



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 21-25, 1995

Corpus Christi Conference Centre,
Clayton Victoria

MINUTES

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL CONFERENCE
21st - 25th August, 1995

BUSINESS AGENDA

BUSINESS SESSION 1

MONDAY 21st August
4.00pm - 5.30pm

- WELCOME
- INTRODUCTIONS
- GREETINGS / APOLOGIES
- REMEMBRANCE
- WORKING ARRANGEMENTS (House Rules)
- PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS
- PRESENTATION OF WORKING PAPERS
- SELECTION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE (3)
- SELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICERS (2)

- MINUTES OF TASMANIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 1993
 - Alterations to Minutes

- BUSINESS ARISING:
 - Aboriginal Consultation
 - NCCA Event "Household of God"
 - ACWC Assembly Delegation

BUSINESS SESSION 2

TUESDAY 22nd August
11.00am - 12.30pm

- CORRESPONDENCE

- NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS
 - PRESIDENT
 - SECRETARY
 - TREASURER
 - SPECIAL DAYS
 - FLC
 - PUBLICATIONS
 - ARCHIVIST

- UNIT REPORTS
 - WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA
 - TASMANIA
 - VICTORIA
 - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
 - NEW SOUTH WALES
 - QUEENSLAND

BUSINESS SESSION 3

TUESDAY 22nd August
2.00pm - 3.30pm

NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL REPORTS

- AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
- MOTHERS' UNION IN AUSTRALIA
- THE SALVATION ARMY
- AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WOMEN
- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, AUSTRALIA
- UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP
NATIONAL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, AUSTRALIA
- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA
- GIRLS' BRIGADE, AUSTRALIA
- CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

MOTIONS

1. Constitutional Changes (National Exec.)
2. ACW Name Change (NSW Unit)
3. Social Justice Convener (National Exec.)

BUSINESS SESSION 4

Tuesday 22nd August
4.00pm - 5.30pm

MOTIONS

4. Memorial Bursary Book (National Exec.)
5. National Life Members Roll " "
6. Bursary Book Entries " "
7. Conference Dates (Queensland Unit)
8. Disaster Fund (National Exec.)

AWARENESS PRESENTATION

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BAN LANDMINES
(South Australian Unit)

BUSINESS SESSION 5

Wednesday 23rd August
11.00am - 12.30pm

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS

- WKS CONVENER
- WKS TRUST
- WKS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WKS RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTIONS 9 - 13 as per Working Papers

BUSINESS SESSION 6

Wednesday 23rd August
7.30pm - 9.00pm

FORUM "IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS"
- ACWC REPORT
- ACWC DELEGATION TO TAIWAN
- MRS JANICE SHEARER
- MRS JOAN STOTT

BUSINESS SESSION 7

Thursday 24th August
11.00am - 12.30pm

ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION PRESENTATION
Ms. ANNE PATTEL-GRAY Ph.D.

BUSINESS SESSION 8

Thursday 24th August
2.00pm - 3.30pm

DISCUSSION GROUPS - FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS
(as for Bible Study)
NOMINATIONS - Acceptance of ACT Nominations
for NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 1995-97

Thursday 24th August
4.00pm - 6.00pm

SHARING TIME
4.00pm - 4.45pm Unit, National & Incoming National
- Presidents - Secretaries
- Treasurers - Conveners
Denominational & Special Interest
Group Reps. (re ways of fostering
relationship with ACW.)
5.00pm - 6.00pm National/Incoming National Exec.

BUSINESS SESSION 9

Friday 25th August
9.30am - 10.30am

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (including any recommendations
from Thursday Discussion Groups)

BUSINESS SESSION 10

Friday 25th August
11.00am - 12.00noon

SUMMING UP

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Corpus Christi Conference Centre
Clayton Victoria
August 21-25, 1995

"JESUS, WOMEN AND THE WORLD"

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1995.

BUSINESS SESSION 1

- Welcome : The National President, E. Reidy welcomed Delegates, Observers and Visitors from Interstate, and four visitors from New Zealand, including J. Shearer, W.K.S. Fellowship holder, who will be a speaker at the Wednesday Forum.
The President then read from Psalm 36 and spoke of the goodness of the Lord, expressing the hope that those present would feel the presence of the Lord at this Conference.
- Greetings were received from -
Major Elaine Johnson (Former A.C.W. Publications Editor, Ghana)
Mrs. Lorraine Davis (Past Pres. Tas. Nat. Exec. A.C.W.)
Betty Linsey (Acting General Secretary) CWL of Vic. & Wagga Wagga.
Mrs. Barbara Grealy (National Liaison Officer WDPA)
Mrs Eleanor Roberts (Sec. Executive Committee Australian Christian Women's Fellowship)
Mrs. Lieut. Colonel Beth Webb (Sec. ACT Unit ACW)
Mrs Joan Adcock
The Rt Revd George Browning (Bishop Canberra & Goulburn) (Anglican)
Australian Capital Territory Churches Council
ACT Legislative Assembly Speaker - Greg Cornwell M.L.A.
National Council of Women Australia - Gwen Roderick President.
Mrs Jean Cheshire - Past National Liaison Person for World Day of Prayer National Committee.
Mrs Ruth Harwood - Past President of Church Women United, Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Apologies : National Life Member, Mrs Marjory Verco
National Life Member, Deaconess Mary Andrews
National Administrator for The Girls' Brigade, Mrs. Renelle Neale.
Mrs. Betty Laurie - (A.C.T.) Special Days Incoming National Exec.
Mrs Dorothy McMaster (A.C.T.) Minute Secretary, Incoming National Executive.
- Remembrance: D. Clack (Nat.Exec.) led in prayer as we remembered members who have passed away during the last two years.
Mrs Eugenie Johns (SA), Mrs. Myrtle Wood (SA), Miss Grace Sims (SA), Mrs Pauline Crosby (SA), Mrs Sheila Hart (SA), Miss Vera Dean (WA), Mrs. Olwen Lean (NSW), Mrs. Win Dougherty (NSW), Mrs. Mabel Wyllie (N.S.W.), Sr Lenore Sharry (NSW), Commissioner Mavis Marion (Vic), Sr Patricia Madigan (Vic), Mrs Lyn Birtwhistle (Tas), Mrs Peg Mahony (Q'land), Mrs Rose Douglas (ACT), Mrs Nan Munro (ACT), Mrs Pat Taylor-Rogers (ACT).
- Working Arrangements : The President introduced Mrs Cheryl Ebert of Corpus Christi who welcomed us and spoke of arrangements made for participants.
M. Dodds (Nat.Sec.) presented several matters for members in Conference to be aware of, and sought co-operation of all keeping to programme schedule.

