

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Meeting of Working Committee held on Tuesday, 25th May at 2 p.m. in the A.C.C. Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

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OPENING:

The meeting opened with prayer led by Deaconess M. Andrews. Welcome was extended to all, and in particular to Mrs. A.A.Adam as alternate for Lieut. Colonel H. Cross.

PRESENT:

Mrs.M.G.Wyllie (chair), Mesdames D.J.A.Verco, F. Stafford, A.A.Adam, A.G.Ralph S.A.Barrett, Deaconess M.Andrews, Miss T. Skiller, Rev. H.L.Perkins, Lt. Col.H.Cross.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Mesdames C.F.Gribble, H.J.Lilley, J.F.Dey.

PRE-MEETING LUNCHEON.

Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa lunched with members of the Working Committee. Welcome was expressed, to which Miss Connie Tan responded and made a presentation to Australian Church Women.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) Pacific Conference of Churches: It was reported that the Rev. F. Engel is awaiting word from the Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches as to what their plans are for inviting Australian observers as participants at their 1966 conference; also that he has indicated the desire of A.C.W. to be represented.
- b) Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council: It was reported the Secretary of the Council had indicated satisfaction concerning answers to enquiries raised concerning the Constitution of A.C.W.
- c) Commission on Marriage and Family Life. It was reported that a letter had been received from the Rev. J.R.Neal, suggesting that someone be nominated for appointment to this Commission. It was agreed it would be helpful if this person were a member of the National Committee of A.C.W., and that Mrs. T.C.Rentoul be asked to accept this appointment.
- d) Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. It was reported that the Rev. J.R.Neal had indicated that the Committee on Co-operation is looking at the possibility of publishing some material on sex relationships which originally appeared in "Together" some three or four years ago - no decision has yet been reached.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) A letter was received from the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, appointing Mrs. A.A.Adam as alternate for Lt. Colonel H. Cross, and Mrs. A.B.Ralph as alternate for Mrs. H.J.Lilley.
- b) Letters were received from Mrs. J.D.McCaughy and Deaconess C. Ritchie, accepting appointment as representatives of A.C.W. on the Scholarship
- c) A.C.T. - Canberra Church Women. A Committee has been formed to draw up a Constitution which will be presented to the full Committee on the 25th June. This will then be forwarded for acceptance and ratification.
- d) Tasmania. A letter was received indicating that the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania has now been formed. Enquiries have been made concerning material for World Community Day. It was agreed that we write, expressing our pleasure concerning the forming of this Inter-Church Council and reply to the enquiries regarding material etc.

CORRESPONDENCE. Cont.

- e) Visit of Mrs. D.J.A. Verco to Brisbane. Mrs. Verco visited Brisbane on 11th May to give an address on Australian Church Women at a Conference organised by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union. It has been reported that Mrs. Verco's address was greatly appreciated and some members of the Women's Inter-Church Council spoke with her at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Verco was invited to report on her visit. She stated this had been very worth-while, and that at the close of the meeting much interest, and the desire to know more of A.C.W. was expressed by several.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - 1965.

Miss Thelma Skiller reported -

- (a) The Scholarship Committee met on the 10th May and the main outline of Miss Connie Tan's programme during her stay in Sydney had been formed. Plans made to date include:
- May 21 - 30 Hosts Mr. & Mrs. John Dey. This will be a settling in period when we will have her meeting people and looking around Sydney.
 - May 31-June 6 Burnside Children's Home (Presbyterian) resident.
 - June 7 - 11 Field work with officer of the Department of Child Welfare (Miss Betty Vaughan who was a member of the Work Team which visited Indonesia last year.) Will include court work.
 - June 15 - 21 Werrington Park, St. Marys for dependent children; mentally retarded of varying degree, all state wards, pilot projects in progress.
 - July 5 - 11 Dalmar - Methodist Children's Home, Carlingford.
 - July 15 - 20 Ormond School, Thornleigh - for school age girls who have been committed to the Department by the Children's Court. Emphasis here is on social and educational adjustment.
 - July 24 - 25 Social Workers' Christian Fellowship.
 - July 29 - 31 Thornbury Lodge, Baulkham Hills - for girls and pre-school boys. (mainly a receiving home, but a few of the girls stay on) - resident.
 - Aug. 16 - 22 Bernardo Home, Belmont. (also speak at church meetings in Newcastle)
- (b) The Child Welfare and Social Welfare Department has been most co-operative in making it possible for the scholarship holder to spend time in their institutions.
- (c) She will be communicating with the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria concerning plans for Miss Connie Tan's stay in that State as soon as the N.S.W. outline of study is complete. This will work for balance in the entire programme.
- (d) A letter has been sent to the Rev. Winifred Kiek, giving her up-to-date information concerning the scholarship.
- (e) Miss Connie Tan arrived in Sydney on Friday, May 21st.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Child Welfare and Social Welfare Department, thanking them for their very kind co-operation

It was agreed that the Minutes of this meeting should contain information in full concerning Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, Social Worker from Djakarta, Indonesia.

COPY OF APPLICATION FOR A.C.W. WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, M.Ed.
<u>RESIDENCE</u>	23 Djl. Kotaoradja, Salatiga, Mid Java.
<u>AGE</u>	33 years. (19.7.31)
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>	Single
<u>OCCUPATION</u>	1962 - Directress, Dorcas Children's Homes, Djakarta and 1963 - Assistant Lecturer, University of Indonesia, Djakarta

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS. Dutch Secondary School, Samarang, 1950
Teachers Training School, Surakarta, 1950-1952
Teachers Training College, Surakarta, 1953-1956 B.Ed.
University of Indonesia,
Faculty of Education, Djakarta, 1960-64 - M.Ed.

