                | TAS 7310 - Observer |
| Mrs Veronica Palmer,       | 17 Upper Drew Street, East Devonport         | TAS 7310            |

**VICTORIA**

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| Mrs Lorraine Davis,      | 586 Lacys Road, Ross Creek | VIC 3351 |
| Ms Elinor (Lin) Morison, | 9 Kinkora Road, Blackburn  | VIC 3130 |

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

|                             |  |                    |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Mrs Barbara Bourhill,       | 14a Warragoon Crescent, Attadale                   | WA 6156            |
| Mrs Phillis Dolling,        | 36a Peel Street, Mandurah                          | WA 6210            |
| Rev Lee Edwards,            | 9/115 Epsom Avenue, Redcliffe                      | WA 6104 - Observer |
| Mrs Leeola Loughnan,        | 4 Heatherton Mews, Hillarys                        | WA 6025 - Observer |
| Mrs Marie Major,            | 22/27 Pearson Drive, Success                       | WA 6164            |
| Mrs Margaret (Peg) Sanders, | 'Cambrai Village'<br>198/85 Hester Avenue, Merriwa | WA 6030 - Delegate |
| Major Laurel Pearce,        | 4/242 Lawrence Street, Bedford                     | WA 6052 - Delegate |
| Mrs Janet Watts (NLME),     | 17/8 Bradford Street, Menora                       | WA 6050            |

**Asian Church Women's Conference Representative**

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| Mrs Pat Walker, | U6/31 Royal Avenue, Pooraka | SA 5095 - Delegate |
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**Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Representative**

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| Mrs Maureen Clark, | 572 States Road, Onkaparinga Hills | SA 5163 - Delegate |
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**National Denominational Representatives****MU Australia**

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| Mrs Mina Whybourne, | 41/81 Flora Street, Kirrawee | NSW 2232 - Delegate |
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**Australian Baptist Women**

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| Mrs Beryl Kirkwood, | 71 Summerfield Avenue, Quakers Hill | NSW 2763 - Delegate |
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**Catholic Women's League Australia Inc**

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| Mrs Thora Regan, "Benena", | Scott Street, Boorowa | NSW 2586 - Delegate |
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**Churches of Christ Women's Ministries**

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| Mrs Shirley Wallis, | 14 Hoddle Way, Altona Meadows | VIC 3028 - Delegate |
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**The Salvation Army Eastern Territory**

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| Commissioner Coral Strong | C/- PO Box A435 Sydney South | NSW 1235 - Delegate |
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**The Salvation Army Southern Territory**

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| Commissioner Heather Lang, | 27 Windsor Crescent, Mont Albert | VIC 3127 - Observer |
| Mrs Margaret Greenslade,   | 4 Yalpara Avenue, Rostrevor      | SA 5073 - Observer  |

**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship**

|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Mrs Joan Kelley,   | 39/3 The Parks, Cashel Street, Pasadena | SA 5042 - Delegate  |
| Mrs Judy Burge,    | 4 Hale Avenue, Hawthorn                 | SA 5062 - Observer  |
| Mrs Denise Secomb, | 30 Isabella Close, Elmore Vale          | NSW 2287 - Observer |



## Special Interest Groups

### National Council of Churches Gender Commission

#### World Day of Prayer Australia

Mrs Lillian Deane, 1/17 Sawyer Avenue, West Moonah TAS 7009 - Observer

**Day Visitors**

|                        |  |                   |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Mrs Julie Bryant,      | 6/14 Flide Street, Caringbah                       | NSW 2229          |
| Mrs Judith Cayzer,     | 36 Vancouver Avenue, Toongabbie                    | NSW 2146          |
| Mrs Joyce Dawes,       | 47 Kingsland Road, Strathfield                     | NSW 2135          |
| Mrs Beryl Duncan,      | 4 Woorak Road, Palm Beach                          | NSW 2108          |
| Mrs Olive Edmondstone, | 22 Lumsdaine Avenue, East Ryde                     | NSW 2113          |
| Mrs Beverley Elliott,  | 3/52 Flathead Road, Ettalong Beach                 | NSW 2257          |
| P Ferguson,            | 11/22 Fairlight Street, Manly                      | NSW 2095          |
| Miss Dawn Fishburn,    | 33 Beauchamp Street, Punchbowl                     | NSW 2196          |
| Mrs Lily Hanlon,       | 37/213 Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare           | NSW 2250 (Absent) |
| Major Beatrice Kay,    | 4/76 Brighton Avenue, Croydon Park                 | NSW 2133          |
| Mr & Mrs Bruce King,   | Golden Ponds Village, Cape Hawke Drive<br>Forster, | NSW 2428          |
| Mrs Janet Lang,        | 4 Watkins Road, Wangi Wangi,                       | NSW 2267          |
| Mrs Winsome Penn,      | 24/2a Palmer Street, Cammeray                      | NSW 2062          |
| Mrs Val Standen,       | PO Box 983, Manly                                  | NSW 1655          |
| Dss. Thora Thomas,     | 7/74 Oaks Ave., Dee Why                            | NSW 2099          |
| Mrs Enid Utber,        | 66 Redmyre Road, Strathfield                       | NSW 2135          |

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