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21st September, 1964.

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee of Australian Church Women,
C/- Room 2, 3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

I have been very interested to read the material which has come from time to time concerning "Australian Church Women" and the matter was put before the Executive Committee of our Churchwomens Union at its last meeting.

It has been agreed to make A.C.W. known to all our C.U. Branches throughout the diocese and to encourage women's inter-church relations to relate themselves to A.C.W.

*Mailed 24/9/64
Duffie attached*

I wonder if there is a recent, concise and comprehensive description of the basis and aims of A.C.W. which could be distributed. It would be helpful if it included reference to World Community Day and Fellowship Day. If there is such a document which covers everything that should be known as an introduction, we should need 130 copies and, of course, are prepared to pay for them.

Perhaps you would be interested to have a copy of the Constitution of our Churchwomens Union. Most of the women are anxious to develop good relations with the women of other Churches and indeed already have them in varied form. Quite a number of Branches have good relations with the women of the Roman Catholic Church and I am wondering whether R.C. women have ever co-operated with A.C.W.?

With all kind wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature: J. G. G. G.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

A long-felt desire for greater co-operation between church women's groups at both national and local level has found expression in Australian Church Women.

The aim of Australian Church Women is:

- To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- To promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society.
- To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church.
- To provide opportunities for Christian worship, study and fellowship and service across denominational divisions.
- To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries..

Initial activities will be:

- . To promote a Fellowship Day and a World Community Day each year.
- . To provide study material for use in local groups.
- . To stimulate service projects at the local national and world levels through participation in the Fellowship of the Least Coin, arranging visits by overseas speakers and providing scholarships within Australia for overseas students.

Australian Church Women aims at the development of co-operative women's work operating through the federal denominational women's organisations and the State Women's Inter-Church Councils.

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Mrs. D.J.A. Verco,
Promotion Officer,
NSW Women's Inter-Church Council,
55 Burns Road,
Wahroonga Phone Sydney 484358

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

"Christians and world peace"

On October 23 this year all Australian church women will have the opportunity of studying the theme, "Christians and world peace."

A special service of worship and the study material has been produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria at the request of the interim committee of Australian Church Women.

The study is based on readings from Micah 4:1-5 and Ephesians 2:11-18.

Community Day has for many years been observed by church women in other parts of the world and is a day set apart for study of some topic of world interest.

This year in NSW, World Community Day will be observed in several Sydney suburban and country districts. It is being arranged by the NSW Women's Inter-Church Council, acting as the State Council of Australian Church Women.

Church women's groups interested in participating or inquiring further may contact Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, promotion officer of the New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council, 55 Burns Road, Wahroonga, (Phone Sydney 484358)

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

FELLOWSHIP of the least coin

The National Council of the Presbyterian Women in the USA sponsored a Fellowship team in September, 1956: a group of six women, one Japanese, one Indian and four American women, one of whom was an American Indian from Alaska, started on a Pacific Fellowship Tour to Alaska, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Thailand. The purpose of the visits was to strengthen the world-wide Christian fellowship among women, to share mutual joys and concerns, to study the Bible and pray together and to reaffirm that all of us are the members of one family of Christ.

As we travelled from country to country, met and talked with the Christian women, we found groups engaged in making distinct contributions to the life of their national churches and to projects beyond their own boundaries. This warmed our hearts with joy and gratitude. We also noticed human weakness. The evils and suffering of World War II had not been forgotten by many people. Some of the leading churches in East Asia had not forgiven their neighbours for the wrongs done to them during the war.

This situation of one nation bearing a grudge against another made our hearts heavy: here we were on a goodwill tour with the purpose of strengthening the world-wide Christian fellowship, and we were meeting women with bitter spirits, the miseries of war still fresh in their minds. We met women who were prisoners within the walls of nationalism. They were not necessarily to be blamed, for they had never felt or realised the importance of the World Church and its ecumenical relationship.

We felt with increasing conviction the need for a project in which the Christian women of the world could come together by sharing their faith and resources at the international level. Such a project would be a constant reminder that all Christians belong to the one family of Christ, irrespective of race, colour, language, culture or nationality.

