



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1993/94

As I come to the end of my term of office as President, I look back on another very busy year – a very rewarding year of personal growth, and a continuance of adapting our organisation to a changing world. As President, I have accepted many invitations on your behalf, beginning with a wonderful luncheon on April 19th to honour Jean Arnott on her 90th birthday – what a great lady and role model for us all!

On April 29th, I spent a very enjoyable day with the ladies of the Church of Christ at their Annual Conference, Auburn, and look forward to a similar day this year to celebrate their Centenary at Belmore. On the same day, I went on to a birthday celebration with the other members of Executive, for our Winifred Kiek scholar, Malai Mahamaneerat.

During May, I journeyed with Margaret Jessup to Port Macquarie at the invitation of Lismore Catholic Women's League. We spoke to a group of ladies (a very warm welcome) and then travelled with them to South West Rocks to the CWLA Diocesan Conference, where we again gave a presentation on Australian Church Women. We returned in time for our Dedication Day when we welcomed Lucelle King as President-elect. We received Marie McCann's report on the Conference "Living under the Southern Cross" and heard a moving address by Pearl Wymarra Bond, giving us further insight into Aboriginal Spirituality and Culture.

I attended the Annual Luncheon of NCW on June 9th, where Professor Leone Still spoke of the difficulty for women

in reaching the top in Business and Politics. Later the same month, at the PPSEAWA meeting, Helen Roseman spoke on "French Exploration in the South Seas" - another most interesting talk. I always look forward to these meetings! And to end the month, an invitation to the Conference of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia (NSW), where I was so pleased to meet the minister about to leave for service with the Holy Family Hospital in Pakistan - which I know quite well. Our scholar, Malai, had some free time in July, and spent a week with Carmel Emmett, attending our CWLA meetings in Parramatta and in Sydney. During the same month I was disappointed to be unable to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Day at Golden Grove, but everyone who did was so enthusiastic that we are now preparing to gather there again for our first State Conference.

The National President of CWLA asked me to represent her at the launching by Anita Keating, in August, of the video produced by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation. The speakers all expressed the importance of "talking" - learning about one another; they all spoke of concern for their children, that they should live together in harmony.

Next came the highlight of our year - National Conference in Tasmania...a very special time of fellowship, education and planning for the future. As a family of God's people, worshipping and serving together, with the great advantage of diversity of religious practices, and various gifts, we spent those days renewing old friendships, making new ones, and asking for the blessings necessary to further our journey towards Unity.

Returning from Tasmania, I had one week to prepare before flying out to India, to spend 21 days leading a group of members of Society of St Vincent de Paul, to meet members in India and Pakistan...twenty-one days of visiting the remotest villages in Tamil Nadu and across Pakistan. I was disappointed to find my schedule was so tight that I could not meet with Rachel (our Winifred Kiek scholar of 1991) either in Madras or Trivandrum, but I did leave a gift for her little baby with a friend who later met and personally delivered it to her from NSW Unit.

We were in transit through Bombay Airport at the time of the earthquake, but heard no mention of it until arriving

at Karachi. The devastation was horrific, and we are still awaiting final assessments of the assistance required. We traversed Pakistan during the volatile election days, went 30 kilometres into the Khyber Pass, returned to Delhi, visiting the Taj Mahal, Jhansi and Jhaipur. In Pakistan, I was attacked by a monkey (no injury, luckily) and in India rode on an elephant. However, the memories which will remain always are of people living and dying on the streets, railway stations and airports of India, and in the remote areas of the Punjab in Pakistan, and yet I will remember being received everywhere with such hospitality, being offered a share of the little they have, and learning so much about faith and trust in God. It is impossible to visit the Third World and return without having your whole life changed!

But this was a busy year, and the week of my return I was the speaker at three World Community Services: Weeroona Village, Dee Why and Epping. At all three I received a very warm welcome.

Attending the Annual Service and Dinner of the Archdiocesan of Sydney Ecumenical Commission is always a special event, and the address by Rev. Bernard Thorogood was a very illuminating journey from the beginning of Ecumenism until the present time - from the original confrontation of denominations to the positive but perhaps fragile commitment of today.

Representing our organisation on local committees, I have attended the Unifem Breakfast (speakers Carmel Niland and Juliana Nkruma) and the Easter Breakfast (speaker Morris West).

An exciting moment was receiving news of a grant from International Fellowship of the Least Coin for Kuri-ngai Partners, a Catholic organisation of which I am a founding member, to assist Aboriginal people to establish their own ministry within the Church. Maisie Cavanagh spoke about the organisation and her Aboriginal spirituality at our Council meeting last year, and as a result the submission was a unanimous result.

We are now preparing for a similar submission for Shalom College.

Finally, we are now getting ready for the Installation of

Lucelle King, and look forward to her presidency. We are fortunate to have such an accomplished lady. I know she will receive our complete support, and I ask our heavenly Father's blessing on her and her family. May she receive as much reward as I have!

Thank you to all the Executive for your support and guidance, and to Council and Branch members, I leave you with the words of John 17:20-21:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me."

God bless!

Phyl. McKinnirey, President, 18.4.94

SECRETARY'S REPORT, APRIL 1994

An annual report is not an easy document to write. It is the summary of twelve months' work undertaken by a variety of people. It must ignore the detail of the official records found in the Minute Books but distil the volume of a year's activities into a 'cupful' of information which our readers will find interesting and which will give an overall picture of what has happened.

In the following pages you will find detailed reports from other members of the Council and Executive, so it is not my intention to 'steal their thunder' by reporting on all their activities. But it is also the job that often falls to the Secretary to acknowledge the work of others and to say 'thank you' on behalf of the organisation. This is something I am glad to do.

Our organisation, like all such groups, needs the leadership of a dedicated person. Thank you Phyl for all the effort you have put into your two years as President of the NSW Unit. We have enjoyed working with you, and the whole Council and indeed the Unit, has benefited from your leadership and

your friendship.

This year we have worked with a new Treasurer. What a sterling job Marie Majoor has done. It is not something that just anyone can do, but Marie has brought her skills and clear thinking to the position and has become the latest in a line of good treasurers serving our Unit. Thank you, Marie.

