

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



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4th November, 1999

CIRCULAR 99/1

To All State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the new National Executive now based in South Australia.

We had our first official meeting as the National Executive on 26th October.

I wish to remind you that it was decided at the National Conference in Brisbane, that States and Territories would not receive a free copy of the **ACWC Bulletin**.

If States and Territories communicate with ACWC or ICFLC directly; it would be appreciated if a copy of the correspondence could be sent to the National Executive.

- x This is the time of the year when we ask for suggestions for the **World Community Day Project for 2000**. Would you please send your suggestions, with some details about the organisation, to me by the 18th February so that they can be distributed to the States/Territories for approval, in March?

After the discussion at Conference about 'phone calls to members of Unit Executives in SA and ACT requesting monetary assistance for travel, we have decided that we will not print **Unit directories** in the ACW News, because we feel that it was from this source that the person obtained the 'phone numbers. Instead we will send a copy to each Unit which can be photocopied for those members who require it. It was suggested that they be kept in a loose-leaf folder with a separate sleeve for each Unit.

I have been very busy! Enclosed please find a copy of the following :

1. Reprint of page 10 of National Guidelines for Winifred Kiek Scholarship (the word 'Churches' was inadvertently omitted from the last line in the 3rd paragraph.)
2. Reprint of page 16 of National Guidelines for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Timetable - the paragraph referring to 'March' has been amended (Nat. Conference 1997 Motion 6)
3. Guidelines for National Social Justice Convenor as approved National Conference 1999
4. Guidelines for National Publicity Officer as approved National Conference 1999

Please photocopy these pages for your members who have a copy of the National Constitution. **These guidelines** refer to National Executive members only. Each Unit should draw up guidelines for their Executive members and Convenors consistent with their own Unit constitution.

I will provide each Unit with a copy of the **amendments to the National Constitution** which were passed at the Brisbane Conference when the Minutes are available. I want to make sure that I have the correct wording.

I wish all members God's Blessing in the forthcoming Christmas Season. May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen

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27th November, 1999

CIRCULAR 99/2

To All State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings once again.

Great news! **Major Lynette Green** (Vic Unit) has been appointed head of the Salvation Army Women's Organisations in Kenya and Uganda, East Africa. She leaves for London, mid-January and takes up her position on 1st February 2000. She will then be Lieutenant Colonel. Lyn's home address is 36 Aberdeen Road, South Blackburn, Victoria 3130. We wish her well.

The **Victorian Unit** has a **new Secretary**: Mrs Elizabeth Kinrade, 34 Progress Road, Eltham Victoria 3095 Telephone (03) 9431 3974.

The **South Australian Unit** also has a **new Secretary**: Mrs Coralie Wright, 28 Eliza Street, Salisbury SA 5108 Telephone (08) 8258 3580.

As far as we can ascertain, the cost of the **ACWC Magazines/Newsletters** will remain at A\$15 for the year 2000 issues. We do not know if there will be two Magazines and two Newsletters or just Magazines.

Enclosed please find a copy of the following:

1. **Profile of the National Publications Editor**, Major Shirley Sampson
2. Reprint page 1 of the **National ACW Constitution** containing the amendment to **para 2.1** in accordance with **Motion 99/22** from the National Conference.
3. Reprint page 2 of the **National ACW Constitution** containing the alterations to **4. Membership**, including renumbering in accordance with **Motion 99/23** from the National Conference.
4. Reprint page 4 of the **National ACW Constitution** containing the alterations to **paras. 6.2. and 6.2.1a and b** in accordance with **Motion 99/24** from the National Conference.
5. Reprint of page 23 of **National Guidelines for Special Days Convenor** to include Recommendation 97/6 from 1997 National Conference re the use of Winifred Kiek's favourite Benediction in Fellowship Day Services.

Hopefully all Units will have received the **Minutes of the 1999 National Conference** by now. Please read them and **advise me of any corrections** you consider necessary as soon as possible.
Please ignore typing errors unless it is someone's name or it changes the meaning of the sentence etc.

Maureen Clark
Secretary

We draw your attention to **Motions 99/12, 12b and 13**, on page 7, regarding **the amount to be retained** for administration **from Fellowship of the Least Coin Offerings**, and **Motion 99/29** (p16) regarding **Fair Wear**. Please take action accordingly.

With reference to Motion 99/32b, concerning guidelines for **State/Territory office bearers and convenors**, the South Australian Unit has guidelines for each member of Executive and would be willing to let other Units use them as a guide to drawing up their own. Please contact the Secretary, address above.

May God bless you and your work.

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23rd February, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/1

To All State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

I hope each of you feel refreshed after the Christmas break. Although I received much correspondence during that time, I have only a few items to report to you.

