

Minutes of Meeting of Inter-Church Council
Held at Bible House Friday 28th July 1961

Meeting was opened with Prayer and Bible Reading
by the President Mr Moanfield

Apologies were received from Messdames Freshbourn
Walker, Wyllie, Frew Brown, Col. Pack Major Colman
Hutchinson & Lowry

Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

President extended a warm welcome to
Mr Vico President elect also Mr Bell.

As a mark of respect for Mrs Montgomerie
who had lost her husband since last
meeting, members stood in Silence for
one minute and President led in prayer.

Treasurers Report showed a balance
of £15-2-4.

Correspondence. Return thanks from
Mrs Montgomerie, Miss Swann.

Letter of appreciation from Good Neighbors
Council. Mr Kerle unable to attend Rally.

~~Annual Rally~~ Moved by Miss Eastaway
See Mrs Stoly that Correspondence be received
Community Day.

It was decided to
try and get the Baptist Hall Geo St
for Friday 29th Sept. President reported

she had looked at Studies on Jesus, ^{the} Light of the World that would be used at the World Council of Churches at New Delhi and recommended we take one of the Study books. Moved by Mr^s Farr and Seconded by Miss Eastaway that the Pres. Sec. and Mrs. Sec. be appointed a committee to look into the Studies. His mind in You and Barriers Broken Down, carried Secretary was asked to purchase 2 doz copies for next meeting.

Moved by Mr^s Millar Sec by Miss Eastaway that Bishop Kerle, ^{or} Commissioners Coultis Rev S. Barrett, Rev John Garrett Rev H. Perkins all delegates to New Delhi be asked to address the morning meeting.

After the luncheon adjournment ~~be~~ we go into circles to discuss questions and re-assemble for findings.

Agreed to print 1000 leaflets for distribution. Leaders of circles be asked from various churches.

Annual Rally. Major Baker tabled a concise report on the Rally at Wesley Chapel

Hostel Committee Mr^s Knight reported

they had one vacancy also a new cook.
Appeal Committee reported £155 to date
from special appeal to liquidate the
overdraft £30 handed from Salvation
Army at meeting Overdraft down to
£685

Button Day would be
held on 13th Oct Envelopes with buttons
to the value of 25/- available.

Nov 24th last meeting of year in the
afternoon in the Social Hall at Bible
House a Bring and Buy afternoon
would be held, Lunch would be
available at 3/- Mrs Morris was

arranging a programme

W. C. J. M. Mrs Clampett reported work
being carried out by the organisation
There were 34 Departments each with a
Superintendent in charge of each doing
such valuable work as Moral Education
Evangelistic, Legislation + Social Justice
Prison Work, Work among aborigines etc.
Mrs Bock was still doing valuable work
demonstrating how to serve fruit juices
instead of alcohol.

48th Convention was held in March in Bible
House, World President Miss M. Cortindale

was present also Mrs Doris Gray
National President. £259 was received
from the Thank Offering
Inter-Church Aid. The Annual Meeting
of the Aus. Council of Churches at Gilbulla
in March passed this resolution.

"The Council recognising the great
potentialities of Christian Aid Week to
provide a channel for Australian Stewardship
towards the distressed areas of disaster or
under-privileged people authorises a Pilot
Project in N.S.W. in 1962"

Inter church aid has accepted the challenge
and believe a target of £20 000 is reasonable.
In Great Britain last year £500 000 was raised
Good Neighbour Council sustained a great
loss in the death of President Sir R. Boyer.
Mr Geo Alessis a naturalised citizen has been
appointed a Good Neighbour Field Officer
Annual Meeting will be held Oct 19th
and State Conference Oct. 20th + 21st

Result of Concert for Emergency Fund £100
This is almost gone with result of credit
squeeze, so many migrants out of work
and hungry. Following talks with
Police Dept they will get in touch with

Good Neighbour office before court proceedings are taken on migrants for vagrancy.

N.S.W. Council for Children's Films + Television

M^{rs} Palmer gave a very comprehensive report on a special "work programme". The biennial Conference of the C. F. + I. was held in Adelaide in May. A public forum entitled "Children of the Television Era" was chaired by Senator Nancy Buttfield.

World Day of Prayer M^{rs} Pearson reported 25 000 copies printed this year and was not enough 9 000 Youth Services. 23 new centres. £1750 allocated as follows

£1000 British + Foreign Bible Society

£450 Christian Literature in Pacific

£200 Bible Soc. for Bibles for Indonesia

£100 for Tonga to replace Bibles lost in Hurricane

Youth Temperance meeting every 2nd month

Moved by M^{rs} Thode Sec by M^{rs} Allen that reports be received

Speaker for August meeting M^{rs} Bowen suggested by the President.

Moved by M^{rs} Lilley Sec by M^{rs} Pearson that a/c for reports be passed for payment.

Meeting closed with the Benediction

Colbranfield 26.8.61.

THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF N. S. W.

Financial Statement for May & June 1961.

<u>Receipts.</u>	£.	S.	d.	<u>Expenditure.</u>	£.	S.	d.
Brought forward	6.	7.	2.	Donation to Bible Society	3.	3.	0.
Affiliation fees	3.	8.	0.	Printing of folders			
Collection at Rally	14.	6.	11.	for Rally	6.	1.	6.
Bank Interest		4.	9.	Bank balance	15.	2.	4.
	24.	6.	10.		24.	6.	10.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

REPORT OF ANNUAL RALLY.

The New South Wales Inter Church Council held their Annual Rally in Wesley Chapel, Castlereagh Street, Sydney on Friday June 30th, 1961, Representatives from the various churches gathered for praise, worship and fellowship. The service commenced with a Hymn of Praise led by Mrs. A.P. Farr, who later presented the Official Bible to the incoming President Mrs. A.G. Manefield, who suitably responded and proceeded to pilot the service through. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. Hunter of the Baptist Church, and the Scripture Reading by Mrs. Simpson of the Anglican Church. Two solos rendered by Mrs. ~~Manefield~~ brought much blessing. The Annual report was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Major Baker, and praise was offered to God for all His blessings of the past year, and ~~regret~~ appreciation for the work of the past Secretary, Mrs. ~~Hutchison~~ Hutchison who had to relinquish the honoured task owing to ill-health.

The Address by Mrs. M.G. Wyllie, M.A. Dip. Ed. entitled "New Day in the Pacific" was thrilling indeed. Having recently attended a Conference of Churches, Missions in the Pacific, held in Samoa which had been organised by the International Missionary Council at the invitation of the Churches of Samoa at Malua Theological College, West Samoa. Altogether there were 74 delegates, observers, consultants representing 55 Churches and Missions in different stages of development. Consideration was given to differences in the political background of the people represented, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, West New Guinea etc. and also the differences in the ways of life of those living in the Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Thursday Island ~~and so on~~. The following subjects were discussed- the Ministry, the Unfinished Evangelistic Task, the Rapid Social Changes, Young People, and the Christian Family. In the tropical atmosphere the delegates studied St. Paul's letter to the Galatians under the leadership of the Rev. Hans-Ruedi Weber, executive secretary of the Laity Dept.

World Council of Churches at Geneva. On the Sunday the delegates went out in pairs to visit and to preach at 37 village churches.

The Coconut Curtain in the Pacific was opened for us all on that day, and God blessed all who attended. Mrs. Manefield, President, thanked the speaker for her enlightening address, and after the final hymn, pronounced the benediction.

Our heart felt thanks went out to the Methodist ladies for their gracious hospitality extended to visitors and members of the executive who were invited to take lunch, and who provided tea for all. To God be the Glory.