The idea emerged that if every Christian woman around the world put aside one "least coin" of her currency every month with a prayer of reconciliation for one person or group whom she found hard to forgive, at the end of the year she would have twelve "least coins" ready to contribute into the fund for some international project and she would have become a focus point of reconciliation. Among the countries represented so far have been women of Alaska, Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea, Iran, Venezuela, Guatemala, Colombia, Lebanon, Brazil, India, Pakistan, and the U.S.A. Each country devises its own method of collecting the "least coin" every month. In the USA the women are using a printed folder with the picture of a woman from each country. Pakistan women are using clay pots to receive their "least coin".

The various women's organizations were advised to emphasize the following principles in promoting the Least Coin Fellowship:

1. Each woman should have a common standard of giving, namely, the smallest coin of the country.
2. This movement is designed to promote the sense of fellowship rather than be a fund-collecting device.
3. In order that this movement may be truly international, each country is to determine its own method of collecting the Least Coin and shall remit funds to the international treasurer. *
4. The spirit of stewardship rests upon a common sense of responsibility in every participant and the giving must be joyful.

* (The East Asia Christian Conference has acted as custodian of the funds, but because of difficult currency regulations in some countries, the WCC is serving in its capacity as from January 1, 1963.)

Since the idea arose in September 1956, it was decided to have the annual collection of Least Coin contributions each September. In 1961 the women of eighteen countries participated and the total offering came to \$37,754.43.

Among the various projects already assisted with funds from the "Least Coin" there can be listed:

1. Orphanage work in Korea.
2. Maintaining 12 beds in T.B. Sanatoria in India.
3. Child-care programme of the East Haarlem Protestant Parish, New York City.
4. Drug-addict resettlement in Hong Kong.
5. Family Training Institute at Mindolo, Nthn Rhodesia.
6. Pastoral care of Asian and African students in France.
7. Inter-Church Aid programme of the World Council of Churches in the Cameroons and Congo.
8. Re-opening of schools in Colombia.
9. Publication of Christian readers in Ceylon.
10. Divinity School in Upper Burma.
11. Orthodox Church programme for young people in the Middle East.
12. Evangelistic work among youth in East Germany.
13. Social service among Vietnamese refugees in France.
14. Travel costs of two Japanese nurses to Nepal.
15. Audio-Visual Evangelism Department of the Church of Christ in Thailand.
16. Welfare of Australian Aboriginal girls.

Through the Fellowship, God has blessed many participants and likewise the recipients of aid from this fund. It is a movement which invites every Christian woman to enjoy the international fellowship, to share in witnessing Christ's love for mankind, and to offer herself as an instrument of reconciliation and peace.

If you are still outside this Fellowship, come and join with us in witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ which is so badly needed in the world to-day. Come and share the joy and unity of our world-wide Fellowship.

Reproduced from leaflet published by the World Council of Churches' Department on the co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society by AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, c/o Room 2, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

IN AUSTRALIA

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (a world-wide fellowship of prayer) is being sponsored in Australia by AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

The women of our churches are invited to use the attached label around a suitable jar or tin and each month to give the least coin of our country (the penny) in the service of Christ's family. As you place your least coin join with Christians around the world in offering intercessory prayers as suggested on the label.

The coins will be received at World Community Day each year (the fourth Friday of October) by the state women's inter-church councils or direct to AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN -

Room 2, 3rd floor, 511 Kent St. Sydney.

THE AIM OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN is:

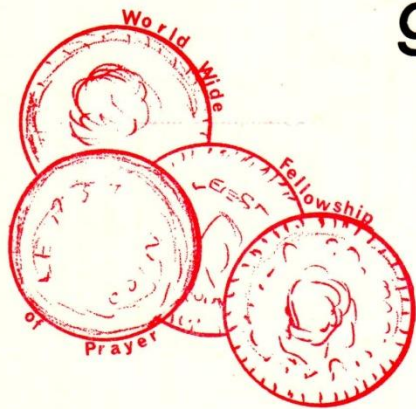
To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society; to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church; to provide opportunities for Christian worship, study and fellowship and service across denominational division; and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