Firstly, **Alice Springs Branch** has a **new President**: Mrs Ruth Weber, PO Box 459 Alice Springs NT 0871. Correspondence to Ruth please until they find a new Secretary. Carol Saxby is still Treasurer.

Secondly, your very efficient(????) National Secretary, omitted the FLC Convenor from the list of National Committee members on the amended page 4 of the National Constitution. The amended amendment is enclosed! **PLEASE** keep your copies of the National Constitution up to date. **PLEASE** photocopy the amendments I have sent to you, for your members who have a National Constitution.

URGENT can you make a 'gift of love'?

In December I received a 'phone call from Barbara Lacy ACWC representative advising that Padma Ebenezer, a member of the ACWC Committee from Sri Lanka had arrived in Sydney because her daughter Niroosha, who is studying in Sydney, had been badly injured in a car accident on her way home from part-time work. Her rehabilitation will take at least six months. Padma's husband, Godfrey also came to Australia to be with his daughter, but he has now returned home.

Padma borrowed US\$2,000 from her sister in Canada and their church that Godfrey works for loaned them US\$2,000 for their airfares. The loan from the church will be repaid monthly and will take 4 years. The sister's loan need not be paid immediately, but they may take their time.

Joan Tong, NSW Unit and former ACWC Committee member has been assisting them. Workcover will pay the medical expenses but Padma and Niroosha need money for living expenses.

When Niroosha comes out of hospital, they will need accommodation on street level (Padma has been staying with her other daughter and husband). Under normal circumstances this would be fine, but with two broken legs, one of which will still be healing, she will need care and comfort. They will not have money for rent. They will have to go to the rehabilitation Hospital twice a week for physio and so will not want to be too far away as they will have to take a cab – and that needs more money.

Therefore, **can you make a 'gift of love'?**

Please send your cheques made payable to ACW(NSW Unit) to the Unit treasurer: Mrs Marie Majoor, 521 Mowbray Road, LANE COVE NSW 2066. Please enclose a note saying it is a 'gift of love' for Padma and Niroosha.


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25th March, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/2
To All State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings to all.

Enclosed please find reprint **page 7 of Finance Guidelines**. Motion 99/11 from the National Conference in Brisbane reads, in part, 'that free copies of ACWC Bulletin to each unit be discontinued', therefore reference to this has been deleted from Clause 13. Please copy for your members who have National Constitutions.

We received only one suggestion for the World Community Day Project for 2000, and that is **Teen Challenge** from South Australia. Therefore I have enclosed information thereon for **your approval**. If I do not hear any adverse comments from you **by 30th April**, that will be the Project for this year.

Some alterations to Unit directories:-

New South Wales Unit has a new **Publicity Convenor**, Mrs Peg Blake, 22 Parkview Street, Miranda NSW 2228 Tel. (02)9524 9397. I think Peg has held this position before!

Queensland Unit **President**, Mrs Daphne Featherstonhaugh, has a **new address**: 1 Belford Drive, Wellington Point QLD 4160 Telephone: (07) 3822 4909.

Complete directories for South Australia, Western Australia and ACT will come with the Minutes of our March 21st National Executive meeting.

There will be updates on **Padma and Niroosha Ebenezer** in those minutes and the ACW News. Please remember them in your prayers and send any monetary gifts for them to Marie Majoor, NSW Unit Treasurer.

We have decided that the **deadline for copy for ACW News** will be the **17th of alternate months, that is May, July, September, November, January etc.**

You will notice from the minutes that we are considering setting up a **website**. We have heard about a government grant entitled 'Networking the Nation' and we have done a lot of research with the intention of applying. We were not ready to apply for the March 8th round but we **will** be ready for the September round. The grant is supposed to benefit 'regional, rural and remote communities', therefore, **Darwin and Alice Springs Units**, could you each send me a letter saying you need and will support (not money!) the project, please? If any other Units would like to write as well, please do so. We have an appointment, on the 3rd May, with a government official who is dealing with the applications and he will help us to apply, so could you reply by then, please?

Yours sincerely,
In Christ,


Maureen E Clark
National Secretary

22nd April, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/3

To all State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings once again.

Enclosed please find **'Pilgrimage to the Heart'** Update No. 2. The final update will be issued during May.

The **Winifred Kiek Trustees** have asked National Executive to **purchase a fax machine** to be housed at the home of the Chairman, currently Dorothy Ferrier. The Trustees have difficulty in communicating with the Asian countries and the Pacific Island Nations because of postal delays, therefore it would greatly assist their task.

We need approval from all State and Territory Units to purchase the equipment from National Executive funds as the situation is not covered by the Finance Guidelines. We would like to buy the fax machine before 30th June to avoid paying GST, so would you please let National Executive know your Unit's decision by 15th June.

