

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

TO: A.C.W. STATE UNITS  
FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
"SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS" ASSOCIATED WITH A.C.W.

The Working Committee wishes to bring to your notice two important matters:-

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

The Sixth Assembly of ACWC is to be held at Tozanso, YMCA Retreat Centre, Gotemba, Japan, October 10-15, 1978. The Theme of the Assembly is "Called to change, committed to serve".

Australia is entitled to be represented by two delegates and two observers. Those selected by the ACW Working Committee (on the nomination of State Units) are:-

Delegates - Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, National President, A.C.W., who is actively involved in Uniting Church activities, and  
Miss Ruth Nebro, Deaconess/Social Worker, Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship, Perth,  
Observers - Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, Head Deaconess in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and  
Mrs. Brigadier I. Macintyre, Divisional Director of Women's Services, Salvation Army in W.A. and Vice-President of A.C.W. when the Working Committee was located in Perth.

Other Australians attending the Assembly will be Mrs. Frances Bailey, of Adelaide, Vice-President of ACWC, and Mrs. Rachel Cocks of Hobart, who since the previous Assembly in 1974, has been the Australian representative on the Working Committee of ACWC.

We are delighted that Australia is to be so well represented and we ask for the prayerful support of all A.C.W. members and friends, that our representatives may enjoy a rich experience from which we, too, shall benefit.

The costs involved will be heavy, and, although ACWC undertakes to meet some of the delegates' expenses, it is felt that we, who live in an affluent country like Australia, should try to exceed our basic financial responsibilities and "go the second mile", or part of it. Airfares (3) approximately \$1400 each, registration fees of US\$200 each and accommodation charges of possibly \$150 each, will total more than \$5000. How much of this amount can be found depends on your generous response to our appeal. The Working Committee feels it would be unfair to establish "quotas"; we leave it to our State Units and associated bodies to do all they can to help. Some costs have to be met immediately, others will face us in the next few months. Contributions to our "Overseas Travel Fund" should be forwarded to the address given below, so as to reach us no later than July 31st.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN GRANTS:

The Working Committee invites applications, submitted by State Units of A.C.W. or Federal bodies in association with A.C.W., for grants from the Fellowship of the Least Coin (International) for 1979. If you wish to submit an application, please advise me immediately, giving information, in brief, of the project you have in mind. Official application forms, which must be completed in triplicate, will then be supplied. These will need to be returned to me, together with full documentation, no later than May 26, 1978, so that the Working Committee may consider them early in June.

On behalf of the Working Committee,

*Doris M. Mitchell*  
Hon. Secretary

20th March, 1978

Australian Church Women,  
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On behalf of the Working Committee I send you now details of the Fellowship of the Least Coin Grants for 1979, as determined by the Executive of the Asian Church Women's Conference. The list was published in the A.C.W.C. News Bulletin, Fourth Quarter, 1978.

We were pleased that both applications for grants submitted by A.C.W. were agreed to. The first will enable us to include churchwomen from the United States and New Zealand among the participants at our National Committee Meeting and Consultation, to be held in Sydney in September next; the second, to be administered by the Resettlement Department of the A.C.C., will provide funds for training migrant women as social welfare workers among their own ethnic groups.

In view of the success of our applications last year, the Working Committee has seriously considered whether we should invite applications for F.L.C. Grants from our member bodies this year, since the needs of other countries are so much greater than ours. Our decision was to advise you that applications for 1980 Grants will be considered only if the need is urgent and there is little likelihood that the project submitted will receive support elsewhere. If you wish to submit an application, please advise me at the earliest opportunity, so that official application forms may be supplied to you. These forms will need to be returned to me, together with full documentation, no later than May 31, 1979.

May I draw your attention to the reference to the "ACWC News Bulletin", made in "Women at Work", January-February 1979 (page 8). We hope to obtain a goodly number of Australian subscribers, so that knowledge of and interest in the activities of the Asian Church Women's Conference may be increased. Names, addresses and \$2 for each subscription should reach me before April 1, 1979 if possible.

Doris M. Mitchell,  
Hon. Secretary

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March 19, 1979.