Procedural Arrangements : J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) moved, D. Haensel (Winifred Kiek Trust) seconded
 95/1 **THAT Procedural arrangements as printed on pages 7 & 8 of the Working Papers be approved.** Motion carried.

Any business not included in the agenda is to be referred to the National Executive, no later than noon Tuesday, August 22nd, for consideration and presentation, if appropriate.

Presentation of Working Papers : Alterations -
 Page 2 - change Wednesday lunch time to 12.45 pm., Bus Trip 1.30pm.
 Page 4 - add Ms Jean Crewther and Mrs. Carmel Blanton (Visitors - Vic. Unit)
 - change to Miss Dorothy Chapman (SA)
 - correct spelling of Mrs Jean Thomson (no p) (Incoming National Executive)
 Page 5 - change to Miss Heather Reid (N.S.W.); change Anglican Church in Australia representative to Mrs Althea Dunn, correct spelling Mrs Candida Carvalho (RC)
 Page 6 - In remembrance, change to Mrs Win Dougherty.
 95/2 M. Dodds (Nat.Sec.) moved and B. Webb (ACT) seconded
THAT the Working Papers together with alterations be received, Motion carried.

Selection of Reference Committee : On behalf of the National Executive, E. Reidy nominated J. Stott (Nat.Exec.) to be Convener. R. Burmester (National Life Member) nominated by B. Farrell (ACT) and seconded O. Scott. E. Ridge (NSW) nominated J. Tong (NSW) seconded B. Bourhill (RC)
 95/3 Motion carried.

Selection of Returning Officers : Two persons to be Returning Officers were nominated - S. Birch (SA) nominated by M. Greenslade (SA), seconded B. Farrell (ACT), and J. Jarvis (Incoming National Executive) moved E. Sullivan (Incoming National Executive) and seconded H. Lloyd (Incoming National Executive)
 95/4 Motion carried.

Minutes of National Conference : held in Tasmania, 1993. It was moved M. Dodds (National Secretary) seconded D. Clack (Nat. Exec.)
 95/5 **THAT Conference confirm minutes including the alterations as listed on page 9 of the Working Papers.** Motion carried.

Business arising -

Aboriginal Consultation: The President outlined progress since the Tasmanian Conference including a discussion between Ms Anne Pattel-Gray (National Council of Churches in Australia) and D. Haensel (Winifred Kiek Trust). E. Sullivan (Incoming National Executive) expressed concern regarding balance of finance required. D. Haensel advised that it is understood our contribution from WK Fellowship Funds is dependant on the remainder of finance being raised. Further discussion to take place on Thursday, Business Session 7.

National Council of Churches event "Household of God" : to be held in Melbourne during January, 1996. Following consultation with Incoming National President, National Executive (Minutes 27/7/95) agreed that E. Reidy represent Australian Church Women at this gathering.

BUSINESS SESSION 1 (continued)

Minutes of Business arising -
National

Conference : Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly Delegation: Following advice of change in voting delegates at A.C.W.C. Assembly Taiwan, National Executive made the decision that B. Lacy would be the fourth voting delegate. The delegation consisted of J. Tong (Gen. Committee Member), M. Napier (Assembly Secretary), L. Green (Incoming A.C.W.C. Australian Representative), and B. Lacy (National Executive) delegate, L. King (NSW) was a non voting delegate and S. Brooks an observer. Following discussion J. Tong (NSW) moved

95/6 **THAT a Working Committee be appointed to form guidelines for the appointment of voting delegates for Asian Church Women's Conference. This to be referred to the Reference Committee to research and confer with others conversant with A.C.W.C.**
seconded L. Wilson (WA) Motion carried.

International Committee for Fellowship of the Least Coin :
A. Green (Q'land) asked for a report on Item 16, page 21. National Executive wrote requesting this information, but the policy is that income is not published. Anne intimated that total income would be acceptable.

Beijing Conference : The President read a noonday prayer sent by the Executive Director of World Day of Prayer International Committee. The Conference was asked to remember all women attending, including J. Stott.

"Getting To Know You" - Monday evening 7.45 p.m. A revealing "Tell" time about oneself was enjoyed by Conference members an informal evening of sharing and getting to know one another.

Evening Worship : was led by the Victorian Unit.

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Morning Worship : Led by the Western Australian Unit.

Bible Study : Mrs. E. Reidy, National President, welcomed Rev. Jill Manton, M.A. to the Conference. Rev. Manton said that having read the working papers she was deeply moved by what this group of women do as Church together.

Designated groups each took one of the sub headings - Jesus, the Word made flesh; Women; and the World - to bring alive the thoughts Rev. Manton presented to the Conference. The study of John 4:5-42 - the woman at the well - gave us courage to be the face of God in society today; to be spiritually responsible for our part on this planet. Rev. Manton said we do not always understand, but should practice what we do understand.

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BUSINESS SESSION 2

Correspondence :

1. ACW Queensland Unit (accepting responsibility for National Executive 1997 - 1999)
2. ACW S A Unit (Nomination for WKS Trustees)
Mrs Margaret Greenslade (Salvation Army)
Miss Norma Bishop (Baptist)
3. Deaconess Mary Andrews - Greetings
4. ACT Unit - Nomination of J. Adcock as WKS Trustee
5. Edith Ridge (Nat. Archivist) re Mabel Wyllie (deceased) first National President.
6. Uniting Church Synod of Victoria - Greetings from Ecumenical Relations Committee.

Correspondence moved M. Dodds (Nat. Sec.), seconded R. Burmester (National Life Member)

Business arising from Correspondence -

It was moved J. Cooper (Nat. Exec.), seconded L. Harris (SA)

95/7 **THAT S.A. Unit nominations for WKS Trustees be ratified, and nomination from ACT Unit be referred to S.A. Unit for future reference.**
Motion carried.

Reception of National Executive Reports :

Moved M. Wall (Nat.Exec.), seconded F. Moss (Vic)

President

E. Reidy, (National President) Omission from report. The ambitious and exciting concept - a vision - the formation of a National Church Centre in Canberra.

Secretary

M. Dodds (Nat.Sec.) Grateful for the support from Executive over the last two years. Media releases sent to daily newspapers, Christian journals and A.B.C. Television regarding Conference. M. McCann (NSW) enquired as to any further correspondence or development from the National Council of Churches re the status of Australian Church Women. E. Reidy responded - correspondence and negotiation on this continues with Rev. David Gill (N.C.C.A.Sec.) and W. Wilkie who together with two other committee members are looking at the best ways of encompassing women's involvement in the new structure. National Executive are keen to maintain dialogue.