Mrs. C. A. PERRIAM
6/37 ORMOND ST.,
ASHFIELD.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Fellowship of the Least Coin

give



AND

pray

FOR

Fatherless and orphans
Elderly in homes and hospitals
Lonely and homeless
Lacking in medical attention
Oppressed in body, mind or spirit
Working mothers
Students in new nations ^{overseas} students
Hungry - physically, mentally and spiritually
Illiterate
Persecuted for religious, race or political reasons

Australian Church Women

3rd floor 511 Kent Street, SYDNEY

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

29th January, 1965.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Secretary,

The Women's World Day of Prayer Committee in the A.C.T. passed the following resolution at their last meeting :-

"That this meeting of the A.C.T. Women's World Day of Prayer Committee asks the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women to acknowledge it as an Interim Committee of Churchwomen in the A.C.T., pending discussion and decision by our Churches."

They also decided that if they were invited they would be prepared to send two delegates to the National meeting of Australian Church women.

We understand Rev. Harvey Perkins informed you of our intentions and that our two delegates have already been notified that they will be welcome at the National meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

E. R. Goudie

(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Secretary.

Women's World Day of Prayer
Committee in A.C.T.

P.S.

Thank you for the quantity of "Fellowship of the Least Coin" Leaflets which arrived so promptly.

Ch. G.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 13, 1965.

Mrs. E. R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
ADILLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

We thank you for your letter of March 15.

The interest and warmth towards Australian Church Women, as shown in the progress being made in the A.C.T. is very heart-warming to the National Committee.

We will be very happy for you to proceed with the plans outlined in par. 3 of your letter.

During 1964 the Women's United Church Association of South Australia prepared a draft of a new Constitution. We think this could be a good help to you, as a guide; copy is enclosed.

We will be glad to receive a copy of your Constitution when prepared. This then can be ratified and your acceptance as the Unit of Australian Church Women in the A.C.T. fully established.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Hazel Cross,
Honorary Secretary.

Encl.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

15th March, 1965.

22 MAR 1965

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y.

Dear Madam,

At our last Meeting there was a good representation of all the Churches in Canberra, who have been connected with the World Day of Prayer Committee.

At this Meeting it was unanimously decided that we ask to become the Women's Church Council of the A.C.T.

If this permission is granted we will hold our first Meeting as a Committee of the Women's Church Council of the A.C.T. on 30th April, 1965 to elect Officers and also to draw up a Constitution.

We would be pleased if you could send us some guidance with regard to the drawing up of such Constitution.

Yours faithfully,

M E Goudie

(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Secretary,
Women's World Day of Prayer
Committee in A.C.T.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd June, 1965

Mrs. E.R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE, A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th May, telling us of the progress of your inter-church Committee, to be known as "Canberra Church Women".

We are very interested to know that a committee is now working on your Constitution, to be presented to your full committee on the 15th June. We will be glad to receive this in due course.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

30th April, 1965.

8 MAY 1965

Colonel H. Cross,
Honorary Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
Room 2, 3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y. N.S.W.

Dear Colonel,

Further to my letter to you on 15th March and to your reply of 13th April, at our meeting this morning it was proposed that our name be "Canberra Church Women" if this is acceptable to you.

We also formed a Committee to draw up a Constitution to be presented to the full Committee on 25th June next.

As soon as this is done I will forward you a copy for your acceptance and ratification.

Thank you for the draft copy of the South Australian Constitution, which I am returning herewith.

Yours sincerely,

M. Goudie

(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.

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25 Cowper Street,

AINSLIE. A.C.T.

2nd June, 1965.

Col. H. Cross,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
C/- Room 2, 3rd Floor,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y.

JUN 1965

11/6/65

Dear Madam,

Would you please forward me 200 copies
of the Leaflet "Bridges to Asia" for the 1965
Fellowship Day.

Our next meeting will be on Friday
25th June and I would like to have some copies
for distribution by that date.

Im enclosing a draft copy of the
Constitution as drawn up by the Special Committee
of Canberra Church Women for your ratification
and acceptance of Canberra Church Women as a Unit
of Australian Church Women.

Yours sincerely,

M. Gaudie

(Mrs. E.R.Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.
Canberra Church Women.