## I. ALLOCATIONS FROM FLC FUND FOR 1979

<b>Sri Lanka</b>	In US\$
1. Karuna Nilayam at Kilinochchi, permitted to use from the National FLC Fund	Rs.600.00 or 30.00
2. Sumaga Vocational Training Centre for Girls, Baddegama,	850.00
<b>Philippines</b>	
1. Continuing Education for Theologically Trained Women	5,000.00
2. Bataraza Women's Institute	1,000.00
<b>Brazil</b>	
Assistance towards transport for Pastors' wives in the interior to attend seminar.	6,000.00
<b>India</b>	
For continuing education and help Theologically Trained Women to organize themselves into an Association	6,000.00
<b>Australia</b>	
1. Australian Church Women's International Consultation	2,000.00
2. Resettlement Training Scheme for refugees and migrants	2,000.00
<b>Burma</b>	
1. Anglican Church of the Province of Burma— for Parish Witness Action	2,000.00
2. Assistance to Old Nurses' Home at DAW OO ZUN.	750.00
Balance Carried over US\$	<u>25,630.00</u>

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WORKING COMMITTEE

TO: The President and Secretary of Each State Unit of A.C.W.

RE: The National Committee Meetings to be held in September, 1979.

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Dear A.C.W. Colleagues,

I write to advise you officially that the biennial meeting of the National Committee will be held at the Caritas Christi Conference Centre, 71 Junction St., Wahroonga, NSW, from Monday 10th. September (a.m.) to Friday 14th. September (p.m.), 1979.

The THEME will be "THE FAMILY - ITS FAITH AND ITS FUTURE".

Each State Unit is entitled to appoint two(2) voting delegates and two(2) non-voting observers. We hope you will plan to send a full delegation. Accommodation at the Conference Centre is in single rooms: a large meeting room, several smaller rooms, the lovely chapel and spacious dining room will provide facilities for the varied activities which are planned. Extensive grounds, tennis courts, swimming pool etc. will be at our disposal --when time permits!

We are delighted that it has become possible for us to invite churchwomen from U.S.A. and New Zealand to participate in the N.C.M. and Consultation and we expect to welcome thirty overseas visitors, who will be our guests.

Since the Centre provides live-in accommodation for only 80 guests, it will be necessary for some participants to attend on a non-residential basis. We are asking those who live in Sydney to help us by doing this. It is possible that some interstate representatives may have friends with whom they would like to stay. However, we suggest that such an arrangement should be made only if the friends live in fairly close proximity to the Conference Centre, as private transport would be needed to travel to and fro each day. (The daily programme is planned to run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

CHARGES will be as follows:- Registration Fee- \$ 10.00;  
Conference Fee- residents - \$ 60.00; non-residents - \$ 35.00

Will you please advise me, no later than May 31st, of names and addresses of your delegates and observers. Following receipt of this information, Registration Forms will be sent to all those nominated to attend, and they will be asked to return these together with Registration Fee - \$10.00- and deposit on Conference Fee - \$10.00- to reach me by July 15th.

TRAVEL POOL: This aims to provide a fare for one representative from each State Unit. The basis is the current economy class air fare- Budget fares from Perth and Darwin. Details are given in the table below, the pool share being \$ 174.58. Those States whose fare is less than this amount will pay the difference at the time of Conference; those whose fares are greater will be reimbursed by the amount in excess.

	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Share</u>	-	+
Adelaide	176.40	174.58		1.82
Brisbane	123.00	"	51.58	
Canberra	57.80	"	116.78	
Darwin	378.10	"		203.52
Hobart	163.00	"	11.58	
Melbourne	117.80	"	56.78	
Sydney	--	"	174.58	
Perth	380.50	"		205.92
	<u>\$ 1396.60</u>	<u>1396.64</u>	<u>411.30</u>	<u>411.26</u>

If those travelling from Darwin or Perth on "Budget" flights find it necessary to arrive in Sydney on Saturday or Sunday, we shall be happy to arrange home hospitality for them until the Monday morning.

FINANCE The Hon. Treasurer requests that all moneys due to the Working Committee be forwarded so as to reach her by May 31st.

REPORTS: Each State Unit is asked to prepare a Report covering activities since the last N.C.M., July 1977. These reports should be no longer than one(1) typed foolscap page and are required to reach us no later than June 30th.

If your State Unit has any suggestions regarding content or format of our conference programme, or any matter of business which you wish placed on the Agenda, we invite you to let us know by June 30th.

~~We are looking forward eagerly to welcoming your representatives and sharing with them in fruitful discussion and thoughtful planning for the future work of A.C.W.~~

Yours sincerely,  
Doris M. Mitchell.  
Hon. Secretary.

