

NEWSETTE

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. UNIT.

A.C.W. seeks:



to unite Australian women in their
allegiance to their Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ;
to provide opportunities for Christian
women of different denominations to
worship, study and serve together.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Christmas 1987 has come and gone and we are now in Australia's Bi-Centennial year, as well as our own Jubilee year, which is to be celebrated, God willing, on 18th November at St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

The Christmas story is still a challenging one and the particular incident which commands my interest is that of the shepherds. These men were doing their daily work, minding their sheep, keeping them safe from thieves and predators. Suddenly, there was an angel in their midst and a great light shone around them. Luke tells us that they were terrified! I am sure we can understand this re-action. The angel re-assured them and then told them the Good News of Christ's birth and also of His redeeming love for us all through His entry into our world. Immediately there was a great company of the heavenly host praising God with the angel singing the hymn which is still sung in Christendom today:

'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to
men on whom his favour rests'.

2. President's Message (Cont.)

The shepherds found the Christ-child and his mother with Joseph in Bethlehem, just as the angel had told them. They then set about telling all they met of the wonders of which they had been part. All who heard were amazed.

Surely you and I must meet Christ in our work-place, for the first folk told of His birth were ordinary men involved in their daily work. God revealed Christ to them and they witnessed and told all they met of God's goodness. Christ must be with us in all we do, in our ordinary daily walk so that we will be able to tell of His goodness and faithfulness to us to those we meet and so extend God's kingdom.

Every blessing to each one of you as we commence this year with the assurance of God's love, His forgiveness and His peace. May we know Christ's presence in our hearts and in our lives as we share the Good News of His salvation.

Yours in Christ,

June Graham,
President.

FIRST MEETING 1988:

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 15

Uniting Church Building,
Picadilly Court, (5th Floor),
222 Pitt Street,
10.30 a.m.

A.C.W. Video - Dorothy Woodhouse.
(Tea duty - Presbyterian).

SPECIAL NOTE: (Change of date and venue)

MONDAY, MAY 16

10.30 a.m.

Annual Service and Installation of
President, Mrs. Marjorie Baker,
at Churches of Christ,
365 Victoria Avenue,
Chatswood + luncheon.

MRS. MARJORIE BAKER - PRESIDENT ELECT.

It gives me very much pleasure to introduce Mrs. Marjorie Baker, our next President. She will be installed at the Chatswood Churches of Christ, Victoria Avenue, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 16th May 1988.

Marjorie has a tremendous amount of experience behind her, having been a member of A.C.W. Council for ten years and an Executive member for six of those ten years - being Publicity Officer for three years and Membership Secretary for the last three years.

1978-79: Marjorie was N.S.W. President of C.W.F. Churches of Christ.

1979-80: Federal President of C.W.F. Churches of Christ.

1980: Representative of C.W.F. Convention in Hawaii.
Past President C.W.F. of Epping.

Marjorie has been a member representing A.C.W. on the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee for six years.

Her husband, Ken, is a retired architect and is involved with the Churches of Christ Theological College at Carlingford. They have four married children and four grandchildren.

Marjorie's outside interests include Pastoral Care at Parish level, floral art (we were all very proud of her arrangement in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on our behalf at the recent Flower Festival) and arts and crafts. She is also a trained Occupational Therapist.

We assure her of our prayers and loving support as she becomes our President. I would ask you all to seek God's blessing for her in this role.

June Graham

PLEASE NOTE: Our Secretary, Mrs. Marie McCann's address is now:

Tel. 929 6483

'Kirribilli Manors',
10/51 Upper Pitt Street,
KIRRIBILLI. NSW. 2061.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

Greetings to all in this Bicentennial Year 1988, and a big thank you once again for such a fine response to the Fellowship of the Least Coin in 1987. I am still dealing with your receipts.

What will 1988 hold for us? Mercifully we do not know, but we do know there is much to be thankful for, and we should offer our celebration to God.

Let us not forget that what we have is from His hand, and we must share it if we are to keep it. May our happiness always be tempered by the knowledge of those who are starving and thirsting after the things we treat so casually.

Race and creed aside, we are equal in the sight of God, and indeed man is made in His image and set in communities to care for one another.

Pray that Christian women the world over, who are one in prayer and giving through the Fellowship of the Least Coin, will indeed bring light and life to many desperate souls.

In His Service,

Glad West.
Convenor.

The Audio Visual of the Fellowship of the Least Coin (slides and tape) of 25 minutes length is available from Mrs. G. West, 8 Stewart Street, Artarmon, 2064. This was produced by the Victorian Unit and a copy was purchased by N.S.W. Unit - and has been filmed on video for easier viewing - if required in this form.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS.

5.

Christmas greetings were sent to all W.K.S. scholars from our Unit; a letter was received from Mrs. Malini Devananda who was our 1981 scholar here in Sydney from Sri Lanka. Malini sends loving greetings to all - she and her husband are very busy with student involvement.

