

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1988. On November, 1938, women of the Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist denominations came together in St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, and formed the WOMEN'S INTER- CHURCH COUNCIL.

This group was joined by women from the Baptist (1953), Salvation Army (1955), Anglican (1958), Roman Catholic (1969) and Ukrainian Orthodox (1992) denominations. In 1963, the name was changed to AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

Special Days of Celebration are:

FELLOWSHIP DAY - last Friday (when possible) in July.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - last Friday (when possible) in October.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY - days of spiritual inspiration and challenge (dates arranged).

Special Projects are:

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC). Supports women-oriented projects around the world as a practical expression of prayer fellowship.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship (WKS). Enables a Christian woman, annually, from the Asian, Indian or Pacific region to undertake supplementary study for up to 10 months as an addition to basic training in her chosen field of Christian service.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

*Annual Service of Dedication
and
Installation of the President*

Mrs. Peg Blake

**CHALMERS CHURCH
CNR. CHALMERS AND BEDFORD STREETS,
SURRY HILLS.**

MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 1996

AT 10.30 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Today's Service is one of special significance as the N.S.W. Unit of Australian Church Women concludes another year of service during which the members of the Council, having been appointed by their respective denominations, have endeavoured to interpret ACW's aims in service.

It also marks, at one and the same time, the end of the term of Office for one President and the commencement of another for the next two years.

Hence, this is a Service of Thanksgiving, Commitment and Dedication.

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come from their own Churches and Organisations and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in His Name.

Information is available today regarding all the activities and affiliates of Australian Church Women, Asian Church Women's Conference, Fellowship of the Least Coin and Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

The offering received at this Service will assist local expenses of the NSW Unit of ACW.

THEME: "Walking in the Steps of the Master"

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95: 1 - 7 Mrs. Lucelle King
Retiring President

ACW SONG (standing)
*We, being many, are one in the Lord;
Each one is different, but we're trusting in His Word;
For we are part of God's family
Through Jesus Christ, His Son;
Though we are many, yet in Christ we are one;
We, being many, in Christ we are one.*

WELCOME AND GREETING: Rev. Graham Flick
Minister, Caringbah Presbyterian Church

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 25 Miss Heather Reid
Social Issues Convener

LEADER: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

ALL: No one whose hope is in you
will ever be put to shame,
but they will be put to shame
who are treacherous without excuse.

LEADER: Show me your ways, O Lord,
teach me your paths;
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

ALL: Remember me, O Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

LEADER: Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;

ALL: According to your love remember me,
for you are good, O Lord.

HYMN 63 *To God be the Glory*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Mrs. Major Joan Tong
Secretary

MUSICAL ITEM

"The Bond of Love"
"Spirit of God, unseen as the wind"

Macgregor Singers
Caringbah

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14: 1 - 7

Mrs. June Angus
State President
Presbyterian Women's Association

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Mrs. Mina Whybourne
Minute Secretary

SOLO

"So near to God am I"
"A Fellowship Sweet"

Mrs. Barbara Spencer

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Mrs. Marie McCann
Functions Convener

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Miss Shirley Wells
FLC Convener

HYMN 522 *I will sing the Wondrous Story*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4: 7 - 21

Mrs. Beverley Elliott
Membership Secretary

PRAYER FOR UNITY

Mrs. Beth Finlay
WKS Convener

OFFERING AND DEDICATION PRAYER

Mrs. Marie Majoor
Treasurer

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9: 51 - 62

Mrs. Edith Ridge
Special Days Convener

HYMN 480

Guide me, O my great Jehovah

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

Dss Mary Andrews
Life Member

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT AND THE DEDICATION OF COUNCIL AND
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Congregation invited to stand.

Retiring President and all Council members:

In an act of commitment, we affirm the aims of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN,
NSW UNIT

To unite Christian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ;

To promote co-operation and understanding between men and women in
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 women of differing denominations to
worship, study and serve together.

To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts and may His power working in us
enable us to perform infinitely more than we ask or imagine.

GLORY BE TO GOD FOR EVER! AMEN

Retiring President:

Two years ago I received this copy of the Word of God as a token and symbol of the
Office of President of the NSW Unit of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN. Peg Blake, I
now pass it on to you that you might, by this Word of God keep alive the light of
witness, unity and service that has been the aim of ACW since its inception. We pray
God's abundant blessing on you as you use the talents and abilities God has given you
and that you have already dedicated to His Service. We pray God will give you His
wisdom and His strength to enable you to fulfil this task to His glory.

Therefore, receive this Bible, the living Word of God, in token and symbol of your
acceptance of the responsibility of the Presidency for the next two years. May the light
of the Word continue to shine with ever increasing brilliance to the glory of Almighty
God, whose children we are.

President:

I receive this Bible as an expression of my acceptance of the responsibilities as President of this NSW Unit. Recognising that I have a special charge to keep, acknowledging my complete dependence on God's grace and His word, I offer Him my solemn promise of the best that I can bring into willing service for the fulfilment of His purposes through AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Badge Presentation to President and new Executive members:

All: Consecrate to your service, O Lord, all members of this State Unit, with their offerings of personality, character, talent and ability, that the lives so dedicated may be the channels through which the Unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout the State.

Council members: Support us, we pray, from day to day, that we may all work together in harmonious co-operation to the end that we may glorify our Master and Redeemer. How ever your glory may best be served, O Lord, grant to us, your servants, in that way to serve.

All: Pour out your Spirit in full measure on each one, O God, that wisdom, strength and direction may be theirs as they need.

AMEN

Rev. Graham Flick

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PWA CHOIR: *"The Lord bless thee and keep thee" - Rutter*

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS *"Walking in the Steps of the Master"*

HYMN 536 *O Jesus, I have Promised*

BENEDICTION (HYMN 636)

COURTESIES & GRACE

** All are invited to the Presbyterian Church Centre, adjoining the Church, for light refreshments and a time of fellowship.

** A trading table featuring craft items and souvenirs for sale, is set up in the Centre.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Appreciation is expressed to members of the Presbyterian Women's Association who have contributed to our music today - organist, pianist, soloist and choirs with their conductors.

We particularly thank the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church for the use of Chalmers Church and also for the use of the Presbyterian Church Centre.

We are very grateful as well, to the Rev. Graham Flick of the Caringbah Presbyterian Church for his participation in the Service.

The members of the State Council of PWA, the Caringbah PWA and the ACW State Council members have kindly supplied and organised the floral decorations and the light refreshments to follow the Service. Thank you, ladies!

The President expresses her appreciation to the members of the Executive of the NSW State Unit of ACW and also to the State Council of the PWA and to her Church Family at Caringbah, for their prayerful support and involvement in so many ways.