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March 30th., 1979.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WELCOMES AN INTER-NATIONAL VISITOR.

In January a Reception was held by the National Committee of Australian Church Women to welcome Miss Dorothy Wagner and introduce her to a representative gathering of women from the various church organisations as well as those from the National Council of Women and the Pan Pacific South East Asian Association. The executive and members of the State Unit of Australian Church Women were also guests on this occasion.

Miss Dorothy Wagner said that once it would be said she was wearing two hats, but as few wear hats today she carries a 2-sided calling card as a representative of Church Women United in the U.S.A in the capacity of Co-Ordinator for International Community and then as an executive of the International Women's World Day of Prayer.

Miss Wagner was on her way to attend the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation in Bangalore, and had made a detour of several thousand miles to meet with women in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia. She considers her work as a great privilege entrusted to her by God, and as she served with Church Women United and the International Committee for the Women's World Day of Prayer and is in touch with women throughout world, she has discovered it to be a holy place. Miss Wagner gave a picture of the organisations with which she is concerned.

Church Women United is a national movement in the U.S.A of Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox women who come together to express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith and then in a visible fellowship together to seek to witness to Jesus Christ in our society and in our concern for global issues throughout the world and our unity lies in our Christian faith, in our identity as women and in our commitment to fulness and wholeness of our life together for all people.

There are units of Church Women United in more than 2,000 local communities and there are each of our 50 States and the Washington D.C. area have a unit and to some degree on each level in these 2,000 communities, the State Units and the national movement are autonomous but inter-related. We do not have units of Church Women United anywhere else in the world; we do not have programmes and projects anywhere else in the world, but we value greatly and are deeply enriched by our relationships with women in other parts of the world, relationships that come through ecumenical women's organisations such as Australian Church Women, through regional ecumenical grouping of women such as the Asian Church Women's Conference. Much of our relationships come through knowing individual women across the world with whom we share common concerns.

In Church Women United we have a very deep concern for justice, peace and local community and because we realise we are living in a time when every issue and concern

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has global dimensions, we try to seek to have ways in which we can be in touch with global community. One of these ways is through a programme which we call christian "Causeways", and over a period of many years we have tried to find ways of walking together with our sisters of different countries, cultures, churches and traditions looking together at some of the common concerns that we have, seeking to know how we can come into deeper understanding of one another, probing to know how we together, be mutually supportive in the efforts we are making and perhaps in some cases we can even be involved together in some common action. I have been with the programme of christian Causeways from its very beginning, when the first Causeway was in Africa. When I began my service with Church Women United my very first responsibility was following through on plans for a christian Causeway to Asia. 48 women went from U.S; we divided into four teams of twelve each, and each team visited two Asian countries, and then we came together with Japanese women, and women of the Asian countries we had visited, focussing at that time on what we as women can do to be builders of peace in a world where we are seeking for peace with justice and human dignity. Out of the relationships that developed there, Church Women United have a very deep interest in the human rights issues in Asia, and particularly in Korea where Korean Church Women United have been in the forefront of the human rights struggle. Because we came to know these women personally as we were among them, came to know the concerns they were carrying for the poor and the oppressed in the society, for political prisoners, women who were exploited in industry and in the tourist trade, and we felt we could be alongside them in their struggle. On the one hand we had been deeply enriched by our relationship with women of faith who lay their very lives and liberty on the line for what they believe is the call of the Christian Gospel. On the other hand at very critical times in their struggle we have been able to express our concern as Christian women through our Government and our churches the Human Rights struggle. When I was there in Korea in October on the way to the Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly, I met with some of these women who are just incredible, and being with them I thought of the passage from Hebrews of "the heroes of faith of whom the world is not worthy."

Church Women United have been deeply concerned about human rights throughout its history, and even before the Civil Rights movement, our women had a programme called "Assignment Race", trying to deal with issues of racism which is an on-going problem. But for many women, Church Women United has been the place where women of different races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds have been able to come together and work together side by side.

