

1a Avenue Road.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063.

20th September, 1973.

Dear Jan,

This letter with its queries and suggestions is of an informal nature and is the outcome of ideas from the Retreat day at Joy's home earlier this week. It was suggested that I write to you giving our views and I trust that you will be able to understand what I'm trying to convey and that you will be able to help with comments and/or suggestions to the following.

Re the Questionnaire, only 20 copies have been returned and the comments and answers were not very helpful but at least offered some help and this is what we have used as a basis for our findings.

It was suggested that the two special days Fellowship and W.C.D. should be different in format and that F.D. should be less formal.

To question 4 re 'experimentation with the type of service' - the following may interest you,

(c) (In order of preference)

1. Discussion Groups
2. Panels
3. Guest Speakers
4. (Drama
(Set Plays
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The thoughts the committee members had re W.C.D. are:

1. None of the committee could say how, when, where W.C.D. originated, hence I have written to Mrs. Wyllie (Archivist, A.C.W.) for particulars.
2. Is there a need for W.C.D. in the light of 20 odd groups in Victoria no longer holding special days.
3. Why is Fellowship of the Least Coin dedicated at W.C.D. service?
4. As W.C.D. usually adopts a World Christian Action project why not combine W.C.D. with the service which launches Christmas Bowl Appeal. (a W.C.A. project)

The committee seemed to think that no 4 was the most likely and I was asked to write and see if you would be prepared to accept this and prepare an order of service which would be acceptable and could be used in conjunction with the launching of the C.B.A. as well as W.C.D. for the groups still wanting to hold special days and unable because of distance to come to cities or large country towns for the launching of C.B.A. Also would you be prepared to work with Brian Walsh to produce an order of service which would be acceptable to W.C.A. as well as A.C.W. It was felt that if we could come to the next N.C.M. with a suggestion as an alternative day for W.C.D. and have something to present to them, then we will get somewhere, otherwise it means another year whilst they think about it and before it can be implemented. The next question is of course, how much work have you already done on the order of service? Well its over to you - I do trust that you can make some sense out of this and I would appreciate an answer at

your earliest.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

1a Avenue Road.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063.

29th October, 1973.

Dear Jan,

Just a brief note to enquire if you received my 'epistle' of the 20th September. A few more Questionnaires have been received but no where near the number distributed earlier in the year.

At today's meeting time was spent discussing the two special days and the orders of service for them both. We are anxious to know your reaction to the suggestions made in that letter, so would appreciate very much a reply at your earliest. If your group has prepared an order of service that we could peruse at the next meeting on the 26th November, then that would be appreciated too. In fact any suggestions or ideas that you can offer at this stage would be most helpful.

Trusting that this finds you well,

With Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. E. Ackland.
Secretary, Working Committee.
A.C.W.

the girls' brigade



National Headquarters 9 Ansions Place, Sydney.
2000.

29-10-73

Dear Olive,

I must firstly apologise for my delay in replying to you, I have been very busy following our National Conference and also have had problems with typing. However, here I am and actually on leave - in Melbourne so I hope to make amends to you. Thank you for your letter of 20/9/73 and the information, questions etc.

1) We agree with the thoughts and appreciate the comments of the Retreat.

Yes, we have the service in hand actually its now nearly ready to be sent to you. We have set it up not quite as 'revolutionary' as perhaps first thoughts may have indicated. One of our writers here in Melbourne has been busy on the content and now since we have spent an afternoon together the ideas you have noted we have more or less planned to include. Actually I had asked her to include the ideas of Discussion Groups, Panels, Drama etc.

Thus the service in various parts can be used either as a whole unit, or broken up to include discussions (etc) and come together again.

we have now to line up the questions and action.

We feel this service could very easily include the Christmas Bowl Appeal and will include comments to this extent.

I hope to have a copy to you by the middle of November ^{A.T.B.}

2) Re your other questions on whether I (we) would be prepared to work with Brian Walsh to produce a service acceptable to WCA + ACW for the council meeting. I personally would be prepared to work on this service and of course would more than likely look on it as a GB. work but more personally really.

Sorry we have been diligent in reply. I'm not sure yet who will be our delegate + observer at the council meeting, we have many ideas - the people may be S.A.s however when we will find in the application when it's due.