Thank you for your 'gifts of love' for Padma and Niroosha, they are much appreciated. Niroosha is to have an operation of her 'bad' leg in May so please keep them in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers, the four sick members of the Western Australian Unit Executive.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely,
In Christ,

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20th May, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/4

To all State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Hear I am again!

Enclosed please find '**Pilgrimage to the Heart**' Update No.3.

URGENT

The ACT Unit has advised that it is necessary for non-profit organisations to apply for an **Australian Business Number (ABN)** so that they are endorsed as an income exempt charity (ITEC) or a tax deductible gift recipient (DGR).

The ACT Unit intends to apply for an **ABN before 31st May 2000**. I believe that the Victorian Unit has already done so.

National Executive is making enquiries (and getting confused!). Please **consider the situation for your Unit**.

Barbara Lacy, our Asian Church Womens' Conference representative will be attending the Executive and General Committee Meetings of ACWC in October in Bangladesh. Barbara has asked for information from ACW Units concerning **Violence in the Family**. Please **send any information you have thereon to: Mrs Barbara Lacy, 1/39 Garfield Street, CHELTENHAM VIC 3192 by the first week in September**.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely,
In Christ,

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21st June, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/5

To all State and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.

Firstly, the GST! Our Auditor has registered us for the GST because in the year of the National Conference our 'turnover' will exceed \$100,000. Therefore we have also applied for an ABN and for endorsement as an income exempt charity/religious organisation.

There have been some queries from Units about charging GST on badges, spoons, Circle of Prayer etc. Our National Treasurer advises that if your Unit is not registered for GST, your Unit cannot charge GST. We do not know if National will be charged GST on the new Circle of Prayer booklets, so we will wait and see what happens when they arrive.

Secondly, there are some alterations to the **South Australian Unit Directory**. The new office holders are:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor: Mrs Jean Roberts,
18 Parkview Avenue,
GRANGE SA 5022
Telephone (08) 8356 9158

Promotions Officer: Mrs Maureen Clark
572 States Road
ONKAPARINGA HILLS SA 5163
Telephone (08) 8382 1360

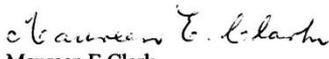
For the **New South Wales Unit**, new address for:

Reverend Elizabeth Walker
22 Johnson Street
HARBORD NSW 2096
Telephone (02) 9939 8613

Barbara Lacy has to give a talk (for 10 minutes) on **Domestic Violence** for ACWC in October. Please send any info thereon to her at **1/39 Garfield Street, Cheltenham Victoria 3192** by **1st September**. Barbara is learning to speak s-l-o-w-l-y!

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21st July, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/6

To all States and territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.

Please pray for our National President, **Marj Dredge**, for the next few weeks. Marj is the **World President of the Christian Women's Fellowship** and will lead the women's meeting at the **Churches of Christ World Convention in Brisbane in early August**.

Please also pray for **Lt. Col. Lynette Green**. Our spies tell us that she has lost 7 kilos and she looks unwell. It may be the change of diet.

Would all Units please encourage their denomination representatives to inform their women's groups that **Fellowship of the Least Coin money** should be sent to the **Unit Treasurer**, not to the address in Switzerland!

Our **National Treasurer**, Dorothy Chapman, would like to know which Units have **registered for an ABN and the GST**. Just a note with your next correspondence with us will do.

I have received information from the ABC concerning **The Sacred Site** which can be found at abc.net.au/rn on the Internet.

ABC Radio National has religious programs **Encounter** 7.10 a.m. Sunday, repeated 7.10 p.m. Wednesday; **The Spirit of Things** 6.10 p.m. Sunday, repeated 7.10 p.m. Thursday; **Religion Report** 8.30 a.m. Wednesday, repeated 8.30 p.m. Radio National is at: Adelaide 729AM, Brisbane 792AM, Sydney 576AM, Canberra 846AM, Darwin 657 AM, Hobart 585AM, Melbourne 621AM and Perth 810AM.

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21st August, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/7

To all States and territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.

Our **National President, Marj Dredge**, has returned from the Churches of Christ World Convention in Brisbane and has now been invited to become **World Vice-President** in her own right. The term of office is for four years.

ACW News June-July issue. Did everyone receive the correct number of copies? 20 loose copies turned up at the Adelaide Mail Exchange without an envelope and no clue as to whom they should be sent! Fortunately Shirley Sampson's postal address was on them.

*****N.B. The deadline for the next ACW News is September 10th** as Shirley will be away.

Major Shirley Sampson has been released! She is no longer spends her days in prison (as chaplain), but is in charge of the Nailsworth Corps.