The members of Executive have worked happily together. How much we owe to them. Two new Convenerships were added during the year: the Convener for Branches, Beth Finlay has already made herself known to the people who organise our services and publicise ACW in the country and city areas by writing letters to them, encouraging them and giving some helpful guidelines for their work; Marie McCann had a special interest in taking on Convener for Special Functions. Marie has many good ideas for ACW and she will have great scope in implementing them as she fills the role of this convenership. Her first big job is the State Conference to be held at the end of April, 1994. This entirely new venture for ACW promises to be a time of learning together and of inspiration as we consider the International Year of the Family, the work of ACW, how we can be more effective in our Branch work, and where we fit into the Ecumenical scene in NSW.

During 1993 we tried to honour the International Year of the Indigenous People of the World. This was why we invited Maisie Cavanagh to speak to us about her people at one of the Council meetings. As a result of this, we applied for an International Committee for Fellowship of the Least Coin Grant on behalf of Kuri-ngai Partners, of which Maisie is the Liaison Person. We were thrilled to learn late last year that our application was successful to the amount of \$6000.

Convener Shirley Wells organised this grant application and is hard at work with this year's application on behalf of Shalom Christian College at Townsville. Shirley writes thank you letters to all the people and groups sending in their FLC collections and leads us at Council meetings in the time of devotions as we pass around our collection tin.

Mina Whybourne has found her 'family' growing as she has filled her role as Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener. The

girls who have come under her loving care have gone home reluctantly, leaving behind a 'second Mum'. The Executive members know how much it cost Mina in time and other ways during the year when Malai Mahamaneerat was studying in Sydney. Mina faithfully keeps in touch with our most recent scholars and has made friends for life of these young women.

Our interest in Asian Church Women's Conference has been kept alive with Joan Tong in charge of informing us about ACWC. We hope that the sale of Partners With ACWC pens will help us to meet our annual contribution to 'Partners'. Joan edited the ACWC service for our devotions at the November meeting and this gave us a foretaste of what we can expect in November this year when City of Sydney Branch hosts the whole service for us.

Many of our members subscribe to ACWC Bulletin and find it a very interesting magazine which puts us in touch with our Asian sisters. Joan would be happy to enrol new subscribers.

A welcoming smile and an invitation to take copies of the Council Minutes is the greeting that we receive from the Membership Secretary, Heather Reid. New delegates are given their first welcome from Heather who has served the Council in other ways, too, as our representative to Media Awareness Project Australia and to the Seminar on Men and Women Against Violence, organised by the National Council of Women.

Every member of ACW should feel they know the Editor of Newsette, our own magazine. Beryl McLaughlin does a splendid job as Editor, rounding up the Conveners and others for articles for Newsette and adding other interesting articles; and then putting the whole thing 'to bed', arranging for its printing and collating and posting out the copies. In this job she is ably assisted by the Newsette Subscription Secretary and Manager, Carmel Emmett and their team of workers.

Publicity and Promotion go hand-in-hand and the two Conveners have worked closely together during the year to launch their 'Forward Planning' scheme. Good information kits have been sent widely around the State and we are waiting for the harvest to follow this sowing.

As Publicity Convener, Jeanne Sutherland has also publicised our services and special events, using local papers and the medium of radio. Promotion Convener, Peg Blake, in spite of a bad year with her health, has maintained her interest in the Special Days, Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October. She reports good services were held in our centres, when we considered the themes 'The River of Justice' and 'Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly With Your God'. It's good to have you back, Peg.

The NSW Unit was asked to write the service for 1994 World Community Day on the theme 'We are Called to Peace'. Under the leadership of incoming President, Lucelle King, we had great joy in writing this service and we trust that everyone who uses it will be greatly blessed.

Promotional Items have been a feature of our Unit in the last few years. We have had produced items like tea towels, souvenir spoons featuring the ACW badge, badges, pens, and we also sold beautiful calendars, a most popular item. Joan Tong has been our very able salesperson, and we are grateful for your help in selling and buying these products; the profit has helped our administration funds. One new item has proved very popular with Council members: we designed and had made a special badge for members of Council to wear. We notice that many people wear the badges with pride.

Highlights of the year have included the Dedication Service on May 17. Marie McCann spoke to us about her experience at 'Living Under the Southern Cross' and our guest speaker, Pearl Wymarra Bond, touched our hearts as she told her story as an aboriginal woman. It was a day of inspiration and good fellowship. Spiritual Enrichment Day on July 19 on the theme 'Living Water' was a time of inspiration, challenge and refreshment. Held in the peaceful surroundings of the Healing Ministry Centre at Golden Grove, we were able to gain much from the speakers, Lucelle King, Patricia Burke and devotional leader, Edith Flateau. Jeanne Sutherland led a segment of Meditation through Music.

The Principal of Shalom Christian College came to speak to us in June. We learnt a lot from his talk and from the video that he showed. As a result of this visit, we applied to National Committee for the College to be considered as the recipient of the special offering at World Community Day in 1994. Again we

were successful. Alan Randell and his staff in Townsville would welcome your prayers and other support.

We were represented at the two Flower Festivals organised in the city by the two great cathedrals, St Mary's and St Andrew's. 'Our' flowers were lovely.

In September we took a large contingent to Tasmania for the National Conference. No, it wasn't a NSW 'take-over'; we sent our required two delegates and two observers and the rest were either representing their denomination or National organisation, or they were attending as visitors. We had a marvellous time and were able to report a good Conference. We had sent quite a number of Notices of Motion and were pleased to report that while 'we lost some' we also won some!

The Executive worked through the Christmas break; we met in December and January, preparing for the new year and especially for the Workshop held in January. This was a successful day when members of Council met in Denominational sub-groups to consider how they can promote ACW through their own networks. As they say in the ads. 'Watch This Space'!

What a joy it was to welcome to NSW Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt, the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Zambia. Violet is a former WKS student; she trained in Brisbane for Ministry in 1971. The morning tea and Reception we held for Violet was a highlight for us.

National Committee has been asked by the Girls' Brigade for membership with ACW. Our member Heather Reid has been the instigator of this move and this highlights the importance of the association that we have with other organisations. Thank you to the people who come to us from Girls' Brigade, Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the YWCA. Thank you also to the people who represent us at National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer, NSW Council of Children's Film and Television, and NSW Ecumenical Council.