I hope to have a more relaxed year next year so hope my correspondence will be more to date.

With best wishes

Jan Christie
Gen Secretary.

1a Avenue Road.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063.

1st. November, 1973.

Dear Jan,

Many thanks for your letter which arrived in today's post, no doubt by now you have received my request of the 29th ult.

We will be pleased to receive the order of service for World Community Day and I trust it will arrive in time for the next Working Committee meeting on the 26th.

Re the suggestion and request for an order of service for the N.C.M. we would be pleased for you to go ahead and arrange same with the assistance of Brian Walsh. If at all possible could we please have a 'look-see' prior to the N.C.M. We are anticipating another Working Committee meeting early December as well as the meeting scheduled for the 26th.

From your letter it would appear that you may not be coming to S.A. in February - pity. Never-the-less we would appreciate any comments and suggestions for N.C.M. especially at your earliest if information is to be included in the Working Documents.

With best wishes and Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D.E. Ackland.
Secretary, Working Committee
A.C.W.

the girls' brigade



9 albion place, sydney, 2000

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6/11/73.

Mrs. O. Ackland,
Secretary - Working Committee,
Australian Church Women,
1a Avenue Road,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063

Dear Olive,

Thanks for your letters of 29th October and 1st November, 1973.
I have returned to the office, so am able to have some typing done.

World Community Day Service. We have as I said been busy and originally the format was the enclosed, however, we are working on a few changes, to include the suggestions. The actual set up - final as we figure it should look, will I hope be ready for 26th November.

Our idea is to give you a basic service which could be used, as well as a Variety of other suggestions.

Thus the Service Sheet could be printed but with it would also go the additional variations of use.

- a) Do you wish me to produce the comment on The Girls' Brigade as well?
- b) Do you wish us to design a cover?
- c) Will this service be printed in Adelaide?

I will write again later on those attending Conference.

Best wishes,

Jan Christie
Jan Christie,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(In association with the Australian Council of Churches, which is affiliated with the World Council of Churches)

1a Avenue Road.,
HIGHGATE. S.AUST.
5063.

15th November, 1973.

Mrs. Shanti Solomon,
Executive Secretary,
c/- St. Stephens House,
4 Rajpur Road.,
DELHI. 110006 INDIA

Dear Mrs. Solomon,

I received today a query from the General Secretary, Miss Jan Christie, Girls' Brigade, Sydney, re the allocation of the Fellowship of the Least Coin Grants to be made in September of this year. Could you please let me know at your earliest, any information relating to the Grants and if there is any news regarding same that you may wish me to pass on to Miss Christie - thank you.

Also, I wish to apologise that I did not send you the name of the new Convenor of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. I notice by my letter of the 29th May, '73 that I mentioned that the Working Committee of A.C.W. is now located in South Australia, but failed to give you this information. I do trust that this has not inconvenienced you unduly. It would be appreciated if in future all correspondence relating to the F.L.C. be sent to the Convenor, Mrs. K. D. Hall, 30 Lawson Ave, Morphettville. 5043. S.Aust.

Plans are well in hand for the National Committee Meeting which will be held in Adelaide from the 12th to the 15th February next. We are delighted that Miss Jean Skuse will be the guest speaker at the Opening Public Service and will also lead a discussion session one other night.

With warm Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. E. Ackland.
Secretary, Working Committee
A.C.W.

the girls' brigade



9 albion place, sydney, 2000

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22/11/73.

Mrs. O. Ackland,
Secretary,
Working Committee,
Australian Church Women,
1a Avenue Rd.,
HIGHGATE. 5063

Dear Olive,

Dear me, time certainly slips by. Your note re the report due on 10th November, 1973., arrived here on 12/11/73 two days later than the date due. Unless you wanted a mental transference your chances were way out. However, here we are, not the usual type of report but I think one which reveals a little of the development and excitement of this past twelve months.

The Conference, Feb., 1974, personnel. We will notify this within this next two weeks, we plan to have two people (one Representative, one Observer). I'm awaiting information.

Now the service - we have not completely broken traditional patterns for this could have been catastrophic, however, we have tried to implement the variety of possibilities seen to be necessary. We all know that each congregation will use the material "as they see fit" or at least as those who are leading "see fit".

