

What can you do?

1. FORM AN INTER-CHURCH GROUP IN YOUR DISTRICT.
2. OBSERVE THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP DAY AND WORLD COMMUNITY DAY IN YOUR AREA.
3. SUPPORT THE PROJECTS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

Literature and information may be obtained from your State Unit (Women's Inter-Church Council).

**WE REDISCOVER OUR UNITY
IN OUR FAITH
AND IN THE WORK
WE DO TOGETHER**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION DURING 1970 WRITE TO:

Australian Church Women,
C/- Victorian Council of Churches,
100 Flinders Street,
MELBOURNE, Victoria, 3000.

After which the Working Committee moves to Brisbane:
Australian Church Women,
C/- Queensland Council of Churches,
48 Durham Street,
ST. LUCIA, Queensland, 4067.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



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Offerings taken on Fellowship Day support the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

Offerings taken on World Community Day support a service project usually related to Inter-Church Aid.

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Projects

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The purpose of the scholarship is to offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training, and can return to her country to give leadership in Church and community life.

Where possible a scholarship is given each year, and already scholarship holders have come from Indonesia, New Guinea, and the Pacific (Fiji and the British Solomon Islands).

The holder spends part of the year in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutions, with opportunities provided to meet church women's groups.

The scholarship was named after the Rev. Winifred Kiek, now living in retirement in South Australia, who was a pioneer in co-ordinating the work of church women in Australia as Liaison Officer for Women's Work, with the World Council of Churches.

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SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES -

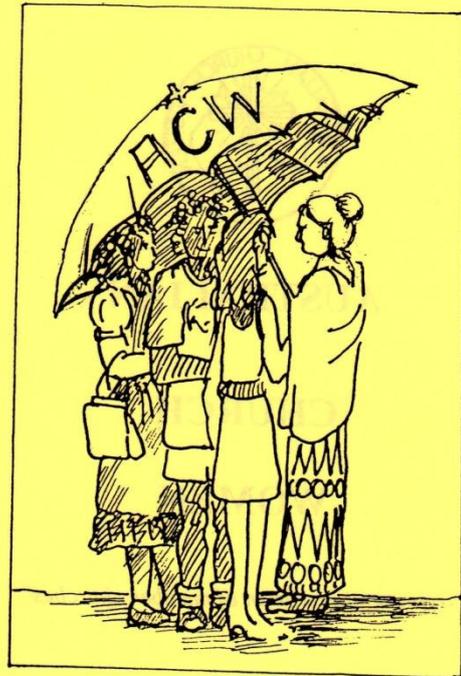
- (1) Fellowship Day (July)
- (2) World Community Day (October)

PROJECTS -

- (1) Fellowship of the Least Coin
- (2) Winifred Kiek Scholarship
- (3) Community Luncheons and Forums
- (4) Asian Church Women's Conference

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Contact Vera Wilson on ph 09 387 1806



**AUSTRALIAN
CHURCH
WOMEN**

representing women of member churches

Aim to unite Christian women
across denominational barriers
in their allegiance to their Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ

Create opportunities for
effective mission

Worship and work together

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F.L.C. contributions from individuals and groups are sent through State Units of the A.C.W. to the National Committee and remitted to the International Committee Fellowship of the Least Coin. Details of amounts forwarded by participating countries are not publicised, only the total sum received. Applications for grants are invited from all countries; in the allocation of funds, special attention is given to assisting programmes for the relief of the suffering and oppressed, and projects which will ensure women's developing and offer opportunities for women to participate fully in ecumenical movements. Details of the grants made each year are listed in the ACWC Quarterly News Bulletin - Subscription, \$2.00 per annum.

Literature available from State Units

Circle of Prayer - meditations and prayers prepared by women of different countries, published by ACWC.

Small Beginnings - account of history and origin of F.L.C. - compiled by Mrs. F. Downes.

Our Silver Jubilee - account of Silver Jubilee celebrations in Manila, songs, studies and a listing of F.L.C. grants from 1959 to 1980.

Further information and literature are available from the A.C.W. Unit in your State.

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The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide supplementary training for a Christian woman from the Asian, Indian or Pacific areas and is intended for a woman who has already received her basic training in her chosen field of work and who it is hoped will return to her own country to give leadership in Church and community. Available annually for one academic year - fares, tuition fees and accommodation costs are covered - also available for shorter periods.

The Winifred Kiek Fellowship

The purpose of the Fellowship is to benefit Australian Church women by giving them the opportunity of learning from outstanding Christian women in other countries. The awardee would travel throughout Australia, speaking to church and community groups, promoting an understanding of the work of the Church in other countries. Available triennially to a Christian woman from overseas, or one already studying here, it covers fares, honoraria and accommodation costs.