On May 16 we will dedicate the officers for another year of service. At this service, Lucelle King will be installed as the President for the next two years. To Lucelle we pledge our friendship, our prayers and our loyal support. We look forward to another two years of good and inspired leadership.

As we finish with one year and go forward with faith into another, I am reminded of these words:

'this, this is the God we adore;
our faithful, unchangeable friend.
We'll praise Him for all that is past
and trust Him for all that's to come.'

I believe in John Wesley's words as we apply them to Australian Church Women - 'the best is yet to be'.

Thanks be to God.

Edith Ridge, Secretary. 18.4.94

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

As I report on and evaluate the work of the Fellowship of the Least Coin over the past year, I am reminded of the verse in Galatians 6:2, which reads, 'Carry (bear) each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ'. (NIV).



We in NSW have been privileged to share the burdens of so many women in so many countries and we thank God that we have been able to pray, love, encourage and offer our smallest coins to help bring peace, justice and reconciliation to so many people.

Shirin Samuel (executive secretary of The International Committee for The Fellowship of the Least Coin) has kept us well informed of the happenings and needs of women throughout the world and we have been able to pray more intelligently and effectually because of this.

We have had a busy year - new fellowships are continually appearing on our mailing list, and requests for offering boxes and information are being received from all parts of the State.

World Community Day in October again brought a wonderful response and an amount of \$10,035.68 has been given in small coins this year. I would like to thank all who took part in

these World Community Day Services - our speakers, leaders and all who met for worship and fellowship.

Circle of Prayer, Volume 12, has been widely distributed and is proving helpful to all who use it for devotional thoughts and prayers. Copies of this are still available on request at a cost of \$2, or \$2.50 posted.

Our good news for the year is that our application for an FLC grant for Kuri-ngai Partners of the Catholic Church has been successful and an amount of \$US6,000 has been given for this work. Let us remember Maisie Cavanagh and all who work with her, praying that many of our aboriginal sisters and brothers will be reached and encouraged through this grant.

Being NSW Convener of FLC is a privilege, and my grateful thanks go out to all who have supported and encouraged the work during this year. Let us continue to work together, seeking God's guidance and leading, remembering that FLC provides a sense of belonging and continual strength every time members pray for one another.

Shirley Wells, FLC Convener.



WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

As we know, the purpose of this scholarship is to provide supplementary training for a Christian woman from the Asian, Indian or Pacific areas.

Our 1993 scholar, Malai Mahamaneerat, came from Thailand and was a nursing sister at St Louis Hospital, Bangkok, our first Catholic scholar. She was a charming, delightful girl and it was a real privilege for me to have her stay for part of her study course. Malai spent three months studying English at the Special Language School, Sydney, and then undertook several courses at the CARE Centre at Lewisham, in Bereavement Counselling, including General Counselling, Leadership, Children and Grief; she is to lecture and eventually be responsible for setting up a Bereavement Counselling Clinic in Bangkok with special emphasis on AIDS Patients. These courses were very challenging and difficult. Malai received very good

reports from her lecturers and with her calm, serene personality and her Christian faith, was able to handle the death and dying situations she encountered in her practical work at the Sacred Heart Hospice, Calvary Hospital and other Hospices in Adelaide and Melbourne.

Malai met many members of ACW in Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Melbourne and was able to be present at the National Conference in Ulverstone, Tasmania, after which she returned to Bangkok. (She is now lecturing at St Louis Hospital and studying for her Master's Degree in Nursing).

Rev. Mary Au from Hong Kong, our 1980 Scholar, was a special guest at the National Conference in Tasmania. Mary has a very large parish in Kowloon with great responsibility. She and Malai became good friends.

During the year, we heard from Doreen Tie (1990 Scholar) that the Toy Library is functioning well in Kuching and she sent some photographs of the toys available. Portion of the proceeds of World Community Day 1992 were sent to the School for Handicapped Children for the purchase of extra toys, and this was very much appreciated. Doreen was married to Philip on the 19th March and suitable greetings of congratulations were sent to her from ACW.

Rachel Sobana Kanley (1991 Scholar) and her husband now have a delightful baby boy, Brian Jeremiah. Rachel looks well and happy in the photograph she sent of herself, her husband and Brian.

We also had a visit from Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt (1971 Scholar) from Zambia. Violet was in Australia to promote the Christmas Bowl Appeal, as the guest of the NSW Ecumenical Council. It was very thrilling to hear of Violet's experiences in her ministry.

Sister Barkat Kishan Das (1978 Scholar) wrote from Karachi, Pakistan, and sought our prayers in a difficult situation in the hospital she administers.

Rev. Dien Sumiyatiningsih from Indonesia (1980 Scholar) also sent greetings during the year, telling of her marriage and the birth of her baby.

Miss Nighat Gulzar is to be the 1994 Scholar from Raiwind

Diocese, Church of Pakistan. She is 23 years of age and has a widowed mother and three brothers. She has a degree in commerce and works as an accountant in the women's office of the Raiwind Diocese. She wishes to gain skills in office management and will study in Adelaide. We hope we will meet Nighat later in the year.

Our scholars all seek our continued prayers for them in their various situations.

I am very appreciative of the help and assistance of the WKS Committee this year, especially in planning Malai's activities and my special thanks to President, Phyl McKinnirey, Secretary Edith Ridge, Joan Tong, Lucelle King and Carmel Emmett and, in fact, all members of our Executive.

Mina Whybourne, WKS Convener

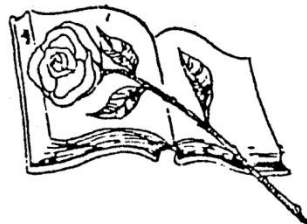
NEWSETTE

It has been rewarding to produce Newsette for another twelve months, and it is gratifying to receive many favourable comments on each issue. This is an encouragement to continue to seek items of interest and concern that range beyond our own ACW news and activities.

If anyone reading this report is not already a subscriber and would like to be, send your name and address and \$5 for one year's subscription (four issues) to the Distribution Secretary:

Mrs Carmel Emmett
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Beryl McLaughlin, Newsette Editor



PROMOTION

During the year, Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services have been held by 35 branches and reports to hand indicate that the themes for the Special Days were very well received, although attendances in many instances were lower. Unfortunately we have lost two of our country branches this year, but we have high hopes of seeing new branches starting, with God's help, in the near future.