Eunice Kim sends love to everyone and blessings for 1988. She is very busy; in November 1987 she attended the International F.L.C. meeting in Singapore and then went to Japan where Asian Church Women's Conference conducted two Seminars on 'Sex and Human Life', one in Tokyo and the other in Osaka. She was invited to attend a World Council of Church Consultation on 'Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation' in Kyoto. She returned home to Korea on 27th November to face masses of urgent correspondence and the News Bulletin to prepare.

Yvonne Davis,
W.K.S. Convener.

Deaconess Mary Andrews has also heard from Eunice and reports: 'A.C.W.C. is to hold a Regional Consultation in Manila followed by an Executive Committee Meeting and then a General Committee meeting.' Pray for Eunice and the great challenges she has to face. Pray for planning for the A.C.W.C. visit to China probably in October.

Catherine Min (1983 scholar) also sends greetings. She moved in June to a new Parish in a small quiet city - with many teenagers. There are fifteen congregations which keep Catherine busy. Her new address is: 1-1 Daechon Dong,
Cheek Hae.
602. S. Korea.

Rev. Mary Au (1980 scholar) sends greetings from Calvary Church, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

We were all delighted to know that the Seventh Edition of the 'International Who's Who of Intellectuals' is dedicated to DEACONESS MARY ANDREWS A.M., F.I.B.A. in honour of an outstanding contribution to -

'The spread & upholding of Teaching of the
Lord Jesus Christ of Love for All People'.

6.

WHEN THE BI-CENTENARY BECOMES GOLDEN!

Yes, N.S.W. Unit of A.C.W. is 50 years old this year and we celebrate our Golden Jubilee!

There will be a BI-CENTENNIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE held in St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney on FRIDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1988 at 11 a.m. This is the date and venue at which the very first meeting of the N.S.W. Unit was held in 1938.

The Guest Speaker is to be Mrs. Margaret Knauerhaus, the daughter of Rev. Winifred Kiek - after whom the A.C.W. Scholarship is named. There will be special V.I.P. guests and a peal of 50 bells to celebrate 50 years of A.C.W. in the State of New South Wales. There will also be a special Banner presentation - this will involve all branches. You will hear details soon from your Branch Secretary. So get your artistic thinking caps on and design a banner!

Watch for more news in Newsette!

Lucelle King,
Publicity Convener.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT DOCUMENTARY -
1978 - 1988.

To celebrate our 50th ANNIVERSARY, a video presentation update has been prepared for the STATE UNIT, and will be shown at the meeting on 15th February, 1988. It has been produced by Dorothy Woodhouse and her husband, Les, from photos taken over the years - plus some live segments. This half hour VHS Cassette is for information and promotion about the activities of Australian Church Women. It is available for branches and fellowship groups on loan, for cost of package and posting. from Mrs. D. Woodhouse, 86 Fullers Road, Chatswood, 2067. Phone 419-6772.

PROMOTION.

Last year the structure of the Committee changed and this has meant improvement in a large way. Sister Norma McKay joined the team and with her talent and expertise, 'Promotions' moved forward.

From reports received, Fellowship Day was enjoyed by those who attended the Services. The theme certainly provided much food for thought and presented a very real challenge as to where our responsibilities as Christians lie.

In a certain sense, the theme for World Community Day followed that of Fellowship Day and again made us examine ourselves and take a good look at what we personally are doing to help our 'neighbour' in a responsible caring way.

I would like to thank all those who helped with the packing days. This is by no means a light task but with the team effort, all went smoothly. Thank you, ladies.

As we enter into 1988, my earnest prayer is that it may be a year filled with God's rich joy, love and blessing and may the God of all peace, grant you His peace, the peace that passeth all understanding. May we find this year of service for the Master fulfilling and enriching.

Beth Finlay,
Promotions Convener.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Every morning lean your arms awhile
Upon the window sill of heaven
And gaze upon your Lord
Then - with the vision in your heart
Turn strong to meet your day.

8. PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. A reminder to members who have become PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. that their \$1 for 1988 is now due. For those who are not familiar with this project, A.C.W.C. (Asian Church Women's Conference) is an ecumenical organisation of Christian women of Asia, Australia and New Zealand formed in 1938. Each member country (16 in all) has been set a target, the total of which will meet administrative and general expenses. The Australian target is \$5,000 per annum. Therefore the National Executive of A.C.W. invites you to become a partner with Asian Church Women's Conference by making a contribution of \$1 annually. 5,000 partners would achieve our goal of \$5,000. Please join if you have not already done so - and send your name, address and payment of \$1 to our State Unit Treasurer, Mrs. D. Lumb (address below).

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ALL OTHER MONIES, including donations, subscriptions to A.C.W.C. Bulletin (\$5.00), Affiliation fees, 'Partners with A.C.W.C.' donation, should be sent to the Treasurer:

Mrs. Dorothy Lumb,
69 Myall Street,
Concord West. 2138. Tel. 73-3360.

All cheques should be made payable to 'Australian Church Women'.

Affiliation Fees are due on 1st March 1988 as follows:

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Special Interest groups, W.C.T.U., G.B.	5.00 " "
Local Branches of A.C.W.	5.00 " "

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