Because we have been so far separated by many miles, we have not had the opportunity

to walk along side by side with our sisters in the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, but the more we get to know about this part of the world, the more we realise how much we share in common. We share a common concern for the whole issue of militarism and nuclear power and the environment - and I know in this International Year of the Child we share a deep concern for our children, not only in the family but in all the ways in which the situations in our society affect the lives of children. So we are hoping that in September a group of church women from all parts of our country and we hope it will be a very diverse group, representing not only the variety of our church traditions, but also from other women's groups whose aims are similar to ours, will gladly respond to the invitation from the National Committee of Australian Church Women asking us to be with them at their National Committee Meeting in Sydney when we will have opportunities for dialogue together. So around that invitation, we are trying to build a Causeway experience that would bring us first to Australia and while the time will be short, we hope to obtain some in-depth understanding of your churches and your society and discover together common interests and perhaps common action. Then we move on to New Zealand and to Fiji to meet with women of the Pacific area.

When I was there a few days ago, I was shocked to see a headline, "Three Fijians shot in Lebanon"; the last thing I would have expected was that Fiji was involved in the Lebanese civil war; but they are there in the United Nations Peace Keeping Force, and somehow it underlies in a very dramatic way how inter-related and inter-dependent we are across the world. And it seems to me that the Christian Community has a particular responsibility of finding ways in which we can together work and serve and witness in our global society.

At the moment, we have a group of ten women in Cuba. For the first time in twenty years it has been possible for church women in the U.S. to visit with their sisters in Cuba; and it will be very interesting to have a new understanding of what it means to live and witness as a Christian Community in the socialist society of Cuba.

During our bi-centennial, church women all across the U.S. had study groups to prepare for what we called "The People's Platform for a Just Global Society"; and out of this study during that bi-centennial year, we developed a platform with ten planks. The issue given the highest priority was WORLD HUNGER; HEALTH CARE is an area of concern because we do not have a programme of national health; ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, the CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, FAMILY STABILITY; HOUSING, a very great problem; HUMAN RIGHTS; PEACE; and MILITARY SPENDING.

I am sure that if I were to hear from you in your organisations, the issues on which

you are working in your own country and as part of the global society, we would find that many of these issues are common issues.

I was very interested to be able to meet with those who are not from church women's groups, but from others such as your National Council of Women and the Pan Pacific South East Asia Association. One of the policies of Church Women United is to work in coalition with others around common concerns. We do not have a National Council of Women, but since International Women's Year something similar is coming into being in what we call a "Coalition for a National Women's Agenda" and many of our church women's groups are part of this, working together on issues that have a particular impact on the lives of women. We do support across the world, programmes that are empowering women and are dealing on a global basis with the issues in our People's Platform.

Every three years, we have an Ecumenical Assembly, and in the last week of June in 1980 this is going to be in Los Angeles. We put it as near as we could to Asia and the Pacific region and we hope that in a return visit, women from the Pacific area, Australia and New Zealand will be able to attend and be not guests there because the presence and petition and participation of international women are an integral part of the Assembly and a way of getting global issues before us. The theme is "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME"; and we want to look at what it means in our times and in our societies that the Good News is preached, that the oppressed are free, the blind see and that the captives are released. There will be work groups, bible study, worship; and we hope very much that some of you can be with us on that occasion.

And so we look forward to walking a Causeway with our sisters in Australia, seeking to listen to one another, and to come to love one another in the kind of love that does not consist in gazing at one another, but in looking outward together in the same direction.

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BIBLE STUDY

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
CHRISTIAN CAUSEWAY

THEME: THE FAMILY - ITS FAITH AND ITS FUTURE



**Jesus  
welcomed  
children**

THEME: THE FAMILY - ITS FAITH AND ITS FUTURE

TEXT: Deuteronomy 11:18-22 (The Common Bible - RSV)

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them as long as the heavens are above the earth."

Day 1 - THE FAMILY OF FAITH ... STORIES OF FAITH-FULL WOMEN - THEN AND NOW

Scripture: Genesis 12 - 21 - The Story of Sarah  
and  
Stories of other women in Scripture

Day 2 - FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS AND VALUES

A. Relationships

Matthew 12:46-49  
Mark 3:31-33  
Luke 8:19-20  
John 19:26-27  
Matthew 10:37-39

B. Values

*Genesis 1 27-31*  
Isaiah 42 1-7 0  
Isaiah 58:6-14  
Jeremiah 9:23-24  
Micah 6:6-8

Day 3 - COME AS A CHILD

Mark 10:5; 13-16  
Luke 18:17  
Matthew 18:3-5

Matthew 19:13-15  
John 3:3-5  
Luke 2:32

Day 4 - GOD'S CHILDREN AND THE FUTURE - SHALOM

Genesis 1:26-31  
Isaiah 65:17-26  
Isaiah 2:4  
Isaiah 9:2-8  
Isaiah 11:1-9

Romans 8:18-21  
Revelation 21:1-5

## A LITANY OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH

LEADER: The family of faith is a community where our sons and daughters prophesy, our youth see visions and our elders dream dreams.