Lt. Col. Lynette Green has assured us that her loss of weight is caused by her change of diet and she is full of energy (as Lynette always is!)

Padma Ebenezer has returned to Sri Lanka and Niroosha has settled in to accommodation on campus.

Units are reminded that when advising National Executive of their **Unit's Executive Directory**, to please include telephone numbers. National Executive then sends one copy to each Unit for the Unit to copy for their Executive members.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely,
In Christ,


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21st September, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/8

To all States and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings again from the members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.

I hope you are all surviving the Olympics. Wasn't it great to see North and South Korea marching together, with joined hands, in the Opening Ceremony? It was also great to see Aboriginals involved and women given the privilege of carrying the torch in the arena with Cathy Freeman to light the flame. The Olympics are very distracting, I am having trouble finding time to do my secretarial work!

Please remember in your prayers, **Edith Ridge**, our National Archivist, who is undergoing treatment for a tumour in the sinus cavity and will be 'out of action' for some time.

Please also remember our **Asian Church Women's Conference** representative, **Barbara Lacy**, as she travels to Bangladesh for the **General Committee Meeting 10th and 11th October**. We pray for a fruitful meeting and safe travel for all the participants.

The **ACWC Executive** will be **meeting in Adelaide** at the time of our ACW National Conference (**24th - 28th September, 2001**) and they will be staying at Aquinas College North Adelaide, our conference venue. **If any Unit would like to have one of the ACWC members visit their State/Territory to speak at a function**, before or after our conference, funds could be made available from the Winifred Kiek Fellowship for travel. ACWC Executive may start their meeting on 21st or 22nd. Please contact Dorothy Ferrier (WKS Trust) 'phone (08) 8379 7729 or fax (08) 9379 1804 if you are interested.

In the distant (?) past, National Executive has supplied Units with **ACW leaflets** promoting ACW aims and projects. The question is: Should we update the ancient one, or do Units produce their own promotional material? Please let me know (by 8/11/00) if your Unit **needs** such leaflets from National. We do not want to spend time (and money) updating the leaflet if it is not needed.

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23rd October, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/9

To all States and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings again from the members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.

The **New South Wales Unit** has a new **Secretary**: Mrs Isabel Hewitt, 16 Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield NSW 2136 Telephone (02) 9642 7137. Please amend your Unit Directories accordingly.

Since my last 'epistle' to you, we have heard that **Margaret Napier** had been admitted to hospital with secondary cancers in the liver and elsewhere. Margaret will be grateful for your prayers. Also **Edith Ridge** had been admitted to hospital with an infection in her sinus.

Did you know that **Vera Wilson's** (WA Unit) son was responsible for the 'nature segment' in the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games? We can guess that Vera and her husband are very proud of him!

I hope that all members are saving up to come to our **National Conference** in Adelaide from **24th –28th September, 2001**. We have found out that there will be a **Needlework Craft and Quilt Fair** at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds on the weekend of **22/23 September**, so, if you are 'crafty' why not come over for it. Accommodation will be available at Aquinas College.

Barbara Lacy our ACWC representative, will attend our November National Executive meeting. The meeting was to have been on 21st but has been changed to 10th November, so that Barbara can be present at our South Australian Unit Annual General Meeting in the morning of that day. The real reason the date was changed is because yours truly is going overseas on the 17th and the other Executive members thought I should be there when Barbara comes. (I have noticed that there always seems to be someone from the National Executives in the past that travels overseas and I did not want to break the tradition!)

As I will be away from 17th November to 17th December, please **address mail** to our National President, **Mrs Marj Dredge, 18 Mortimer Terrace, Brighton SA 5048** during that time.

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12th November, 2000

CIRCULAR 2000/9

To all States and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings again!

Barbara Lacy our ACWC representative attended our National Executive meeting on the 10th November and gave a **very** comprehensive report on the ACWC Executive Committee Meeting held in Bangladesh in October. The matters discussed at that meeting will be reported to Units through the National Executive minutes and the ACW News. The cost of the ACWC Newsletter/Magazine is under discussion and will be advised shortly. Barbara wishes to thank all Social Justice conveners and others who sent her information about violence against women and overcoming violence.

The next ACWC Quadriennial Assembly will be held in Seoul, Korea, from 20th to 30th October 2002. The theme will be 'Restore, Reconcile, Rejoice'. Registration will be US\$250.

Order of Liturgy for ACWC Day 2000 is enclosed. My apologies for being so late, but I did not find out until Friday that I was supposed to forward it to all Units. Unfortunately the print on my original copy was not good.