Several Information Kits have been sent out regarding the purpose and activities of ACW. A successful promotional day was held at Beverley Hills in September last.

To help in the planning of successful Special Days, Orders of Service are sent out two months beforehand and we would point out that it is essential that your contact person must open the parcel as soon as possible after it arrives, to read the Service through and all of the printed matter also included. This ensures that the host Church will have the Orders of Service in plenty of time to plan ahead - especially enabling the Speaker to prepare to address the theme. A list of Speakers available from Australian Church Women is included in each parcel so that no branch should feel at a loss for a speaker on any occasion. Some of the ladies are quite prepared to visit country centres.

Please remember that it is very important that the report giving all the details of your Special Day be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible after the Service. She then passes it on to Promotions for the records. This is the only way we are kept informed of branch happenings.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if we can help you in any way "to provide opportunities to worship, study and serve together" - AS ONE IN THE LORD!

We take this opportunity to thank our retiring President, Phyl McKinnirey, for her love and gracious leading and the encouragement she has given us at all times. We pray that God will continue to bless her in all her endeavours for Him.

Peg Blake, Convener

MEMBERSHIP

Once again, attendance at monthly Council meetings has been excellent, with the addition of several new faces and the loss of several loved members.

It was indeed sad to lose a member of long standing when Mrs Vera Thorpe went to be with the Lord during the year.

We have also lost Sister Patricia de Coek who has moved to Melbourne and we wish her every blessing in her new sphere of work.

I was most privileged to represent the Membership at the Conference Men and Women Against Violence held in the theatre of the NSW Parliament, and have been able to address several meetings on this topic.

Heather Reid, Membership Convener

BRANCHES

I would like to thank all those Branches who responded to my January letter; it was encouraging to hear from you.

Some Branches are very active and some not quite so active. This is understandable because a good deal depends on the area which the Branch is in, distances that have to be travelled and various activities that many members are already involved in.

As you plan for your Special Days this year, may God guide and lead you in your planning and may Fellowship Day and World Community Day both be ones of real joy and blessing.

Beth Finlay, Branches Convener



NSW COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS AND TELEVISION

There was enthusiastic participation by all representatives and increased improvement in the quality and content of children's television. However there is great concern at the accents on youth television and it has been suggested that there be a more vigilant approach in this area.

Twelve hospitals are being supplied with videos. Members were delighted to hear of the comfort given by the video 'Pinocchio', which was on permanent loan for ten months to a little girl undergoing long and painful treatment at Royal Alexandria Hospital, and the good news - the bone marrow transplant was successful!

Mollie Craig, Delegate

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer NSW Committee is happy to report that throughout New South Wales men and women are responding to the ministry of the World Day of Prayer Service held on the first Friday in March every year.

The 1994 Service, 'Go, See, Act' was prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine and, apart from some adverse criticism, the 4th March was a significant day in 440 centres where the Service was held.

At the time of printing, reports are coming in with the good news that many attendances were up and the financial situation will be in proportion to the attendance.

This year we welcomed Mrs Noeline Roose as President of the NSW Committee and she is ably assisted by Mrs Rose Hunter (Secretary), Mrs Dorothy McEwan (Treasurer) and Mrs Val Dent (Recording Secretary).

The Committee, comprising women from all the main Churches, work well together, bound by their love for the Lord Jesus Christ, who is pre-eminent in all their deliberations.

We were honoured this year by a visit from the National Liaison Officer for Australia, Mrs Jean Cheshire, who stimulated and challenged everyone she met.

We appreciate the personal interest of Mrs Shirley Sinclair (wife of the Governor of NSW), and her message this year was particularly relevant.

The Bible Society and Lotu Pasifika again will benefit greatly from the donations given by the World Day of Prayer coming from the many people who were blessed and inspired by this year's Service.

The members of the World Day of Prayer NSW Committee wish the Australian Church Women a spiritually fulfilling year of service.

Brigadier Ruth Smith, Delegate

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

WCTU with its motto of 'For God, Home and Humanity' continues its particular aspect of Christian service of encouraging a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle, as it has been seeking to do for more than 100 years.

Speakers at two special days in the past year, the Rev. Bill Crews of Exodus Foundation (Ashfield Uniting Church) and the Rev. Noreen Towers of Edgar Eager Lodge (Wesley Mission), challenged all who heard them with the plight of homeless young people, and with helping rehabilitation of recovering alcoholics. Financial support was given to each of these, and also to the Jesus Cares Ministry, Sydney City Mission, Parramatta City Mission and the Baptist Inner City Ministries.

Another aspect of WCTU activity is writing to politicians, the media and others re proposed legislation or other matters of concern about evil influences in the community, and also of commendation for efforts to uplift or improve our society.

One concern is that most of the members of this once very strong and powerful organisation (eg obtaining the vote for women) are becoming aged and, like many other groups, finding little success in interesting younger women.

I would be very happy to supply information about membership or about the wide range of literature we have available,

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994 CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1993 #5631-62 ADD RECEIPTS FOR 12 MONTHS

Organisation A/c		
Affiliation Fees	490-00	
Associate Membership Fees	150-00	
	640-00	
Less Affiliation Fee overpaid	5-00	635-00
Donations - General	57-10	
- Tea Money	48-50	105-60
Offering - Dedication Service	369-45	
Less expenses	100-00	269-45
Spiritual Enrichment Day	522-60	
Less expenses	490-00	32-60
"Newslette" subscriptions & donations	900-50	
Less Cost of Production & postage	978-71	78-41 Dr
A.C.W.C. Bulletin subscriptions		135-00 (c)
5% handling of Offertories for -		
FLC/F'ship Day/Wld Com. Day/W.K.S.		1076-42
Special funds		
F.L.C.	10035-68	
Winifred Keik Scholarship	304-05	
Fellowship Day Service	5072-05	
World Community Day Service	3960-32	19372-10
Interest - Commonwealth Bank	136-04	
- Glebe Board	365-71	511-75
Overseas Travel Fund		
- Trading Table	129-60	
- Tea Money	42-50	172-10
Beryl McLaughlin - Rego. for Nat.Conf		40-00 (c)
State Conference	155-00	
Less expenses	34-00	121-00
Sales - Promotional Items	4402-11	
Less cost	4111-89	290-22
Immigration Department -		
Refund monies paid by M Whybourne		
on behalf of WKS		100-00 (c) 22782-83
		28414-45
<u>DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS</u>		
Printing & Stationery	397-29	
Postage	133-55	
Publicity	715-30	
Promotions	87-55	
Photos for records	26-90	
Sundry Expenses	130-87	
CAL Conference - Sth West Rocks-Fares & Accom	140-00	
Festival of Flowers - St Mary's	80-00	
- St Andrew's	80-00	
	160-00	
Less Donations	66-15	93-85
Gift for Rachael	20-00	
Less Donations	14-60	5-40
Government Charges	90-10	
	1820-81	28414-45

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994
PAYMENTS (CONTD.)