- a) To help those who have little resources within their Community to draw upon. There is the basic service which people could lead.
- b) For those willing to share a little we suggest the use of the questions - time for discussion or study of the local opportunities within the context of the service.
- c) Points for Panel Discussion or Interviews.
- d) Use of Books or Paper cuttings current with the date October, 1974, looking at the issues involved. In this situation the suggestions for instance which come to mind immediately:- '1973'
 - i) Australian Parliament's discussion yesterday on 'Human Rights' -
How does this line up with the original declaration of Human Rights? What are the voices in our Service saying which is contrary to this Declaration?

22/11/73

What can we do to ensure people are accepted?

- ii) The T.V. Film on Ethiopia shown recently and the reports in paper etc., would have been right in line with the 1973 "Where in the World is my Neighbour" theme. Australian women could have really sympathised on the cyclone problems, or the floods we have had in Australia, *also and considered real action.*

Although we are very aware of the huge jumps in change which many of us wish to see in this Service approach, I feel certain we will loose 'the old faithfuls' of the country traditional 'if we make the steps too far apart.' A Service with possible and open alternatives is, I feel perhaps, more acceptable at this stage.


I have just had another thought - we had produced for our National Conference, the enclosed 'Order of Service' Cover (our artist works voluntary) Can we liven up the art work side also? Not that it needs to be in colour but tonings could be possible.

My mind's working overtime on ways I might use these things also still it's always easier for one, than it is when it's sent out on printed matter.

Better stop or you'll go mad reading. I hope you understand our ideas.

Looking forward to hearing again from you,

I am,
Yours sincerely,



Jan Christie,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

1a Avenue Road.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063.
6th December, 1973.

Miss. J. Christie,
Girls' Brigade,
9 Albion Place,
SYDNEY.

Dear Jan,

Many thanks for the letters and orders of service received in November. The following is in answer to your queries.

1. The section on page 2 (additional material received later) is sufficient and lets everyone know who prepared the service.
2. These orders of service usually follow the same pattern each year and this will be discussed later, but for the present - no thank you.
3. Yes - the orders of service will be printed in Adelaide.

The sub-committee is looking over the order of service and this will be discussed fully next Monday. The only comments I would make are that it is well prepared and I feel caters for the women and men, we hope, the other thing is that it seems long in terms of the amount of printing. What do you think. Are you able to compare with this years copy of the order of service?

Also have you any thoughts to offer re working with Rev. Brian Walsh on an order of service. See my letter of the 20th September re this matter. Any comments and suggestions re these points that you wish to make will be most acceptable.

Many thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

the girls' brigade



9 albion place, sydney, 2000

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13/12/73

Mrs. O. Ackland,
1a Avenue Rd.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063

Dear Mrs. Ackland,

Thank you for your letter of 6th December and the replies to my questions.

- 1) Concerning Conference '74. I have had word from our South Australian Commissioner Mrs. Colleen Evans, of 69 Shepherds Hill Rd., EDEN HILLS, that she has registered herself and Mrs. Dawn Tucker, for the February meeting. Mrs. Evans, I think will be a delegate. I will be forwarding to her my file of correspondence to bring her up to date.
- 2) Concerning your thought that the material we have produced would require further printing than previously, (e.g. Community Day Service, October, '73, Pamphlet) I would tend to agree with you. However, we felt that not every person would need all the additional material. This could be on the ratio of 1 to 10 leaflets, with some reference mentioned in the main Order of Service Leaflet, without typing '73 Order of Service Leaflet out with the same type as we have used. I am afraid these are the only comments I can make.
- 3) I have had some thoughts concerning the Order of Service with Rev. Brian Walsh, and hope to make contact with him again this month.

I think basically, thoughts expressed in your letter of 20th Sept., can be well incorporated, so that World Council of Churches Christmas Bowl Appeal and Australian Church Women's Service may be united together as a worthwhile service project.

I am hoping to have a little more time to think on these thoughts in these next few weeks and will send you by 15th January, some material, I hope.

With every good wish for the Christmas Season, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jan Christie,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

the girls' brigade



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7/2/74

Mrs. O. Ackland,
1A Avenue Rd.,
HIGHGATE. S.A. 5063

Dear Olive,

You and the planning committee have been in my thoughts lately, I'm sorry not to be able to be present this year. Please also accept my apology for not having to you the material for the Service suggestions linking Christmas Bowl and World Community Day.