Encl.

DRAFT COPY.

CONSTITUTION
OF
CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN
(STATE UNIT OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.)

1. NAME The name of the Association shall be Canberra Church Women.
2. AIM To unite Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
To promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society.
To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church.
To provide opportunities for Christian worship, study, fellowship and service across the present divisions of the Church.
To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. MEMBERSHIP The members shall be the women in each branch of the Christian Church.
4. OFFICERS President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer.
5. EXECUTIVE The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and shall have power to act upon matters requiring attention between the meetings.
6. COUNCIL The business of the Association shall be decided by the Officers and two representatives appointed by each Congregation.
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.
Representatives to - Australian Church Women (2)
Canberra Council of Churches (1)
shall be appointed.
8. FINANCE Each Congregation shall pay an annual Affiliation Fee to the Association.
Commitments to Australian Church Women shall be met.
9. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting. Notice of the substance of the proposed alteration or amendment shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Meeting, and shall be communicated to the members of Council.

May, 1965.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

August 10, 1965.

Mrs. E. R. Goudie,
Canberra Church Women,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE, A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

We are now able to reply to your letter of June 2, with which you sent a draft copy of your Constitution.

The Constitution was considered at our last meeting of the Working Committee of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, and ratified.

We are very happy to accept Canberra Church Women as the Unit of Australian Church Women in the Australian Capital Territory, and look forward to a continuance of enjoyable and useful fellowship in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Secretary.

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

27 SEP 1965

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

24th September, 1965.

Col. H. Cross,
The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y. N.S.W.

Dear Colonel,

With reference to your letters of July 2, August 10,
August 27 August 31 and September 1 I will reply as fully as
possible.

I am enclosing herewith cheque for £18 (Eighteen Pounds)
being the offerings received at Fellowship Day.

✓ We held Fellowship Day at only one centre. The number
attended was about 100 at the Service and dropped down to about
60 for the Group Discussions. As you will see by the number who
remained for the study groups there are some women who thoroughly
enjoy and get a lot of help from the discussions, whilst others
do not wish to take part.

|| With regard to your request for a list of Church Colleges
there are no such institutions in Canberra.

As far as I can ascertain the dates for the National
Committee meeting 1966 are convenient to us, but as yet we have
not decided who our representative will be, so will let you know
as soon as I have the names.

World Community Day was thoroughly discussed at our
meeting on 17th September and the majority of ladies were in
favour of a mixed meeting, but felt it was too late to organise
it this year. We will start early next year with our preparations.
This year Community Day will follow very much the Order of Service
as prepared by Archbishop George Appleton.

Our Committee has been informed of the Church and Life
Movement Programme and our President urged all members to support
it as much as possible.

Yours faithfully,

M E Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Secretary.

Australian Church Women

October 7, 1965.

Mrs. E. R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

Thank you for your letter of September 24, and for your comments on various matters which have been the subjects of recent correspondence.

We are glad to know that Fellowship Day proved to be so worth-while and the Working Committee is glad to have your comments.

Thank you for cheque for £18 towards the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. Receipt is enclosed.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Honorary Secretary.

Australian Church Women

October 7, 1965.

Mrs. Stirling,
88 Limestone Avenue,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Stirling,

We were glad to hear from you and are interested in your comments concerning Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

Your comments concerning the Order of Service and Study Questions for Fellowship Day are especially of interest, for we recall some of your helpful and constructive comments at the National Committee Meeting concerning the need for such studies to be suitable to the women who will form our study groups.

We are also interested to know you hope to plan for mixed meetings for World Community Day in 1966. In the meantime we trust the observance of this day in Canberra this year will be most satisfying.

Replying to your enquiry as to whether there is any ruling as to whom you should appoint as your representatives to the National Committee for 1966, the answer is that there is no ruling - this is entirely in the hands of the Canberra Unit. It will probably be in your own minds that it is likely to be helpful if both ladies are not from the same denomination although even in this respect you will understand this comment is made in the form of suggestion only.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Honorary Secretary.