The **English words** in the Song "You Make All Things New", first line, **first verse**, are: 'Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev-'ry part is'. The words of the first line in the **second verse** are: 'Yours the soil that holds the seed'.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter we received from **Women's Action Alliance (Australia) Inc.** concerning **Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) services for single women**. National Executive will write to Senator Jocelyn Newman but we urge State and Territory Units to write to their own Members of Parliament and media outlets where they see fit.

The year 2000 is almost over and this will be my last circular for the year.

The members of the National Executive wish all members the joys and blessings of the Christmas Season

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7th February, 2001

CIRCULAR 2000/11

To all States and Territory Units

Dear ACW members,

Greetings for the New Year. I hope each of you had a restful break. It is hard to believe that have less than nine months until the National Conference in Adelaide from 24th to 28th September and then Western Australia will take over the reins.

Please start thinking about **motions** to be discussed at the **conference**.

- ◆ Please note **new address for ACW News items: PO Box 527 Prospect East SA 5082**
- ◆ **Deadline for next ACW News 24th February.** Owing to postage costs and lack of news items, we have decided to publish quarterly.

N.B. The address for the President - Elect for the SA Unit, as circulated is incorrect. The correct address is: Major Wanda McKeand, 19 Rosedale Court, NEWTON SA 5074. Phone 8337 9150 (home) 8227 0199 (work – if unavailable leave message with Dianne Lehmann). Also Mrs Beth Ferris, 111 Springbank Road, CLAPHAM SA 5062, phone 8276 7720 has agreed to be **Acting Assistant Treasurer for the SA Unit**

Please address all **correspondence for the ACT Unit** to Mrs Evonne Sullivan AM JP **until the end of February** when a new Secretary will be elected.

NSW Unit. New address for President Mrs Jan Harrison – Unit 2, 8-10 Morwick Street, STRATHFIELD NSW 2135 Telephone (02) 9744 8626

- ◆ **Articles for ACWC Newsletter/Bulletin MUST** be sent through our **Australian representative, Mrs Barbara Lacy**, 1/39 Garfield Street, CHELTENHAM VICTORIA 3192, please.

World Community Day 2001 Project. We have received two suggestions: 'Shiloh' HIV/AIDS **SUPPORT SERVICES**, submitted by the Queensland Unit and **Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre in Pakistan** (Australia's prayer partner), submitted by the Victorian Unit. All suggestions must be sent to me no later than 15th March so that National Executive can make a decision and seek your approval by the 31st March.

Enclosed please find a copy of the brochure entitled 'It's an Honour' concerning nominations for **Australian Honours** and a Nomination Form. Units should consider nominating someone – finding five referees in the hard part!

Also enclosed is a copy of the National Executive Financial Statement for the year-ended 30/6/2000.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely, In Christ,

National Secretary

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21st February, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/12

Dear ACW members,

In preparation for our National Conference 24th – 28th September 2001, please forward to me the following:

- ◆ **Proposed amendments** to the Australian Church Women **Constitution** must be forwarded to me at least **FOUR (4)** months before the conference (refer Const. 8.8.2) **DEADLINE 24th May, 2001**
- ◆ **Motions** for discussion at the Conference. No motions will be accepted after the **deadline date 24/7/01**
Motions arising out of discussions at the Conference will be allowed by a certain time e.g. 9.00 am the following morning.
- ◆ **Names of members** who have received **awards** since the last National Conference
- ◆ **Names of members** who have **died** since the last National Conference
- ◆ **Biennial Unit reports**
- ◆ Please **appoint two (2) voting delegates** and **two (2) observers** (non-voting) and advise me of their **names and addresses**.
- ◆ As **ACWC** will hold their **Quadrennial Assembly** in 2002, we need to appoint two (2) voting delegates and two non-voting delegates. Please send **nominations** and **profiles** to me by **deadline 24th July 2001**

Deadline for all the above, except proposed amendments to the Constitution is 24th July 2001 so that the working papers can be prepared in time for you to receive them one month before the Conference.

We are currently working out costings and should be able to give this information after our next meeting on 26th March.

May God bless you and your work.