	1820-81	28414-45
National Treasurer - ADWC Bulletins (93)	60-00	
" " " "	135-00 (c)	
" " - Travel Fund	150-00	
" " - ADWC Partners	500-00	
Less Donations	<u>156-50</u>	343-50
Dedication Day - Luncheon	819-00	
Less monies received	<u>778-00</u>	41-00
National Conference ADW		
Expenses	1568-00	
Share Travel Pool	8-00	
Air Fare	289-00	
Final Sale of Stock	292-30	
Video/Tapes	22-00	
Registration - B McLaughlin	40-00 (c)	
Donation - A.C.C. Burma Appeal	200-00	
Subscriptions -		
N.S.W. Childrens Film & T.V. - Affiliation	10-00	
National Council of Women -	40-00	
" " " " - Annual Luncheon	35-00	
" " " " - Lunch Miss Amot	30-00	
" " " " - Seminar	75-00	
Y.W.C.A. - Annual Luncheon	15-00	
Imprest Accounts		
President	50-00	
Secretary	50-00	
Treasurer	50-00	
Publicity	100-00	
F.L.C. Convenor	<u>50-00</u>	300-00
M Whybourne -		
Refund of monies paid on behalf of W.K.S.		100-00 (c)
Special Funds		
F.L.C. b/forward from 1992	1939-25	
add entitlement	<u>102-10</u>	2041-35
World Community Day b/fwd from 1992	174-04	
add entitlement	<u>9-16</u>	183-20
Fellowship of the Least Coin	9486-43	
Winifred Keik Scholarship	289-85	
Fellowship Day Service	4517-45	
World Community Day Service	<u>3368-53</u>	
	17662-26	
Add entitlement & expenses	<u>1709-84</u>	19372-10

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DR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C 28/2/1994

1243-19

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1994

BALANCES		FUNDS	
COMMONWEALTH BANK -		ORGANISATION A/C	6696-78
CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$1243-19	"NEWSLETTE"	
GLEBE ADMINISTRATION		Subscriptions	
BOARD	6000-00	& Donations	239-79
			1140-29
		Less costs	<u>978-91</u>
			161-38
		OVERSEAS TRAVEL	
		Blice 1-3-93	140-93
		Add Receipts	<u>172-10</u>
			313-03
		Less payment	<u>150-00</u>
			163-03
		STOCK	
		Blice 1-3-93	1489-14
		Add Sales	<u>4402-11</u>
			5891-25
		Less Purchases	
			<u>4073-09</u>
			1818-16
		Less Postage	<u>38-80</u>
			1779-36
		Less Tsfd	
		ADWC Partners	<u>383-50</u>
			1395-86
		Less Tsfd	
		Administration	
		A/c	<u>1334-86</u>
			61-00
		STATE CONFERENCE	
		Receipts	155-00
		Less Printing	<u>34-00</u>
			121-00
		ADWC PARTNERS	
		Donations	<u>156-00</u>
		Add - Tsfd	
		from Stock A/c	<u>383-50</u>
			540-00
		Less Payment	<u>500-00</u>
			40-00
	\$7243-19		\$7243-19

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTS

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance B/forward 1-3-1993
Receipts for year ended 28-2-1994

2041-35
10033-68
12077-03

Less payments

FLC Convener
National Executive
5% entitlement ACW NSW

50-00
11425-68
601-35 12077-03

NIL BALANCE

FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE

Receipts for year ended 28-2-1994

5072-05

Less payments

Printing
Postage
National Executive
5% entitlement ACW NSW

296-60
4-30
4517-45
253-70 5072-05

NIL BALANCE

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE

Balance b/forward 1-3-1993
Receipts for year ending 28-2-1994

183-20
3960-32
4143-52

Less payments

Printing
Postage
Advertising
National Executive
5% Entitlement ACW NSW

257-98
85-80
50-00
3342-57
207-17 4143-52

NIL BALANCE

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Receipts for year ending 28-2-1994

304-05

Less payments

National Executive
5% entitlement ACW NSW

289-85
14-20 304-05

Auditors Report

NIL BALANCE

I have audited the books and accounts of the Australian Church Women (N.S.W. State Unit) and find that the statements and Balance Sheet submitted give a true and fair view of the affairs of that organisation for the year ended the 28th February 1994.

It is noted as discussed with the Treasurer a Stock record should be kept of the stock consigned, monies received and stock returned.

Also that a complete record of special funds received from each branch should be kept.

I have corrected totals on statement and an amended copy should be presented to meeting.

F.M.Fryirs ASA/Honorary Auditor

30/4/94

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free of cost, including material on alcohol, smoking, marijuana and other drugs, gambling, pre-marital sex, and also non-al recipes, to anyone interested.

Beryl McLaughlin, WCTU State Secretary

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The half-yearly meeting of the Council was held at St George's Coptic Orthodox Church in Bowral Street, Kensington on 22 May.

Father Marcos Tawfik invited us to enter or leave the Church at will during their three-hour Saturday Service, which was conducted in English (rather than Arabic!).

St George's is the first of ten Coptic Churches now in Sydney. Father Marcos gave us a talk about the origins of the Church, ascribed to St Mark. He also invited questions. St Mark must have travelled a good deal, eg, St Mark's Square in Venice.

Coptic priests may marry - Coptic monks do not.

Inside, the Church is very ornate - all prepared in Egypt and brought to Australia in ships, together with necessary workmen.

Now to the Ecumenical Council meeting: We had a guest facilitator, Rev. Tony Doherty from the Catholic Adult Education Centre. He had us discussing in groups of three (one man and one woman in each group) and not always the same three. We discussed the nature of the Council, its weaknesses, its possibilities, how we could be together and be seen to be together.