20 SEP 1965

Ed. Sel. H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

88 Limestone Ave
Ainslie
Canberra
17/9/65

Dear Mrs Cross,

— 2/10 Day ① I notice by the A.C.W. minutes, that there were suggestions for Fellowship Day programmes in the form of friendly criticism on our last one. I would like to add mine. I thought that the order of service and the questions were a great improvement on the previous one. Perhaps one or 2 questions could have been more specific, but really I thought it was all very good. We had a small (about 80) meeting, but very worth while.

② We had our meeting of the B.B. Women this ~~off. day~~ ^{evening} to plan our World Community Day. A popular suggestion was a Sunday evening service, (several combined ones) but thought the time a little short to plan such a venture for this year. We have this in mind, therefore, for next year, and are following the general pattern for this year. Our group of representatives are very keen and we are enjoying our work, worship together.

③ National Committee.

We intend to appoint our representatives to the National Committee meeting, next meeting. Is there any ruling on who they should be or may anyone be appointed?

Thank you for the minutes and all the information you send to me.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs L. G. Gilling)
(President)
B.B.W.

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

19th November, 1965.

22 NOV 1965

Lt.Colonel H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
S Y D N E Y. N.S.W.

Dear Colonel Cross,

re. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 1966.

At our meeting this morning your letter of 30th October was thoroughly discussed.

With regard to the information required on Special Days -

SPECIAL DAYS:

As Friday has not brought a large response from the women of the A.C.T., we think that perhaps another day may be more suitable. *In the event of Night Services being held on Friday night, as Canberra has late shopping on Friday nights.*
favour Thursday to Friday, as Canberra has late shopping on Friday nights.
During 1965 for the World Day of Prayer Service we had four Services, two in the morning and two at night. In 1966 we are going to try starting with two night Services on the Thursday night of 24th February, as Canberra has late shopping on Friday nights, and we feel this may be the reason for lack of interest at the night Services.

Our attendance numbers have not increased to any noticeable degree since we decided to have the four Services. It has been suggested that we may get more women to attend if we have smaller meetings in more areas.

All ~~were~~ ^{are} in favour of the discussion groups, which ~~were~~ ^{have been} approached with great enthusiasm by those attending.

~~Most~~ ^{we} agreed that the Orders of Service were excellent but that care should be taken to choose suitable hymns that are well known to all churches and that tunes should be suggested at all times.

We are prepared to send all the offerings to Australian Church Women, subtracting only those expenses necessary to cover cost of Orders of Service and any other material from Australian Church Women pertaining to the Special Day.

We have had a very good response from the Churches with regard to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

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We are quite happy with your arrangements for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

With regard to the Resolution to be ^{considered} ~~made~~ at the National Committee Meeting that we retain 40% of the Day's takings and forward 60% to Australian Church Women, this was fully discussed and it was felt that as it was specified that the collections were for a Special Project, that all the money should be forwarded to Australian Church Women except a small amount necessary for expenses, etc. relating to the Day.

Canberra Church Women members pay an annual affiliation fee to cover any other expenses, such as general administration, fares to Conference, etc.

Our Representatives to the National Committee Meeting in Melbourne will be Mrs. A.G. Ogston, 27 Lawson Crescent, Acton, A.C.T. an Anglican and myself a Methodist.

Hoping this covers all the questions you have asked.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

25th November, 1965.

Mrs. L.J. Stirling,
88 Limestone Avenue,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Stirling,

We are sorry to learn from a letter just received from Mrs. Goudie that you are not well and because of this are not able to undertake the duties of President of Canberra Church Women for some months.

What we are most sorry about, of course, is that you are not well, and do trust that rest from extra responsibilities, as well as medical care, will help you to regain good health before very long.

We know, too, how interested you have been in the establishment of Canberra Church Women as the Unit of Australian Church Women and feel sure the ladies will miss you as chairman of their meetings. However, we are glad to know that Mrs. Woodwell will act as chairman.

We want you to be assured of our interest and support in prayer at this time. We will look forward to further association with you in the future.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

29th November, 1965.

Mrs. A.G. Ogston,
27 Lawson Crescent,
ACTON. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Ogston,

Miss Skiller has passed on to me your letter of 19th November referring to "The Churchwomen's Union" operating throughout the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

We are sorry that apparently no link has been made with Mrs. C.A. Warren.