Memorial Bursary Fund

This fund was established by A.C.W. to honour Australian Church women who have made a notable contribution to Church and community. Memorial donations may be made at any time by individuals or groups. The fund is used to supply a bursary to the value of \$100.00 to Winifred Kiek Scholars for the purchase of books or equipment.

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Although Women's Inter-Church Councils had functioned in several States for a number of years, it was not until the early 1960's that steps were taken to establish a national body, which might link them together and take action when, for example, Australian representation at international meetings was required. An interim planning committee was set up in 1963 and a Constitution drawn up which was ratified by the Australian Council of Churches in 1965. Thus Australian Church Women came into being, bringing together the existing State bodies, prepared to share common tasks and undertake united action.

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Third Floor,
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This information is supplied especially for those who have not yet met the co-ordinating body known as Australian Church Women, and for those who, having heard of us, would like to be more fully informed.

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HISTORY

At the annual meeting of the Australian Council of Churches in 1962, it was resolved that an investigating committee be set up to examine the possibility of some kind of relationship with Women's Inter-Church Councils in the various States, and with the Commonwealth-wide women's federations of the various denominations.

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Steps which led up to all this go back over a period of 17 years in which, amongst others, the name of the Rev. Winifred Kiek figures prominently.

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ACTIVITIES

1. Preparation of Study Material

In 1964, "Saints Alive" was produced for use in women's and mixed groups.

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The holder spends part of the year in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutions, with opportunities provided to meet church women's groups.

In 1965 the scholarship holder was Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, a social worker from Djakarta, Indonesia.

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Australian Church Women is also anxious to encourage projects where there is need in our own country, e.g. the project for 1966 World Community Day, was to assist migrant women in Australia.

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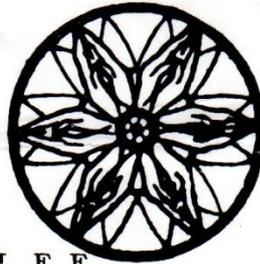
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

FELLOWSHIP

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SILVER JUBILEE

CELEBRATION RALLY

AT WESLEY CHAPEL

ON 25th MAY 1981 at 10:30a.m.

There will be a general offering and it is
SUGGESTED A 50 CENT PEECE SILVER COIN WOULD
BE APPROPRIATE FOR A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE
Fellowship of the Least Coin Silver Jubilee.

Followed by a light luncheon
in the Uniting Church Meeting Room 1st floor
139 Castlereagh St. Sydney