Rev. David Gill of the ACC was the guest speaker. He mentioned the hope of a new body named The National Council of Churches and suggested that the week of Prayer for Christian Unity should focus on Pentecost, as all churches observe this commemoration.

We were given a tasty lunch and afternoon tea by our hosts.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting as I was in Rockhampton, Qld, on Saturday 23 October, but I have all the records of that meeting which was held in St James Anglican Church in King Street, City.

The various Task Groups had been asked to prepare a report of

their activities under such headings as:

1. Why do I exist?
2. What have I accomplished?
3. What are my weaknesses?
4. In what way (if any) could I improve?

This resulted in 20 pages of fulsome reports.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sydney has now become a full member of the Council.

In my opinion, it will require a great deal of consultation and negotiation before a national body can be formed, but we are on the way.

Mrs Colonel Flo Peterson, Delegate

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Australian Church Women has continued to be represented at National Council of Women. This past year has been both busy and interesting and the guest speakers have covered a wide variety of interests, organisations and social issues.

Many submissions have been made by the Council to Ministers of State Parliament on matters relating to women and the family, etc.

A Seminar on 'Men and Women Against Violence' was the major event of the year and was held at the Theatre in Parliament House. This was very well attended and ACW was represented by Miss Heather Reid, who brought back to us an interesting and informative report. The putting in place of the recommendations which emerged from the seminar is to be one of the projects for 1994 - The International Year of the Family.

Our first NCW week was a great success, and plans are in hand for a special week in August 1994. This will coincide with 26 August, which was the date of the first general meeting of the Council in 1896 (98 years ago).

Seventy-four organisations are represented on NCW, together with 103 individual members, 10 honorary life members and 42 life members.

We, your representatives, would welcome your prayers as we

meet on the last Thursday evening each month.

It has been a privilege to represent ACW.

Shirley Wells, Delegate

GIRLS' BRIGADE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

During the past year I have been able to address Girls' Brigade State Council and explain to Officers the role of Australian Church Women, and how they can take part in their local branches. As a consequence, the State Secretary produced and mailed out a list of all branch meetings held last year.

I attended the ACW National Conference held in Tasmania and realised that Girls' Brigade was not affiliated nationally. On my return home I spoke to our National Girls' Brigade Secretary who brought this before the National Executive, and as a consequence Girls' Brigade applied for affiliation and was accepted. The National Executive of Girls' Brigade have also suggested that all State Units become affiliated with their State Unit of ACW.

In this month's edition of our National Digest, I have written an article on Australian Church Women. This publication is sent to all companies in each State and will, I hope, stimulate interest in Officers seeking out a branch near them.

Heather Reid, Representative

BRANCH REPORTS

KILLARA/LINDFIELD/ROSEVILLE

Our Branch has had a very good year - all Churches in our area now participating. West Lindfield All Saints Anglican Church have rejoined, and St Barnabas Anglican Church, East Roseville, came to World Day of Prayer and will now become actively involved.

There are thirteen churches, including Uniting, Presbyterian, Catholic and Anglican, all having planning meetings and services in rotation.

Approximately eighty attend Fellowship Day and World Community

Day Services and one hundred attend World Day of Prayer - each Church likes to choose their own speaker, soloist and organist, and arranges the Church and provides a lovely time of fellowship and morning tea. There is a wonderful ecumenical spirit and great blessings of friendship and fellowship.

Mary Craig, Hon. Secretary

TURRAMURRA/WAHROONGA

Our Branch is made up of representatives from twelve churches in the district. There are four Anglicans, one Baptist, one Church of Christ, one Presbyterian, one Korean Christian, one Roman Catholic and three Uniting Churches.

Its main duties are to organise the World Day of Prayer and the Fellowship Day Services, and each Church has its turn as host of each service.

The host church for the World Day of Prayer provides the President for the year, and the host church for the Fellowship Day service provides the secretary/treasurer.

We have a planning meeting before each service and an open annual meeting at the end of the year when each representative gives a report on the activities of the women of her church.

As the members grow older in some of the churches they are finding it difficult to get new, younger, interested women to carry on the duties.

This year we are very pleased to welcome women from the new Korean Christian Church in Turramurra. Until they become more adept at speaking English our communication is interesting, to say the least, as our Korean language is nil! But, of course, being Christian and friendly makes it easier.

We look forward to their active participation as we get to know one another better.

Margaret Jessup, Representative

BURWOOD/CONCORD BRANCH

At the Annual Meeting of the branch in February 1993, the three office bearers were re-elected for the ensuing year, ie, President, Mrs Elsie Pullar from North Croydon Uniting Church, Secretary, Mrs Dorothy Lewis from Malvern Hill Uniting Church, Croydon, and Treasurer, Mrs Hilda Miller from St Lukes Anglican Church, Concord.

Three general meetings were held during the year as well as our two special services on Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October.

We were grateful to St Lukes Anglican Church, Concord, for hosting Fellowship Day when Mrs Lucelle King was the guest speaker on the theme 'The River of Justice' with Mrs Rita Zammit as soloist. We also thank Miss Connie Secomb who is always so willing to play the organ for us.

At this service we were honoured to have the present WKS holder, Malai Mahamaneerat, from St Louis Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, with us and we learned something of her background when Mrs King introduced her to us.

We thank St Lukes members for their hospitality and we did appreciate the attendance of Rev. Alan Guyer at the service and of Mrs Guyer at our luncheon following.

St Josephs Catholic Church, Enfield, hosted the Service on World Community Day, when Mrs Yvonne Davis was our speaker and Miss Ha Jung Kim our delightful soloist. Thanks also go to our Mrs Marie Brady for her part on the organ at this service. The ladies of St Josephs Church went out of their way to make us welcome and we thank them sincerely for their hospitality. The theme of this service was 'Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with your God', and we appreciated the presence of Father Paul at the service at which eighty attended.

Our thanks go to the Burwood/Croydon Parish of the Uniting Church for the use of Fellowship Hall in their Burwood complex for our general meetings. It is a very central location and we are grateful for its use.

We hope the fellowship in this branch will continue to grow and be enjoyed by its members so that together we can glorify God and extend His Kingdom in the years to come.