This will let you know that we are today writing to the Secretary of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, sending her your letter and asking that contact be made with Mrs. Warren.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14th June, 1966.

Mrs. E.R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

This will acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of 23rd May, together with your Post-Meeting Reaction form. We are glad you found the National Committee Meeting so helpful, and we thank you for your comments.

You certainly had a busy time with Canberra Church Women. What a good thing you were there to 'stand by the stuff'.

Thank you, too, for information concerning Office Bearers. We trust this will be a good year for Canberra Church Women.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 MAY 1966.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

23rd May, 1966.

Dear Colonel Cross,

I must apologise straight away for not answering your letter and "Post Meeting Reaction Form", concerning my impressions of the 1966 National Committee, but somehow it got forgotten with other immediate jobs at hand, until I discovered it today. I am very sorry about this and hope that it is not too late to be of any benefit.

Certainly there was a lot of work and discussion gone through and as I was practically a newcomer to these National Conferences, I learnt a great deal, both of procedure and of what goes on amongst our Churches in the National Sphere.

When I arrived home I found that our Vice President, who had stepped in when Mrs. Stirling took ill, had had to go to hospital for a major operation, after which she would be leaving for Bega where her husband had been transferred. Canberra Church Women at that stage, was without a President or Vice President, so I was left to handle any business.

We have since had our Annual Meeting and our new President is MRS. R. BURMESTER, 37 MACLEAY STREET, TURNER. A.C.T. and she would be glad to receive any correspondence from you. The two Vice Presidents are -

Mrs. G. Stirling, 88 Limestone Avenue, AINSLIE. A.C.T. and
Mrs. A. Minty, 45 Stonehaven Crescent, DEAKIN. A.C.T.

I am still the Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you for the advance copies of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day. We would be pleased to receive 200 copies as previously ordered and enclose \$4.00.

Yours sincerely,

M. Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

7th July, 1966.

Mrs. E.R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

At the last meeting of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women it was resolved that Canberra Church Women be asked to accept responsibility for the preparation of the Order of Service and Questions for Discussion for Fellowship Day, 1967.

We would be glad if your Council would give consideration to this request, and let us know, as early as possible, as to whether you are willing to accept this assignment.


It is understood, of course, that the Order of Service, etc. could either be written by Council members, or, if you prefer that your Council request some suitable person to prepare this material. Whichever method is decided upon, as you will know, it is important that it be kept well in mind that, generally speaking, the services will consist of women.

A further aspect of the request to your Council is that the Order of Service be prepared by a date which will enable it to have had some consideration by the Working Committee and then be presented to the National Committee Meeting in February of next year. In this respect, we would suggest that if it should be possible to let us have the copy sometime during December of this year, that would meet the need.

We trust your Council will be able to do this.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

11th August, 1966.

Dear Col. Cross,

I am enclosing the Forms on the Location of the Working Committee.

With regard to your request for Canberra Church Women to be responsible for the preparation of the Order of Service and Questions for discussion for Fellowship Day, 1967, we are quite prepared to undertake this. We will let you have a draft copy as soon as possible.

As we are the only Committee within the A.C.T. we do not think it necessary to appoint a State Convenor for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All monies received are handed to me for my passing on to you.

With regard to your request for an order for the number of Orders of Service for Community Day, at the moment we are awaiting replies from our representatives as to whether they feel we should hold Community Day this year.

The Executive Committee feels that Fellowship Day and Community Day are too identical and the women will not attend them both. It has been suggested that each Church hold a Service using the Community Day Order of Service with women taking part. If this doesn't eventuate we will not be holding Community Day this year.

Certainly there was an epidemic of flu and sickness in Canberra about Fellowship Day, but there were only 76 women representing the whole of Canberra. It was not because of the lack of publicity that was at fault.

Yours sincerely,

May Goudie

(May Goudie)
Secretary.

A.C.T. Unit

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.
25th August, 1966.

Mrs. E.R. Goudie,
25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Dear Mrs. Goudie,

Thank you for your letter of 11th inst.,
dealing with several matters related to Australian Church Women.

