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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. UNIT



A.C.W. seeks:

to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

to provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together.

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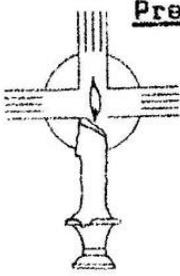
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

One of the things I love doing after the rush and excitement of Christmas is to take another look at the cards we have received. I think about the friends who sent them and also read the lovely verses some contain. Two especially spoke to me this year. One said 'Christmas means we never have to ask God how much He loves us'. What a wonderful thought to take into the New Year. God's supreme gift of His precious Son means that we have everlasting life and are counted as His children. John 3;16.

The second verse was 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out'. No matter how depressing and gloomy this world seems the love of God shines through to give us courage and draws us ever closer to Him the source of all light.

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President's Message (Cont.)



May your light be shining in the year ahead.

Loving thoughts and prayers.

Marjory Baker,
President.

FIRST COUNCIL MEETING for 1989 - MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

Venue: Piccadilly Court, (5th Floor),
222 Pitt Street, Sydney. 10.30 a.m.
Mrs. Dorothy Harris speaking on
'Aboriginal Women'.
Bring & Buy Stall.
Tea Roster - Presbyterian ladies.



WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR.

Our scholar for 1989 is Failau tiu (Faylotus) Tab'ati (Tebas) from Kiri Bati (Gilbert Islands) who is due to arrive in Sydney on 4th February where she will be met by members of the N.S.W. Executive. She will fly on to Perth on Sunday and will commence studies at the Edwards International College in Perth in English followed by a Business Course. She will then have some work experience in the Anglican and Uniting Churches and the Y.W.C.A.

Failau tiu will be present at the A.C.W. Conference in Perth from 11-15th September and we are hopeful that she will be able to spend a few days in each State before she returns home at the end of the year, so that many members may have the opportunity of meeting her.

Yvonne Davis
Convener.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 1989.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

3.

New Year greetings to all supporters of F.L.C. and a big thank you for a wonderful response through Community Day 1988.

What will this year hold for us and for our friends the world over? Possible peace in some countries and better crops in others, but still great disasters and heart-rending accidents affecting many and calling for our prayers and compassion for helpless victims.

We must join hands with our sisters across all barriers and pray that God will encourage His children to remain strong in whatever their circumstances, that they will be a witness and a blessing wherever they serve.

Little is much when God is in it, so continue to pray and set aside those small coins for someone worse off than yourself.

Every blessing.

Glad West
Convenor.

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on April 17th and there will be several vacant positions on Executive, as well as Newsette Editor and Newsette Subscription Secretary. If you are interested, would you please contact Mrs. Marjory Baker (President) 99-4764 or Mrs. Marie McCann (Secretary) 929-7483.

Congratulations to Mr. Roy Stanhope on the receipt of his Award AM - in the Australia Day honours - for service to education particularly in the field of science.

Our loving sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dorothy Lumb and her family in the loss of her husband, Allan and to Mrs. Peg Cameron and her family in the loss of her husband, Ian. Several members attended the respective Services. Our prayers are with both these dear members of our Unit; may the Lord bless and keep them.

BANNERS, BICENTENNIAL & A GOLDEN JUBILEE!!!!!!

It's all over now but the shouting has not yet died down! Good reports are still coming in regarding A.C.W. (NSW Unit's) 'Bicentennial Golden Jubilee Service' held on November 18, 1988 in St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Over 600 women attended from all denominations and it truly emphasised the Theme of the Service - 'We, being many, are one in Christ'. The Chairwoman was our President, Mrs. Marjory Baker and two special guests were Lady Rowland, wife of the Governor of N.S.W. who read the Scripture and Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase, who was the speaker. Mrs. Knauerhase is the daughter of Rev. Winifred Kiek, the first woman to be ordained to the Christian ministry in Australia and very much involved in the early years of A.C.W.

A Jubilee History Book of A.C.W. was launched at the Service by the author, Deaconess Mary Andrews. There were five Past Presidents taking part and two beautiful solos were given by Mrs. Ruth Lockley. Other music was contributed by the Christian Women's Choir - also having an interdenominational membership.

One great highlight was the presentation of banners from A.C.W. branches, affiliated groups, denominational women's groups and individual churches. Over 30 were made and presented making a colourful display around the circumference of the interior of the Church. They came from as far away as Dalton and Armidale.

The Bicentennial Jubilee offering which amounted to \$1,200 was received by an aboriginal representative on behalf of 'Bimbadeen', Cootamundra - a Christian aboriginal cultural vocational training school.