Yours sincerely,
In Christ,

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23rd March, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/13

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

1. Concerning the **delegates** for the **ACWC Quadriennial Assembly 2002**, Barbara Lacy, our Australian representative to Asian Church Women's Conference has advised that the delegation should consist of (according to ACWC minutes), the new representative, the former representative (Barbara, who does not seek re-election as Australian representative), an indigenous woman and a young woman (under 35 years of age). So please put on your thinking caps! Nominations and profiles to me by **29th June 2001** please.
2. **SA Unit directory.** Unfortunately Mrs Colleen Tee is unable to take up the position of **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor**, so please amend your records and insert: Mrs Margaret Greenslade (acting) 4 Yalpara Avenue ROSTREVOR SA 5073 Telephone (08) 8336 1821.
3. With regard to **Operation Morocco**, the Australian Federal Police special section for investigating allegations of **paedophilia**, Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan has advised that these investigations are now integrated with the way the Australian Federal Police manages its work.
4. **World Community Day 2001 Project.** We received four suggestions – Shiloh (assisting HIV and AIDS sufferers), Queensland; AEF Bimbadeen College Inc. (funding for courses for Indigenous women), NSW; Prem Sewa Hospital in North India (ultrasound equipment), NSW and Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre, Pakistan (empowering women to overcome violence), Victoria. We have chosen **Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre, Pakistan** because ACWC and ACW are concerned about violence and because Pakistan is Australia's prayer partner. Enclosed please find information thereon. Please let me know your objections (if any) by **23rd April** as the orders of service must be forwarded to Units in May.
5. **National Conference Registration** will be \$60 non-refundable. Accommodation will be \$175 for four nights (24th to 27th inclusive) this includes all meals as well as the Conference Dinner on the Thursday night. Husbands and friends will be welcome at the dinner at a cost of \$17.50. Extra nights accommodation available for \$35 per person. All students return on 30th September. Aquinas College brochure enclosed (I am not an expert at scanning on my computer!).
6. At the Conference, we plan to have a '**Seminar on the future of Australian Church Women**'. In preparation for this, we are asking each Unit to prepare a 'paper' on their ideas on what we should do (or not do) in the future. Could I please have these by **17th July** (our meeting date) so that they can be distributed to Units with the Working Papers for the Conference.

Please turn the page for further National Conference information.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ADELAIDE – 24th –28th September 2001

1. VENUE – AQUINAS COLLEGE, 1 Palmer Place, North Adelaide, South Australia

Special points A number of bedrooms on Ground floor, others one floor up
Dining room on Ground Floor, Conference Room on First Floor
Tea and coffee available on both floors
Accommodation cost is \$35 per day for extra days (includes 3 meals)
Pre Conference/Post Conference (until 30th) accommodation available
All day parking in adjacent streets, limited parking in college grounds
Telephone in all rooms – obtain PIN number

2. AIR TRAVEL Ansett Australia has been appointed as the official airline for the National Conference. We encourage you to fly by Ansett as they offer discounts of up to 45% off the full economy airfare. Where delegates can plan ahead, book early and meet specific conditions, they will be offered the lowest airfare available at the time of booking, i.e. the special conference airfare or published discounted airfares, whichever best suits the delegates needs.

The airfare is **FULLY REFUNDABLE, OFFERS FLEXIBILITY AND CHANGES ARE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SEAT AVAILABILITY. Whether booking direct with Ansett Australia on 131300 or via your travel agent, please ensure the masterfile number MC06877 is quoted.**

ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES: Transport will be arranged for Conference participants from and to Airport, Coach Terminal and Railway Stations (interstate rail terminal is at Keswick, which is easier for pick-up).

3. ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Tuesday 25th September 2001 at 7.30 pm at Christ Church (Anglican) Jeffcott Street. North Adelaide (on the property next to Aquinas College)

4. OUTING: Wednesday afternoon to Hahndorf (a 'crafty' place!)

5. WORSHIP TIMES : Morning and Evening – State/Territory Units will be contacted concerning day and time

6. TRAVEL POOL - National Treasurer Dorothy Chapman will be in touch with State/Territory Units regarding the travel pool.

Registration forms are being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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27 April, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/14

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

1. Firstly, please note that **Publication Editor, Shirley Sampson's** new postal address is **PO BOX 527 PROSPECT EAST SA 5082**. Please send all ACW News items to that address or her **E-mail address: Shirley_Sampson@aus.salvationarmy.org**
2. **SA Unit directory: New Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor:** Ms Jane Peterson Unit 2, 58 Ormond Avenue DAW PARK SA 5041 Telephone (08) 8276 2814 so please amend your records accordingly.
3. **WA Unit directory: Please add Publicity Convenor:** Mrs Janet Watts 17-8 Bradford Street MOUNT LAWLEY 6050 (08) 9370 9584. Please alter **Rev Lee Edwards** to **Social Justice Convenor**. Lee's new address is: **9/115 Epsom Avenue REDCLIFFE WA 6104 (08) 9277 9324**.
4. The latest news we have on **Edith Ridge**, our Archivist, is that she has made a good recovery.
5. Enclosed please find a Master copy of the upgraded ACW leaflet which can be photocopied.
6. Registration forms for the National Conference are currently being printed and will be forwarded under separate cover.