We are sorry that you were disappointed with the attendance at Fellowship Day. We can enter into your feelings in that respect because we have all had the experience at some time or other of having put in a good deal of work and then the response not being as good as we had hoped would be so. Sometimes a variety of reasons seem to account for this, and certainly this year winter sicknesses have been rather severe and many have been affected. Maybe you have discovered, or will discover, some compensating factors such as someone having received some extra blessing, or challenge.

The contents of your letter were presented at our Working Committee yesterday, and I was asked to write you and say that it is very much hoped that you will observe World Community Day in Canberra this year. If you feel some different way of doing it to attempting another united meeting at one central spot is the better way, then we feel you are the people who know your conditions best, and we would go along with you, but we would be most disappointed if World Community Day was not observed in the A.C.T. - we do want these days to be Australia-wide observances by Australian Church Women; then, also, there is the fact that the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offerings are received in association with these Services, and that in itself has significance.

There is another small matter, although you will understand this is not our major consideration. However, it is that we had to finalise our order with the printer prior to the receipt of your letter, and we did estimate 200 copies as being your possible order for World Community Day programmes. - We would like the Orders of Service to be used, although we quite understand we can't require this of you. In view of the thought that the Day may be observed in different Churches, we are enclosing half a dozen copies of the Order of Service. When you receive a copy of the Working Committee Minuted you will see that we are finding it necessary to ask \$2.50 per 100. We are sorry this is a little more than for the programmes for

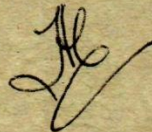
Fellowship Day, but the quantity required was less than for Fellowship Day (Victoria takes 6000 for Fellowship Day against 1500 for World Community Day), also there is a little more material in this Order of Service. Even so we may not quite recover our outlay - depends on whether we dispose of the supply. It is the kind of service which worshippers, both men and women, could be well encouraged to take home and re-read in their quiet moments.

The Working Committee would like to express appreciation to Canberra Church Women for their willingness to prepare the Order of Service and Questions for Group Discussions for Fellowship Day 1967, and we will await, with the interest, the draft of this. We thought you might not mind our suggesting that we think the length of the Order of Service could be cut by about one quarter of the length of the 1966 World Community Day Service. We say this in case your Council might think we particularly want a Service as long as this one. As you will know with previous Orders of Service there has been some variation in length, so we thought you might appreciate a guiding line in this respect. From earlier comments in this letter you will see, too, that printing costs are something which need to be reckoned with. Should there be any enquiries you wish to make when you get down to the preparation of this Order of Service, then just ask, and we will be glad to answer to the best of our ability.

I think it is time I concluded this rather lengthy letter. Before doing so I should say that we are sending you 100 copies of the leaflet having to do with Miss Swarup, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder, for publicity purposes. Should you desire more, kindly let us know.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

World Community Day was held here on Friday 28th October with one Service for the A.C.T. Again our numbers were small but those who attended felt the Service was very inspiring although a little long. If we had had an address it would have been a bit lengthy. The questions in the Groups were discussed with enthusiasm and interest.

We are in the process of preparing the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1967 and it should be ready to forward to you within a week or so.

The Committee last Friday appreciated and warmly welcomed Miss Sabita Swarup. I feel she enjoyed her brief stay in the A.C.T. and as far as we were able showed her many of the varied activities and places of interest of our City.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. Gaudin

Hon. Secretary.

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CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T.

8th May, 1967.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for letter and greetings from the new Working Committee of Australian Church Women. We fully understand what problems you would have in taking over from the old Committee, for we had the same difficulties two years ago.

I will try to answer your queries as best I can.

(1) I have been asked to obtain 50 copies of the Study Book "Church at Worship" for which I have sent to Mrs. Norman Anderson.

(2) a. We would be pleased to receive a copy of the tape recording of Mrs. Shanti Solomon's talk about the origins of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

(2) b. At this stage we are not sure whether we require any printed copies of Mrs. Solomon's talk. The Executive feels we would like to hear the tape recording first.

(3) We would require 100 copies of the Fellowship Day Orders of Service please.

