

THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP —

PURPOSE of the scholarship is to provide study and training unavailable to applicants in their own country.

AWARDEES must have already received basic training and be giving noteworthy Christian and Community service at the time of applying for a scholarship, and must plan to return to share the benefit of additional training with their own people.

PROGRAMME includes study, training, participation and observation of church and community work, with opportunity to meet church women's groups.

FINANCE is provided by offerings received at the Fellowship Day Service in July and by donations from interested persons and groups. It has been possible to invest only a small amount in a Scholarship Fund, interest from which could, in time, cover a year's expenses. Donations are invited for this purpose.

MISS AIRAN is the eighth holder of a Winifred Kiek Scholarship.



The REV. WINIFRED KIEK, B.A., B.D., after whom the Scholarship is named, is honoured as a pioneer in fields of particular interest to church women. She was the first woman to become an ordained minister in Australia, and her work for the World Council of Churches concerning women in the churches has had far-reaching effect.

In accordance with a policy introduced in 1972, four defined areas will be invited to submit applications in rotation in the following order:

- Area 1: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Ceylon
- Area 2: East Asia — Burma through to Japan, including Indonesia.
- Area 3: All Africa Council of Churches.
- Area 4: Pacific Islands Churches, including Papua, New Guinea & Solomon Islands.

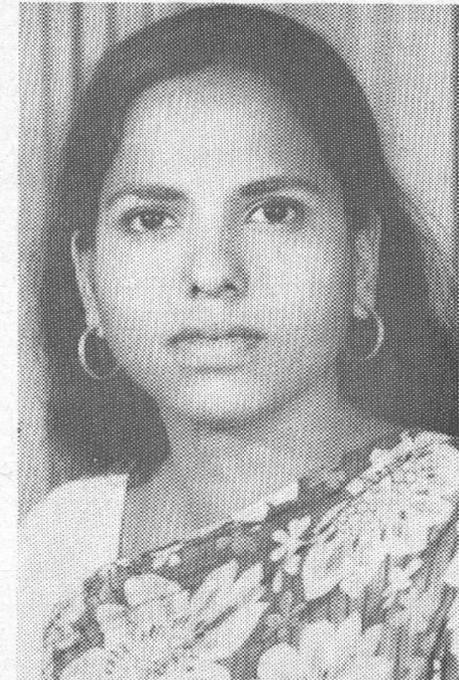
Applications may be submitted from

- Area 1 in 1972 for 1973 year,
- Area 2 in 1973 for 1974 year,
- Area 3 in 1974 for 1975 year, and
- Area 4 in 1975 for 1976 year.

HOLDERS of the Scholarship have come from —

- Indonesia Miss Connie Tan (Social Work),
- Fiji Miss Sabita Swarup (Secretarial work),
- Papua Miss Anna Busina (Y.W.C.A. work),
- Papua Miss Jacki Kini (Girls' Brigade & Educational work),
- Solomon Is. Miss Veronica Kafa (Teaching),
- Zambia Miss Violet Sampa (Training for Ministry),
- Fiji Miss Terani Aisake (Deaconess Training),
- India Miss Kalpana Airan, B.A., B.Ed. (Specialised Teaching).

MISS KALPANA AIRAN, B.A., B.Ed.



**Australian Church Women's
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR
for 1973**

MISS KALPANA AIRAN comes to Australia to study at Sydney University as the Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1973. She is a school teacher at Satara, Maharashtra, INDIA, and is a member of the Church of North India.

Born in Kohlhapur, capital of a princely Indian State, Kalpana made an early start to her academic career. Her father, being a Professor of Chemistry and an elder of the Church, was able to provide an encouraging and congenial background for his daughter's studies. On his appointment to Wilson College, Bombay, in 1951, the family moved with him and Kalpana's formal education commenced there.

During school days, she was a Girl Guide and also Patrol Leader and a member of Net Ball and Badminton teams. Opportunity came during these days to visit children's wards in the hospital and the school for the blind.

The University class of which Kalpana was a member during her B.A. Honours Course, consisted entirely of girls, Wilson College being the only one where women students enrolled in large numbers. College life provided opportunities for meeting prominent people and for observing the

customs and way of life of other people. Following graduation B.A. (Hons. Sociology) in 1968, Kalpana entered Teachers' Training College and enrolled for the B.Ed. course, earning the degree in 1969. At this time, her father decided to go to Satara, 200 miles from Bombay, to organize student work. Kalpana accompanied him and taught English in the school.

As she wanted to organize a good primary school and possibly later, a secondary school, a nursery school was commenced in part of their own building. There are now 120 children and Kalpana has three other teachers assisting her in her nursery school. She wishes now to draw young mothers from economically backward homes as well as from scheduled class groups into the environment of the school. Demand for English has increased and as the work is among village children, it was decided to adopt English as the medium of instruction.

The special course for which Kalpana was enrolled at Sydney University has much to offer that will be of particular assistance in her chosen work among village mothers and their children, preparing them for education.

PROGRAMME IN AUSTRALIA

Study in Australia is being undertaken at the University of Sydney, Adult Education Department, under the Bernard Van Leer Project.

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Generous donation to Scholarship Funds will ensure that A.C.W. is able "to help this Christian woman to take an effective place in the life and mission of the church."

MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND

To honour women who have made a notable contribution to Australian Church Women, an annual Memorial Bursary to the value of \$50 was instituted in 1972. This bursary is prescribed to each Winifred Kiek Scholar for the purchase of books. This fund enables Memorial donations to be made at any time.

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Kalpana's first term commenced on 3rd January, 1973.

A very comprehensive study programme, special assignments and 'field' work, will occupy the 1973 Winifred Kiek Scholar's time during the period of her scholarship in Australia. Arrangement for inter-State visits during vacations will be determined by her availability for these.

The course which Kalpana has commenced has been designed to cover a period of fifteen months; every assistance will be given to enable her to complete the course satisfactorily.