Treasurer:

H. Banks (Nat. Treasurer) - Audited statement in conference folders replaces pages 17 & 18. H. Banks moved

95/8 **THAT a letter of thanks together with a book voucher of \$100. be sent to the auditor, Mr. Peter Lenehan**
seconded I. MacIntyre (S.Army) Motion carried.

H. Banks moved

95/9 **THAT National Executive deducts 5% from Fellowship Day, World Community Day, and Fellowship of the Least Coin Offerings for administration costs.**
seconded B. Farrell (ACT) Motion carried.

BUSINESS SESSION 2 (continued)

Special Days H. Boatman (Nat.Exec.)—L. King (NSW) spoke of new ideas to encourage younger women to attend special days, and the possibility of a committee to look after special days. J. Tong (NSW) commented that our services needed to be more professional in format and printing, and of the highest standard possible.

F.L.C. M. Wall (Nat.Exec.) - error second line, second paragraph of report, word should read Conveners. A compiled list of grants since 1963 has been sent to the National Archivist and to the National and State F.L.C. Conveners. A special Circle of Prayer booklet, as well as teaspoons, to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of F.L.C. (1996) will be available.
A. Green (Q'ld) - Grant monies to YCWA Mailbag Q'ld. have not been received; this needs to be followed up.

Publications L. Green (Vic) - very few articles are submitted.

Archivist E. Ridge - apologies letter "L" missing from report should be M. Wyllie. - Edith recommended keeping State records in secure steel cabinets for preservation.
J. Tong moved

95/10 **THAT E. Ridge be appointed for another two year term as National Archivist.**
seconded B. Webb (Incoming Nat. Exec.) Motion carried.
Acceptance of all reports - Carried

Reception of Unit

Reports : Moved M. Welford (Vic.), seconded M. Florence(UCAF)

Western Australia - Presenter J. Watts (WA)

South Australia - Presenter L. Harris (SA) - A number of the executive have travelled quite widely throughout the State promoting A.C.W. with good response.

Tasmania Presenter J. Harries (Tas) - Travel to the remote west coast has frequently occurred to bring ACW to isolated women. Tas. Unit encourages and lobbies politicians to uphold Christian standards in Tasmania.

Victoria - Presenter J. Maher (Vic)

Australian Capital Territory - Presenter B. Farrell (ACT)

New South Wales - Presenter L. King (NSW) - Forty-three branches throughout NSW held Special Day Services. Each member of State Executive (13) has a portfolio. Two new positions - 1. Social Issues Convener; 2. Special Functions Convener.

Queensland - Presenter V. Van de Wiel (Q'ld)

Acceptance of all reports - Carried

Noon Day Prayer - E. Reidy read prayer for Beijing Conference.

Focus Spot - Eunice interviewed Anne Green (Q'ld) on her experiences promoting Fellowship of The Least Coin. Anne travels extensive distances to speak to small and large groups about the work of F.L.C., encouraging them to be involved in the giving and the prayer. She said the Lord always provides the means to get there.

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BUSINESS SESSION 3

Welcome : The National President welcomed A. Dunn (Anglican Representative) and H. Christie-Johnston (National Council of Churches in Australia Representative) and Victorian day visitors to the Conference.

Denominational

Reports : It was moved M. Greenslade (SA), seconded D. Clack (Nat. Exec.) that all reports be received together Agreed

Australian Christian Women's Fellowship report was presented by M. Dredge. It was noted that the number 400 in the 3rd paragraph should read 4,000, and "THE 2000 WOMAN - BE THE VISION" National Gathering to be held in Adelaide in September, 1995, promised to be an inspiring event.

Mothers' Union in Australia was presented by A. Dunn who brought greetings from E. Appleby the National President. A. Dunn indicated that nine of the seventeen Presidents of Mothers' Union did not use the English language.

Salvation Army report was presented by I. MacIntyre who spoke of diversified programs which operate in Australia Southern and Australia Eastern Territories.

Australian Baptist women report was tabled.

Catholic Women's League report was presented by B. Bourhill who asked that the last four lines of the report be amended to read "On behalf of every member of the Catholic Women's League in Australia, we would like you to accept our very best wishes for a wonderful and fruitful Conference; one that will enable you to be challenged in your ongoing work, bringing the love of Jesus to all who make contact with you." Mrs Peg McEntee, Past President in N.S.W., and Mrs Verena Butler, President, Queensland, will be attending the conference in Beijing.

National Council of Churches in Australia - Report was presented by H. Christie-Johnston who spoke of the new national body which is a completely new Council of Churches. An event of special significance is "The Household of God" which will take place in Melbourne during January, 1996.

Girls' Brigade, Australia The report was tabled.
Church Women United, Aotearoa/New Zealand. Mary Chisholm brought greetings from the National Committee of Church Women United in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The annual meeting of the Fellowship of the Least Coin is to be held in New Zealand in 1996.

The motion to accept the reports was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION :

1. National Executive moves that the following alterations be made to the National Constitution -

Page 2 - Relationships
5.2

At present reads : "Australian Church Women shall maintain relationships and dialogue with Australian Council of Churches and other ecumenical bodies".

BUSINESS SESSION 3 (continued)

Change to "Australian Church Women shall maintain relationships and dialogue with the National Council of Churches in Australia and other ecumenical bodies".

Reason for change : Because of change of name of that body.

It was moved M. Dodds (Nat.Exec.)

95/11

THAT the change be accepted.

Seconded J. Thomson (Incoming Exec.). After debate the motion was Carried

Typographical Corrections to the Constitution - the National President asked members to take note of typographical corrections

Page 3 - 6.1.1. (a) (v)

at present reads ; "Australian Christian Women"
change to "Australian Church Women"

Page 4 - 6.1.5. (d)

at present reads : "In insufficient"
change to "If insufficient"

2.

The New South Wales Unit moves :

95/12

THAT the name AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN be changed to CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Rationale : The acronym "ACW" is the recognised title for another body, (Australian Council for Women), and currently there is confusion with this use of the acronym for our body also. (Australian Council for Women is more widely known than Australian Church Women, and is receiving attention and publicity in the media).

In New Zealand, Canada, the USA, the Philippines and other Asian countries, the name "Church Women United" is used. To take the same name as these countries would add to the strength of our movement. The name Church Women United is both a statement as well as a title, this would be more easily recognised by society generally and have credibility with the Church.

