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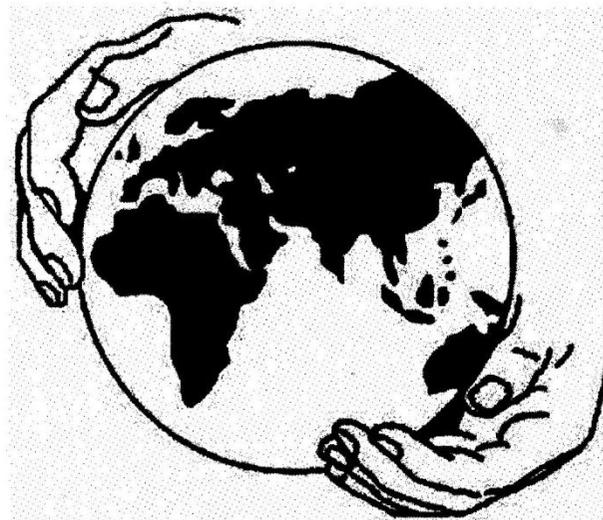
Local Contact:

The annual **Asian Church Women's Conference** celebration will be held at Hurstville Salvation Army on Sunday 21 October 2007 at 2.30 pm. The program will include musical items from a number of Asian groups in the church community, and will conclude with afternoon tea.



Australian Church Women
FELLOWSHIP DAY 2007

HEAVEN'S BREAD



GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS

past

present

future

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Australian Church Women was established in 1965 when women's interchurch councils from all states and territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of the churches.

Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

The offerings presented at Fellowship Day Services throughout Australia go to this scholarship, which Winifred Kiek, the first woman minister ordained in the (then) Congregational Church (now Uniting Church) in Australia, was influential in founding. The scholarship is offered to Christian women of multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations and member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Western Australian Unit of Australian Church Women. The cover picture symbolises God's care for us and his blessing on our lives. It may be helpful to have a globe of the world on display for the service.

Preferred Scripture translation—New International Version (NIV)

Abbreviations:

AHB Australian Hymn Book

TIS Together in Song

Please Note:

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Heaven's Bread

WELCOME AND GREETINGS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud
to the Rock of our salvation.

All: *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him
with music and song.*

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: *In his hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain
peaks belong to him.*

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry
land.

All: *Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the
Lord our Maker.*

Leader: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the
flock under his care.

HYMN: Guide me O thou great Redeemer (AHB 478)
(TIS 569)

READING: Exodus 16:11-18

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: For those who Hunger

Reader 1: God of Jesus, God of us all, only true and everlasting friend, inspire us to pray and act with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

God, at this moment there are people who hunger for food, for a crust of bread, a piece of fish, or even the scraps in our garbage bins.

Please feed them.

All: Lord, hear our prayer, and make us your answer to prayer.

Reader 2: There are some people who hunger for liberty, to go as they please, to stay on at home or visit friends, to worship without hindrance, to vote for whom they please, to see the end of police, compounds, and prisons, to be reunited with those they love dearly.

Please give them liberty.

All: Lord, hear our prayer, and make us your answer to prayer.

Reader 3: And there are some who hunger to be useful, to share what wisdom they have learnt from life, to listen to a neighbour's worries, to work beside a weary friend, to be of use to their family, country or church – to be of use to you; but bad health, or shyness and timidity, or unsightly physical deformity, or the frailty of old age, or sorrow over old sins, holds them back and makes them useless.

Please show them how they can still be useful.

All: Lord, hear our prayer, and make us your answer to prayer.

Reader 4: Loving Father, there are some who hunger for your grace, who look for faith, who search for your meaning and your name, who look for someone whom they can trust, and hunger for something worth worshipping.

Please satisfy their hunger with the bread of life.

All: Lord, hear our prayer, and make us your answer to prayer.

And to you, dear Lord, Father and Provider, Christ and Saviour, Holy Spirit and Friend, be honour and glory, worship and praise, from now to eternity.

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HYMN: Great is thy Faithfulness

(TIS 154)

READING: Matthew 6:25-34

SOLO:

OFFERING:

PRAYER:

Leader: Lord, we pray for your blessing on this offering. Bless the recipients of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, past, present and future.

Empower them in their ministry that your name may be honoured and your Kingdom extended. Guide us in our support of these scholars.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

HYMN: Jesus thou joy of Loving Hearts

(AHB 420)

(TIS 499)

SPEAKER:

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION:

Leader: Lord, you rescued the people of Israel out of Egypt yet in the desert they grumbled. In our desert experiences help us to remember all you have done in our lives and to trust you for present needs.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Lord, in later years the people of Israel could look back on the desert experience and see God's hand, providing for the present and preparing them for future challenges. Lord, we put our lives in your control, trusting your guiding hand.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer..*

Leader: Lord, we pray for all in the world in the midst of desert experiences. The hungry, the homeless, the outcast; the sick, the lonely, the sad; the victims of war, violence and natural disasters. Lord strengthen and encourage them, work through us to meet their needs.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen*

(Ecumenical Version)

HYMN: May the mind of Christ my Saviour (AHB 537)
(TIS 609)

READING: Romans 8:31-39

BENEDICTION: Jude 24,25

To him who is able to keep you from falling
and to present you before his glorious
presence without fault and great joy –
to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty,
power, and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages, now and forevermore!

All: *Amen*