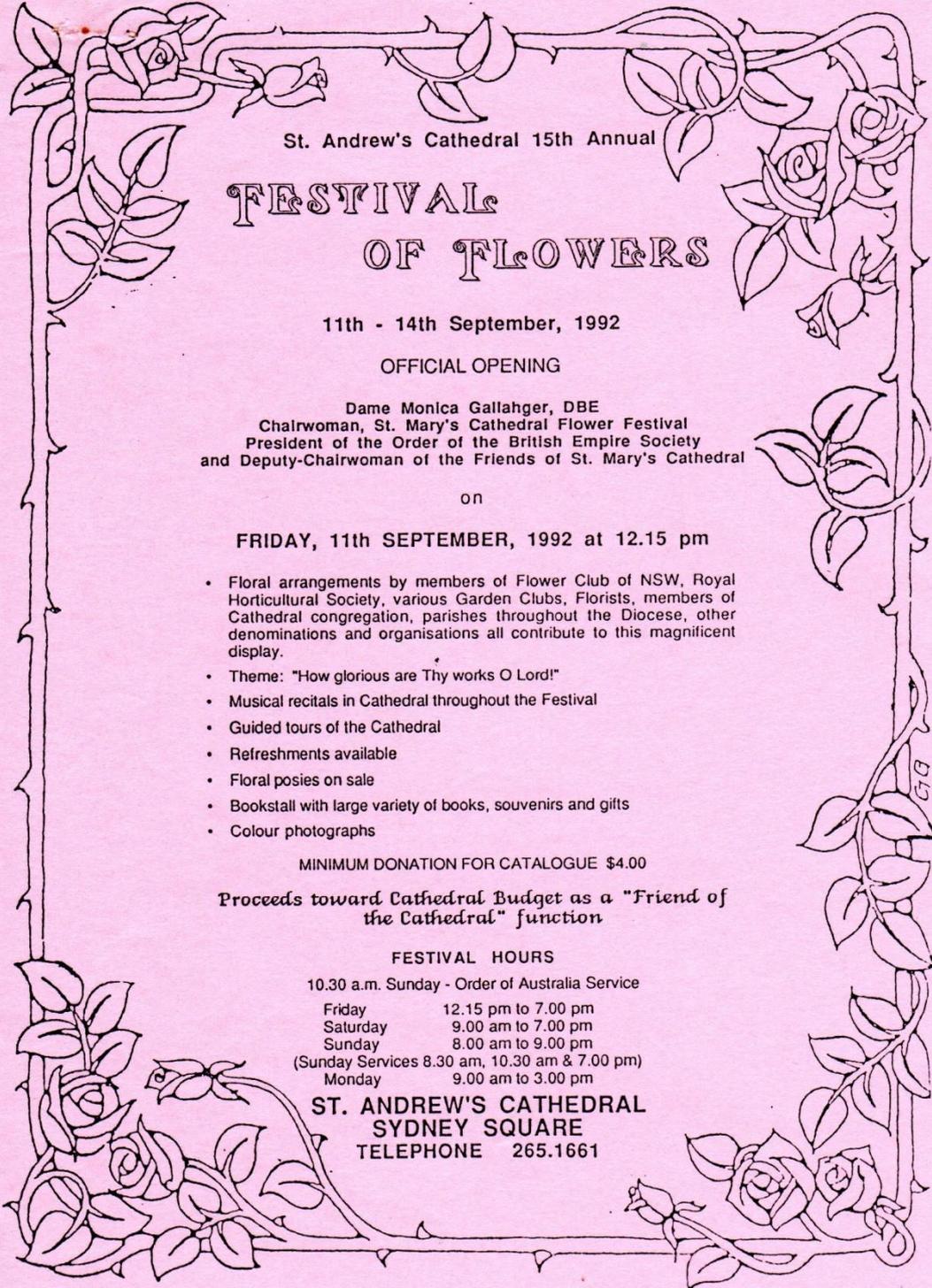
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
DISABLED PERSONS will be
observed with the Theme

"PUBLIC AWARENESS"

with Speakers Miss Alison Watson and Miss
Sue Newman to conclude at 1:45p.m.

R. S.V.P. Mrs. G. West
419 8654

Mrs. D. Woodhouse
419 6772



St. Andrew's Cathedral 15th Annual

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

11th - 14th September, 1992

OFFICIAL OPENING

Dame Monica Gallagher, DBE
Chairwoman, St. Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival
President of the Order of the British Empire Society
and Deputy-Chairwoman of the Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral

on

FRIDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1992 at 12.15 pm

- Floral arrangements by members of Flower Club of NSW, Royal Horticultural Society, various Garden Clubs, Florists, members of Cathedral congregation, parishes throughout the Diocese, other denominations and organisations all contribute to this magnificent display.
- Theme: "How glorious are Thy works O Lord!"
- Musical recitals in Cathedral throughout the Festival
- Guided tours of the Cathedral
- Refreshments available
- Floral posies on sale
- Bookstall with large variety of books, souvenirs and gifts
- Colour photographs

MINIMUM DONATION FOR CATALOGUE \$4.00

Proceeds toward Cathedral Budget as a "Friend of
the Cathedral" function

FESTIVAL HOURS

10.30 a.m. Sunday - Order of Australia Service

Friday	12.15 pm to 7.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 am to 7.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am to 9.00 pm
(Sunday Services 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 7.00 pm)	
Monday	9.00 am to 3.00 pm

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
SYDNEY SQUARE
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St Andrew's Cathedral

19TH FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS



12th - 15th September, 1997

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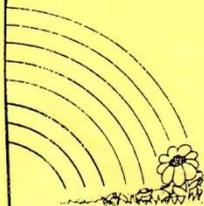
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ENTRANCE FEE AND CATALOGUE \$5

PARKING UNDER ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE
(entrance from Kent Street)
Maximum time allowed 2 hours.
Flat Rate Fee \$6.00

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
SYDNEY SQUARE
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PROJECTS (contd)

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As a member of ACWC, Australian Church Women makes financial contribution to ACWC and we invite individuals to become a "Partner of ACWC" by giving \$1.00 annually through State Units. The target is 5,000 partners."