2b

In the event of the name Australian Church Women being changed, the subsequent motion will be submitted by National Executive:

THAT the Constitution and Guidelines of Australian Church Women be changed accordingly.

Following discussion by representatives of State Units, the motion was moved by L. King (NSW) and seconded J. Tong (NSW)

The motion was

Lost.

FOCUS SPOT

H. Reid of The Girls' Brigade spoke of her experiences as a leader in this group. Young girls aged 6 and over, up to their early twenties work to increase their leadership qualities. The Brigade celebrated its centenary in 1993.

BUSINESS SESSION 3 (continued)

NOTICES OF MOTION :

3. National Executive recommends :
(a) **THAT National Executive of Australian Church Women be encouraged to appoint a person/persons who will be responsible for receiving such correspondence relating to social justice issues, and who will extract relevant information from the correspondence and propose appropriate actions;**

Rationale : Items of correspondence relating to social justice issues are received regularly by the National Executive of Australian Church Women. This material comes from Government, Non-Government organisations, Church and community sources, and is often in the form of a report on programmes or activities. It is often not possible to give appropriate attention to these issues. State and Territory Units of Australian Church Women may also receive similar mailings.

It was moved J. Stott (Nat.Exec.) and seconded M. Dodds (Nat.Sec.) that the motion be received.

- 95/13 Amendment : M. Greenslade (SA) moved, and D. Clack (Vic) seconded That after the words "responsible for receiving" the words "from the National Secretary" be added. Carried.
THAT National Executive of Australian Church Women be encouraged to appoint a person/persons who will be responsible for receiving from the National Secretary such correspondence relating to social justice issues, and who will extract relevant information from the correspondence and propose appropriate actions.

The motion was put and Carried.

It was moved J. Stott (Nat.Exec.), seconded M. Welford (Vic)

- 95/14 (b) **THAT State and Territory Units of Australian Church Women be encouraged to follow similar actions in appointing a social justice contact person to fulfil the same function within their Unit.**

Motion carried.

BUSINESS SESSION 4

National Executive recommends :

- 95/15 **THAT the title "Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary Book" (Guidelines page 15) be now called Australian Church Women Bursary Book.**

Rationale : When the ACW Memorial Bursary Book came to the present National Executive, it was found that over the years names had been added of people who are still living and active in ACW. Therefore the word "Memorial" seems inappropriate.

It was moved D. Clack (Nat.Exec.) and seconded E. Sullivan (Incom. Nat.Exec.) that recommendation be accepted.

BUSINESS SESSION 4 (continued)

D. Haensel (Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust) said that when the Memorial was first set up it was hoped that it would provide for another scholarship. Discussion took place regarding the suitability of having two books - A Memorial Book and an Appreciation Book.

Motion carried.

National Life Member's Roll. The National Executive recommends:

95/16 (a) **THAT a Roll be compiled of past and present National Life Members of ACW. This Roll to record a brief outline of the women so honoured and their contribution to ACW**

Moved E. Reidy (Nat.President) seconded L. Harris (SA)

Motion carried.

95/17 (b) **THAT this Roll be maintained by the National Minute Secretary**

Rationale : Some of the people named in the book are Life Members, so it seems their names and the contributions they have made to ACW would be more appropriately recorded separately.

Moved E. Reidy (Nat.President) seconded L. Green (Nat.Exec.)

Motion carried

Bursary Book Entries. The National Executive recommends:

95/18 **THAT Units be encouraged to record and submit entries for the ACW Bursary Book regarding women who pioneered Women's Inter-Church activities which later led to the formation of Australian Church Women.**

Rationale : There are women in all Units who have been very significant in the formation and development of ACW whose names and work have not been recorded.

Moved M. Wall (Nat.Exec.) seconded J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.)

E. Sullivan (Incom.Exec.) asked that the word "honouring" instead of the word "regarding" be used. The change of words was agreed to by the mover and seconder.

The President stated that the Units should present the names of those who had served faithfully over the years and had not as yet been recognised. The motion now reads -

THAT Units be encouraged to record and submit entries for the ACW Bursary Book honouring women who pioneered Women's Inter-Church activities which later led to the formation of Australian Church Women.

Motion carried.

The Queensland Unit recommends :

95/19 **THAT consideration be given to holding the Conference from Friday to Monday.**

Rationale : This enables younger women to participate. Working women will also find it easier to attend at a weekend. Air fares are cheaper when the weekend is included.

Moved M. Florence (Q) seconded M. Reeves (Q)

Motion lost.

BUSINESS SESSION 4 (continued)

A.C.W. Disaster Fund : This Fund was established by the 1991-93 National Executive in order to give donations in cases of disaster. The funding for this came from half of the offering received on World Community Day 1992. (Refer National Executive Minutes 31/3/92). National Executive has been in a difficult situation to know the will of A.C.W. regarding the money in the Fund as no explicit directions were given regarding dispersion, nor whether it was meant to be an ongoing Fund. So far, contributions of \$1,500. have been made to Rwanda through CARE AUSTRALIA, \$1,000. to the FARMHAND appeal (drought relief within Australia), and \$500. to the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN JAPAN, for earthquake relief. This leaves a balance of \$1,400. in the Disaster Fund.

National Executive submits the following options for consideration

OPTION 1 : That the Fund be discontinued, and the remaining money be distributed :

- a) To present disaster areas throughout the world as decided by National Conference.
- OR
- b) To areas of need in Asia, as nominated by A.C.W.C.
- OR
- c) To areas of need in Australia as decided by National Conference.

Preamble to Option 2 : If the Fund is to be ongoing, means of funding to be established. At the present time, half of the World Community day Offering is given to Asian Church Women's Conference as part of our commitment to them. The remaining half, funds a "Special Project" as selected by National Executive each year. This has provided support to a variety of projects over the years but could be replaced permanently by the ongoing Disaster Fund.

OPTION 2 : That the Fund be ongoing with money from half of the World Community Day Offering. Distribution to be

- a) To disaster areas throughout the world on the decision of National Executive, taking into consideration recommendations from State Units.
- OR
- b) To areas of need in Asia as nominated by ACWC and decided by National Executive.
- OR
- c) To areas of need in Australia on decision of National Executive taking into consideration recommendations by State Units.

95/20 Option 1 - D. Clack (Nat. Exec.) moved, L. Harris (SA) seconded
THAT the Disaster Fund be discontinued Motion carried.

