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A.C.W. seeks:

to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

to provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

This being my first message to you all after having been installed in May, I would like to thank my many friends in A.C.W., both in Sydney as well as those Interstate, for their genuine love and concern for me.

I received many letters assuring me of prayer support both for that Day and throughout my time of office, that I felt most humbled as well as very grateful - but please do continue to pray for me.

In the Anglican Church, we are now in the "Ordinary" time of the year, the time following Easter, Ascension and Pentecost and before the Advent Season. This period, originally was known as the Trinity Season and pointed us to the Godhead - our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

President's Message (Cont.)

Let us not be complacent because we are in the "Ordinary" part of the year, but let us remember that Almighty God, the Protector of all who put their trust in Him, will give us, His people, power and strength to overcome evil and make good use of the gifts with which He has so richly blessed each one of us.

God bless us all as we seek His forgiveness and His guidance in our lives.

June Graham.
President.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

- 21.5.1986 N.C.W. Luncheon at Great Synagogue.
Mrs. J. Graham and Mrs. D. Lumb.
- 4.6.1986 N.C.W. 90th Anniversary Luncheon -
Deaconess B. Finlay.
- 13.6.1986 Salvation Army Rally - Town Hall
Mrs. J. Graham
- 26.6.1987 N.C.W. Reception at Town Hall for 90th Anniversary
Mrs. J. Graham
N.C.W. Special Meeting in Town Hall Vestibule
Mrs. M. McCann and Mrs. E. Ridge.
- 10.7.1986 A.C.W. Fellowship Day - Mrs. J. Graham (speaker)
Sutherland Shire Branch
- 16.7.1986 A.C.W. Fellowship Day - " " "
Terrigal Branch
- 17.7.1986 Uniting Church - 9th Birthday Celebration-
Mrs. J. Graham
- 23.7.1986 A.C.W. Fellowship Day - City of Sydney Branch.
Mrs. J. Graham.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - OCTOBER, 1986.

For details of the Service in your area, telephone
Lucelle King, 799-1352.

Be a Fellowship of Least this collection.

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INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT -
MRS. JUNE GRAHAM.

The Annual Service of Dedication for the N.S.W. Unit was held on Monday May 19th at St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Parramatta. The Service was even more impressive this year as the Installation of the new President for N.S.W., Mrs. June Graham, who represents the Anglican Church, also took place. The retiring President, Mrs. Edith Ridge, who represents the Uniting Church, gave a very warm and encouraging Statement calling God's blessing upon Mrs. Graham as she takes up Office. The new President was presented with the President's Bible and the President's Badge and all in attendance offered prayers of consecration.

Members of the Executive of the N.S.W. Unit and Mrs. Verna Bomford, wife of the Senior Canon and Rector of St. John's, took part in the Service. Mrs. Lucelle King, an Executive Member, was Guest Soloist.

Mrs. Graham took as her topic "In search of peace" enlarging on the theme by Resting in the Lord, experiencing the Grace of the Lord and abiding in the Hope of the Lord.

At the luncheon, which followed the Service, presentations were made to the retiring President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as to other members of the N.S.W. Unit who were retiring, in recognition for their services rendered. The retiring President gave a resume of her term of service.

The Service was a wonderful occasion of thanksgiving, commitment and dedication. The N.S.W. Unit would like to thank the Rector, Rev. Ray Bomford, the organist, Mr. David Osborne for their respective help and the ladies of St. John's for the delightful lunch provided.

Lucelle King.
Publicity Officer.

Lucelle and her husband have recently spent seven days in Singapore attending the Baptist World Alliance General Council and ten days in the Philippines visiting children supported by Australian Baptist Aid.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT.

Following the last Council Meeting in June, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee met to discuss ways of sharing in the overall distribution of duties of the Committee. The correspondence contacts are to be shared between Brigadier Mabel Ward, Lieut. Colonel Phyl Barnard and myself, with Mrs. Lucelle King personally contacting any scholars who may be in the area of her visit with her husband as he travels for the Baptist Missions. Hospitality will be organised by the Committee when necessary for visiting Scholars in the future as well as Travelling Fellows.

In a letter from Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase, Federal W.K.S. Convener, she advises that Stella Min of Burma is expected to arrive in January to do some study at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Adelaide. We do ask for your prayers for Stella Min as she prepares for this time in Australia and for the Christians in Burma who support her.

Margaret, who wrote the 1986 Fellowship Day Service, said that had her mother, Rev. Winifred Kiek still been alive, she would have been 102 on July 27th.

Already the N.S.W. Committee has commenced writing to the various Scholars on our personal lists and we hope to receive news from several by the next edition of Newsette. Pray for us as we maintain this contact with the women, who after study in our country have returned, with faith, to put into action what they have learned here, through study and observation of our way of life.

Yvonne Davis,
W.K.S. Convener.

Deaconess Mary Andrews is to visit China again - to Fuzhou, Hanzhou, Shanghai, Nanjing and Beijing - from 21st August to 16th September - and Mrs. Mina Whybourne is to accompany her. Please pray that they may travel safely and all plans will come to fruition.

GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS FOR 1986 FROM FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN.AFRICA.

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| 1) All African Conf. of Churches - Education for Women and Food Production in <u>Tanzania</u> | \$6,000. |
| 2) <u>Cameroon</u> - Try Yourself Women's Co-operative | 5,000. |
| 3) <u>Kenya</u> - Women's Development Project, Food Production and Water Supply | 6,000. |

ASIA.

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| 1) A.C.W.C. Team to People's Republic of China | 10,000. |
| 2) <u>Burma</u> - Y.W.C.A. Programme | 2,500. |
| 3) <u>Hong Kong</u> - Ministry to Filipino Migrant Workers | 6,000. |
| 4) <u>India</u> - Mar Thoma Home for Retired Workers | 2,000. |
| 5) <u>Korea</u> - Medical Service to A-Bomb victims | 6,000. |
| 6) <u>Taiwan</u> - Centre for development of under-privileged women | 8,000. |
| 7) <u>Australia</u> - Nungalinga College - Literacy and Computer facility for Aboriginal women | 4,500. |

CARIBBEAN.

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| 1) <u>Caribbean</u> Church Women, for evaluation of achievements of past decade | 6,000. |
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EUROPE.

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| 1) Ecumenical Forum of European Christian women for participation of women in South and Eastern Europe in 1986 Assembly | 3,000. |
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LATIN AMERICA.

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| 1) For ministries with women and children | 3,000. |
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MIDDLE EAST.

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| 1) Leadership Development Programme for Women | 5,000. |
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GRANTS & ALLOCATIONS (CONT.)NORTH AMERICA.

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| 1) Inter Church Council of Canada, sponsors National Gathering of Women "Moving Mountains". | \$6,000. |
| 2) 'Seed Money' for Newsletter sponsored by disabled persons, through Church Women United | 5,000. |
| 3) Regional visits by International visitors to Quad. meetings of World Day of Prayer | 10,000. |

PACIFIC.

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| 1) F.L.C. and W.D. of Prayer Teams visit Pacific Isles | 3,000. |
| 2) Leadership Programmes for women in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands | 5,000. |

EMERGENCY GRANTS.

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| 1) For women and children of Middle East. | 5,000. |
| 2) Other emergencies. | 5,000. |

GLOBAL.

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| 1) Frontiers in Mission (for Women Volunteers) | 3,000. |
| 2) Publication - Third World Women's Biblical and Theological Meditations. | 3,000. |

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN.

A new Audio-Visual is now available for meetings giving the history of F.L.C. Apply to Mrs. Glad West (Convener),
8 Stewart Street,
Artarmon. (419-8654).

CHINA - AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS ABSENCE.
(Cont. from February Newsletter)

Deaconess Andrews continues: "We left by train for Hangzhou. There the guide told us we had to leave for Hong Kong a day early because the plane on which we were booked had been cancelled. This was very disappointing because it meant that I could not visit the town where I had served in China.

However, the guide arranged for us to visit one of my former students in Lin Hai, the Rev. Chen En-foh, now the pastor of Hangzhou church. After dinner we were driven to the pastor's apartment and had a joyous reunion. Pastor Chen had much to share of God's blessings in recent times. So far this year, 600 people have been baptized at the church and he also lectures at Hangzhou Theological Seminary where increasing numbers of young men and women are training.

It was good to hear too, about former students who had become pastors and of my former colleague and successor in charge of the parish of Shaoxing who was now Dean of the Nanjing Theological College. Today 185 students are preparing for Christian ministry there.

My earlier disappointment turned to joy when my guide was able to arrange a visit to my old town which has a population of 600,000. The countryside and the village had not changed. Farmers could be seen planting rice, cutting and stripping hemp and cutting sugar cane in what is now a very lush and fertile part of China.

We went to the Da Liang Church which had been used as a theatre up until 1983. As word got around, many old friends came to visit us. We were told that 90 people had been baptized at Easter time and that the church was packed out every Sunday with 600 worshippers.

The last time I preached in that Baptist Church was on Christmas Day 1950. As I finished a Communist cadre jumped up on the platform and said "Do not take any notice of what you have been hearing. You are being promised a pie in the sky when you die. We are going to give that pie now." The next generation will not know anything of Christianity because we will indoctrinate the children, he went on to say. How I thanked God that the prediction had been reversed and now the Church community is larger, stronger and much more enthusiastic than in 1950.

It seems that the tremendous power of God's spirit, evident at all times in China, is a testament to the power of man to halt.

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A.C.W.C.

Please remember in your prayers the 8TH ASSEMBLY of A.C.W.C. (Asian Church Women's Conference) to be held 2ND-7TH NOVEMBER 1986 in Bangkok.

The Keynote speaker is Mrs. Janet Wood, Bible Lecturer, and the Commission Leaders are Dr.S.D.Pakianathan, Mrs. Navamani E. Peter, Dr. Nalla Tan, M.D. and Mrs. Avako Sekiya.

X Mrs. June Graham, our President is to attend and it will be a very challenging and wonderful time for her as she meets with our Asian friends. Please pray for her.

The theme of the Assembly is "I can do all things through Christ".

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