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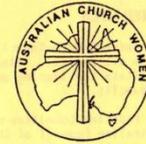
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NEWSLETTE

Newsletter for state unit (NSW).
Published four times yearly.
News, views and items of interest.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TREASURER
(As above)



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You are invited to attend a

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY

"In Quietness and Confidence"

to be held on

JULY 21, 2003

at

Uniting Church Building
222 Pitt Street, Sydney
(5th Floor)

10.00 am: Morning Tea

10.30 am: Welcome and First Session

11.15 am: Second Session

12 noon: Third Session

12.45 pm: Lunch

Morning Tea will be supplied
Please Bring Your Own Lunch



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2004 DAY CONFERENCE

“Word & Walk”

Monday 20th September

**4th Floor Function Centre
The Salvation Army
140 Elizabeth Street SYDNEY.**

COST: \$25.00 (Morning, Afternoon Tea & Lunch)

Registration & Payment to:-

Mrs Helen Richardson
33 Lynwood Ave. DEE WHY NSW 2099

by 7th September

Early registration would be appreciated

10.00 Morning Tea

10.30 Welcome & 1st Session

“Walking in the Word”

Major Geanetter Seymour The Salvation Army

11.45 2nd Session

Reverend Colin Scott Hope Street Urban Compassion

1.00 Lunch

2.00 3rd Session

Jan Corbett-Jones Kairos Prison Ministries

3.00 Afternoon Tea

Please come by Public Transport. N.B. Museum is the closest station.



Registration - **Day Conference**

I will be attending NAME _____

Payment is enclosed \$25.00



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY

Monday 18th July 2005

ST JAMES CHURCH - CITY

10 am Morning Tea

Venue information over page

God's Treasury with

**Treasure Imparted
Treasure Experienced
Treasure Shared**

2 Corithinans 4:7



**Cost for the
day \$2.00**

Come join us and be blessed

**THE HALL OF ST JAMES
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A very pleasant and attractive venue has
been arranged for our Spiritual
Enrichment Day.

The Hall of St James Church is at
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The Scholarship is offered to Christian women in three regions (annual rotation of regions): Multicultural Australia, Pacific Island Nations, and member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference.

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HISTORY

At the annual meeting of the Australian Council of Churches in 1962, it was resolved that an investigating committee be set up to examine the possibility of some kind of relationship with Women's Inter-Church Councils in the various States, and with the Commonwealth-wide women's federations of the various denominations.

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Steps which led up to all this go back over a period of 17 years in which, amongst others, the name of the Rev. Winifred Kiek figures prominently.

HOW AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN OPERATES

Australian Church Women maintains special relationships:

1. with the World Council of Churches, through the Australian Council of Churches, and with the East Asia Christian Conference. As part of its participation in the E.A.C.C. Australian Church Women send delegates to the Asian Churchwomen's Conferences.
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3. with Federal denominational women's groups and, through them, State denominational women's groups and local denominational groups.
4. with special interest groups.

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2. two representatives of each State Women's Inter-Church Council recognised by A.C.W. as its State Unit.
3. one representative of the Federal organisation of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee.
4. two representatives appointed by the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.
5. four representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.
6. the office bearers

The National Committee meets at least annually, and appoints a Working Committee of 10 members to carry out its work between meetings.

ACTIVITIES

1. Preparation of Study Material

In 1964, "Saints Alive" was produced for use in women's and mixed groups. In 1966 A.C.W. supported the use of the studies of the Church and Life Movement. In 1967 - studies on a devotional theme, "Church Worship" were produced.

2. Special Days.

Two special days are planned each year, in which women of the various denominations are invited to unite for worship and, in many cases, also engage in group discussion.

FELLOWSHIP DAY - observed during the last week in July

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - observed during the last week in October.

For these days a worship service is prepared; together with questions for group discussions. Copies are available from the Women's Inter-Church Councils in each State.

At all times A.C.W. encourages observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

3. Projects

Australian Church Women encourages concern for the world-wide work of the Church through its overseas projects.

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In 1965 the scholarship holder was Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, a social worker from Djakarta, Indonesia.

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Offerings at services on Fellowship Day support the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

b) THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

Through the Fellowship of the Least Coin, women can join a fellowship of prayer which includes many countries of the world, especially Asian countries. Women are asked to pray for the work of the Church in all six continents, and to set aside every month, as a symbol of their prayer, the least coin of their currency (for us one cent). Women are invited to bring these "least coins" for dedication at the World Community Day services in October each year. The returns for each country are not publicised, only the world total. Already thousands of women in Australia are taking part. Many suitable prayers are found in the booklet "Circle of Prayer" available from State Inter-Church Councils.

Australian Church Women is also anxious to encourage projects where there is need in our own country, e.g. the project for 1966 World Community Day was to assist migrant women in Australia.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Form an inter-church women's group in your district.
2. Observe the Women's World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day in your area.
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REMINDER BOOKMARK

Keep this marker in THE BOOK you use daily.

