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Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Women's Inter-Church Council 26th Nov. 1962.

Meeting held at 139 Castlereagh St.

President M^{rs} Verco in the chair Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of meeting held on 9th Nov.

convened by M^{rs} Wylie M^{rs} Verco & Col Bell. M^{rs} Wylie in the chair. Meeting was to consider the advisability of forming a National organisation of Christian women Present. Australian Council of Churches women's committee. Six representations of ^{women's} Inter-Church Council were appointed, four attended, three representations of Women's World Day of Prayer Committee and Presidents of church women's organisations, M^{rs} Verco reported that she had read the aims of Women's Inter-church Council which had been working for 24 years. and thought the time had come to go forward and

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Congregational + C.K. of Christ requested dates for
World Day of Prayer 1st Mand. 1963.

Annual Rally 28th June.

Community Day. 25th Oct.

Feb. meeting to be held at Wybalena on
22nd Feb. Executive to meet.

4th Feb at 10 A.M.

Suggested we give Mrs Farr a scarf.
as she is leaving for M.S.A. Mrs
Mellor to purchase same.

Meeting closed with the benediction

Joyce J. Vero
4/2/63.

Victorian Inter-Church Council

close affiliation with World Day of Prayer.

Fellowship Day in July. Christian Witness
through Service
Aboriginal Scholarships for Boy + Girl

Community Day. Freedom from Hunger campaign
collected £400.

meet the development which has taken place in the State in recent years Expansion to take place at 1 Local level and 2 National level. Mrs Verco and Mrs Baker had visited many groups in outer areas and reported women would welcome local branch of Women's Inter-Church Council. In all of the discussion the prayer of Women's Inter-Church Council is that in any expansion we may be instrumental in promoting a greater friendship and co-operation of Christian women.

Rev Harcourt Naughton suggested branches be formed through Ministers fraternal. World Day of Prayer had discussed Federation a few years ago and decided against it.

Mrs Fairclough President of Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria said they had a 3rd aim Promote Christian Service. Mrs McVittie Pres. said it would have to be discussed by the P.W.C. before she could speak for Presbyterians.

M^{rs} Briggs Soc. of Friends were concerned about cost; organizational problems. Inter C. Council would lose its importance by being by-passed. Soc. of Friends would favor a National I.C. Council.

M^{rs} Gifford Congregational suggested combined study would give great strength. felt we should start in a simple way.

Suggested a work shop Day in April discuss what work we would like.

M^{rs} Perkins said it would develop opportunities to train local church women for future leadership.

Greek Orthodox women were thrilled to be invited. they had a struggle and welcomed closer tie with Christian women.

M^{rs} Mc Intosh Baptist. Not aff with A. C. Churches. but all one in Christ Jesus free if so desired.

M^{rs} Bell Church of Christ would have to be discussed at State Executive.

M^{rs} Counts Salvation Army. Had no Federal body. They prayed together + worked together.

M^{rs} Kerle Anglican. saw financial difficulties. Problem of C of C not on a National level.

Deaconess Andrews saw need for a more spiritual Union. Unity had been forced upon women in India + Kenya. After considerable discussion it was decided to put a notice of motion to Council as follows.

The members of the W.S.W. Women's Inter-Ch. Council have given serious consideration to the plan put forward by representatives of the Australian Council of Churches for the formation of a Federal Women's organization. Since some of the denominations represented on the Council are not affiliated with the A.C. of Churches we feel that the ^{W.S.W.} Inter-Church Council can give most valuable service as an independent body, in sympathy but not affiliated with the A.C.C. We wish instead to contact the W. Inter-Ch. Councils in other states in order to form a Federal link between the various State Inter-Ch. Councils."

If this motion is approved by Council a copy of the resolution to be sent to each constituent organization for approval.

Mr Beals. report to be sent Inter-State

Appointment of Secretary. Mr Palmer considering position. Mr Walker moved Mr Baker Sec. that we invite the Greek Orthodox women to come to Council and consider affiliation.

Suggestion from C of E. meeting be changed to 4th Friday. Moved by Mr Walker Sec by Mr Montgomery that we change to 4th Friday and meet at 10-30 (back to page marked 5)