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17th May, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/15

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

1. **PLEASE NOTE:** Correction to SA Unit directory: New Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor: Ms Jane Pederson (not Peterson) Unit 2, 58 Ormond Avenue DAW PARK SA 5041 Telephone (08) 8276 2814 so please amend your records accordingly.
2. **URGENT:** We have an ample supply of F.I.C spoons and badges, ACW badges and pins, which can be purchased at the National Conference. This will save postage. Would you please let us know if your Unit requires ACW spoons and how many, as soon as possible, as we will need to have some more made.
3. Enclosed please find **Registration Forms for the National Conference**, which may be photocopied if you require more. I must apologise for the inserts, some of which are not 'professional'. I have now learnt that when three columns are printed on both sides on my computer printer they coincide, but when photocopied on both sides they do not! Please remember that even if you do not use the Conference concession air fare, but still fly Ansett, the masterfile number should still be quoted. The concession applies for travel for seven days each side of the conference dates.

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20th June, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/16

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

1. **PLEASE NOTE: New Address and phone number for Publicity Officer:**

Mrs Barbara Grealy, Unit 13, David Read Lodge, 462 Henley Beach Road, LOCKLEYS SA 5032
Telephone (08) 8355 1023.

2. **URGENT: Does your Unit need ACW spoons?** Would you please let us know if your Unit requires **ACW spoons** and how many, as soon as possible, as we will need to have some more made.

3. If you have any queries about costs for your **National Conference registration**, National Treasurer, **Dorothy Chapman's** phone number is **(08) 8261 0616** (silent).

4. Would each Unit please prepare a **devotion** for the **Worship** times at the **conference**? You will be advised later as to the time for your presentation.

5. The following **Motion** will be put by the National Executive at the Conference concerning **travel expenses** for the **National President** (refer Constitution p.5 7.Finance: 7.1 and Finance Guidelines P6 para 4):

'that the maximum amount of (e.g.\$2,500) per biennium be made available from National Conference Fund to provide expenses for the National President or her representative, when invited, to attend special functions interstate.'

Rationale: There is no written provision for payment of the President's interstate expenses, nor has the matter been addressed by a previous National Conference. As this is an honorary position necessitating reasonably large out-of-pocket expenses, it is the responsibility of Conference to ensure that a suitable amount is set aside to cover at least part of the costs. National Conference Fund at present has enough funds to allow this. In the case of invitations issued by State Units, it is understood that the Unit issuing the invitation will be responsible for part of the costs involved.

6. Also the matter of **National Executive's power** between Conferences will become a question for discussion at the Conference – to be placed on the Agenda.

7. The **Winifred Kiek Trustees** will **recommend** that the surplus funds from the 2001 and 2002 scholars be credited to the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Fund.

8. I have been advised of several 'omissions' from the **ACW leaflet**, so enclosed herewith is the corrected version!

9. **Federation Sunday 21st October, 2001.** As you know, this is the year of Federation. I have been asked, as National Secretary of ACW, to make this date widely known through our various denominations. According to the booklet I have been given, it says on page 10 'On Federation Sunday, South Australia will lead the nation in celebrations and ceremonies which acknowledge our shared national aspirations of unity, peace and the ability to express freely our cultural and spiritual aspirations and diversity.' The SA Council of Churches has a working party that is preparing an ecumenical order of service which, it is hoped, will be used throughout Australia on that day. The service in Adelaide will be held at Kent Town Uniting Church. Therefore, I ask you dear members, if you will enquire of your denominations whether they have made arrangements to celebrate this day and if not, encourage them to do so. I am also writing to the National Council of Churches.

10. The National Executive has considered awarding **Federation Certificates** for faithful members at the National Conference, however, we decided that each member deserves one! Therefore we felt it was better for each Unit to award their own.

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23rd July, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/17

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

1. It is with sadness that we learn of the death of Margaret Napier of Western Australia, a staunch member of ACW, former National Secretary and former Australian representative to ACWC. May she rest in peace.
2. **Please note:** The 'phone number for Janet Watts, Publicity Convenor for the WA Unit should be **(08) 9370 2279.**
3. **Tasmanian Unit** has new office bearers: **President**, Mrs Kath Pearce, 2/40 George Street, DEVONPORT 7310 'phone (03) 6424 6504; **Secretary**, Mrs Pauline Taylor, 5 Racecourse Road, SPREYTON 7310 'phone (03) 6424 8098; **Treasurer**, Mrs Margaret Dennis, 11 Gloucester Avenue, DEVONPORT 7310. We congratulate them. Full directory will be forwarded later.
4. ****N.B.** Please **bring** your State/Territory **Unit banner to the conference.** We have poles and stands.
5. **ACWC-** Barbara Lacy and Nancy Lin, President of ACWC will be travelling to **Laos from 3rd-9th August** with a view to encouraging Laos to become a member of ACWC. Please pray for the success of their mission.
6. Enclosed please find **ACWC Order of Worship 2001** with the theme 'Rejoice, Reconcile, Rejoice'. Please use this to celebrate ACWC Day in November.
7. Also enclosed is a copy of the brochure '**It's an Honour**' .
8. **Federation Sunday 21st October.** It has been suggested that we decorate our churches with Australian native flowers on that day (I am sure we have a lot of church flower arrangers amongst our members!) perhaps with a theme of green and gold. The Aboriginal and the Australian flags could be displayed. It was also suggested that the churches join with the general community for a celebration.
9. **ACW spoons** (again!) – We have received orders for 16. We do not think it worthwhile to have such a small number made, so if your Unit has a surplus, we could buy them from you. Please advise me if you are able to help.
10. Enclosed also is a list of the **motions/recommendations**, not necessarily in the order in which they will be presented, so that your Unit can study them. They will be printed in the Working Papers which I am currently preparing.

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27th July, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/18

Dear ACW members,

Yes, another circular! After I posted the last one, I received, on 23/7/01, two more proposed motions from NSW, although I knew they were coming. I forgot to send you information on the nominees for the ACWC representative and delegation to the ACWC Assembly in 2002, so herewith are brief profiles – the full details will be in the working papers.

Also two of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees are retiring, so herewith brief profiles of the nominees.

Regards,

Maureen

NOMINATIONS FOR WINIFRED KIEK TRUSTEES

Barber, Christine Gwen - Nominated by

I was baptised in the former Anglican Parish of Good Shepherd, Bowden and attended Sunday School and worshipped in the Church of St. Barnabas Croydon for 29 years. I have worked on the South Australian Executive of GFS for 30+ years, serving terms as State Treasurer, Chairperson, magazine Co-ordinator and State Representative to the Australian Council of GFS and Australian Treasurer. Currently I act as Minute Secretary for the State Executive Team.

I have given voluntary work as Minute Secretary to the Board of The Archway Rehabilitation and Community Services at Port Adelaide, although this Board was disbanded in 2000 to become a programme of Anglicare in South Australia. However I still continue as Secretary of the Archway Foundation Inc. which was set up three years ago as a fund raising body to support capital works and projects of the Centre. Archway provides residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation programmes, as well as a Sobering Up Unit in a nearby location.

Clarke, Cate

I have been attending Pilgrim Uniting Church all my life. This has given me the opportunities to grow into leadership positions as a participant in the church community. Within the parish I have taught Christian Education to pre-schoolers, led the youth group, been a musician, a member of worship, youth, and settlement committees and have been an elder.

Currently I am working as an agency nurse whilst studying a few subjects at the Adelaide College of Divinity as part of my Period of Discernment, (POD). The POD is a time of working out where God is calling me to be and to discover if I am called to ordained or lay ministry. This includes meeting with mentors, some study and service. One of my service 'projects' is running an ecumenical young women's theology discussion group. This group meets once a month to discuss articles of feminist theology and to celebrate and share the stories of our lives in the mainstream churches around Adelaide. I continue to build on my Philippines experience by being a part of the Philippines Partnership Group of the UCA Synod of SA, and have been a volunteer at synod, one day a week, to work on About FACE 5.

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25th August, 2001

CIRCULAR 2001/19

Dear ACW members,

Greetings from the members of the National Executive.

Firstly, **Barbara Lacy** and Nancy Lin have returned safely from **Laos** and you will hear about their visit at the Conference. However your prayers are still required as **Barbara** and Padma Ebenezer are travelling to the island of Sumba in **Indonesia** from **27th August to 4th September** to meet with a new member of the ACWC Executive Committee.

Change of Date: The 12th ACWC Assembly will be held at Seoul Women's University, Seoul, Korea from October 10th-15th, 2002. The theme will be 'Restore, Reconcile, Rejoice'.

Enclosed is a copy of the **Financial Statement for the year ended 30/6/01**. There is also a copy in the Working Papers for the Conference.

Your inefficient National Secretary received the Publication Editor's Report by email but forgot to include it in the **Working Papers**. Also, page 32 is blank in some of the booklets. I will have copies of these omissions at the conference. Please let me know if there are any more!

Spoons (again!): We are having new spoons made and the cost to the Units will be \$4.30 each. They will be available at the Conference.

N.B. Don't forget to bring to the Conference, your **Unit Banner**, your badges and your bright smiling faces. We have over eighty (80) registrations.

This will probably be my last Circular to you and I will miss having this contact with each of you. I wish you well in your endeavours.

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