OPTION 1 regarding the remaining money. Moved B. Farrell (AC) seconded O. Scott (ACT)
THAT the remaining money be given to Timil College in Rabaul

After discussion it was agreed that the mover and seconder could withdraw the motion.

95/21 J. Stott (Nat. Exec.) moved, seconded J. Thomson (ACT)
THAT members of Australian Church Women's National Conference be given the opportunity to submit appropriate worthwhile causes to receive the remaining money from the A.C.W.'s Disaster Fund. Submissions to be received by 7.30 p.m. on the 23rd August.
Motion carried.

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AWARENESS PRESENTATION

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BAN LANDMINES
(South Australian Unit)

A presentation of slides by S.A. Unit depicted the long-term social and economic consequences of the use of Landmine Warfare, especially the long-term effect on children. Damage was also caused to agriculture and tourism industries as well as to the environment. Copies of a petition for individual and group signatures were provided.

Moved M. Greenslade (SA) seconded L. Harris (SA)

THAT this National Conference of Australian Church Women requests that the Senate -

95/22

- a) **Ensure that Australian Government delegations to International forums promote and support an amendment to Article 6 of Protocol 11 to prohibit the use, development, production, stockpiling and transfer of landmines.**
 - b) **Ensure that our overseas aid budget contains a substantial allocation for de-mining training programmes.**
- Motion Carried.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Ecumenical Service was held in the College Chapel and attended by more than 150 guests, visitors and Conference participants. During the evening the President welcomed Mrs. M. Verco, National Life Member, and member of the first National Committee of Australian Church Women.

Following the welcome, Mrs. Joan Pye, Immediate Past President of the Victorian Council of Churches brought greetings to the Conference from the Victorian Council of Churches, and on behalf of all visitors.

The address on the theme given by Mrs Lynette Leach (Field Director, Churches of Christ Dept. of Mission, Education and Development) took us on a "tour" of the Global Village and left us with the message REACH OUT TO THE WORLD ON OUR DOORSTEP.

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MORNING WORSHIP was led by South Australian Unit.

BIBLE STUDY 2 : Rev. Jill Manton, M.A.

Rev. Manton read John 4:5-42. After quiet contemplation discussions centred on the stories of Martha, and Mary of Bethany.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life". Do we believe as Martha did ? Do we recognise Jesus in our midst ? Jesus holds all things together and "You do have Me", is His assurance to us. We are born to die, Resurrection is now !

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BUSINESS SESSION 5

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Reports

WKS Convener: J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) reported that the past two years had been a time of change as Trustees took charge of the Scholarship. She expressed thanks to E. Ridge (NSW) for preservation of the records, and tabled folders containing records of Winifred Kiek Scholars.

Moved J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) seconded B. Farrell (ACT)
THAT the report be received Motion carried.

WKS Trust : D. Haensel (Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee) introduced the granddaughter of Winifred Kiek - Mrs. Athalie Ford of South Australia. The Deed of Trust is a legal document and in need of being updated to stay within the area of a charitable trust. D. Haensel thanked everyone for their support over the last eight years.

Moved D. Haensel (WKS Trustee), seconded L. King (NSW)
THAT the report be received Motion carried.

On behalf of Australian Church Women, the National President E. Reidy, presented D. Haensel with a Certificate of Appreciation for her commitment and work over the past eight years.

WKS Financial Statements:

Reception of Winifred Kiek Financial Statment was moved L. Harris (SA), seconded J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) Motion carried.

D. Haensel (WKS Trustee) moved, seconded H. Banks (Nat.Exec.)

95/23 **THAT in light of current interest rates and amount of capital, unused Scholarship money should go to the Fellowship Fund for the next two years.** Motion carried.

D. Haensel (WKS Trustee) moved, seconded M. Greenslade (SA)

THAT Mr Adrian Nicholls be re-appointed as Honorary Auditor and that a gift token of \$75. be given in appreciation. Motion carried.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Recommendations

95/24 **THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship becomes a Scholarship which provides training for Christian Women in Theological Studies and Lay Leadership, equipping them to be a Minister of the Word, Deacon, Deaconess, or for specific areas of Lay Leadership.**
Moved J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) seconded D. Haensel (WKS Trust)

Amendment: B. Farrell (ACT) moved, E. Sullivan (Incom.Nat.Exec.) seconded that the words "additional training for Christian Women in areas of Christian Ministry" be inserted after the word "provides". Following discussion the amendment was put and lost.

The motion was then put. Motion carried.

BUSINESS SESSION 5 (continued)

Winifred Kiek Recommendations (continued)

J. Cooper moved, F. Moss (Vic) seconded

95/25

THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be offered through an appropriate list of Theological Training Centres, established through consultation with the countries/nations involved, which should be revised regularly.

H. Banks (Nat.Exec.) suggested that following the word "Scholarship" the words "for Theological Training/Biblical Studies" be inserted. The mover, seconder and members agreed that the additional words be included, to read -

THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship for Theological Training/Biblical Studies be offered through an appropriate list of Theological training centres established through consultation with the countries/nations involved, which should be revised regularly.

The motion with the additional words was then put, Motion carried.

J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) moved, seconded D. Haensel (WKTrust)

95/26

THAT when, and if considered appropriate by the National Executive, in consultation with the Trustees, the award provide for a project for women, through the program of the National Council of Churches World Christian Service.

Following discussion J. Cooper (mover) and D. Haensel (seconder) suggested that the words "for an educational/charitable" be added before "project". It was agreed that the additional words be added.

Amendment: L. Harris (SA) moved, and M. Greenslade (SA) seconded

THAT in all cases the award be made to an individual. If after two years, the applicant is unable to utilise it, if considered appropriate by the National Executive, in consultation with the Trustees, the award provide for an educational/charitable project for women, in the country of the original applicant, through the program of the National Council of Churches World Christian Service.

The change was suggested due to some applicants not being able to leave their country, and to give greater opportunity to groups of women. Amendment was carried.

The amendment then became the motion, and this was lost.

The Reference Committee, the Winifred Kiek Trustees and proposers of the motions were asked to have further discussions and report the results to Conference.

BUSINESS SESSION 5 (continued)

Winifred Kiek Recommendations (continued)

- 95/27
- a) **THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be offered only to women of multicultural Australia ... i.e. Aboriginal, Islander, Ethnic and Caucasian.**
 - and/or**
 - b) **THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be offered only to Area 3, i.e. Multicultural Australia and Pacific Island Territories.**

J. Cooper asked that the words "Pacific Island Territories" be altered to "Pacific Nations". E. Sullivan (Incom.Nat.Exec.) suggested that the words be "Pacific Island Nations".

Standing Orders: It was moved J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) and seconded L. Wilson (WA) that Standing Orders be suspended. Carried.

Standing Orders Resumed.

It was moved B. Bourhill (RC) seconded F. Moss (Vic)

- 95/28
- THAT recommendations 12(a) and 12(b) be deferred to Unfinished Business, and referred to the Reference Committee Motion carried.**

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME was a Bus Tour to the nearby Dandenong Ranges. Members were given the choice of visiting Craft Shops in the area or the National Rhododendron Gardens. A pleasant afternoon was experienced by all.

BUSINESS SESSION 6

FORUM - "IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS"

Asian Church Women's Conference Report : Presented by L. Green, A.C.W.C. Australian representative. Lynette posed four questions - i. Does ACWC need ACW ?; ii. Does ACW need ACWC? iii. Should we keep ties with ACWC ?; and Should we look to a Pacific Nation alliance ?

Two announcements: Iluminada Dominga, the Executive Secretary of ACWC will be visiting Australia in 1997, and Lynette provided a copy of the Order of Service for ACWC Day (November) for all Unit Secretaries.

It was moved B. Webb (ACT), seconded J. Harries (Tas.) that the report be received. Motion carried.

Asian Church Women's Conference Delegation to Taiwan : The delegation included J. Tong (Gen.Committee member), M. Napier (Assembly Secretary), L. Green (A.C.W.C. Australian Representative) B. Lacy (National Executive) delegate; L. King (NSW) delegate and S. Brooks (Tas) observer.

BUSINESS SESSION 6 (continued)

A.C.W.C. Delegation (cont'd)

Some of the aspects shared by five of the A.C.W.C. representatives (M. Napier was unable to attend the National Conference) included:
-Delegates saw a need for Australian representatives to be part of the Asian Church Women's Conference.
-The contribution made by Australian and New Zealand representatives was commented on, and differences in theological thinking were noted.

Mrs Janice Shearer, representative of Church Women United, Aotearoa/New Zealand to A.C.W.C. Janice spoke of New Zealand's involvement over the years with A.C.W.C. and A.C.W., and the importance of sharing with and acceptance of one another across the boundaries of race and creed.

Janice sees the continuing support of New Zealand and Australia for A.C.W.C. as very important, whilst at the same time there is a need to foster relationships with Pacific nations.

Mrs Joan Stott (South Pacific Area President of the World Federation of Methodist Women). J. Stott spoke of the vibrant Christian faith alive in the Pacific nations, their love and commitment to World Day of Prayer, and to Fellowship of The Least Coin, wherein they, even in poverty, can participate. November 21 is a Pacific Day of Prayer for women and girls. Sects and para churches are also represented in the Pacific region.

During question time, E. Sullivan (Incom.Nat.Exec.) said that tonight had been a learning curve, and a forum on A.C.W.C. had been long overdue. Other points made included : we need them as much as they need us ... The Pacific Island nations can tell much of love and prayer ... We share the same Lord ...New Zealand had tried to include Pacific women in their activities, but at the moment, they appear to be finding and building themselves as Christian women Progress has been made with women of Asia, we should progress with them at their pace. When asked of the relationship between Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Indonesia, J. Scott replied that she had not inquired, and had been careful not to ask sensitive political questions.

Acknowledgement was made of

J. Stott ... Nominee as President of World Federation of Methodist Women

M. Dredge ... will take office as president of World Christian Women's Fellowship in August, 1996.

M. McCann ... has been nominated by the N.S.W. Unit for N.S.W. Woman of the Year Award of the National Council of Women.

This Session closed at 9 p.m. with devotions led by New South Wales Unit.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 1995.

MORNING WORSHIP was led by the Queensland Unit.

BIBLE STUDY 3

Rev. Manton reminded us of our discussion on Jesus made Flesh.

These included - * The request of Jesus for a drink.

- * Humility of God in sharing
- * God comes to us in people who are thirsty
- * Martha - "Where were You when we needed You?"
- * Jesus to Mary "Leave her alone", she was ministering to the Word made Flesh.
- * Jesus to Father, "I need Your love". Do we ask Jesus how He feels about His body, the Church ?

Women

- * Martha - first move of our faith beyond the Jewish tradition
- * Martha and Peter - recognition of Jesus as the Christ.
- * Mary grasped the idea of true discipleship, serving by washing His feet.

Rev. Manton read poems from a book titled "All Desires Known" by Janet Morley, and the groups reflected on the story of Mary Magdalene.

He knows me. Can I say I have seen the Lord ?
Jesus asked "Woman, why are you weeping?" Take our tears seriously, Resurrection does not erase our suffering but transforms it. We are released into life and ministry.

Jesus called Mary by name.

- Mary recognises the voice of the Good Shepherd.
- "Do not cling to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father".
Mary now has to relate to Him in a new way.

Resurrection is in the unknown new. The risen Jesus' request.-
GO AND TELL MY BROTHERS.

BUSINESS SESSION 7

Aboriginal Consultation Presentation

The National President, E. Reidy, introduced Anne Pattel-Gray (Exec. Secretary Aboriginal and Islander Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia). E. Reidy spoke of decisions made at previous conferences to offer assistance to Aboriginal Women in setting up a Consultation whereby we stand beside, listen to and support our Aboriginal women moving towards a closer working relationship with them.

Anne Pattel-Gray thanked Australian Church women for inviting her to attend this Conference. She spoke - of the vision of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women working together - of Aboriginal view of the sacredness of Aboriginal women. Aboriginal women are the teachers and the backbone of their society, but there is never any money to support the work among women.

Anne Pattel-Gray asked "Can you walk with us? Can you reach out to us ?
Reconciliation is not possible without justice. The proposed First National Ecumenical Aboriginal Christian Women's Conference to be held in Sydney from the 2-10th December, 1995, should be the beginning of the process for Reconciliation.

During question time, H. Christie-Johnston (NCCA) asked "Could Australian Church women develop a covenanting process?"

BUSINESS SESSION 7 (continued)

E. Reidy (Nat.Pres.) thanked Anne for her presentation, and referred to the proposal contained on Pages 48/50 in the working papers.

It was moved D. Haensel (WK Trust), seconded L. Green (Nat.Exec.)

95/29

THAT Australian Church Women support the First National Ecumenical Aboriginal Christian Women's Conference, and the \$10,000. set aside for a Consultation with Indigenous women be allocated to this Conference. Motion carried.

A. Pattel-Gray thanked Australian Church Women for their gracious support and affirmation of Indigenous women.

Disbursement of Disaster Fund : E. Reidy (Nat.Pres.) drew attention to four suggested projects listed on the notice board for consideration of Conference later in the day.

E. Reidy closed the session with the Noonday Prayer for the Beijing Conference.

BUSINESS SESSION 8

Disbursement of Disaster Fund :

Suggested projects -

- Australia 1. Sewing requisites to be used in teaching Somali refugee women as arranged by N.S.W. Ecumenical Council.
2. Playground toys and equipment for refugee children at the Detention Centre at Villawood, N.S.W.
Overseas 3. Assist in the rebuilding/renovating the churches in Rabaul, P.N.G. affected by the volcanic eruption.
4. Support the Christian women of Burma who are on the border of Thailand and Burma in refugee camps.

95/30

The first vote was to consider whether Australia or overseas should receive this fund. On a show of hands it was agreed that overseas projects be considered. A further show of hands indicated that the "Rebuilding and renovating of the Churches in Rabaul, P.N.G." be the recipient of the Disaster Fund.

Incoming National Executive :

Moved F. Moss (Vic) seconded B. Bourhill (RC) that Mrs E Sullivan (President); Mrs B Farrell (Vice-President); Mrs O Scott (Vice-President); Mrs J Thomson (Secretary); Mrs H Lloyd (Treasurer); Mrs D McMaster (Minute Secretary); Mrs Major E Holley (FLC Convener); Mrs B Laurie (Special Days); Mrs J Jarvis (WKS Convener) and Mrs Lt Colonel B Webb (Publication Editor) be the National Executive. Motion carried with acclamation.

FOCUS SPOT

Mrs Athalie Ford (SA) spoke of the influence of her grandmother, Winifred Kiek, as mentor and yardstick. Winifred was a very gentle woman who loved games, jokes, and was most creative making puppets, dolls. Athalie found her to be a very forward thinking woman, and when asked 'what would Winifred be saying to us today?', the reply was that Winifred would expect us to be loving, gentle and kind.

BUSINESS SESSION 8 (continued)

Discussion
Groups :

The Conference moved into "Buzz groups" to discuss the following questions -

1. Does Asian Church Women's Conference need Australian Church Women ?
2. Does Australian Church Women need Asian Church Women's Conference ?
3. How do you see Australian Church Women's relationship with Asian Church Women's Conference being structured in future.
4. Should we be seeking ways in which to foster closer ties with Papua New-Guinea and/or Pacific nations ?

Reporting back, there was a general consensus that Australian Church Women and Asian Church Women's Conference need each other. Present relationships appear to be working well, but there was a need to be open to new ways of contact and dialogue.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to encourage relationships with Pacific nations, but this needed to be done carefully.

Unit Sharing: A Sharing Time was enjoyed by Unit members, office-bearers, and National and Incoming National Executive. Denominational and Special Interest Groups' representatives met to discuss ways of fostering relationship with Australian Church Women.

CONFERENCE DINNER.

The dinner and highlights were enjoyed by Conference participants and visitors with National Executive 'waiting' on the tables. The 1995-97 National Executive was inducted, and badges of office exchanged.

EVENING WORSHIP was led by the new National Executive and A.C.T., theme - "Jesus Christ, The Way Ahead".

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 1995.

BUSINESS SESSION 9

The National President indicated that UNFINISHED BUSINESS would be dealt with during this session.

Replacement of voting delegate: It was moved M. Greenslade (SA) seconded J. Tong (NSW)

95/31 **THAT D. Chapman be recognised as a voting delegate for South Australia as L. Harris (SA) had to return home earlier than expected.** Motion carried.

Matters referred to Reference Committee.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Re Motion No. 11
J.Stott (Nat.exec.) presented this referral, indicating that "In the light of resolution No. 20 of the 1993 A.C.W. Conference in Tasmania which reads:

BUSINESS SESSION 9 (continued)

Winifred Kiek Scholarship (cont'd)

That when it is deemed more appropriate by the Trustees in consultation with the National Executive, the awards provided by the Winifred Kiek scholarship be broadened to include support for designated projects for women.

The Reference Committee recommends:

That the relevant and legal requirements arising out of recommendation No. 11, which was defeated, be used as an amplification to resolution 20, 1993.

This would then read :

95/32 **THAT when it is deemed more appropriate by the Trustees in consultation with the National Executive, the awards provided by the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be broadened to include support for designated education/charitable projects for women through the programs of the National Council of Christian World Service.**

Moved J. Stott (Nat.Exec.), seconded J. Harries (Tas)
Motion carried.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) sought permission to present recommendation No. 12 in a new form.

95/33 Moved J. Stott (Nat.Exec.) seconded O. Scott (Incom.Nat.Exec.)
THAT approval be granted Motion carried.

The Reference Committee recommends :

THAT recommendations Nos. 12 and 13 be presented as a composite motion as follows :

95/34 a) **THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be offered to Christian women of multicultural Australia and Pacific Island nations on alternate years**

Moved J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) seconded F. Moss (Vic)

There was considerable discussion.

Amendment : J. Tong (NSW) moved, seconded J. Harries (Tas) that after the words "Pacific Island Nations" the words "and member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference in rotation" be added. E. Sullivan (Incom.Nat.Exec.) moved that the motion be put.
The amendment was then put and carried.

The motion then read -

THAT the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be offered to Christian women of multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations and member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference in rotation

Motion carried.

BUSINESS SESSION 9 (continued)

It was moved J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) seconded M. Welford (Vic)

95/35 b) **THAT at the discretion of the Winifred Kiek Trustees, and in consultation with the National Executive, when appropriate and when there are sufficient Trust funds, a Winifred Kiek Fellowship be granted,** Motion carried.

c) **THAT the Winifred Kiek Fellowship be awarded in the following way:-**

95/36 (i) **Once during a Quadrennium, Australian Church Women invite a member of Asian Church Women's Conference Executive to Australia to attend the National Conference of Australian Church Women, to contribute to the Conference and when possible visit State Units**

(ii) **At the alternate National Conference, an invitation be issued to either**

- * a past Winifred Kiek Scholar
- * the Executive Secretary of the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC)
- * Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand
- * a noted Christian women leader.

(iii) **When sufficient funding is available and an appropriate recipient is known to be visiting Australia, a Fellowship may be awarded to allow her to visit one or more State Units at a time other than National Conference.**

Moved E. Sullivan (Incom.Nat.Exec.) seconded M. Banham (United Church Adult Fellowship)

J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) suggested that in the light of the discussion she would recommend that following the listing of those to whom an invitation would be sent the words **That a woman from the Pacific Conference of Churches Region** be included.

The motion with the additional words was carried.

Unfinished Business :

Appointment of Voting Delegates to Asian Church Women's Conference : This matter had been referred to a Working Committee, and J. Stott (Convener) moved the following motion seconded L. Green (Nat.Exec.)

- 95/37
- a. That to comply with the 1994 changes to the Asian Church Women's Conference's Constitution, the Australian Church Women member/s on the Asian Church Women's Conference General Committee shall be the voting delegate/s at the Asian Church Women's Quadrennial Conference;
 - b. In the event of there being additional delegates required to fulfill Australian Church Women's allocation, the woman/women receiving the highest sequential number of votes in a ballot at the preceding Australian Church Women's National Conference shall be the voting delegate/s;
 - c. The minutes of the relevant National conference shall record the sequence of the results of the ballot;

BUSINESS SESSION 9 (continued)

Appointment of Voting Delegates to A.C.W.C. (continued)

d. In the event of there already being the allocated number of Australian Church Women members on the Asian Church Women's Conference General Committee, the National Conference or National Executive be empowered to act in choosing the National Representative.

R. Burmester (Nat.Life Mem.) suggested that in b. the word "voting" be added before the word "allocation" on the second line, mover and seconder were in agreement, motion was put and carried.

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BUSINESS SESSION 10

It was moved J. Tong (N.S.W.) seconded M. Florence (UCAF)

95/38 **THAT the layout and printing of master sheets for the Orders of Service for Australian Church Women's Special Days be prepared in a professional style by the National Executive, Motion carried.**

It was moved J. Stott (Nat.Exec.) seconded J. Harries (Tas.)

95/39 **THAT the Australian Church Women's National Executive consider the writing of the Australian Church Women's Special Days Services in two forms of worship; one form of worship to be in the traditional style; the alternate style of worship shall maintain the theme, Bible passages and prayer themes as currently required.**

Amendment moved L. King (N.S.W.), seconded J. Tong (N.S.W.)

THAT Australian Church Women's National Executive consider that the Australian Church Women's Special Day's Services have an explanatory paragraph added :-

If a freer style of worship and music is requested, then the theme, Scripture passages and prayer suggestions shall be followed as is currently required.

Amendment lost

The motion was then put

Carried.

CHANGES TO THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP DEED OF TRUST.

Clause 5:

95/40 D. Haensel (Winifred Kiek Trustee) moved, J. Cooper (Nat.Exec.) seconded that the following alterations to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Deed of Trust be made :

The Trustees shall invest all monies received by them for the purpose of the Trust. The Trust is to provide -
1) a Scholarship or funding support for an educational/charitable project selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women, on the recommendation of the Winifred Kiek Trustees

and

2) when in the opinion of the Trustees there are sufficient Trust funds, after meeting all expenses associated with the said Scholarship or project funding, a Fellowship to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a recipient, selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women in consultation with the Trustees of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, to tour Australia to speak to church and community groups.

BUSINESS SESSION 10 (continued)

Clause 5 (continued)

The parties intend -

- a) (unaltered)
- b) the Scholarship shall be offered in three areas in rotation -
 - 1) Multicultural Australia
 - 2) Pacific Island nations, and
 - 3) Member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference.
- c) the projects shall be offered in the same three areas;
- d) all applications for any Scholarship, project funding or Fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the Trustees and shall include the following information -
Scholarship 1 - 7 (unaltered)

Clause 6

1. National Executive of Australian Church Women shall award a Scholarship, project funding or Fellowship on the recommendation of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees.
2. The Trustees recommendation shall include details of education, visa, permits and other relevant information together with a proposed budget.

Motion carried.

It was moved J. Watts (WA), seconded B. Bourhill (RC),

95/41

THAT members of Australian Church Women here at National Conference (Melbourne) wish to support and encourage the Pacific Conference of Churches in their protest against Nuclear Testing in the Pacific, and request the incoming National Executive act on our behalf and send a letter accordingly. Motion carried.

Announcement: D, Haensel, on behalf of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust, announced that two projects in Cambodia will be supported through the Cambodian Christian Women's Association - a weaving & tailoring course, and literary & English language classes.

Appreciation: The retiring National President, Mrs. Eunice Reidy, said 'the business of Conference is now concluded', and thanked the outgoing National Executive for their teamwork and commitment. Referring to her "Santa" bell, she paid tribute to "Santa's little helper", Marion Dodds, for her invaluable work as National Executive Secretary.

The Conference thanked Mrs. Cheryl Ebert and staff with acclamation for excellence of venue appointments, and for their work in making the participants most comfortable.

M. Watson was thanked for use of her computer, and for assistance to the National Minute Secretary.

The New Zealand contingent, and S. Birch (Visitor SA) acknowledged the retiring National Executive for their preparation and work.

Travellers were wished God's speed, and God's blessings on all.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS 1995

Several participants have requested the addresses of Conference Participants and they are provided on the understanding that they will not be used for any commercial purpose, but for the sole purpose of social and ACW correspondence.

Thank you. Marion Dodds.

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Barb Lacy	11/12 Sydney St. Cheltenham, 3192
Helen Banks	13 Eton Rd. Belmont, 3216
Heather Boatman	35 Terry Ave. Belgrave, 3160
Joan Cooper	225 Great Ocean Rd. Anglesea, 3230
Margaret Wall	1 Canterbury Rd. Camberwell, 3124
Lynette Green	13 Oakdene Crt. Noble Park, 3174
Evonne Sullivan	35 MacGillivray St. Yarralumla, 2600
Jean Thomson	36 Musgrave St. Yarralumla, 2600
Jenny Jarvis	12 Lycett St. Weston, 2611
Eillen Holley	6 Passmore Close, Kaleen, 2617
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Beth Finlay	11/55A Railway Parade, Lakemba, 2195
Jan Harrison	
Marie McCann	10/51 Upper Pitt St. Kirribilli, 2061
Heather Reid	33 Melville Ave. Strathfield, 2135
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Margaret Banham	18 Prendergast St. Pascoe Vale South, 3044
Pat Rowe	16 Ruthven Way, East Ringwood, 3135
Olive Ackland	23 Kingsford Ave. North Coburg, 3058
Ruth Burmester	37 Macleay St. Turner, 2612
Dorothy Wright	48 Eyre St. Seaview Downs, 5049
Dorothy Haensel	26 Hobart Ave. Warradale, 5046
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