So far, owing to the holiday period and a number of other pressures our work has progressed, ideas and a pattern. I am hopeful that a preliminary plan, now delayed, would be ready for you during April.

The avenues of the service and Christmas Bowl Appeal have sparked some other ideas, which would involve the younger members of our churches.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,

Jan Christie,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Phone 295 6912

33 Wilson Tce.,
GLENDALG EAST. S.A. 5045

25th February, 1974.

Miss Jan Christie,
Girls' Brigade,
9 Albion Place,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2000

Dear Miss Christie,

Your letter of 7.2.74 was passed on to me after I had been elected Secretary of the A.C.W. Working Committee following Olive's resignation.

At the National Committee Meeting it was decided that to try to include Christmas Bowl appeal with World Community Day would be too confusing and the following motion was moved:-

"That themes for Australian Church Women's National Committee Meetings and Special Days be closely related to C.W.U., World Council of Churches and Australian Council of Churches themes where appropriate."

It was suggested, however, that World Community Day might be a day of action, meeting people in need face to face. It may be that some of the ideas which you have will be along these lines. Certainly anything allowing more involvement will be useful. Could you please send any such ideas direct to our Special Days Convener, Mrs. Sue Rowston, 8 Andrew Ave., Millswood, S.A. 5034. I know she will be pleased to receive them.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murehland,
Secretary, Working Committee)

the girls' brigade



9 albion place, sydney, 2000

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2nd August, 1974.

Mrs. J. B. Murchland.
Secretary, A.C.W.,
33 Wilson Terrace,
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045.

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

I was pleased to receive your minutes and Women at Work, August 1974.

In reading the minutes I noted the comments re World Community Day. As our Organisation prepared the Service for this year, I have been surprised we have received no mention of this Service after the initial receipt by the Committee. Please as we did expend time and energy, could you provide me with some twenty copies for our National Council and Official records. We would also be interested to see a copy of the Posters.

I realise small points such as this can easily be missed, however we would appreciate seeing the material prior to the date of the Service.

I also have an apology to make, our Organisation, through A.C.W. applied for a grant from the Fellowship of the Least Coin, for work in Papua-New Guinea to assist with the salary of one of our Training Officers.

Mrs. Shanti Solomon communicated with us some time around April/May, indicating a provision of \$2,500U.S. for use in Papua-New Guinea. This money will be used for payment of salary, and our Pacific Fellowship working Committee will be responsible for its oversight. Mrs. D. Carrick the Pacific Fellowship Secretary, has been in communication with Mrs. Solomon. Details of whose salary it is to be will be available a little later this year.

We do appreciate the value of this contribution to the work of the Churches in Papua-New Guinea.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Jan Christie

Jan Christie
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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55 Wilson Tee.,
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

7th August, 1974

Miss Jan Christie,
General Secretary,
Girls' Brigade,
9 Albion Place,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2000.

Dear Miss Christie,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd August. I must apologise for what appears to have been quite an oversight on our part. The Orders of Service came from the printer on the day before the National Committee Meeting finished and they were hurriedly parcelled up so that delegates could take them back to their various States when they returned home. If any thought was given to the matter, I think it was probably assumed that you would receive copies through the N.S.W. W.I.G.O. It was only last week that we learned that the copies that were sent by Kwikasair for them did not arrive. Copies of the Fellowship Day Orders of Service were apparently taken by one of the Canberra women and then on to Sydney by someone whom Mrs. Dougherty knew. The World Community Day parcels were too big for Mrs. Dougherty to manage so we arranged for them to be sent with Kwikasair. We are now in some quandary to know what to do about them at this late stage. We are holding some copies here but nowhere near the quantity N.S.W. would require. Mrs. Rowston is parcelling up about 20 copies for you and you should receive them shortly. What will happen about the rest of the N.S.W. order we are not sure.

Thank you for the information about the F.L.C. grant. Mrs. Hall received a comprehensive list of all the grants made, but only mentioned at the last Working Committee meeting that there was no indication whether the grants made were actually these for which we applied. I shall pass this information on to her when I next see her.

With warm Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

33 Wilson Tee.,
GLENELEG EAST, S.A. 5045

11th September, 1974.

Mrs. M. T. Mitchell,
48 Golden Grove,
Red Hill,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2603

Dear Mrs. Mitchell,

I must apologise for my long delay in replying to your letter requesting more information about Australian Church Women. I am sorry too that I did not think to include it with the initial invitation. At the time of your request we had begun updating our publicity brochure and as I felt it contained answers to many of the questions you must have, it seemed worthwhile waiting for the new brochure. I had not expected it would take so long. I am now enclosing a copy of the Constitution and of the brochure. We have ample copies of the brochure; if you feel more copies would be useful please let me know and I shall see that they are sent to you. I understand that your Conference is now scheduled for October, 1975. Our National Committee Meeting will be in August, 1975 and I will complete my term of office. In fact, the whole Working Committee will then move to Perth. Until that Meeting I will not know who my successor will be, but I will see that you are kept informed.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland, Sec. Wkg. Cttee.)

33 Wilson Tee.,
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

3rd October, 1974

Mrs. Edith McKay,
5/4 Butler Ave.,
LOWER MITCHAM. S.A. 5062

Dear Mrs. McKay,

On behalf of Australian Church Women, I write to offer our sincere congratulations on your recent election as Vice-President of the S.A. Baptist Union.

May you be assured of the prayers and encouragement of all church women throughout Australia as you assume this office.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

5/4 Butler Avenue,
Lower Mitcham. 5062
South Australia.
8th October, 1974.

The Secretary,
Working Committee, A.C.W.,
33 Wilson Terrace,
GLENELG EAST. 5045
South Australia.

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

It was a joy to receive your letter of congratulation on my appointment as vice-president of the South Australian Baptist Union, and I would thank you for the assurance of the prayerful remembrance of the church women of Australia in this large task to which I have been called.

The ready acceptance of so many of this 'unheard of' occurrence has warmed my heart and with the knowledge of the loving support of so many and of God's continuing presence, I can face the coming days with calm confidence.

I enjoyed the mornings I spent with the A.C.W. committee over the past two years and am glad I have the knowledge of what the South Australian Unit is involved in. I shall keep in touch with your work through our Baptist representatives.

Yours very sincerely,

Edith McKay.

Australian Christian Women's Fellowship
Federal Conference, Churches of Christ

Federal Executive
A.C.T.

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Mrs D. Burdett
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12 Foveaux Street,

Ainslie, A.C.T. 2602

19 February, 1975

The Secretary,
Australian Churchwomen Working Committee,
Adelaide, S.A.

Dear

I am writing to advise you of a change in personnel of the Federal Executive of Australian Christian Women's Fellowship, Church of Christ. The new Federal Executive will be situated in Queensland and the addresses to which all future correspondence should be sent are as follows:-

Federal President:- Mrs. L. G. Armstrong,
20 Gable Street,
Stafford Heights, Q'ld., 4053

Federal Secretary:- Mrs. R. Henderson,
55 Moolabar Street,
Morningside, Q'ld., 4170

With best wishes for your future work,

Yours faithfully,

E. Faulkner

Mrs. E. Faulkner
Previous Federal President.

33 Dutton St.

Dickson

A.C.T. 2602

16/3/74

Dear Mrs. Murchland.

Thank you for sending me the A.C.W. minutes & "Women and Work". I really have no claim now to receive them, as my husband has retired as Bishop of Eppingland, and we have left Sale for the above address in Canberra. Mrs. Eimrod of Rockhampton has succeeded me as sec. of "Anglican Women". However I have always been very glad to see "Women at work" which always has interesting information for its readers. May I ask you

to keep me on your mailing list until the enclosed stamps run out? I sent some last year, which would have been used before now, since the postage went up.

I visited the A.C.C. General Meeting on the afternoon on which Mrs. Smith and Deacons Norris presented ~~the~~ and spoke to the A.C.W. report. They were both excellent, & I was sorry I had to hurry away without speaking to them because my chauffeur was waiting in the wings.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely,

Evadne Parasey.



Presbyterian Women's Association
of Australia

Mrs. K. G. Bowen,
98 Lavender Street,
INALA. QLD. 4077

1st June, 1975.

Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women Working Committee,
5 W ycombe Rd., ALDGATE. S.A. 5150

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

Thank you for your letter dated 30th April re the officers of our Association. I wish to advise that our Federal President is Mrs. J. Dennis, 32 Coronation St., BARDON. QLD. 4065 ; Secretary, Mrs. K. G. Bowen, 98 Lavender St., Inala. Qld. 4067; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Eldershaw, 31 Burrell St., CLAYFIELD. QLD. 4011

I have forwarded Registration Forms for the National Committee Meeting to Mrs. E.A. Dache.

Re Application Forms for grants from Fellowship of Least Coin. Our Senior Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Meadows, who is also Convenor for the P.L.C. for Australian Church Women, Qld. Unit is investigating this matter ~~and will~~ and will submit details to you direct should any possible projects come to light.

Trusting that the National Committee Meetings will bring much blessing, renewed interest and a wider outreach to women,

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Bowen

Federal Secretary.

P.S. Federal Report will be forwarded as soon as same is completed.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN.

President:
Mrs.M.J.Ayre,
1a, Sera Street,
LANE COVE.
N.S.W....2066.

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151, Auburn Rd.,
AUBURN.
N.S.W.....2144.

Treasurer:
Mrs.J.Longmuir,
422, Pacific Highway,
ASQUITH
N.S.W.....2078

25th June, 1975.

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

No doubt you are aware that the National Executive of the A.F.M.W. recently elected new members and changed from Queensland to N.S.W. As we are still waiting on the printer to supply new letter heads I have had to set out the Officers as above.

The former President (Mrs.E.Dingle) sent me a letter concerning financial arrangements for the forth-coming Conference in Adelaide.

Mrs.Heather Stevens, I understand, has informed you that I will be attending the Conference for which she has just received registration forms. Mrs.Stevens tells me she has also received a request from you for a report from the A.F.M.W.

If Mrs.Dangle has not supplied this I will refer to the enclosed which is culled from the Triennial Report to the A.F.M.W. Triennial Meetings held in May.

As I am new to Office and have only attended an A.C.W. Conference session as Observer some years ago in Sydney, I would be glad if you could let me know of any other contribution expected.

With best wishes and looking forward to meeting you,

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ayre
President, A.F.M.W.

5 Wycombe Road,
ALDGATE. S.A. 5154

11th July, 1975

Mrs. M.J. Ayre,
1a Sera Street,
LANE COVE. N.S.W. 2066

Dear Mrs. Ayre,

Thank you for your letter and report of 25th June. Mrs. Dingle had not supplied a report so yours has been included in the Working Documents. You will have opportunity to speak to this report at the N.C.W. The suggestion is often made that speakers highlight one aspect of their report but this will be up to you - you will probably have only a few minutes whatever you do! As representative, you have the right to vote and speak on any subject under discussion, so familiarity with the Working Documents will help - otherwise there is little else to tell you!

Looking forward to meeting you next month,

Sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)



Presbyterian Women's Association
of Australia

Mrs. K. G. Bowen,
98 Lavender St.,
INALA. QLD. 4077

24th June, 1975.

Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Australian Church Women
Working Committee,
5 Wycombe Rd., ALDGATE. S.A. 5154.

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

At Federal Executive Meeting to-day discussion took place about the National Committee Meetings to be held in August.

We realized that this would be the last National Committee Meeting to be held prior to the Uniting Church coming into being on June 2nd, 1976.

The question of representation to National Committee meeting from the Uniting Church was raised, and we are wondering if some time could be given at the National Committee meeting to consider representation of the Uniting Church to the National Committee meeting.

Best wishes and assuring of you all of our prayers as you prepare for National Committee Meetings,

Yours sincerely,

Kathy Bowen

Federal Secretary

P.S. Our report is in the process of being prepared and will post same to you at the weekend, so should reach you before the 30th June.

