



Our greeting this month comes from Jean Banyard, the Treasurer of our National Working Committee.

The growing role of women in the Church seemed exemplified on our local scene on the occasion of the commissioning of some of the members of the uniting Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Wembley and Floreat Park in Western Australia as an Interim Parish Council at a Whitsunday service at All Saints' Presbyterian Church in Floreat Park. Five of those sixteen entrusted with the task of helping their congregations to become a parish of the Uniting Church were women.

The thrilling significance of Pentecost in the life of the Christian Church was overwhelming as the People of our churches assembled together to "acknowledge the way in which the Spirit has led us so far and affirm our openness to His guidance in the future."

As a woman I felt keenly the new responsibilities that we now bear and ask for your prayers that, God being our Helper, we will play our part faithfully in God's purpose of unity.

Jean Banvard.

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"YOU BELONG TO ZONE I !"

Write now to Rachel Cocks, 33 Forest Road, West Hobart, or Fran Bayley, 3 Seaview Road, Lynton, South Asut., to find out what that means!

Even if you do not write they will pass on to you, through World Community Day and in other ways, something of their experience in the Manila area of the Philippines from May 24th-May 30th (and during the days before and after that week of Leadership Development Sessions).

Their experience involved women from New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines, all in "Zone I" as mapped out by the Asian Church Women's Conference.

Others present were the Executive Officers, Shanti Solomon, and Agnes Loyall, from India, and Bill Yanagihara, a resource person from Japan.

Two aspects of leadership were particularly emphasised:-

1. One's own development as a person, with understanding concerning human relations and group processes.
2. The knowledge and skills needed to deal adequately with life situations in our world of today.

SO !1. We shared in group activities and had time for reflection.

- 2 We went forth into our Philipino world to encounter

"life" as lived by hospitality girls, slum dwellers, the families of political prisoners, etc.

AND we were sent home with a great sense of responsibility concerning our gift of life and opportunity in Australia.

A typhoon, floods, lack of electricity and phone facilities, a hijacking; and a state of emergency were not allowed to spoil the plans of the organisers, and took nothing away from our eagerness to participate fully in the opportunity given us.

MAY THE SAME BE SAID OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN LIFE RIGHT HERE!

Dorothy Wacker.

SAMOA.

In Rathie Selvaratnam we have an ardent promoter of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in Samoa. She and her husband are now missionaries there and are sponsored by the Australian Overseas Mission, through Harvey Perkins.

The Rev. Selvaratnam is head of a high school and assists in the Anglican Church in Samoa. (Their daughter Sulochna is now married, and their two sons are studying in Australia and will go to Samoa once a year for holidays.

Their address is Rev. and Mrs J. Selvaratnam,  
P.O. Box 1146. Western Samoa.

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VIOLET SAMPA.

A recent card was received from Violet in Canada. She sent her greetings and tells how she was leading a team of Zambians in a 3 weeks visit with the United Church of Canada.

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BOOK REVIEW. - "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH" by John V Taylor (S.C.M. Press 1975)  
Price \$ 1-90

"Excess is the subject of this book.....It confronts us in our rich countries whichever aspect of our situation we look at..... We are taking too much. We are scrapping too much We are paying and compelling others to pay far too high a price."

In these words, the author, a former General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society and now Bishop of Winchester, introduces his very relevant book. John Taylor develops this theme by looking at the indulgent use of the world's resources by the rich countries, bringing to us the Biblical witness in his chapter on "The Theology of Enough", and concluding with practical suggestions as to how we can sustain this witness in today's world.

Thirty P.W.A. members in Perth at a recent Study Camp grappled with some of Bishop Taylor's questions and found it a very absorbing and challenging experience. For further study on this subject - "Christian Life Style" - by Edward Patey (Dean of Liverpool) is a very useful book, with questions for group discussion at the end of each chapter.

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Vera Wilson.

Our Editor, Norma Ellis, has sent greetings from England, where she and her husband have spent 4 weeks, and will leave soon for Austria.

"Women at Work" is distributed from Perth, but we invite you all to share your news, concerns and hopes with us.

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