

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 1964 at 10am.

OPENING: Meeting opened with prayer led by the Rev. J.R. Neal on the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

PRESENT: Mesdames D.J.A. Verco; J.F. Dey; S.M. Barrett; L. Lilley; M.G. Wyllie (in chair) and the Rev. J.R. Neal.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mrs. S. McPhee and Deaconess Andrews.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM CONSULTATION:

It was reported that the recommendations from the Consultation had received general approval at the ACC Executive Committee meeting on April 15, with a few minor alterations. The recommendations as altered have been circulated to the Heads of the Churches; Federal Denominational women's groups and Women's Inter-Church Councils.

CONSTITUTION:

Resolved that, using the recommendations as the basis, the Rev. H.L. Perkins and Mrs. Wyllie be asked to draw up a draft constitution as soon as possible.

In discussion it was agreed that the procedure would be that

- 1) the Interim Committee would work on a draft constitution;
- 2) the draft be presented to the ACC Executive in September;
- 3) the draft be forwarded to the State Units and denominational groups with the indication that suggested amendments will be received by the Interim Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the ACC in February 1965.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Wyllie reported on correspondence received from Mrs. Macneil in Victoria. Mrs. Lilley reported a letter received from Mrs. Bedford in Malaysia requesting information on Australian Church Women. Resolved that the correspondence be received and appropriate action taken by the convener.

COMMUNITY DAY: It was reported that the worship service and study material had been received from the Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council and a rough draft for layout purposes was before the meeting. Resolved that 1000 copies be produced and sell for 2/- per dozen. 6 copies to be sent to each State with order form.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

Discussion took place on the leaflet to be produced and it was agreed that the leaflet be a foolscap sheet using the background material from Geneva; a page on "How it will work in Australia" and a prayer list on a tear-off label for the container to receive the coins.

Comments from the meeting:

- . Least coin will be a penny
- . Several in the family could share the one container
- . Label to be provided for container - suggest a small jar or tin.
- . The leaflet to suggest that this is a symbol of prayerful concern, our sharing in a world fellowship of prayer
- . Money to be collected on World Community Day commencing 1965.
- . Money to be forwarded to the State Women's Inter-Church Councils.

Prayer List suggestions:

- . mothers - who face hunger and poor housing conditions and fight disease
- . mothers - in emerging nations - changing societies - especially in New Guinea and our own aboriginal people
- . those who are persecuted - denied freedom - religious, racial and political freedom - South America; South Africa and in East Germany
- . students - in new nations, away from home - facing temptation and persecution.

PRIORITIES:

Agreed that the priorities for work of the committee were:

- . Community Day material - by June 1
- . Fellowship of the Least Coin leaflet in July
- . Newsletter also in July and a another in February

CLOSING:

Meeting closed with prayer led by the convener.

CONFIRMED: Mabel G. Mylles

DATE: 10. 6. 64

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 10 at 10 o'clock in the ACC Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street Sydney.