

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN HELD FRIDAY, 25th September, 1970 in Room 2, 1st Floor, Assembly Hall, 156 Collins St., MELBOURNE, at 10 a.m.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F. Ashton opened the meeting with devotions taken from the 4th Asian Women's Conference.

PRESENT: Mesdames F. Ashton (Chair), A. Burton, Col. H.W. Saunders, E. Stephens, J.A. Strack, G. Duke, Deaconess F. McKechnie.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames T.H. Coates, N. Faichney, H.T. Rogers.

MINUTES OF MEETING held Friday, 21st August, 1970 were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs Freeman - Tasmania re offerings  
 Mrs Howie S.A. names of members  
 Mrs Reid - Queensland - re Mrs Selvaratnam visit  
 W.I.C.C. Qld - Mrs Cramb - suggested projects for E.L.C.  
 W.I.C.C. of Vic. - Mrs Fairservice endorsing Mrs Ashton's appointment  
 Congregational W.F. - Mrs Downes - endorsing Mrs Ashton's appointment  
 Federal Conference Churches of Christ - Mrs Coombe endorsing Mrs Ashton's appointment  
 Deaconess M. Cranston re the visit of Dr Molander from the Diakonia Desk of W.C.C.  
 Mrs T.H. Coates - greetings

FINANCE: The Treasurer presented the following Statement which was received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT from AUGUST 20th to September 25th, 1970.				
RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE		
Balance Aug. 20th	4114.98	4114.98	Winifred Kiek S'ship	0
F'ship Least Coin			Allowance	24.00
Harcourt Ch. of			T.A.A. Air Fare	299.90
Ch. W. Fell.	2.00	2.00	O'seas Fund	
W. Kiek S'ship			Delegates to E.A.	
Parramatta P.W.A.			Conf.	270.00
Day Group	3.00	3.00	Acc. 2 observers	100.00
Scribal Pens				370.00
F. Saunders	48.60		Scribal Pens	
"	2.40		1992 pens	202.67
"	40.00	91.00	Petty Cash F.Saunders	10.00
			General	
			Reps. fare to ACC	35.00
				35.90
			Balance	3269.41
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	<u>34210.98</u>	<u>34210.98</u>		<u>34210.98</u>
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Accounts passed for payment included Miss Kafa's allowance and proposed air fare to Canberra.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Mrs Burton reported that Miss Kafa had returned from Tasmania and had been very happy with the programme arranged for her there. She had left for S.A. on Wednesday. Arrangements had been made for Miss Kafa to spend a weekend in Canberra. Mrs Burton was approach- in T.A.A. to see if any concession could be made re fare. The itinerary for Queensland had been sent and offered Miss Kafa opportunity of another varied programme. A letter had been received from Miss Beglin (British Solomon Islands) thanking the committee for the opportunities being given to Miss Kafa. Comment had been made on her assurance and poise since arriving in Australia. It was hoped to use her to train others in her own country when she returns.

Application forms had been returned for 15 applicants so far for next year's scholarship and these would be considered at the Committee meet- ing on October 9th. Mr Arblaster had indicated that I.C.A. assistance would be available only for fares from Zambia or Kenya. Mrs Rogers had agreed to attend Committee meeting in President's place. A brief A.C.W. meeting would be held to consider committee recommendations on October 9th to allow necessary arrangements to be started to notify whoever is chosen for scholarship.

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**PUBLICATIONS:** Mrs Rogers had indicated that all Orders of Service for World Community Day had been sent out. Approaches to be made to Rev. Brian Walsh to find out what material had been prepared for next years 'Destination' programme.

**PUBLICITY:** It was decided to use a brief report from Mrs Ashton on 4th Asian Conference as the Newssheet for October. It was also suggested that the report from South Australia on the 'At Home' be included.

**UNITED CHURCHES:** It was decided to invite applications for observers to the 1971 National Committee Meeting.

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:** Volume IV Circle of Prayer has still not reached Australia but has been published. At present no firm date for its arrival can be found out. F.L.C. Film Strip had been used in Djakarta. This would be considered at National Committee Meeting.

**BALL POINT PENS:** Mrs Saunders reported that no new orders had been received and there is a plentiful supply of pens.

**4th ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:**

Mrs Ashton and Mrs Strack both spoke enthusiastically of the Djakarta Conference. Bible Study had been led by Father Paul Verghese and had been excellent. Business sessions had been long but interesting. More consideration would need to be given to the position of delegates and observers to these Conferences. Mrs Jill Perkins had edited a daily news sheet. Mrs Esther Baustista had been appointed Chairman. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Badger were appointed to the Planning Committee. Further reports will be given to State organizations as representatives are asked to speak. Time has been allotted at the National Committee for reports.

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE 1971:** Deaconess McKechnie suggested Deaconess Nance Smith who will be on furlough from Hogg Harbour as a possible speaker at the National Committee meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Mrs Ashton reported that she had met with a group on A.C.W. and Y.W.C.A. members in Perth on her way to Djakarta. She had been glad to have this opportunity. She would be visiting Queensland during October and hoped to have opportunity of meeting W.I.C.C. members. It was resolved that necessary travelling expenses for Mrs Selvaratnam during her interstate travelling in Australia be met from F.L.C.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 26th at 9:30 a.m. in Independent Church Drawing Room (if available) with break for Service with Mrs Selvaratnam at 11 a.m. in Collins Street Independent Church. This would be followed with lunch with Mrs Selvaratnam and a resumption of the meeting as convenient.

**CLOSING:** The meeting closed at 2:30 p.m.

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DATE: