

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on Wednesday
15th March, 1967 at 10.30 a.m. in the office of the Victorian
of Churches, 37 Swanston St., Melbourne.

1. OPENING: The meeting opened with devotions led by the President, Deaconess C. Ritchie.
2. PRESENT: Miss Ritchie (Chair) Col. Saunders, Mesdames Anderson, Faichney, Stephens, Strack and Ashton.
3. AN APOLOGY: was received from Mrs. Coates.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: The Chairman welcomed those present. In her remarks she said that we are taking up what is for us a new task, and together we shall try and find a way to make the A.C.W. relevant to our areas of work and worship and throughout Australia.
5. MINUTES: of the Working Committee held on 25th January, 1967, and of the National Committee meeting held 8-10 February, 1967 were received.
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(a) Study Book. Leaflets for promotion have been received from Sydney. It was decided to send copies to all Federal Denominational Women's Organisations. Col. Saunders took copies to distribute through the W.I.C.C. in Victoria.

(b) Recommendations from National Committee Minutes p.5. -

- 1) The meeting agreed that it would be helpful if A.C.W. made available to State Units sufficient copies of reports such as that of the Asian Church Women's Conference for them to circulate in each state, as well as sending to Federal Denominational Women's Groups.
- 2) The Committee decided to write to the State WICC's and ask that when elections take place, they should suggest to the denominational groups that where possible Office-Bearers of their groups, especially President and/or Secretary, should be among their members elected to the State W.I.C.C.
- 3) The Secretary was asked to write to State W.I.C.C.'s enquiring if they would like to order copy/copies of the Tape-recording of the talk of Mrs. Shanti Solomon, at the cost of \$1 each. Mrs. Anderson offered to make the numbers of copies required. The Secretary to write to Mrs. Badger to ask for the loan of the tape. Mrs. Ralph had written to Miss Ritchie that the text of Mrs. Solomon's talk would be printed in the Methodist Home Mission League Paper, and asked if the A.C.W. would be interested in having extra copies run off while the type was set. It was decided to ask Mrs. Ralph to order 1,000 copies, and W.I.C.C. groups would be notified that these were available and be asked to send them out with World Community Day Order of Service Sheets.

(c) The Committee noted with interest that the Y.W.C.A. World Council meeting would be held in Melbourne 19th August 1st September, with teams visiting the States Sept. 4-9, and that Mrs. McPhee at the National Committee meeting urged the co-operation of the A.C.W. The Secretary was instructed to write to the National Y.W.C.A. and express our interest, and ask in what ways we might co-operate.

(d) Bible Study. Following the suggestion of Mrs. Wyllie, the Secretary was asked to write to Rev. Rex Davis, and

ask if he would consent to write up the Bible Study he led at the National Committee Meeting, and let the Working Committee have a copy, with the possibility of making it available to W.I.C.C.'s later.

- (e) Resolutions in the National Committee Minutes concerning Scholarships, to be investigated by the Scholarship Committee, were noted.
 - (f) Worship Services. The Secretary was asked to write to the A.C.C. to enquire how many copies of the order of service were printed last year for Fellowship Day, and to obtain from them a quotation for Offset Printing of these. Miss Ritchie undertook to obtain a quotation from a printer in Melbourne. The necessary action was then to be taken by the Office-Bearers and Col. Saunders.
- The Secretary was instructed to write to the Australian Federation of Methodist Women, inviting them to prepare the Service for the World Community Day 1967, on the Subject "World Community through the United Nations", noting that the project would be "Vietnam, to assist Inter-Church Aid Team Work already in operation". Recommendations re length of service etc. given in the minutes, would be given to Mrs. Gribble.
- (g) Miss Ritchie reported that she had already given Mrs. Wilmshurst's report on the Service and Status of Women in the Churches in Australia to some Church papers. She would be sending copies to others, and to Mr. Hinton.
 - (h) Related A.C.C. Committees. Mrs. D. McCaughey and Miss Ritchie were re-appointed as A.C.W. representatives to the Ecumenical Scholarship Committee, and Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Strack to the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

Owing to pressure of time, discussion on the following had to be deferred to the next meeting:-

National Committee, Group Discussions and Recommendations;
Promotion;
Travel Fund;
Observers to National Committee Meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- IN. (1) Lt. Colonel H. Cross.
- (2) Rev. John Neal.
- (3) Mrs. C. Royes, Darwin.
- (4) Mrs. Dennis, Queensland, (2) (Interim Reply)
- (5) Rev. Harvey Perkins (re Mrs. Annie Berntsen)
- (6) Mrs. Day.
- (7) Territorial Commander A. Bramwell Cook.
- (8) Mrs. J. Stafford.
- (9) Mrs. G.A. Wood.
- OUT. (1) Mrs. G.A. Wood.
- (2) Mrs. Eaton.
- (3) Mrs. S.M. Barrett.
- (4) Mrs. L. Evangelinidis.

The Correspondence was received, but discussion on it deferred to the next meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) Time and place of meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, in the office of the Victorian Council of Churches, 37 Swanston St, 6th Floor, Melbourne.
- (2) Personnel. A reply was being awaited from Mrs. C.J.

Wright as to whether she would accept election to the Working Committee. Miss Ritchie undertook to contact the next person on the list for the elections in place of Mrs. Wardlaw.

(3) Stationery. It was decided to ask the A.C.C. for paper with the A.C.C. letterheads, under which A.C.W. could be typed.

(4) Mrs. Anderson reported that the Congregational Women's Fellowship, Victoria were preparing leaders notes for their own use to go with the A.C.W. study on Worship.

9. FINANCE: The Treasurer reported that the books had not yet been received from Mrs. D y

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 5th April, at 10.30 a.m.

PLACE: Office of the Victorian Council of Churches.

11. CLOSING: The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Confirmed.....

Date.