Dorothy Lewis. Secretary

LANE COVE/LONGUEVILLE BRANCH

It is good to reflect on the year's activities which we have shared while still basking in the sunshine and warmth of Good Fellowship, Friendship and Love experienced at our final ACW Meeting and Christmas luncheon on 6 December. We offer heartfelt thanks for the opportunities we have had to serve our Lord together in harmony, peace and goodwill. Working together has been such a pleasure, and serving the Lord such a privilege.

We have enjoyed another year of quality leadership from our President, Dorothy Moulton, who conducted our three Services graciously, with reverence and skill. Readings were shared on each occasion by different members of ACW representing all denominations involved in our Branch. We came together for the conducting of seven meetings throughout the year.

World Day of Prayer was held at St Michael's Catholic Church Lane Cove on 5 March 1993. The Guest Speaker was Sue Munro, General Manager of Lane Cove Community Aid Service, a dedicated Christian lady well qualified to speak on the topic "God's People Instruments of Healing", having experienced the trauma of liver transplant. She spoke of people who had inspired her through her ordeal and helped her to walk with God to health. The children of St Michael's School, led by Mrs Coralie Yates, sang two songs which gave a fresh dimension to the Service. Approximately 120 people attended (not including the children). The collection was \$404.80.

Fellowship Day was held at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Lane Cove. The Guest Speaker, Rev. Shirley Maddox (the present Moderator of the Uniting Church), delivered an inspiring address on the theme "The River of Justice" - as the river nourishes the trees and makes them grow....also Christ our Living Water. There were 65 in attendance and the collection amounted to \$222.

World Community Day Service was held at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Longueville. Mrs Dorothy Hulme Moir warmed the hearts of the entire congregation with her talk on the theme "Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with your God". Her whole presence and demeanour gave evidence of the fact

that this is exactly how she has lived and loved her 85 years. Her love for God and people overflows! There were 60 people present and the collection was \$203; FLC \$221.50.

Attendances for the year (all services) were up by 74. Collections for the year (all services) were up by \$277.18. "We Being Many are One in the Lord" was sung at each Service.

Dedication Day Service was held at Army Congress Hall on 17 May and Lois Maze attended. The congregation was welcomed by President Phyl McKinnirey and readings throughout the Service were shared by members of the State Council Executive. Guest Speakers were Marie McCann and Pearl Wymarra Bond, aboriginal liaison person, University of Western Sydney, who spoke on the recent conference on "Living under the Southern Cross".

Spiritual Enrichment Day was held at the Healing Centre at Newtown in June and was attended by Janet Flower and Lois Maze. It was a day of great spiritual value. Reflection, Meditation and Prayer, was led by Edith Flateau, Lucelle King, Jeanne Sutherland and Patricia Burke.

Lane Cove/Longueville are proud to celebrate 25 years of "belonging" to ACW. Our Branch was formed in April, 1968. A copy of Minutes of the first meeting was obtained from Lane Cove Library Archives and handed to several Foundation Members. We were pleased to have a visit from Mrs Olwen Lean at our July meeting. Mrs Beverley Griffith and Mrs Cath Anley came to our Christmas luncheon. One sad note is that Mrs Edna Chambers announced her retirement from ACW at our luncheon. How well she has served our Branch during her 25 years membership! Olwen, Beverley, Cath and Edna were all Foundation Members.

We thank our Rectors/Priests who have supported and encouraged us. We thank all those who have contributed their time and talents, musically, aesthetically and physically, with floral artistry, with food, beverages and the many details that all create the "heartbeat" at our gatherings. And we thank all those people who came along to worship ecumenically and to share the fellowship, acknowledging that truly "we are all one in Christ"!

Lois Maze, Secretary

CHATSWOOD/WILLOUGHBY BRANCH

Our President this year has been Mrs Jeannine Alves of the Church of Christ. Mrs Dorothy Woodhouse continues as Secretary, Mrs Frances Gray is Treasurer and Mrs Major Glenys Holley is representative to State Council.

We assisted with the World Day of Prayer at the Catholic Church Chatswood, with 71 present and \$232.25 in the offering. The Fellowship Day and World Community Day services were held with good speakers, and the offering and FLC collections were forwarded to State Unit. Pens and other goods have been sold on behalf of the State Unit. We now have a 'Bring and Buy Trading table' at our two services and donations have been given to Northshore Recreation Network Inc. helping young people, ACWC Partners and Willoughby Community Aid at the Dougherty Centre, as usual. At the Annual Meeting of Community Aid, our President was presented with a donor's certificate in appreciation! We were also able this year to donate \$60 to Chatswood Community Police Station Mobile Van, to help set it up with equipment. This Van proved its worth in the summer bushfires. We heard of this while in attendance at Chatswood Consultative Community committee meetings which our representative attends.

Our President attended ACW Annual Meeting in April, three attended the Annual Service and two went to Spiritual Enrichment Day from our branch.

Several ladies have initiated 'Willoughby Women Praying Together' for the City of Willoughby. Although not officially affiliated with our branch, most of us are involved in it. It is ecumenical and meets for one hour on the first Friday of the month at different churches in our area. Prayers are answered and those attending are uplifted.

Dorothy Woodhouse. Secretary

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SUTHERLAND SHIRE BRANCH

Our Branch, which encompasses the large area of Sutherland Shire from Heathcote to Jannali/Como and east to Cronulla, is functioning well. We have a Committee drawn from the various denominations, which meets once or twice a year to discuss the way forward and to present ideas regarding outreach, etc. A suggestion had been made that we should divide the area and commence another Branch, but this has been rejected because, as one member from Engadine remarked, we all work so well as 'one in Christ' and have become very fond of each other, and it would be a pity to disturb the fellowship we have built during the past fourteen years.

Both Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services were well attended (120 and 140), with members from the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Uniting Church attending and participating in both Services.

Fellowship Day was held at the Uniting Church, Caringbah. The theme 'The River of Justice' was very thoughtfully presented by Mrs Edith Ridge, our State Secretary. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed over lunch after the Service.

World Community Day was held in the new Congregational Church in Miranda. Mrs Doris Haberfield spoke on 'Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with your God', a very positive and compelling address. Again all attending stayed for a time of fellowship over lunch. The FLC offering amounted to \$348.50.

Malai Mahamaneerat, our 1993 WKS scholar, was able to attend our Fellowship Day Service and told us of her nursing life in Bangkok and how much she was enjoying her time in Sydney and the opportunity at the CARE Centre to learn Bereavement Counselling skills.

Our dear President, Peg Blake, was unable to attend either of our Special Day Services due to hospitalisation and convalescence for hip replacements and we missed her encouraging leadership very much. We give thanks that she is now almost restored to full mobility and will again be able to worship with us in July and October.

Mina Whybourne, Secretary

PARRAMATTA BRANCH

Parramatta Branch report for 1992-93 was written by Mrs Laurette Jackson and presented in April.

This year, owing to Mrs Jackson's absence overseas, the Treasurer suggested that I write the report for 1993-94.

In the last year we have held three meetings with an average attendance of 12 members - an increase on the previous year.

We have had good representation from the four major denominations and are very pleased to report that at the last World Day of Prayer Service a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Northmead and two persons from Korean Missionary Church, Parramatta, attended.

Our beloved Mrs Lt Col. Edna Baker is still in Westmead Hospital, following amputation of a foot several weeks ago. This became necessary because of a serious illness with which she is burdened. At the time of going to print we are pleased to know that her condition is satisfactory.

Fellowship Day was held in St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Westmead, in July, hosted by Mrs Margaret Donohoo, serving morning tea before the Service. The occasion was well attended. Guest Speaker was Mrs Nora Walker - a lady devoted to welfare work, especially with children. The theme was "The River of Justice".

World Community Day was held in the Salvation Army Citadel, Parramatta. The occasion was hosted by Mrs Laurel Witts and morning tea was enjoyed before the Service. Miss Heather Reid who represents Girls' Brigade on ACW State Unit, was Guest Speaker. Attendance was satisfactory.

World Day of Prayer was held in St John's Cathedral in March, followed by light luncheon. Mrs Beverley Kemp was hostess and organiser. Speaker was Archdeacon Dianne Nicholias whose talk was most interesting and inspirational. Attendance was excellent and several people lingered in the hall, as proof they were enjoying the fellowship. Several men attended.

Our meetings and services are always very pleasant occasions giving an opportunity to meet friends away from the busy

thoroughfares and to enjoy friendship and hospitality.

The Parramatta Branch members look forward to the forthcoming meetings later this year.

Avis Stretton, Convener

CITY BRANCH

Fellowship Day 1993 was held at St Patrick's Church, where some fifty ladies were welcomed by Sister Jemma, Parish Sister. Our Service was commended in prayer by the acting Parish Priest who also spoke in an encouraging way on the subject of the Service, indicating that he had studied it carefully. We were pleased to have as speaker the State Secretary, Mrs Edith Ridge whose message was much appreciated. Margaret Hall and Val Kennedy once again provided the music at their usual high standard. We continued our fellowship over lunch following the Service.

World Community Day was held at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Crown Street, Surry Hills. It had been the custom at this Service to have discussion groups rather than a speaker, but at the planning meeting several people said that they favoured a speaker and the branch President offered to fill in as the speaker, it being a little late to ask someone else. Some 60 ladies attended the Service and once again Margaret Hall and Val Kennedy provided the music. As 1993 was the centenary year of the Chinese Church, the ladies of the Church insisted on providing a special lunch for us and a great time of fellowship followed the Service.

Miss Shirley Wells, FLC Convener, gave a short talk during the Service on the subject of FLC and a table with literature was set up in the hall where we had lunch.

Vi Minty, President



ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC)

Throughout the past year, ACWC has continued its activities among the member countries. The major activity was the consultation held in Sri Lanka, its theme being: THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN - THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FAMILY. Mrs Marie McCann was invited to be a sub-theme speaker and her excellent address is fully reported in the report of the consultation which is available for any interested persons to read.

The concern of the consultation was to find practical ways to overcome the problems that our children and families are suffering. The consultation statement gives a clear indication of the result:

We, though many, are one in the Body of Christ. This oneness was evident as 43 women, representing 12 member countries of ACWC and the United Kingdom, came together at the ACWC Consultation on 'THE CRY OF CHILDREN - THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FAMILY', which was held at the Mount Royal Beach Hotel, Mt Lavinia, Sri Lanka, from 3-6 September 1993.

We shared our experiences and learned of the suffering of children, through Bible study, worship, exposure trip to local situations, lectures, workshops and country presentation.

Recognising the plight of children and our failure as a community to provide them with adequate love and care, we affirm the rights of children

- ** to have life;*
- ** to be loved and cared for enabling them to develop to their full potential;*
- ** to be protected from exploitation and abuse;*
- ** to be heard;*
- ** to be educated (including Christian education);*
- ** to have gender equality.*

We commit ourselves to:

- ** study the UN Charter on the Rights of the Child*

- and advocate for its implementation;*
- ** raise awareness of issues of children in the Church and in the wider community;*
- ** learn more about legal issues and government policies affecting children;*
- ** network with organisations working with children;*
- ** support education for effective parenting;*
- ** reinforce the importance of family in 1994 - the International Year of the Family.*

We Asian church women, empowered by the Holy Spirit and inspired by Christ's love for children, dedicate ourselves anew to improving the lives of children and their families.

A new executive secretary has been appointed to follow Eunice Kim whose term concludes October 1994. She is: Professor Rev. Iluminada A Domingo for the Philippines. Iluminada is aged 42 and received her MA degree in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia, USA; her BA in Christian Education from the Philippine Christian University, Manila, and she is in the process of doing her Ph.D studies at Centro Escolar University in Manila. She is the Dean of College of Education, Northern Christian College, Laoag City, Philippines. A very talented lady indeed.

The quadrennial conference of ACWC is to be held in Taiwan, November 2-8, 1994. Joan Tong and Lucelle King will be attending the assembly. The host is the Women's Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

The quarterly bulletin of ACWC brings news and views from many of the participating countries. The subscription of \$7.50 annually is money well spent.

Eunice Kim has done an excellent job in the position of executive secretary, and we do pray that God will bless her in her future.

Joan Tong



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We would be most grateful if all monies, including
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PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Early in the year we brought in new stock. The items include
spoons, tea towels, key rings and pens. These items are sold
wherever an opportunity presents itself, and the profit made
helps to keep our Unit afloat, providing a little extra money
especially for publicity. These items are available for you
at any time.

Selling price:	Spoons - \$4.00	Tea towels - \$5.00
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