5 Wycombe Road,
ALDCATTE. S.A. 5154

11th July, 1975

Mrs. S. Bowen,
Federal Secretary, P.W.A.A.,
98 Lavender Street,
WALL. QND. 4077

Dear Mrs. Bowen,

Thank you for your letter of 24th June concerning Uniting Church representation at future National Committee Meetings. We had already considered this matter and Deaconess Norah Norris intends to refer to it in making her report on the A.C.C. at whose meetings the subject was also raised. I quote from their minutes:-

"It was moved and seconded that this meeting

- (a) notes with pleasure the decisions of the Congregational Union of Australia, the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Presbyterian Church of Australia, to form the Uniting Church in Australia on or about June 2, 1976;
- (b) Welcomes the statement of intent by the Executive Officer of the Joint Constitution Commission that he believes the Uniting Church will wish to be a member of the Australian Council of Churches;
- (c) accepts this statement as an official information of forthcoming church union between three of the member churches of the A.C.C. and of the desire of those churches to continue in membership in their new form;
- (d) resolves, therefore, that the following amendments to the A.C.C. Constitution be approved, due notice having been given, and that the said amendments shall become operative on the day of the inauguration of the Uniting Church; unless otherwise advised by the Uniting Church.
 - i. In Clause 2, the deletion of the names "The Methodist Church of Australasia" and "The Congregational Union of Australia" and the insertion of the name "The Uniting Church in Australia".
 - ii. In Clause 5, the deletion of the sentences referring to the Methodist Church and the Congregational Union of Australia and the insertion of the following sentence:

The Uniting Church in Australia is at least 2
of whom to be under 25 years of age."

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The next resolution reads -

"It was moved and seconded that the General Meeting note that there will be Presbyterian and Congregational Churches after the inauguration of the Uniting Church; expresses the hope that they will be members of the Council; and authorises the Executive to negotiate the size of their representation".

From the foregoing, and taking into account our own Constitution 4(a) i (ii) which reads "one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the National Committee to attend", it seems to the Working Committee that we have no need to amend our Constitution or enter into lengthy discussion. We can simply appoint representatives from the Uniting Church, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches if they all continue as members of the A.C.C.

I hope this has explained our thinking clearly. We shall certainly be prepared to talk about it at the N.C.C. if representatives consider further discussion is necessary.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.C.)

The Baptist Women's Fellowship of South Australia

"The spring of our actions is the love of Christ"—2 Cor. 5:14.

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30th June, 1975.

Dear Mrs. Bache,

I have just received an urgent letter from the Secretary -- Mrs. G. Newnham -- of our Australian Baptist Women's Board requesting our Fellowship here in S.A. to send one of our ladies as an observer to the Australian Church Women's National Committee meeting to be held on 19th August to the 22nd.

Mrs. Newnham apologises for the lateness of this registration, but through circumstances beyond her control, the matter of lodging the registration was overlooked. Although our S.A. Fellowship declined the invitation to attend the meeting, since then a new Vice President has been appointed to our Council, and she has indicated her willingness to attend on behalf of the Australian Baptist Women's Board. The registration form, therefore, is enclosed, along with a cheque for the \$6 fee. We do trust you will accept this late registration.

I take it that further details of the Meeting will be forwarded at a later date.

As many of our Council members are fairly new and are not fully aware of the internal machinery of the Australian Church Women, we would be interested to know, why the Australian Baptist Women's Board is invited to send an observer only at a national level? Are we right in assuming that membership of the National Committee is composed of Executive members of each State Unit of the A.C.W? I hope you do not mind me asking these questions, but our ladies would be very interested to know. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Russell
Secretary.

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11th July, 1975

Miss E. A. Russell,
13 White Ave.,
LOCHMAY. S.A. 5032

Dear Miss Russell,

I have just received a copy of the letter you wrote to Mrs. Bache on 30th June in which you asked about the appointment of an observer to represent the Australian Baptist Women's Board at our National Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bache had spoken to me about this and I included a note with Mrs. Payne's Working Documents (which I posted to her to-day) to explain that she would attend as a non-voting observer with privilege to speak.

On seeing your letter to-day, I am ^{not} sure that this has really answered all your queries and I felt a short note might help clarify the situation.

According to our Constitution, "representatives" to the N.C.W. are "one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the National Committee to attend."

At this point of time the Baptist Church is not a member of the A.C.C. nor has an official invitation been issued by the National Committee. On the other hand, non-voting observers with privilege to speak include "one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the Working Committee to attend."

The Working Committee extended such an invitation to the Aust. Baptist Women's Board and this has been accepted. We look forward to meeting Mrs. Payne next month.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

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P.S. Each State Unit is entitled to send two representatives and two observers to the National Committee Meeting. These are chosen by the State Units and may be any member of the Unit - not necessarily members of the Executive.