"I am making all things NEW".

Every day

Claim the NEW LIFE with its qualities—compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance, love. — Help build the NEW EARTH to surround all humankind with the new possibilities for abundant living.

Participate in

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—

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CELEBRATE with those who belong together because of what God has done for each of us . . .

through

World Day of Prayer—March.....

Fellowship Day—July.....

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(Fill in dates above appropriate to your locality.)

MESSAGE

From the 1968 meeting of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, held at Deaconess House, Sydney (February 13-16) we send this message through our State Units and Federal organisations to the women we represent:

WE URGE THEM:

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- . to deepen their faith by prayer and Bible study
- . to increase their knowledge of the world in which they live, beginning with local and municipal affairs, and extending to questions of international importance
- . to do all they can to ease racial tension, poverty and hunger, near at hand and in other parts of the world, and in particular to support Inter-Church Aid and its Force Ten project.
- . particularly in 1968 to remember the desperate need in Vietnam and to support whatever efforts are made to send relief to the victims of the war
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- . to join in creating a climate of opinion in which our Government can do more to help developing countries
- . to support Women's World Day of Prayer and to promote wherever possible Fellowship Day and World Community Day, with their associated service projects, and to support other inter-church activity under the Australian Council of Churches.
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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
REVEREND WINIFRED KIEK, MA, BD

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HONOURING AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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SPECIAL DAYS

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Australian Church Women Inc also encourages participation in the annual **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** services, held throughout Australia and the world on the first Friday in March.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MISSION STATEMENT

Australian Church Women Inc seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries, to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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AIMS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

- A. To unite Christian women from those Churches and Christian Communities which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and commit themselves to the glory of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B. To promote co-operation, understanding and reconciliation between men and women in church, family and society;
- C. To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
- D. To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together;
- E. To encourage fellowship, service and understanding nationally and internationally.

WEBSITES

For further information on Australian Church Women Inc see <http://www.acw.org.au/>
For further information on Asian Church Women's Conference see <http://acwc.blogspot.com.au/>
For further information on Fellowship of the Least Coin see <http://www.flc.net.ph/>
For further information on World Day of Prayer see <http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

BRIEF HISTORY

- 1960 Women's Inter-Church Councils having been formed in all States and Territories, plans were made to facilitate the linking of these Councils in a national body.
- 1963 Interim Planning Committee set up by the Australian Council of Churches to draft a Constitution.
- 1965 Following ratification of Constitution by Australian Council of Churches Australian Church Women came into being. It brought together existing State and Territory Councils to share common tasks and undertake united action.
- 1985 Revised Constitution adopted at Biennial National Conference in Brisbane.
- 2009 Australian Church Women Inc incorporated in the ACT, with revised constitution.

MEMBERSHIP

All major denominations, including Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian, The Salvation Army and The Uniting Church are represented.

ADMINISTRATION

Governance is in the hands of the biennial National Conference and the National Executive. The National Executive is formed by each State/Territory in rotation.

Australian Church Women Inc is a member of the Asian Church Women's Conference, sends delegates to its Quadrennial Assembly, and contributes financially on an annual basis.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Founded in 1958, ACWC is an ecumenical organization of Christian women of Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Women from the 19 participating countries seek to demonstrate God's love by growth in Christian faith and responsibility through study, prayer and service.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation, begun in 1956. It enables all, whether rich or poor, educated or illiterate, in urban or rural areas, to participate in the offering of their 'least coin' with prayer, thus providing 'gifts of love' to be given for projects all over the world. It is important that only the 'least coin' of each currency be set aside so that even the poorest women of each country can be a part of this fellowship of love and care.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Each year, the 'least coins' in Australia are received and dedicated at the annual World Community Day service, which is usually held in October, in each State and Territory.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

The Circle of Prayer booklet is an important part of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Twenty-four meditations and prayers are written by women around the world and published by the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin every two years.



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY

For ACW members and friends

Monday 16 September 2013

The Salvation Army Sydney Congress Hall
Function Centre
4th Floor - 140 Elizabeth Street Sydney

***Remember to show hospitality to strangers,
for some have entertained angels unawares***

Arrive by 9.30 am for Morning Tea

Program begins from 10.00 am

- Contributions from ACW Members
- Speaker: Jenny Stanger of Project Samaritan
for trafficked women
- **Celebrate 75 years of ACW NSW**

Come and share, enjoy, learn.

Program to conclude before 3.00 pm.

Cost for day \$30.00 includes morning tea and lunch

RSVP with payment by 2/9/2013 to:

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33 Lynwood Avenue
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Please advise special dietary needs