EXPERIENCE 1952-1956 Teacher Christian Primary School, Salatiga
1956-1959 Head Mistress, Christian Junior Secondary
School, Salatiga.
Assistant Lecturer, F.K.I.P. Salatiga.
1959 Assistant Lecturer, Christian University
Djakarta
1961-1965 Assistant Lecturer, University of Indonesia,
Djakarta

Christian Church
Sunday School Teacher
Member of Commission on Evangelism, Christian Church of
Indonesia, Kwitang, Djakarta.
Secretary of Christian Youth, Central Java.

PURPOSE. To serve in field of Child Welfare and to lecture in the
same at the University of Indonesia (Education and psy-
chology)

OBJECTIVE. Further equipment in field of dependent and delinquent
children, from study in Australia.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Pastor Tan Tic Hay - her sometime Minister through
her years of study. "We may summarize our evaluation as
follows - Character, Intellectual ability, adaptability,
and seriousness of purpose, sufficient."
(2) Dra Tan Tik Jauw - Dean of Faculty of Pedagogy -
Christian University of Indonesia, who has known her for
5 years in the University and the Dorcas Homes.
"Is a conscientious person, capable of doing a promising
job in the realm of education in the Christian Church;
able to bear responsibility; if given the opportunity
of studying abroad the education of institutionalized
children, can complete studies successfully; will promote
activities of the Church in Indonesia and serve the
Christian University in a more efficient way."
(3) Soedarjo - Chairman, Dorcas Orphan House - "Nothing
is too much for her as far as Christian Social Service
is concerned - is a big hope as a worker in the Church,
now and in the future."

CHURCH. No specific request. Dra Tan Kwie Hwa was offered the
Scholarship by Australian Church Women.
The whole correspondence authenticates the suitability
of granting the scholarship from the point of view of
Church - character, good service and purpose.

HEALTH. Certificate is in order. She has overcome the misfortune
of a fractured hip and disabilities arising from pili-
myelitis in childhood.

FINANCE. To be provided by Australian Church Women. DICARWS
to be asked by Australian Church Women to provide return
air fare.

PLACE OF STUDY. Sydney and Melbourne. Co-operation of Department of Child
and Social Welfare and various church institutions being
sought.

GENERAL. Losing her mother at the age of 9, her education was interr-
upted by the war. Despite moves occasioned by the fighting,
she has revealed a very commendable steadfastness of faith
and purposefulness, promising to make a real contribution
to the service of the Christian Church in the circumstances
of human need. "

WINIFRED KIEK
SCHOLARSHIP - POLICY:

It was agreed there is the need for a clearly defined policy having to do with selection of scholarship holders, the relationship of Australian Church Women with Inter-Church Aid, and in other aspects of this subject.

The Rev. H. L. Perkins outlined the method adopted in Australian Council of Churches scholarships and proposed that it would be helpful, he considers, if the financing of the Australian Church Women scholarship in the first place, were undertaken by Inter-Church Aid and Australian Church Women run a Scholarship Fund from which refunds to Iner-Church Aid would be made. He also suggested that there be collaboration between the ACC Scholarship Committee and Australian Church Women. This would not in any way interfere with Australian Church Women making their desires known, nor with Australian Church Women handling the scholarship holder's programme whilst she is in Australia.

It was resolved that the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP fall into line with other Australian Council of Churches Scholarships. The meeting also requested Mr. Perkins, Mrs Stafford and Miss Skiller to form a committee to prepare a proposed policy having to do with the whole subject and present a report to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

WINIFRED KIEK
SCHOLARSHIP - 1966:

A letter was received from Brigadier H. Orsborn, Principal of the Salvation Army Training College, Melbourne, asking for consideration to be given to helping a Korean registered nurse, who wishes to enter the Training College for theological training in March 1966, the length of the training session being 2 years.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Brigadier Orsborn, explaining that we are at present not in a position to give any decision in this matter, as the whole subject of policy concerning this scholarship is under consideration.

FELLOWSHIP DAY.

- 1) Distribution of material. it was reported that samples of Fellowship Day material, together with publicity leaflet having to do with Miss Connie Tan, had been sent to all State Units.
- 2) Finance. Letters had been received from State Units in Victoria and Queensland.
- 3) Queensland. Fellowship Day will be held on Tuesday, June 29. The Women's Inter-Church Council has accepted an offer to have Miss Connie Tan from Monday to Wednesday, 28 - 30 June, and are planning meetings which will feature the scholarship holder.
- 4) N.S.W. The State Unit will plan for Miss Connie Tan to visit as many centres as possible on Friday, July 23.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - PROJECT.

Some preliminary consideration was given to this, but it was agreed this could be more satisfactorily arrived at when the Worship Service and Study Material had been received.

Mention was made of the proximity of the dates of United Nations Day and World Community Day. Also that, because of this and the theme of "international co-operation", it could be helpful if material included some references to the involvement of women's organizations in the work of the United Nations.

It was agreed that we write to Archbishop Appleton, telling him of this discussion; also to Mrs. Wilkinson who at the National Committee had consented to speak with the Archbishop concerning our request that he write material for World Community Day.

NEXT MEETING: To be held on Tuesday, June 22 at 2pm.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with prayer led by the Rev. H. L. Perkins.

CONFIRMED: _____

DATE: _____