

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
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FEBRUARY 9 - 12  
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA

February 9th - 12th, 1971

TUESDAY, February 9th

12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Opening Worship & Introduction of Theme 'Action for World Development'  
3:15 p.m. Welcomes  
Roll Call  
3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea  
4:00 p.m. Procedural Arrangements  
Minutes of 1970 meeting  
Appointment of Committees  
Report from Working Committee  
Finance  
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal  
7:30 p.m. Reports - State Units  
Federal Denominational Groups  
United Churches  
Fellowship of the Least Coin  
9:00 p.m. Evening Prayers  
9:15 p.m. Supper  
9:30 p.m. 'Partners in Compassion' - Mrs Joan Coates slides of Overseas Projects

WEDNESDAY, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Winifred Kiek Scholarship  
'Women at Work'  
10:40 a.m. Morning Tea  
11:00 a.m. 'Action for World Development' *Mrs Joan Coates*  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Report from Djakarta - Asian Church Women's Conference  
3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea  
4:00 p.m. W.W.D.P. Greeting - Report of W.W.D.P. meeting at  
4:30 p.m. Travell Pool - Pens - Notelets Bangkok  
Issues  
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal  
7:30 p.m. 'Action for World Development' *see [unclear] [unclear]*  
9:00 p.m. Evening Prayers  
9:15 p.m. Supper - Closing of Nominations for 1971 Working Com.  
9:30 p.m. Slides and Film Strip from Djakarta

THURSDAY, February 11th

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. 1972 Project for Fellowship of the Least Coin  
Issues  
10:40 a.m. Morning Tea  
11:00 a.m. Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church,  
Family and Society  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Special Days 1972  
National Committee venue 1972  
Working Committee venue 1973-4  
3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea  
4:00 p.m. Issues  
6:00 p.m. Evening Meal  
7:30 p.m. Inter-Church Aid 'Action for World Development'  
9:00 p.m. Evening Prayers  
9:15 p.m. Supper

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA (cont.)

FRIDAY, February 12th

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Future Activities of A.C.W. - Theme for 1972 National Committee Meeting
10:40 a.m.	Morning Tea
11:00 a.m.	Statement and recommendations to member organizations
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Election of Officers & Working Committee Appointment to related Committee Any other business
3:30 p.m.	Closing Prayers
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon tea.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
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OFFICE BEARERS

President	Mrs F.R. Ashton
Vice President	Mrs T.H. Coates
" "	Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders
Secretary	Mrs G.I. Duke
Treasurer	Mrs E. Stephens

STATE UNIT REPRESENTATION

Queensland	Mrs E. Dingle Mrs D.L. Cramb
N.S.W.	Mrs M. Stanhope <del>Mrs R. Dougherty</del> <i>Mrs Lt. G.I. G. Carpenter</i>
A.C.T.	Mrs E.H. Winter Mrs C.A. Neal-Smith
Victoria	Mrs Brigadier I. Macintyre Mrs L.E. Warner
Tasmania	Mrs D. Hartam Mrs G. Wood
South Australia	Mrs T.R. Howie Mrs R. Wilkins
West Australia	

DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Anglican	Mrs R. Jessup
Churches of Christ	
Congregational	Mrs D.W. Bailey
Methodist	Mrs A.W. Pederick
Presbyterian	Mrs J. Sticpewich
The Salvation Army (Southern Territory)	Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders
The Salvation Army (Eastern Territory)	
<u>Y.W.C.A.</u>	Mrs F.G. Egel

REPRESENTATIVES FROM

ACC Executive Committee  
Deaconess C.I. Ritchie  
Mrs H.G. Wells  
Mrs A. Loy  
Head Deaconess M.M. Andrews

Committee on Co-operation of Men &  
Women in Church, Family & Society  
Mrs T.H. Coates  
Mrs H.T. Rogers

WORKING COMMITTEE

Mrs A.W. Burton  
Mrs J.A. Strack  
Mrs H.T. Rogers  
Deaconess F. McKechnie

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR:  
Miss Violet Sampa

OBSERVERS

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State Units

Queensland

Mrs K.G. Pope  
Mrs G.E. Clarke  
Mrs G.V. Haigh  
Mrs J. Dennis  
Mrs G.S. Udy  
Mrs C. Connell  
Mrs D. Eldershaw

N.S.W.

Mrs A.G. Ralph }  
Mrs D. Badger } Mrs. R. Dougherty

Victoria

Deaconess E. Alfred  
Mrs Brigadier R. Callander

South Australia

Mrs W.K. Johns  
Mrs A. Gray

Federal Denominational Women's Groups

Methodist

Mrs A.H. Atkinson

Presbyterian

Mrs J. Groat

Salvation Army

Mrs Colonel L. Pindred

REPORT OF WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 1970  
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The Working Committee has met each month throughout the year. We would like to express our thanks to the A.C.C.E. for the use of the Board Room, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne for most of our meetings. We have also met in the Assembly Hall Buildings of the Presbyterian Church and the Drawing Room of the Independent Church, Collins Street, Melbourne. We are grateful to these two churches for extending the use of these facilities. To the V.C.C. staff we would also pass on our sincere appreciation for their co-operation and help at all times.

SPECIAL DAYS  
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Fellowship Day 1970:

12,000 Orders of Service distributed

Theme: "Communication"

Prepared by the Women's Inter Church Council of South Australia

World Community Day 1970:

8,500 Orders of Service distributed

Theme: "It's a Small World"

Prepared by The Salvation Army

Orders of Service for 1971 are being prepared and printed.

Fellowship day 1971:

Prepared by West Australia Unit of A.C.W.

*Who is a Christian?*

World Community Day 1971:

Prepared by Working Community using ACC Youth Project as the theme.

*Millipines*

The Working Committee expresses thanks to all who have assisted in the preparation of the Orders of Service. Many helpful comments were made on services prepared for 1970.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (Convener: Mrs J.A. Strack)  
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A steady increase in interest in this project has been evident. Gifts have been received from all over Australia and T.P.N.G. Details of projects assisted in Australia during the years were forwarded to Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam prior to the 4th Asian Church Women's Conference in Djakarta in September 1970.

Two projects were suggested for assistance: The Institute for Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs and help with training wives of ministers-in-training at the Theological Colleges of the United Church in Rabaul and the Lutheran College in Lae.

Volume III of the Circle of Prayer was distributed and also a new promotional leaflet which was prepared towards the end of 1969.

(For further information see separate report of F.L.C. at the end of the Working Committee Report).

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (Convener: Mrs A.W. Burton)  
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The holder of this Scholarship for 1970 was Miss Veronica Kafa, Anglican teacher from the British Solomon Islands. Miss Kafa undertook her training with the Education Department of Victoria from February to August. Teaching English as a foreign language was her main course of study. Visits to Tasmania, South Australia, N.S.W., Canberra and Queensland stimulated interest in the Scholarship and gave valuable experience to Miss Kafa.

## WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT (cont.)

The Committee received 18 applications for consideration and the Scholarship has been offered to Miss Violet Sampa of Zambia for 1971.  
Age: 20 years

Occupation: In training as a minister of religion.

Languages: English, Bemba, studying Greek.

Academic Record: Senior Secondary Certificate.

### UNITED CHURCHES (Convenor: Mrs N. Faichney)

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Mrs Faichney again kept in contact with women of the United Churches at Woomera, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin, Nightcliff, Batchelor and Kunnunurra. Approaches were made to Mrs Maisie McKenzie regarding the possibility of forming a Northern Territory Unit of Australian Church Women.  
Groups from these places support Special Days and Offerings.

### COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION of MEN & WOMEN in CHURCH, FAMILY & SOCIETY

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Representation: ACW has been represented by Mrs E. Stephens and Mrs K. Jago. We were pleased to have the Chairman, the Rev. Bruce Reddrop join us in meeting Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam.

### PUBLICITY and PUBLICATIONS

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During the absence of Mrs T.H. Coates overseas, Deaconess Frances McKechnie prepared 'Women at Work' during 1970. We are indebted to Mrs Jean Yule for her contributions to 'Australian Presbyterian Life' for matters of concern to ACW and this material has been reprinted in other Church papers.

Orders of Service for Special Days have been handled by Mrs H.T. Rogers. A Brochure on ACW was produced and printed during the year as were leaflets on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder, Miss Veronica Kafa.

Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders again had a busy year distributing Ball Point Pens.

Notepaper: At the 1970 National Committee Meeting, South Australia undertook the handling and distribution of ACW notepaper. This was a new venture and the Working Committee is grateful to S.A. for handling this project.

Profits from both the Ball Point Pens and the Notepaper are for the Travel Pool and distribution will be considered at the National Committee Meeting.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Visitors to our meetings included Miss Veronica Kafa (Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder), Mrs Maisie McKenzie, wife of the Rev. D. McKenzie of the United Church, Alice Springs and Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam, who until September was Chairman of Asian Church Women's Conf. & Fellowship the Least Coin. Mrs Selvaratnam was able to visit Women's Inter-Church Councils in all States of Australia except Tasmania when she was in Australia for the Churches of Christ World Assembly.

Australian representatives to the 4th Asian Church Women's Conference at Djakarta in September 1970, were chosen at the National Committee Meeting in February, 1970. Delegates were Mrs Doreen Strack (Victoria), and Mrs Frances Bailey (S.A.); observers were Mrs Eileen Dingle (Qld.) and Mrs Heather Crosby (S.A.). Prior to the Conference Mrs Crosby indicated that she would be unable to go to Djakarta and Mrs Elizabeth Ashton (Vic.) took her place. Mrs Olga Badger (N.S.W.) was present as a member of the Planning Committee. Mrs Jill Perkins (N.S.W.) was invited by A.C.W.C. to handle reporting.

WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT (cont.)

A.C.W. was represented at the Australian Council of Churches Annual Meeting by Mrs Marjorie Stanhope (President N.E.W.W.I.C.C.) and by the Secretary of the Working Committee.

The President, Mrs Elizabeth Ashton, has visited N.S.W. (in 1969), S.A., W.A., Queensland and Victoria (1970).

We wish to thank all members of the Working Committee over the past four years, especially Deaconess Cath Ritchie who was President during 1967 and 1968. We are indebted to Mrs Enid Stephens for her meticulous work as Treasurer over the four years. Mrs Lila Williams and Mrs Madge Anderson were members of the Working Committee in 1967 and 1968 and to them and the present members of the Working Committee we record our sincere thanks for their hard work and loyal support. We wish the Queensland Working Committee, to be chosen at the National Committee 1971, joy and satisfaction in the work and as much co-operation and fellowship as we have enjoyed in Melbourne.

ELIZABETH ASHTON  
(President)

SHEILA DUKE  
(Secretary)

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## FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN REPORT

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The new information leaflet which was printed early in 1970 has been widely distributed, together with labels and "Gifts of Prayer" - which contains lists of allocations. The "Blue" Allocation book is also available, this contains details of allocations during, 1967, 68, 69 & 70.

Circle of Prayer Volume IV has been eagerly awaited all the year and will be ready for distribution in 1971. The contributors to this booklet are from 24 different countries, with the theme "Who is my Neighbour?"

In September 1970 the Asian Church Women's Conference was held in Indonesia. Here again it was emphasised that the coin offering was a prayer token so that it was important that all members of the fellowship give the same token which is their least coin - the cent. The Conference decided that an Executive Secretary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin be appointed to administer and promote this movement, working in close co-operation with the East Asian Christian Conference.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Shanti Solomon, the founder of F.L.C., has been appointed to this position.

The highlight of 1970 was the visit of Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam of Ceylon who is immediate Past President of the Asian Church Women's Conference and Chairman of the Central Committee of F.L.C. She has done much to promote the Fellowship as she has travelled extensively, as well as producing literature and handling allocations and was an inspiration to meet and listen to while here in Australia. She came to Australia as the guest speaker to the World Christian Women's Fellowship at their World Assembly in Adelaide in October. She was able to visit Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney also, where special meetings were arranged for her.

A film strip showing projects helped by F.L.C. is now available to be shown to groups.

F.L.C. are sponsoring the booklet "Fragments of War" written by Mrs Jill Perkins about the work of Asian Christian Service and are available from State Council of Churches for sale at 60 cents each - proceeds are for Asian Christian Service.

I wish to record my appreciation of the work done by all State Conveners who have been diligent in their service every year and also thank all for the privilege of my term of office. This has been an experience which has enriched my life in many ways and I pray that all have found blessing in this fellowship of prayer and reconciliation.

DOREEN STRACK  
CONVENER.

## WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The holder of the Scholarship in 1970 was Miss Veronica Kafa of the Solomon Islands. Miss Kafa's chief area of study was the teaching of English as a foreign language, as there are 26 different languages in the Solomons and English is the common language. Miss Kafa was accepted as a trainee migrant teacher by the Victorian Education Department and her studies were supervised by Mr Alan Humphries, Co-ordinator and Consultant of Migrant Education. Her training course included teaching primary school children in schools in suburban areas of high density migrant population. Mr Humphries also instructed her in the teaching of the new mathematics, as this is greatly needed in the Solomons.

At the end of July Miss Kafa was admitted with 35 selected teachers from all States to the first four week intensive course for migrant teachers to be held in Australia. For the remaining three months Miss Kafa travelled to Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria, N.S.W., A.C.T. and Queensland, as the guest of the State Units, who arranged for her to meet women's groups and youth groups both denominational and ecumenical. This was most valuable both to Miss Kafa in learning about the work of the Churches in Australia, and to Church women in learning of the work of the Church in the Solomons.

Miss Jean Beglin, Director of Education in the Diocese of Melanesia writes "Thank you so much for all you have done for Veronica and so for us. I shall be using her as an instructor for boys and girls leaving school this year who will have to teach. I am most grateful to Mr Humphries and his Department and would like to be able to send more teachers to him."

Miss Kafa's deep Christian commitment was apparent to all who knew her, and her application to her studies and growth in maturity and independence made her a worthy holder of the Scholarship.

The Committee would like to express its gratitude to Hon. L.H.S. Thompson, Minister for Education (Vic.) for accepting Miss Kafa as a trainee teacher at no charge. Mr Allan Humphries, Co-ordinator and Consultant in Migrant Education (Vic.) for supervision of her studies. The Sisters of the Church (Vic.) who took Miss Kafa as their guest during her stay for the period of study. T.A.A. who provided a free return fare between Sydney and Canberra. Australian Church Women in the Eastern States who provided hospitality during her travels.

The holder of the Scholarship for 1971 is Miss Violet Sampa, who is the first woman candidate for the ministry in the United Church of Zambia. Miss Sampa, who was nominated by the Congregational Council for World Mission, will undertake a course of study with the Joint Faculty of Theology in Brisbane. She has successfully completed the first year of training at the Ministerial Training College at Kiture in Kenya. The A.C.C. Division of Inter Church Aid has contributed her fare in excess of \$500, which has enabled us to bring her to Australia. The Commonwealth Department of Immigration has arranged her passport and entry through the Australian High Commissioner in Tanzania. Mr S.H. Amissah, General Secretary All Africa Conference of Churches writes "I feel sure that her visit to Australia will broaden and deepen her Christian experience and prepare her more fully for service on return to her country."

I would like to express my gratitude to the representatives of the Church Mission Boards who served on the Scholarship Committee. They provided a most useful link with the Council of Churches in the sending countries and gave practical assistance in the planning of the courses of study in Australia.

A REPORT FROM MISS KAFA 1970 WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER  
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First I wish to thank you all Australian Inter-Church Women's Councils. I thank you all warmly and sincerely for making the Scholarship possible. It's a wonderful "gift" to have. "How can I repay your people, God, for their great deeds, love and prayers for other lands and nations?" My year in Australia has provided me a wider background of my past experiences and future aim.

I enjoyed my year in Australia very much, that I will never forget. The knowledge I gained will be a help to my home country by increasing our numbers of educated and trained people in places of special need. Indirectly it has helped me to good relations and understanding between Australia and it will be, to my own country.

During my course, visits and travels to schools, friends' homes and other states of Australia I found that Australians are very friendly and showed a greater appreciation of their country and their aspirations. My part I returned to the Solomon Islands with a clearer perception of Australia and of the Australian people.

My first impression when I arrived in Melbourne was the heavy traffic, second the people and then the colourful lights of the city. A very busy rushing life. But I managed to be one.

Accommodation arranged was suitable.

Financial arrangements. Very good

Clothes (Winter ones)

Training course - satisfied

Programme or Group Activity: Extension to study another subject could be done. e.g. Night School

Visit to other States. Very good idea

There are many things to be mentioned but I have written the main points I thought.

I wish all good and successful year 1971. May it bring you happiness through your fellowships.

With my love and prayers and with gratitude for friendship and help and all that it has meant to me and to you.

Wishing all the best

VERONICA KAFA

NOTE: Miss Kafa has attended a Course for teachers at Tenaru, about 10 miles from Honiara. It was arranged by the Education Department for teachers on Guadalcanal Island. 84 teachers were present coming from village and District schools. Miss Kafa attended as an observer but was asked to take charge of the 25 female teachers. Miss Kafa is to join the staff at the Training College for Teachers. Two six month courses will have 24 students in each course.

1971 APPLICANTS FOR THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP  
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The following applications were received prior to the close of applications. Several further applications were received well after the closing date.

1. Mrs Catherine NGWA - West Cameroon - teacher - Presbyterian
2. Miss Cecilia BELLEY - Ghana - teacher - Presbyterian
3. Mrs Sina Vaipuna - Tonga - secretarial duties - Methodist
4. Mrs Chandra YESURATAM - Church worker - South India - Church of South India
5. Mrs Frances HARDING - Sierra Leone - teacher - Methodist
6. Mrs Oluremi WILLIAMS - Nigeria - teacher - Methodist
7. Miss Yvonne JOSE - Nauru - nurse - Congregational
8. Mrs Alice TORIMIRO - West Cameroon - social welfare assistant - Presbyterian
9. Miss Thelma MORGAN - Sierra Leone - teacher - Methodist
10. Miss Taugata MAMEA - West Samoa - teacher - Methodist
- XX 11. Miss Violet Sampa - Minister of religion - Zambia - United Church of Zambia
12. Miss Ng Chwee POH - Singapore - teacher - Methodist
13. Mrs Helen MUGO - Kenya - housewife - Presbyterian
14. Mrs Tavau LOSIA - Ellice Islands - Secretary Women's Fellowship - Congregational
15. Mrs Ursulien JACOB - Minister - Indonesia - Protestant Church of Timor

## REPORT ON UNITED CHURCH GROUPS

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As the correspondent with the women in the United Churches of Central Australia - Woomera, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin, Nightcliff, Yirrkala and the United Church in New Guinea at Port Moresby, Rabaul and Boroko, it has been an exciting experience. For the first 2 years, the Minutes of the monthly meetings of the Working Committee were sent to these groups. I also wrote letters asking for information about their work and received some interesting reports. There have been a number of changes in the office bearers as many people go to these isolated places for short terms.

Since the printing of the News Sheet I have sent this and it has proved more interesting than the Minutes. I was fortunate to be able to visit all the United Churches in Central Australia in 1969, and had informal meetings with the groups of women and others in very small places. We went to Andamooka from Woomera and had family tea and service at the Hospital. I met the women with their families who work on the opal fields and live under rather primitive conditions. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and loyalty of the women of the inland who are so isolated from central organizations, but who make their lives so important. I found the groups particularly interested in the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. After telling them of the Australian women's effort to raise \$200,000 for the Hall of residence for women students at the University of Papua and New Guinea, some groups sent substantial donations.

One of our desires was that these women should be able to have a representative at our National Committee each year. This is now becoming possible as Inter-Church groups are being formed in Alice Springs and Darwin, thus a unit of A.C.W. could be formed. When the United Church conference is held each year, usually in Darwin or Alice Springs, the women could meet as a Unit.

I am sure that the next correspondent will find great satisfaction in this work, and if she, or some other member of the Working Committee is able to visit these groups it will be invaluable.

GRACE FAICHNEY.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION of MEN & WOMEN in CHURCH, FAMILY & SOCIETY

During 1970 the committee on co-operation has had some very interesting meetings. Mrs Kiek has been in touch, writing letters and sending some old material for study and filing.

CONCERN FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The session at National Committee meetings in February proved most stimulating and Dr Stamp's material is being converted into a study leaflet about the needs of young children.

ASIAN TRAINEE IN MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

We were very disappointed this year that the plans made for training a Ceylonese man had to be abandoned. However steps have been taken to find another suitable person to study here under the allocation made to us last year from the funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Members of the committee were delighted to meet Dr Quiambao, EACC Secretary on Men-Women Co-operation, in September when he came to Australia from Djakarta, and Mrs Selveratnam in October. Mrs Coates, convener of the committee was greatly missed during her trip overseas and was welcomed home at the November meeting.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

In May Mrs A.W. Burton outlined to the committee significant features of the report on "Immigration and the Balance of the sexes in Australia", which was prepared in 1969 for the Federal Immigration Advisory Council by its committee on migrant women, of which she is a member.

In July Mr Bill Armstrong, Victorian secretary of the Christina Family Movement, came to tell us about the "see, judge and act" program which the Roman Catholic Church uses to involve a particular group of lay people in action in community and world affairs. The study booklets used are very good.

The discussion at the September meeting of reports of the ACC Annual meeting, especially about Professor Charles Birch's address to the WCC Exploratory Conference in Geneva in July, led to the committee's decision to follow up this question of the moral issues arising with scientific development. It was agreed that the subject should be opened up at the ACW National Committee Meeting in February 1971 and developed at a one-day symposium later in the year. The general title of the topic would be Man's genetic future, with special reference to marriage and family.

ILMA ROGERS

ACTING CONVENER  
Committee on Co-operation.

## REPORTS FROM STATE UNITS

### QUEENSLAND

It is with pleasure that I present the twenty-third Annual Report of the Women's InterChurch Council of Queensland with a feeling of thankfulness to God that the Council has achieved so much in this last year.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR ARE:

President: Mrs E. Dingle  
Vice Presidents: Mesdames Reid, Dennis, Todd, Ashton, Geizendanner  
Secretary: Mrs D.L. Cramb  
Assistant Sec.: Mrs G. Haigh  
Treasurer: Mrs G. Clarke

#### CONVENERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES:

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Mrs G. Haigh  
Winifred Kiek Scholraship: Mrs G. Clarke  
Publicity Press and Radio: Mrs E. Potter  
Branch Liaison Officer: Mrs M. Reid

### ACTIVITIES

We held five General Meetings during the year and had an average attendance of 26 members. We also held four Executive Meetings at which a lot of our business was discussed thus saving a lot of time in our General Meetings.

We held our Annual Open Meeting in March to which we invited President and Secretary of the various women's groups affiliated with us in our work. At this meeting Mrs Dingle gave us a short talk on her trip to Melbourne for the National Committee meetings held in February. We were also addressed by Mrs Abrahams who is the house Mother at the Methodist Home for Unmarried mothers run by Lifeline.

We held our Annual Fund Raising function in February with Mrs T. Bray giving an interesting talk and showing slides of her recent trip. This money is raised to help finance our delegates to the Australian Church Women's Annual meetings.

WARANA FESTIVAL: Again this year we held the Thanksgiving Service in the Canberra Hotel during the Warana Celebrations Week. The Speaker was Dr Elsie Harwood, a senior psychologist at the Queensland University. She spoke on the work being done for elderly people by teaching them languages - some of these people are in their eighties and thought they would never even think of learning a new language.

### COOK BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1970

Mrs Dennis was in charge of the Churches section of the Women's Display at the Brisbane City Hall when the Cook Bi-Centenary celebrations were held during April 1970. This was held during the Queen's visit to Queensland.

SPECIAL DAYS: Services were held during the year observing Fellowship Day in Ann Street Presbyterian Church where Dr Scott McPheat gave a very interesting talk on Communication. He stressed the need for PREPARATION in COMMUNICATION. On World Community Day we had Mrs Dennis to speak on her recent trip to Nairobi. Services were also held in some country areas with good attendances.

BRANCHES: The Council has been encouraged in the activity of the Branches. Church women in areas outside Brisbane are providing opportunity for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together and to enjoy a warmer fellowship through united service.

## QUEENSLAND (cont.)

We place on record the splendid co-operation we have had with the Branches in Southport, Rockhampton, Mackay and South Western Districts of Brisbane, also with groups of women in Millmerran. Some of these areas have observed Fellowship Day and World Community Day services. A branch has been formed at Southport and the South West Metropolitan is the new 1970 Branch.

We, as a Council express our thanks to Mrs M. Reid, who, as Branch Convener has done a lot of work and put a lot of effort into keeping correspondence up with the Branches and also letting us know of the many activities of the Council.

DELEGATES: We were very pleased that our Mrs Dennis has been to Nairobi where she attended the combined Presbyterian and Congregational Conferences. Also Mrs Dingle who attended the International Committee of Women's World Day of Prayer in Bangkok, and also the East Asian Christian Women's Conference in Djakarta. Eight of our members will be going to Sydney as delegates in 1971 to the Australian Church Women's meetings.

SPECIAL GUESTS: During the year we had a visit from Mrs Mary Sorongan of Djakarta who spoke on the work being done in Indonesia. Mrs Sorongan is the Assistant to the General Secretary of the Indonesian Council of Churches. We also had a visit from the ACW President - Mrs Ashton whilst she was in Brisbane on Y.W.C.A. business. An open meeting was held when Mrs Rathie Selveratnam - the President of the East Asian Church Women and Chairman of the Fellowship of the Least Coin - spoke in her capacity as Chairman of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Women were delighted to hear and to speak with this talented Asian Christian Woman. Her charming personality and well-balanced outlook made their own appeal. In November we had Miss Veronica Kafa staying in Brisbane and she was guest of honour at our World Community Day Service and afterwards at lunch. She was interviewed by Mrs Udy a member of our Council and gave answers to questions on her home life in the Solomon Islands and also about her visits to different places in the South whilst on her Winifred Kiek Scholarship stay in Australia. We took Veronica on a trip to Toowoomba where we held a short service in St Luke's Church of England and afterwards adjourned to the Church Hall where again Veronica gave an interesting account of her home life. She then was taken on to Millmerran for an evening meeting returning to Brisbane on the following day. She visited Cooroy on the North Coast and also went to Southport for a short holiday by the sea before returning to the Solomon Islands.

### PLANS 1971

We feel we have a lot of work ahead of us in 1971 as we will be having the Working Committee of Australian Church Women moving to our State and we trust that we will be given help during this period from all Church Women and that we may work with the GUIDANCE of GOD in all that we undertake.

### PROBLEMS

We feel that our main problem is the fact that we do not have enough Church Women who are interested in or willing to enter into all the avenues connected with Church Work as a whole. We feel that this is not good in this day and age when possibly we need more of this type of work done than ever before.

EDNA M. CRAMB

HON. SECRETARY

## NEW SOUTH WALES

During 1970 two outstanding events have taken place in Australia which have caused many Christians from overseas and from other parts of the Commonwealth and New Zealand to come to or pass through N.S.W. namely the World Convention of the Churches of Christ in Adelaide in October and the visit of Pope Paul. These events have brought home to many of us that we ARE part of a great company of the Household of Faith.

Those of our members who were privileged to go to Uppsala, Stockholm, Singapore, Djakarta and Bangkok have also returned uplifted and with enlarged vision to share with us through the grace of our Lord and Saviour.

Communication is always a problem in groups such as ours and this we have dealt with in various ways.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Through personal contact with Branches by both President and Executive e.g. visits to and consultation with representatives in Woonah, Wollongong, Kiama, Bathurst and Terrigal. Attending as many Branches as possible during their World Day of Prayer, Fellowship and Community Day Services. Active participation by Council members in their local Services.

City Branch Community Day Service was held, by invitation, in St Peter Julian's R.C. Church, Haymarket, and every effort has been made to maintain good relations with YWCA, NCW, the Denominational Women's Fellowships and other allied bodies.

2. Welcome guests were Dr and Mrs Devanesen, Madras <sup>Christian</sup> Bible College, Mrs Rathie Selveratnam, Mrs Isabel Knapp (Dadaya Christian College, Rhodesia) and Miss Veronica Kafa. Mr Verco, Director General of Education, arranged with Dr Jecks for Miss Kafa to spend time at Sydney University with T.E.F.L. students and see the Language Laboratory, whilst Mr Stanhope enabled her to have a profitable time comparing notes with a group of Indonesian and West Irian teachers at Macquarie University who were just completing courses in Miss Kafa's main spheres of interest.

3. Our Promotions Committee produced a new Brochure (a copy of which is on display) and our newly appointed Publicity Officer arranged two television interviews to be recorded by Christian Television Association and the National Catholic Radio and T.V. Association, a Radio segment with 2CH Religious Dept., and the possibility of having Mr Graham Williams include reference to the activities of the Council in his weekly column in "The Australian".

We are indebted to the well-qualified Public Relations Officer of one of our affiliated Churches for help and advice very willingly preferred in this field. *Mrs. Kath Whitley*

4. In August we held a Discussion Group program which enabled Council members to talk around some relevant questions. As a result of which recommendations have been made which the Council hopes to implement during 1971. Copies of both questions and recommendations are also on display.

### PLANS

To press on with encouraging formation of new Branches; of consolidating work already done; of continuing to find means of "communicating meaningfully" with one another and those still not affiliated with the Council; and presenting our projects, work and fellowship in such a way that the results will be pleasing to our Lord whom we serve and acceptable in His sight.

MOTION SUBMITTED BY N.S.W. W.I.C.C. Council to 1971 ACW Conference: Collated matters of established policies of Australian Church Women would be of inestimable value to States in which the Working Committee is located. New South Wales, therefore, suggests that the Working Committee prepare such a document before the National Committee Meeting in 1971, or, that a Committee for this purpose be set aside at the National Committee 1971. Adjustments to this document would then become the responsibility of the current Working Committee at the time of any alteration or additions.

M. A. STANHOPE  
(State President)

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN  
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Canberra Church Women as a Unit of Australian Church Women has endeavoured to bring to the Church women of the A.C.T. the privilege of worshipping, studying and serving together. We have also tried to help promote a stronger feeling of friendship and understanding amongst the Churches, especially in the new areas where, in most cases, they are joint congregations and to encourage these groups to join with us.

Our only activities during the year have been our observances of Fellowship Day and World Community Day, as well as two Services on Women's World Day of Prayer. These special days' services are always a great inspiration to those who attend, although numbers are usually small the enthusiasm is very real.

The different Order of Service for Fellowship Day was greatly appreciated. For World Community Day we just had the Service without discussions, but had a speaker who greatly inspired the few loyal women who attended.

We have had a good response to the request to sell Ball Point Pens and also the Notelets.

This year we have seen a small growth in the interest in the Fellowship of the Least Coin, which is borne out in the increased Contributions.

Our main problem is still that of communication. After each Committee Meeting a Newsletter is sent to every Church women's group in the A.C.T., but we still feel that local business does not leave sufficient time for more ecumenical news.

As in previous years our plans are to further encourage more groups, more particularly the new developing areas, to join with us, especially on Fellowship Day and World Community Day and to participate in the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

During the early part of November we had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and entertaining Veronica Kafa, the 1970 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder. We were delighted to have her with us even though her visit was so short and rushed, but we are sure it was a wonderful experience for her as much as it was for us.

We have no major issues to bring forward, except to learn how to enthuse and encourage Church Women in the interests of Australian Church Women.

Looking forward to another good year we put our trust in Almighty God for guidance in the responsibility that is ours.

MAY GOUDIE

HON. SECRETARY

## VICTORIA

In presenting the Council's 28th Annual Report in June, 1970, the retiring Secretary referred to the strong leadership exercised by the President (1969-70) and the team of enthusiastic Committee members who shared administrative duties in the promotion of the Council's objectives.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. A Conference in August with the theme "CHRISTIAN CONCERN" was introduced by a fine address from Mrs G.N. Frost, Chairman of Freedom from Hunger Campaign. Groups discussed relevant questions and a summary of findings was later circulated to local Councils for information and possible action.
2. A Theatre Party and Luncheon proved to be a most successful function - both socially and financially. Proceeds were donated to travel expenses of delegates to the Asian Church Women's Conference.
3. The Newsletter, published bi-annually, continued to be a valuable means of fostering interest in the work of the Council. 1000 copies were printed for the September issue.
4. Fellowship was enjoyed with Miss Veronica Kafa and efforts were made to provide her with useful opportunities of contact with young people's work.
5. Mrs C. Dewanasen, wife of the first Indian Principal of Madras Christian College was entertained by the Council. Members of all churches were invited to hear her address on conditions in India today.
6. Information of the respective activities of the Women's Guild at Temple Beth Israel and our Council was exchanged at a function in December and reciprocal hospitality was offered by the Jewish women at their Sukkot festival.
7. The Council greatly appreciated the privilege of welcoming Mrs Rathie Selverathnam to Melbourne. A meeting was arranged in the Independent Church at which she spoke on the subject of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.
8. The history of the Women's Inter Church Council of Victoria has been compiled by Mrs D.H. Peart - and the material awaits printing.
9. Local Inter-Church Councils have shown increased interest in the central body - twenty two having responded to the invitation to affiliate at 'observer' level.

### PLANS

1. To develop further the relationship with these local groups and to encourage their attendance at regular Council meetings.
2. To explore the possibilities of community service which may be undertaken in specific local areas of need : e.g. visiting at Homes for Mental Patients; assistance to migrants on the advice of the Good Neighbour Council.
3. Through the Promotion Committee, to consider ways of ensuring that programs for Fellowship and World Community Days and other material may be distributed satisfactorily by responsible agents.
4. To express the aims of the Council more clearly and more often.
5. To hold a Conference in 1971 - possibly in November.

### ISSUES

1. The format of the programs for the three special Days in which most groups are involved.  
Suggestions from the 1970 Conference -  
Women's World Day of Prayer - a Service as usual.  
(N.B. Although this occasion does not come within A.C.W. administration, it is noted that local groups forming inter-church committees for women's activities tend to embrace this particular Day with Inter-Church fixtures).

VICTORIA (cont.)

Fellowship Day in July - discussion

World Community Day - a practical effort or raising money.

2. The adoption of the Name for the Council:  
In Victoria, the majority of Council members voted to retain the present name of the State organization -  
"Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria"

On behalf of the Council,

E. M. WARNER,

SECRETARY.

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TASMANIA

ACHIEVEMENTS:

This has been a year of change with Mrs D. Hartam becoming President of the Council, and Mrs B. Robinson Secretary.

Fellowship Day was held during the last week of June, with gatherings being held at Hobart, Launceston, Glenorchy, Claremont, Lindisfarne and Burnie. In the Hobart area members of the Church of England, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Methodist Churches participated in the Order of Service.

Veronica Kafa's visit was a highlight for the State. Veronica spent 6 days in the South and 19 days in the North. In the Hobart area there was a ladies' luncheon, visits to the Church of England and Congregational Youth camps, a gathering of the Church of Christ ladies and a Baptist Youth evening. In the north she travelled to various towns on the north west and attended functions in both Launceston and these towns. In all places she thoroughly captivated our hearts and we feel it was a most successful way of stimulating interest in our work.

The response to the notelets has been quite overwhelming and I am happy to say that I have been embarrassed many times when asked for a supply as they go as quickly as I receive them. The pens are also extremely popular.

PLANS:

Plans are in hand for the holding of Community Day in October. Copies of the order of service have been sent to many centres and it is hoped there will be gatherings in a number of towns.

PROBLEMS:

The response to the notelets and pens, whilst being most encouraging, also presents the problem of the cost of distributing them throughout the State. This cost is very high and it is felt that if they could be sent direct to an agent in Hobart, Launceston and the North West it would be a tremendous help.

ISSUES:

It is felt that the matter of cost of postage within the states could be an issue to be raised at the annual meeting. It is unfortunate if the promotion of the leaflets has to be limited.

BETTY ROBINSON

HON. SECRETARY.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACTIVITIES

1970 has seen a continued growth in the life and witness of Women's Inter-Church Council of S.A.,

Fellowship Day was celebrated in 15 centres, an increase of 3 on 1969, and an increase in our support of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. We are pleased that many groups found the service interesting and worthwhile.

Miss Kafa was in S.A. from September 23rd to October 3rd and during that time she visited the Tatiara Inter-Church Council and the Kingston Inter-Church women's group. Whilst there on the Sunday she addressed the congregations of the Anglican church and the Churches of Christ. She also spoke with the women's Inter-Church group at Mt. Gambier and at Arthurton and Maitland. Miss Kafa met with the Colonel Light Gardens Women's Inter-Church Group and was entertained at the home of our president when a member of each denominational women's group was also invited. We were privileged to take her to visit Mrs Kiek. She also fulfilled some engagements with the Australian Board of Missions. We are grateful to their secretary for being host to Miss Kafa.

World Community Day was held in 8 centres compared with 3 in 1969. We were privileged to have Mrs Selveratnam address the service in Maughan Church. We continue to invite men to participate in this celebration but the response is disappointing.

The liaison officer for the Fellowship of the Least Coin reports a growing interest in this movement 20 groups have received a speaker during the year which has meant an increase in our Least Coins. We have two copies of 'In Quest of the Least Coin' which we lend at 10 cents a time. There is a long waiting list.

Our Annual At Home this year was in aid of the Women's College at Port Moresby and resulted in \$190 being sent. This annual function raises money for a different non-denominational charity each year and gives us as church women an opportunity of standing beside some of the responsible secular organizations who have a care for people.

The Home and Hospital visiting courses have continued this year and we introduced a course on handicrafts suitable for teaching to geriatric and ex-mental patients. This was very popular and will be continued in 1971. The interesting development in this work is our close liaison with the Mental Health Association with whom we work in 'follow-up' work. A net-work of visitors in each Council area has been set up with 'contacts' in touch with the visitors and the hospitals. This work is slowly establishing itself. At present a closer relationship with the Royal Adelaide hospital is being established.

We have continued to hear from the member groups of W.I.C.C. S.A. of their activities and aims at our bi-monthly meetings. This is proving very interesting as it helps each group to know why and how other groups are functioning.

The publication of Meet W.I.C.C.(S.A.) has been worthwhile and has been in demand.

Our most exciting achievement is the receiving into full membership of the Baptist Women's Fellowship. The Baptist women have had observers to our Council meetings for some time and we are particularly delighted that they have become full members.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PLANS

We plan to continue our courses in hand crafts and our association with the S.A. Mental Health Association through which follow-up work from our training courses is done.

It seems that more local W.I.C.C.s will be formed in the near future and we are helping indirectly with these.

On February 22nd, 1971 a Conference of the executive of each denominational women's group and members of the W.I.C.C. (S.A.) will be held at which we will:-

- (a) learn of what has been done 'inter-church' by the various denominations
- (b) tell them of our aims and projects
- (c) ask them where and how they feel we ought to be involved

N.B. It was from a similar conference that the idea of Home and Hospital visiting training courses sprang.

ISSUES

1. With the increase in the involvement and work of the A.C.W. we suggest that the structures of the working committee be altered to allow for an administrative officer and a secretary, or a general secretary and a minute secretary. To our knowledge no comparable body to A.C.W. expects one officer to do the secretarial and administration work.

2. From the limited experience of sending out our own posters this year for the special days, we recommend that posters be provided nationally for use in all states. These do help to advertise our days and would be more economically produced in bulk.

3. As there is a growing interest in things Ecumenical and also a tendency to rationalise meetings and work-loads, we ask that A.C.W. consider ways in which there might be a closer liaison between the Women's World Day of Prayer and Australian Church Women. We see no real reason for two unrelated bodies to be operative for the promotion of what is virtually the 'promotion of Inter-Church services'. We feel that the coming together of these two bodies would greatly strengthen the witness of the Churches in the world.

K. HOWIE

SECRETARY.

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AN ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED from the WORKING COMMITTEE

The programme content of women's groups and their role in the total mission of the church.

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## WEST AUSTRALIA

### ACHIEVEMENTS

This year there has been a very pleasing growth of interest in Fellowship Day and Community Day. One central meeting was held on each of these occasions, with a much larger attendance than in the previous year. The time of worship together and the lively discussions which followed have proved to be an enriching experience to all who participated.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is becoming more widely known and supported and a newspaper and radio interview with Mrs Selveratnam during her recent visit to Perth gave very valuable publicity to the objects and achievements of the Fellowship. Those who took the opportunity of meeting with Mrs Ashton and Mrs Bailey on their way to and from the Asian Women's Conference were very interested to receive first hand news of this event. Mrs Selveratnam endeared herself to all who met her during her stay in Perth and gave us a wealth of information regarding the position and work of the Christian Church in Ceylon and other Asian areas.

Note-paper and Pens are selling well and proving to be good publicity for A.C.W.

### PLANS

1. To endeavour to form a study group to discuss material from the Church and Society Department of the Council of Churches, with particular reference to the National plans of the Joint Secretariat on Action for World Development.
2. To try to effect a liaison between the Council and various suburban groups who are working together very effectively on an inter-Church and inter-Faith basis.
3. To spend less time in Committee meetings dealing with routine business.

### ISSUES TO BE RAISED

The question of Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings being made on Fellowship Day.

V. WILSON

SECRETARY.

REPORTS FROM FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS  
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ANGLICAN WOMEN

This has been a year of some progress as far as making Anglican Women more aware of the activities of A.C.W. The Secretariat set up by the Bishops' wives to seek to co-ordinate the work of Anglican Women, produced it's first News Magazine in 1970, which, contained highlights of the report of the National A.C.W. in 1970.

Mrs Selvaratnam addressed the Australian Board of Missions Women's Auxiliary National Council Luncheon during her visit to Sydney - a number of Bishops' wives were at this Meeting.

Mrs Selveratnam also gave greetings to the Sydney Mothers' Union Council Meetings, and also Miss Veronica Kafa.

Miss Kafa was guest speaker at an A.B.M. Women's Auxiliary function, which was attended by a good representative group of Anglican Women.

In some areas the Fellowship of the Least Coin has been adopted enthusiastically. In local areas Anglican Women are supporting work of Inter-Church Council.

The Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations did a great deal to draw women of the Churches together, and the segment on Women and Religious life was produced with joyful and loving enthusiasm for a common cause of the extension of the Kingdom of God, through Bible reading, Prayer, Worship and Work.

We look forward to 1971 with joyful expectancy and further extension.

MARY M. ANDREWS  
(Head Deaconess).

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FEDERAL CONFERENCE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
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I have much pleasure in presenting the report from the Churches of Christ and we give thanks to God for His provision and support during this past year, which has been one of intense planning, and praying and working for Him in preparation for our Federal Conference and World Convention in Adelaide.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The women of our Australian Churches have raised money to bring LEITH WILSON from the New Hebrides to attend our World Convention in Adelaide. Clothing and hospitality have been provided as well as her fare. All States in Australia have contributed on a membership basis towards this project.

The Churches in South Australia raised \$366 in three months towards the fare of Wandee Kuntawong of Thailand, thus enabling her to attend World Convention also.

PLANS

At our Federal Conference in October, a new Executive from Western Australia will be appointed, and our headquarters for the next two years will be in W.A.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST (cont.)

Much work, prayer and planning has been done towards our World Convention, and especially our retreat when 3 delegates from each country will meet together at Anglican House, Belair for three days and live and share together just prior to World Convention. Our 8th Assembly of World Christian Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday 22nd October. A Women's Luncheon will be held at Wayville on 21st October when it is estimated that 1800 women(at least) will share together. Our Speaker will be Rathie Selvaratnam of Ceylon.

Our women have been vitally interested in Fellowship of the Least Coin and Community Day, and as we have corresponded over the past months with Rathie Selvaratnam of Ceylon our interests have broadened.

We pray that God will richly bless the coming year, and that the National Committee of A.C.W. will be blessed as they plan for their meeting in February.

G. COOMBE

(Secretary)

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
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It is with pleasure that I present a report of the work of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia.

The Federal Executive, at present, is situated in N.S.W. - having taken office in September 1970 for the ensuing three years. The Conference and Rally, held in Sydney, at which we welcomed delegates from all States, was a really stimulating experience. There was much evidence of growing together in the State Units. All States are now working under the P.W.A. of Australia Constitution - South Australia being welcomed at this Conference and it's Constitution adopted. In most cases the experience of working in one Women's Organization has proved very beneficial - giving women the opportunity of being informed and involved in all facets of women's work within our Church.

The Conference and Rally held on 9th and 10 th September 1970 rate special mention. These meetings were organized by the outgoing Executive from Victoria and we were greatly privileged to have as our Guest Speaker at the Rally, His Excellency the Governor General, The Right Honourable Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J. Her Excellency, Lady Hasluck also graciously accepted our invitation to be present.

Approximately 800 women filled St Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, to hear this fine address - "The Permissive Society - If Anything Goes, Nothing Matters". This address was followed, after a lunch break, by the installation and dedication of the new Office Bearers, and our New President - Mrs J. Sticpewich, briefly addressed the gathering, continuing the theme of the day - "Let's Listen to the Young". Then followed a panel discussion, also on the chosen theme, by four of our young women. It certainly proved to be a worthwhile and stimulating experience to "listen to the young". This session was very popular and provoked many questions - the time being all too short to allow all who desired to speak, the opportunity to do so.

It was helpful that we were able to have the whole of the Rally Day's proceedings professionally taped and that we have been able to reproduce a tape of the address given by the Governor-General, and one of the Panel Discussion, on request from States. These, in turn, may be borrowed by branches and thus the value of the day has been far-reaching, enabling many who were unable to be with us, to share the experience.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (cont.)

Mrs Thompson-Peters, wife of a visiting American Christian Education Expert - Rev. J. Thompson-Peters, was with us for the Conference and Rally. She had an interesting story to tell of her involvement in Women's Work in the States - mentioning especially how women are working together ecumenically to do things together which can be done more effectively than separately.

The P.W.A. of A. has been pleased to take it's part with women from the Australasian Federation of Methodist Women, and the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia, to talk together about their work and to get to know each other better, so that foundations may be laid for the time when the Uniting Church comes into being.

Presbyterian women, in common with women of other denominations are facing a situation where young women are not readily forthcoming to fill the ranks as older women drop out. We see this as a problem too, that we must strive to make our meetings more interesting, informative and acceptable to younger women - yet not forgetting the needs of those who have served their church for a long period of time.

We are conscious too, of the large number of our women in the work force and feel we must meet this need in our organization. Evening branches are partly filling this need - but we see this as an increasing problem of the future.

I close with the words of Mrs D. Thomson, President of our South Australia Unit, used in our closing devotions at the Conference: "Our role is to be "Alive in Christ", whether in the Presbyterian Church or the Uniting Church. The problem of how to communicate the Gospel is as old as the Gospel itself. May we be worthy Witnesses for Him!"

CONNIE GROAT

FEDERAL SECRETARY

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AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

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At the request of the World Federation of Methodist Women, an Area Seminar was held at Dudley School, Suva, Fiji, in August, 1970. As the Area President is also President of A.F.M.W., the Australasian Executive became the Committee for the Seminar. Through the generosity of Australian Methodist Women, we were able to defray all the expenses of the Seminar, including the air fares of ten women from Samoa and Tonga, an Observer from the United Church in Papua - New Guinea, and two part aboriginal women from Australia, (Victoria and West Australia), and travel and accomodation for ten delegates from Fiji. The delegates from Australia and New Zealand met their own travel expenses, thus enabling us to return to World Federation the subsidy of \$2,500 which they had granted to us. Much was learnt of the problems that these Island women have to face as their countries are gaining independence. New methods of teaching, group work, dealing with young people and small children were used, and reports being received indicate that the delegates are endeavouring to pass this knowledge on to as many women as possible in their own lands.

It was helpful also for the Australian and New Zealand delegates to have this time of living together, fellowship and discussion.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN (cont.)

The special Study being undertaken by all State Federations this Triennium is "The Status and Culture of Australia's coloured population, with special reference to Aborigines, Asian and Pacific Island Students", and already the reports of these studies coming to hand show that the women are giving serious thought to their responsibilities to the coloured population and aboriginals, living in Australia.

State Federations, through Study Groups, have been considering the various Social issues of the day - abortion, the working mother, the place of women in the community, teaching English to migrants, racial discrimination etc.

We have continued our meetings and discussions with the women of the Presbyterian, Congregational women's groups, both at National and State level. Study groups have been set up in each State of these Denominational groups, in an endeavour to find the place of women in the Church, following Church Union.

World Federation of Methodist Women will meet in Denver (U.S.A.) in August, 1971, and we will be represented by Mrs Marjory Nash (Queensland). As Area President, Mrs A.W. Pederick will also be attending.

E. ATKINSON

Hon. SECRETARY

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THE SALVATION ARMY - SOUTHERN TERRITORY

A report on the work of Salvationist women as it applies to all States in the Southern Australia Territory.

EVANGELICAL: The Salvation Army women officers have equal status with men in the ministry of a Church, to care for the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of people.

When there is opportunity they accept the privilege of membership on the local Ministers' Fraternal, and share in co-operative service in the community as required, for example, Christian Education in Schools.

SOCIAL: An important avenue of service is the caring for hospital patients, aged persons, and needy children in our Institutions.

Broken or needy families receive advice and practical help. Women are appointed to attend courts to befriend women and girls; to visit the prisons, and serve as registered Probation Officers.

LEAGUE OF MERCY: Regular visitation of the sick in Hospitals is made, also in institutions or in their own homes, providing gifts and entertainment at Christmastime and on other occasions throughout the year. At times making a link with the family, writing a letter, or when necessary attending to domestic duties.

CAMPS: New features during the year provided a camp for Aborigine women in Western Australia where domestic instruction was given and happy fellowship shared. A camp for needy families in Victoria where mothers and young children unable to afford a holiday, could be given a few days relaxation and pleasure. The programme included entertainment for all, and home management for mothers.

THE SALVATION ARMY - SOUTHERN TERRITORY (cont.)

Women of the Salvation Army are dedicated Christian workers willing to make sacrifices in an effort to help others. Finding satisfaction and joy in their work.

On the local, State and Federal level, Salvationist women work closely with the Inter-Church Council, giving all possible support.

Greatly appreciated was the material provided for the 1970 World Community Day Service by Mrs Colonel F. Saunders and Mrs Col. L. Pindred. Salvationist women supported United Services held in various places, and representatives took part in the prepared programme at the one held in the Camberwell Salvation Army Citadel.

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THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY  
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The Eastern Territory covers N.S.W., Queensland and the T.P.N.G. Throughout these areas The Salvation Army operates convalescent homes in many larger centres, caring for several hundreds of persons for a cost within the pension; five groups of units housing two hundred persons each; two homes with hostel accommodation, one in Sydney and one in the country; three children's homes (150 girls); two hospitals; three homes for unmarried mothers; one vocational centre for girls from the courts; one home for women and children; three hostels, two providing some accommodation for the itinerant woman.

In Sydney alone in 1970 over 3,000 were helped in the following ways: adoptions; unmarried mothers; units; accommodation; personal affairs; family affairs; police court work; employmeny; relief. During this year three Officers qualified for nursing certificates; nine Nurses graduated at 'Bethesda'; one Officer became a member of the College of Nursing; one Officer completed her third year of university studies in Social Welfare.

A Tongan student in the Salvation Army's care completed a full business course, her sister received her nurses' aide certificate.

Officers have been connected with many seminars in connection with their work. One of these was the International Congress on Alcoholism. One Officer attended an International Conference of Social Welfare in Manila and two Officers became members of the Australian Institute of Welfare Officers.

Many stories of human interest could be told from each home and centre where dedicated service is being given in the interest of people. At La Perouse the Manager is thrilled to tell of families that have been reunited and who have written today all is well and they are attending church etc., and this could be repeated again and again.

In Papua/New Guinea the Army operates in fifteen centres with schools, mobile nursing clinics which travel many miles to isolated villages; four small hospitals; three farms for the training of boys (two for boys on probation); and a school for Officers Training. This past year a school and mission station were built at Oiyana, Eastern Highlands New Guinea, and here Captain Jessie Jenks, the only white person, is in charge. Forty miles further on, Captain Dorothy W Elphick is pioneering with her medical van deep into primitive villages.

The visitation of all hospitals in N.S.W. and Queensland is carried out by about 500 women Salvationists and adherents. Many hours are given freely in this work weekly, fortnightly and monthly. Literature is distributed as well as the Salvation Army 'War Cry'.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY (cont.)

Over this past year the work amongst the geriatric patients has widened. Members join in as well as organize activity groups, e.g. handicraft classes, social involvement, group work with psychiatric and alcoholic patients. Salvationists also provide a voluntary Guide Service to patients and visitors to Brisbane General Hospital and this work is greatly appreciated by the hospital.

Meetings are held regularly in a great number of Convalescent Homes and hospitals. Assistance is given in many centres to 'Meals on Wheels'.

Special seasons of the year are featured by the League of Mercy e.g. Easter, Mother's Day, Fathers' Day etc.

The Christmas Cheer Programme was very large this year. 10,000 'Sunshine Bags' were filled with sweets, fruit, gifts and literature and distributed to patients in all hospitals in both states. Music and singing were also a part of the Programme.

League of Mercy members and potential members are trained in the art of visitation in regional centres.

A yearly 'Ministry of Healing' Sunday is held in all Corps. Members of all sections of the Medical Profession and official hospital visitors are encouraged to take part in the services.

Theological students of The Salvation Army Training College are members of the 'Chaplains' courses held each year in large public hospitals. Each week Cadets participate and are trained in the art of visitation and group therapy.

The work of women who are members of the Salvation Army Home League covers many and varied fields of service. The four-fold programme of the Home League (which is international) namely worship, education, fellowship and service is planned so that the whole needs of the members can be met as they come together weekly fortnightly and monthly in the day or evening according to local circumstances.

**WORSHIP:** The spiritual needs of the women are met through Bible study, prayer circles and the spiritual messages which are part of every Home League Meeting. Special Bible Readings are prepared and distributed to all members. The Home League is also associated with the Women's World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

**EDUCATION:** Wide and varied subjects are covered by experts in their field and members are taught new crafts and become more informed concerning the care of their home and families and the needs of the community in which they live.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Provision is made for members to be involved in many interdenominational group activities, as well as in other organizations. There is also a great deal of interchange of visits between Home League groups and special emphasis is given to inviting new women to the Home League, particularly new Australians and those in new housing areas. An 'Outer Circle Fellowship' is in operation for the benefit of women isolated by distance, age and disability. A monthly letter is sent out to 1,200 such women who are happy to be linked in fellowship with women in circumstances similar to their own.

**SERVICE:** The women of the Home League are outstanding in their work for others. Thousands of dollars are raised by them every year for our comprehensive missionary programme and in particular for Papua and New Guinea which is the direct responsibility of our Eastern Australia Territory.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY (cont.)

Not only is money given; but beautiful garments are made for distribution; school requisites are provided, as well as sewing machines, materials, cottons; as a result of which we have a flourishing Home League work among the women of Papua and New Guinea. Many Home Leagues also sponsor students as far as their educational needs are concerned and this ministry has been very worthwhile.

Members of the Home League also give voluntary service in Occupational Therapy, in organized institutions and convalescent homes; vocal groups making regular visits throughout the year.

Many hundreds of dollars worth of gifts for distribution at Christmas are made and donated by the women of the Home League and this work is carried out in conjunction with the League of Mercy Department.

The work of the Home League is encouraging; new groups were registered during 1970 and we look forward to more women being influenced in 1971.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ended 31/12/1970

RECEIPTS

<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin</u>		
Balance bt. fwd.		
Donations	3565.12	
	<u>3180.08</u>	6745.20
<u>Circle of Prayer Volume III</u>		
	<u>21.60</u>	21.60
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund</u>		
Balance bt. fwd.		
Transfer from Fellowship Day Offerings	1245.65	
Donations	800.00	
Bond Interest	225.76	
Bal. Int. 1968/69	21.38	
Interest 1969/70	\$7.13	
	\$14.25	
Refund from Sister Marguerite		2292.78
	<u>19.00</u>	19.00
<u>Fellowship Day</u>		
Orders of Service		
Offerings	137.00	
	<u>1255.69</u>	1392.69
<u>World Community Day</u>		
Balance bt. fwd. 1/1/70		
Offerings	600.00	
Orders of Service	957.43	
	<u>14.30</u>	1571.73
<u>General and Administration</u>		
Balance bt. fwd		
Transfer from F'ship Day 1/1/70	763.14	
" " World Comm. Day	190.91	
Bank Interest	277.47	
Donations	149.31	
	<u>27.11</u>	1407.94
<u>Scribal Pens &amp; Notelets</u>		
Btw. fwd. 1/1/70		
Sales - Pens	522.28	
" - Profit Notelets from S.A.	1043.45	
	<u>260.00</u>	1825.73
<u>National Meeting</u>		
Accommodation		
Registration	672.80	
	<u>141.00</u>	813.80
<u>Overseas Fund</u>		
Bt. fwd. 1/1/70		
W.I.C.C. of Victoria	132.02	
W.I.C.C. of Tasmania	180.00	
	<u>15.00</u>	327.02

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\$16417.49 \$16417.49

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ended 31/12.70

EXPENDITURE

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Donation to Geneva	3000.00	
Printing W.&J. Barr 2000 leaflets	48.00	
" " " 5000 folders	60.00	
Part fare Mrs Selveratnam	36.00	
Petty Cash	5.00	3149.00

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund

Investment C/W. Stock	100.00	
Tape W.K. Interview	2.59	
T.A.A. Air fare 299.90)		
205.50)	505.40	
Printing 12,000 leaflets	72.00	
Allowance V. Kafa \$24 per month 8 mths.	192.00	
Y.W.C.A. Camp fee	27.00	
Hosp. B.A.	25.44	
Clothing etc. 50.00)		
29.78)		
14.21)	93.99	
Sister Marguerite	20.00	
Petty Cash - postage	5.00	1043.42

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Orders of Service	160.00	
Delivery & Postage	12.80	172.80

World Community Day

Project Hong Kong Rooftop Reset.	600.00	
Orders of Service	120.00	
Delivery & Postage	10.36	730.36

General & Administration

Printing 10,000 booklets W.&J. Barr	182.00	<i>brochures</i>
Duplicating Ellams Pty. Ltd.	21.74	
Delegates to ACC Ann. Mtg.	36.00	
Secretary's fare	35.00	
Petty Cash Secretary 20.00		
30.00	50.00	
Petty Cash Treasurer	10.00	334.74

Scribal Pens Pty. Ltd.

State Delegates fares to Nat. Mtg. (six)	396.42	
Petty Cash & Postage	337.15	
	15.00	748.57

Oversæas Fund

Acc. 2 Observers A.C.W.C.	100.00	
Reg. & part fare 2 Delegates	270.00	370.00

National Comm. Meeting at St Hilda's

Accommodation & Booking fee	663.20	
½ Acc. for 3 Office bearers	36.00	
Secretarial requirements	77.73	776.93
Bank Balance 31st Dec. 1970	9091.67	9091.67

\$ 16417.49      \$16417.49

Examined and found correct

ELEANOR A. GRIEVE

13th January, 1971.

STATEMENT FELLOWSHIP DAY

RECEIPTS

	Orders of serofferings		Total
W.I.C.C. of S.A.	35.00	230.00	265.00
W.I.C.C. of Queensland	18.75	51.54	70.29
N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	62.50	192.75	255.25
Woomera United Ch. F'ship	1.25		1.25
United Ch. Ladies Guild Darwin	.75		.75
Canberra Church Women	2.50	40.00	42.50
United Ch. F'ship Nightcliff	1.25		1.25
Katherine United Ch. F'ship	1.25		1.25
ACW - W.A. W.I.C.C. Unit	1.25		1.25
United Ch. L. F'ship Woomera S.A.		11.40	11.40
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	12.50	30.00	42.50
W.I.C.C. Victoria		700.00	700.00
	<u>\$137.00</u>	<u>\$1255.69</u>	<u>\$1392.69</u>

STATEMENT WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

RECEIPTS

Canberra Church Women	1.80	17.00	18.80
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	12.50	18.40	30.90
ACW W.A. Unit		30.20	30.20
W.I.C.C. Victoria		500.00	500.00
N.S.W. W.I.C.C.		193.30	193.30
W.I.C.C. S.A.		90.00	90.00
Women's F'ship Nightcliff		20.00	20.00
W.I.C.C. Queensland		88.53	88.53
Balance Bt fwd. 1/1/70		600.00	600.00
	<u>\$40.30</u>	<u>\$1557.43</u>	<u>\$1571.73</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCE

Fellowship of the Least Coin Fund	3596.20
Circle of Prayer Booklets	21.60
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	1268.36
Fellowship Day Service	1219.89
World Community Day Service	841.37
National Meeting	36.87
Scribal Pens	817.16
Motelets	260.00
General & Administration	1030.22
	<u>\$ 9091.67</u>

Overseas Fund shows a Debit of \$42.98 at present paid from General Fund.

STATEMENT OF FELLOWSHIP DAY

EXPENDITURE

Orders of Service 12,000 6 page	160.00	160.00
Delivery	2.80	2.80
Petty Cash - postage	10.00	10.00
Balance	1219.89	1219.89

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₪ 1392.69    ₪ 1392.69

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STATEMENT WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

EXPENDITURE

Orders of Service 8000 6 page	120.00	120.00
Delivery	5.36	
Postage & Petty Cash	<u>5.00</u>	10.36
Project Hong Kong Roof Top Resettlement	600.00	600.00
Balance	841.37	841.37

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