Thanks are due to the Convenor of the Bicentennial Jubilee Committee, Sr. Norma Clare McKay for having the foresight to organise such a gathering. It was certainly a time of celebration!

Lucelle King,
Publicity Officer.

N.B. Copies of 'A History of Australian Church Women, N.S.W. Unit' are available from Mrs. Marie McCann, Ph. 929-7483. \$2.00

GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE OF N.S.W. STATE UNIT.

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SOUND AND/OR VIDEO RECORDING of the Service is available on loan for cost of postage.

Copies of both are also available if required to purchase.

SOUND TAPE: \$4.00 plus \$1 postage (1 hour 30 minutes)

VIDEO CASSETTE: \$10.00 plus \$1 postage (1 hour 10 minutes)

Photos are available for 80 cents each plus postage.

Contact Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse, 86 Fullers Road,
Chatswood. 2067. Ph.419 6772.

A collection of Photographs of all banners presented at the Service is being prepared. Anyone who has a banner please arrange for a photograph and send to the Executive for our records.

Members will be interested to know that the following Branches and affiliated organisations made and exhibited Banners:

Dee Why A.C.W. Branch; Epping; Lakemba; Blue Mountains; Armidale; Y.W.C.A.; Presbyterian Women's Association; Toongabbie/Seven Hills; Chatswood/Willoughby; The Mothers' Union; Burwood/Concord; A.C.W. City Branch; Central Baptist; Catholic Women's League; Roseville/Lindfield/Killara; Baptist Women's Fellowship; Terrigal Uniting Church & A.C.W.; Women's World Day of Prayer; Lambton A.C.W.; Epping Church of Christ; Dalton A.C.W.; Parramatta; Goodwin Village, Woollahra; Sutherland Shire Branch; Bankstown Uniting Church & A.C.W.; Turramurra/Wahroonga Inter-Church Fellowship; St. George A.C.W.; Lane Cove/Longueville A.C.W.; Strathfield/Homebush Branch; Ukrainian Church, and the State Unit Banner.

It would be appreciated if all the Banners could be brought to the Annual Service to be held on May 15 (venue to be announced) so that members may have the opportunity of viewing them.

6.

BIMBADEEN.

Bimbadeen is an Aboriginal Christian Training College situated on a hill overlooking the town of Cootamundra. It was once a hospital and then a girls' detention centre, which closed at the end of the Whitlam era. The Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship was granted the use of the building and its 46 acres of land and a College for the training of Aboriginal students was set up.

To make the project viable and supportive to its own needs, a 99 year lease of some further 800 acres of surrounding land was obtained. For some years reasonable wheat crops were grown on this land but in more recent years it has been planted with pasture improvement and now runs a goodly number of cattle and sheep.

Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian support enabled the purchase of some 90 calves (\$50 each) and a Hereford bull was donated by a local property as were a number of rams. Some of the calves are now producing their 3rd and 4th calf and these bring top market prices at the sale-yards.

Students assist with pastoral work, vegetable garden, orchard, poultry, dairy and domestic chores as well as their Theological and religious studies. Girls are taught sewing, cooking and other relative subjects. So, in many ways, they live off their own land but there is still a certain amount of money required for individuals to survive in today's society.

A full complement of single students is 22 but in August, 1988 only 5 full time students were in residence. Married quarters are urgently required so that couples desiring to study can be accommodated. The buildings are planned for 1989 but furniture and fittings will be needed to complete these.

There is a Dean, Pastor Maiké Mororo, in residence but a Principal from the aboriginal people is required. There is a property manager and full time mechanic to maintain the machinery, etc. Local churches are very supportive to the college and some ministers assist with lectures. Library facilities are fair but a lot of upgrading is needed.

It is envisaged that aboriginal people trained at the College will be able to return and minister to their own people in many areas.

Contributed by Mrs. May Wilce.

From its inception, A.C.W. has initiated and encouraged concern for the world-wide Church in a number of different ways and we thank God for the strong bonds of friendship that have been built up during the years especially through the F.L.C. and Winifred Kiek Scholarship and Travelling Fellowship holders.

In a greeting from Eunice Kim in Seoul, Korea, she says

Jesus is born for you and for me

To do what is just

To show constant love

And to live in humble fellowship with our God.

May we be the agents of justice, love and humble co-workers with Christ for a better world in the coming New Year!"

Eunice says "I received a lovely letter from Mrs. Cao (Shanghai).

Our A.C.W.C. team have had a wonderful visit to China.

I have just returned from the F.L.C. meetings in Geneva. I have much work to do in my office."

Pray for Eunice in her manifold tasks.

Catherine Min from South Korea sends her greetings in the following words - "You're being warmly thought about and wished a wonderful New Year."

Pray for Catherine especially in her Mothers' Union work.

Barkat Dass from the Holy Family Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan in sending greetings, says 'I hope 1988 has been a year of blessings for you as it was for me. I was able to visit U.S.A., England, Scotland and Norway because of God's grace through the Nurses Christian Fellowship. Please pray for me for really clear guidance as to whether I should do Nurses Christian Fellowship work full-time with full salary or get married!! Love to all and much prayer."

From Calvary Church, Kowloon, Rev. Mary Au extends warmest greetings to A.C.W. members. Remember Mary who is in charge of a large congregation and has oversight of primary schools and a Middle School.



Deaconess Mary Andrews A.M.

NEWS FROM CHINA & A.C.W.C.

In a letter received from Rev. Cao Shen-Jie, she says 'The A.C.W.C. delegation visited China from October 15-25th. She accompanied the members from Nanjing to Shanghai then to Beijing. They met Phoebe Shih at the 80th Anniversary of Shanghai Y.W.C.A. celebration and they also met many women Christians and gave talks regarding A.C.W.C. and F.L.C.

Lucy Hong (the wife of Bishop Shen I Fan) has left for England to study for one year in a theological seminary.

As China is opening to the outside world, we are very busy in receiving Church people from many parts of the world. We pray that we will serve our Lord more faithfully, wherever we are."

Bishop Ting is the President of the China Christian Council, and in a letter full of news of the growth of the Church in China writes "The Amity Printing Press, a child of the World's Bible Societies, funded through the United Bible Societies, presses on with priority given to the printing of Bibles. Now, as the young American manager is hand in glove with his Chinese associates, we can be sure that soon Bibles will come out in greater quantity, better quality and bigger variety - for instance, in the languages of the national minorities. Looking back, we find the past year, has brought us a lot of riches in friendship and fellowship."



Let us as members of A.C.W. continue to pray for the forging of links with our sisters and brothers in Christ in China.

A former N.S.W. A.C.W. Treasurer for 14 years writes:

"One of the ladies from Cheltenham who attended the Golden Jubilee Service sent me a copy of 'A History of A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit'. This was a great thrill as I recalled my long years with A.C.W. starting in 1960-61 when Mrs. Baldwin was President and in 1963 when Mrs. Lorna Lilley was Secretary and Treasurer. I took over from her such interesting reading recalling it all. Thank you for writing it."

Deaconess Mary Andrews A.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.



Brave New Year,
I run to meet you
With hope and joy I greet you.
For with your naked and unsullied blade
You carve out life, and unafraid,
Unheeding of the slow, relentless clock,
You work upon the future's shapeless block,
And, bit by bit,
Release from it
Experience - beauty, hope and grief,
And love and pain and pain's relief,
Fresh mornings with a living breath
And vivid sunsets. Life and death
And tears and laughter of my own
Hewn from time's slowly yielding store.
O what a sculpture you will find
From that which now is deaf and blind!
O brave New Year!
God grant me courage, stronger than any fear,
And faith that comes, like a returning dove
With knowledge of a further shore,
And most of all, the strange, rich ways of love
And light at the opening door.

Margaret Knauerhase.

A.C.W. CONFERENCE will be held in Perth from 11-15th
September. Accommodation will be at one of the
University Colleges.

At this Conference, N.S.W. will take over from
Western Australia the responsibility of the National
Executive.

Further details will be available soon.

10. PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. A reminder to members who have become PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. that their \$1 is now due. For those who are not familiar with this project A.C.W.C. (Asian Church Women's Conference) is an ecumenical organisation of Christian women of Asia, Australia and New Zealand formed in 1938. Each member country (16 in all) has been set a target, the total of which will meet administrative and general expenses. The Australian target is \$5,000 per annum. Therefore, the National Executive of A.C.W. invites you to become a partner with Asian Church Women's Conference by making a contribution of \$1 annually. 5,000 partners would achieve our goal of \$5,000. Please join if you have not already done so - and send your name, address and payment of \$1 to our State Unit Treasurer, Mrs. D. Lumb (address below).

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Chatswood. 2067. Tel. 419-6772.

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69 Myall Street,
Concord West. 2138. Tel. 73-3360.

All cheques should be made payable to 'Australian Church Women'.

Affiliation fees are due on 1st March 1989 as follows:

Denominational Groups State level	\$15.00 per annum
Special Interest groups, W.C.T.U., G.B.	\$ 5.00 " "
Local Branches of A.C.W.	\$ 5.00 " "

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