

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 1964 at 10am
in the Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street.

OPENING: Mrs. Wyllie (convener) opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT: Mesdames S. Barrett; J.F. Dey; D.J.A. Verco; L.Lilley; M.G. Wyllie (in chair); Head Deaconess M. Andrews; and Lt-Col. H. Cross; Rev. J.R. Neal.

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

CONSTITUTION:

Latest draft of the Constitution was before the meeting. The convener outlined the alterations which had been made arising from consultations with the General Secretary, the Rev. H.L. Perkins, and members in Melbourne.

Agreed that the draft Constitution be distributed.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

It was reported by Mrs. Wyllie that following the meeting of the ACC Executive in September and further discussions with the General Secretary it was now considered advisable for the National Committee to meet before the ACC Annual Meeting so that the Constitution presented to the Annual Meeting for ratification, would be the work of the National Committee and not the Interim Committee. The meeting agreed that this should be so.

It was reported that invitations had been sent to the State Units, Federal denominational women's organisations and the YWCA Federal Committee to appoint representatives. The Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the ACC and the Executive Committee of the ACC had also been notified and asked to appoint representatives.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Reported that the statement as drawn up by the Interim Committee had been circulated to the States. Further agreed that contact be made with Miss Greta Nichols re the Indonesian woman suggested by her to come to Australia for further training. Following receipt of details it was agreed that we communicate with the Indonesian Council of Churches for recommendation. The meeting agreed that if the person was suitable we proceed to sponsor her as the first holder of a Winifred Kiek Scholarship. A letter was received from Deaconess Ritchie (Rolland House, Melbourne) giving further suggestions for the handling of the scholarship. It was agreed that we write and thank Deaconess Ritchie.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE
SERVICE & STATUS OF
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH:

It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda for the first meeting of the National Committee.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE
LEAST COIN:

It was reported that there had been a good response for the Fellowship material and that the development of it for the future be a matter for discussion at the National Committee.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:

Mrs. Verco reported on observances to be held in the various States she had visited during the past few weeks.

Q'land: will be holding theirs on October 30 - it will be a central meeting.

South Aust: will be combining their celebration with their Advent Service on December 11 when they expect 1600 to be present

N.S.W. will have 6 city and metropolitan centres and 8 country centres observing the day.

Vic: have placed an order for approx 800 copies of the material.

FELLOWSHIP DAY 1965:

A discussion took place concerning the topic for the day and it was agreed -

- 1) that the theme be around the relationship of the Australian Churches to the Churches in South East Asia and the responsibility and privilege of serving the Churches.
- 2) that we invite Rev. Ivy Chou (Methodist Theological School, Sibu, Malaysia) to prepare a Service of Worship
- 3) that we invite the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Dicker to write the study Material.
- 4) that we ask the South East Asia Women's Fellowship to send a greeting to be included in the material.

STUDY MATERIAL 1966

Agreed that the material be 1) linked with the Church and Life Movement programme during 1966

- 2) that a report of the discussions from the Interim Committee be made to the National Committee.

CLOSING: Meeting closed with prayer led by the Rev. J.R. Neal.

Confirmed: John G. Thell

Date: 9.12.64