

Janet Finlay Watts

Born 17 August 1924
Adelaide South Australia

Education Trained as a ledger machinist and served in WAAF 1943-1945.
In 1946 and 1947 she studied at Perth Bible College.

Family Married 1951 to Bob, Methodist (later Uniting Church) Minister
Four children
Ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren



In her childhood and youth Janet worshipped in Churches of Christ and Congregational Churches in South Australia. In her teens she was fortunate in having Reverend Winifred Kiek as her Minister.

As a Minister's wife she was very involved in church life in the country and suburban parishes in which they served.

Janet has been involved with the Uniting Church Synod Christian Unity Committee, Swan Presbytery, and the WA Council of Churches. She was a visitor at the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, and has visited the Taize Community in France and the Iona Community in Scotland She is a member of the Wellspring Community.

Janet joined Australian Church Women in 1976. On the State Executive she has served as Minutes Secretary, Secretary, FLC Convenor, WKS Convenor, Vice President and Pastoral Care Convenor. For many years she helped organize Fellowship and World Community Day services in the northern suburb of Balga.

At National level she served on 3 of the 4 National Executives formed by WA. She was Minutes Secretary 1976-1977, FLC Convenor 1987-1989 and WKS Convenor 2001-2003. She has attended 11 National Conferences.

She was awarded Unit Life Membership in 2000 and National Life Membership in 2005. Though she is no longer able to attend our meetings, Janet remains a much loved and valued member of our Unit and we give thanks for her outstanding record of service.

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