(4) Canberra Church Women has only one Committee at present in the A.C.T., which consists of two representatives from all denominations in the A.C.T.

(5) All Australian Church Women news when applicable is reported to all representatives who take it back to their respective groups. We hold Committee meetings four times a year approximately once a quarter.

At our recent Committee Meeting, which was also our Annual Meeting, the following ladies were elected :-

President Mrs. G. STIRLING, Church of Christ,
88 Limestone Avenue, AINSLIE. A.C.T.

Vice Presidents Mrs. C. BURMESTER, Presbyterian,
37 Macleay Street, TURNER. A.C.T.

Mrs. A. Minty, Methodist,
45 Stonehaven Crescent, DEAKIN. A.C.T.

Secretary/ Treasurer. Mrs. E. GOUDIE, Methodist,
25 Cowper Street, AINSLIE. A.C.T.

I am enclosing herewith a cheque for \$3.25 being for -	
100 copies of Orders of Service, Fellowship Day, 1967.	\$2.25
Tape Recording of Mrs. Solomon's Talk	\$1.00

I hope this will give you all the information you require,

With best wishes to all,

Yours sincerely,

M. E. R. Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.

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Give Mrs. Stephens address.

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,

AINSLIE. A.C.T. 2602.

19th April, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

We held our Annual General Meeting recently and the members elected to the Executive Committee are as follows :-

President - Mrs. P.W. Brett, 55 Tasmania Circle, Forrest, A.C.T. 2603.

Vice Presidents - Mrs. C.A. Burmester, 37 Macleay St., Turner, A.C.T. 2601.

Mrs. H.S. Taylor-Rogers, 7 Strzelecki Cres.,
Narrabundah, A.C.T. 2604.

Secretary/

Treasurer

Mrs. E.R. Goudie, 25 Cowper St., Ainslie, A.C.T. 2602.

I am enclosing a cheque for \$4.25, being a further amount received for the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

I would be pleased if you could forward me twenty-four (24) copies of "Circle of Prayer" Vo. III, and also six (6) copies of "Eve, where art Thou", as soon as available.

We would require 100 copies of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day in July, please and would be glad to receive them as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

M. Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T. 2602.

20th August, 1969.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Thank you for your letter dated 20/4/69, which, unfortunately I did not receive until 25th May and after our last meeting. Our next meeting will be held on 12th September.

We held Fellowship Day on Friday, 25th July. It was a very inspiring Service and the discussions on the questions were very interesting and lively. Owing to the flu and other illnesses being prevalent in the A.C.T. at this time of the year our numbers were low, but those who were present contributed well to the day. I have forwarded the offering to Mrs. Stephens as requested, also our levy of \$4. for administration.

I must apologise for the delay in forwarding this letter, but I too got caught with the flu and have been out of action for sometime.

Thank you for your good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

E.R. Goudie

(Mrs) E.R. Goudie,
Hon. Secretary.

CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN.

25 Cowper Street,
AINSLIE. A.C.T. 2602.

10th November, 1970.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Once again I have delayed writing to you concerning our representatives to the 1971 National Committee Meeting but at last am glad to say I have two ladies willing to attend - they are :-

Mrs. E.H. Winter, 7 Macleay St., TURNER, 2601. Methodist.

Mrs. C.A. Neal-Smith, 4 Spencer St., TURNER, 2601. Methodist.

I am enclosing a copy of our Report for the year and also a list of names of Church women's Groups represented at our quarterly meetings. Two representatives from each group are invited to attend, but they are not all present at each meeting.

After each Meeting a Newsletter is forwarded informing the Groups of the business attended to and dates and times etc. of any Special Events taking place within the next few weeks, also any other news items that may be of interest to them.

We had a lovely weekend with Veronica Kafa as our Guest and we were sorry that it was so short and so rushed. In our attempt to show her as much as possible of the National Capital we had to race around from one place to another. Also some of the places she would have liked to see, had there been time, are only open for inspection during normal working hours.

On behalf of the A.C.T. Committee I send their good wishes for the Christmas season and pray that the National Committee Meeting in February, will be a very successful and inspiring one.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mary Goudie
(Mrs. E.R. Goudie)
Hon. Secretary.