COMMUNITY: The family of faith is where lepers come to be touched, is where the blind see and the deaf hear, where the lame run and the dying live.

LEADER: The family of faith is where daisies bloom out of barren land, where children lead and wise men follow, where mountains are moved and walls come tumbling down.

COMMUNITY: The family of faith is where loaves of bread are stacked in the sanctuary to feed the hungry, where coats are taken off and put on the backs of the naked, where shackles are discarded and Kings and Shepherds sit down to life together.

LEADER: The family of faith is where barefoot children run giggling in procession, where the minister is ministered unto, where the anthem is the laughter of the congregations and the offering plates are full of people.

COMMUNITY: The family of faith is where people go when they skin their knees or their hearts, where frogs become princes and cinderella dances beyond midnight, where judges don't judge and each child of God is beautiful and priceless.

LEADER: The family of faith is where the sea divides for the exiles, where the ark floats, where the lamb lies down with the lion.

COMMUNITY: The family of faith is where sheep are fed, where lost lambs are found, where people can disagree and hold hands at the same time.

LEADER: The family of faith is where people write thank you notes to God, where work is a holiday, where seeds are scattered and miracles are grown.

COMMUNITY: The family of faith is where home is, where heaven is, where a picnic is communion and people break bread together on their knees.

LEADER: The family of faith is where the wonderful wildness of God breaks through common claypots and fills us with a Holy Spirit that overflows, and we are sent out as rainbows many splendid colors, as light in pitch blackness, and everyday is a festival of faith.

STORIES OF FAITH-FULL WOMEN -  
THEN AND NOW

SARAH	Genesis 12 through 18; Romans 4; Hebrews 11:11
MOSES' MOTHER	Exodus 2
<u>MIRIAM</u>	Exodus 15
<u>RUTH and NAOMI</u>	Book of Ruth
DEBORAH	Judges 4 and 5
<u>ESTHER</u>	Book of Esther
RAHAB	Joshua 2
HANNAH	I Samuel 1 and 2
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ELIZABETH	Luke 1:39-56
<u>MARY</u>	Luke 1:26-58
<u>MARY/MARTHA</u>	Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-44; John 12:1-8
MARY MAGDALENE	Matthew 27:55 - 28:10
EUNICE and LOIS	II Timothy 1:5
DORCAS	Acts 9:36 - 42
<u>LYDIA</u>	Acts 16:11 - 15
PRISCILLA	Acts 18; Romans 16:3; II Timothy 4:19 I Corinthians 16:19
PHOEBE	Romans 16:1 - 2

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"By communication something of ourselves enters into the lives of others. We are interwoven. A common life established and carried forward.

"A people of whatever size - a family, a church, a nation - is a pattern of meanings flowing back and forth through communication nets, together with the truths which make communication and communion possible. ...

"Of all in the cosmos, the communication of persons - where we talk together in truth, and deep calls unto deep - is amazing grace and awesome grandeur."

From: Inscape - Ross Snyder

LEADER: By faith, Sarah believed God's promises and became the spiritual mother of nations.

COMMUNITY: We thank you, O God, for our nations, for their Christian heritage, and for all our sisters in Christ who have gone before us, and paved the way.

LEADER: By faith Rahab believed in the mighty power of God and was used for his purpose and for his people.

COMMUNITY: We praise you, God, for the mighty power of your Spirit which transcends time, race, and gender, and for your faithfulness to your people today.

LEADER: By faith Ruth cast her lot with the people of God and God blessed her and used her to fulfill his purpose.

COMMUNITY: Thank you, Father, for the strange and wonderful ways in which your perfect will is done.

LEADER: By faith Mary believed the angel's message and treasured it in her heart.

COMMUNITY: We praise you, Lord Jesus, with our lips and with our hearts.

LEADER: By faith Martha believed when Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believes in me shall never die."

COMMUNITY: Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

LEADER: By faith Lydia opened her heart to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and was used of God.

COMMUNITY: We open our hearts to you, Lord Jesus; use us, we pray.

LEADER: By faith Mary Magdalene proclaimed, "I have seen the risen Lord!"

COMMUNITY: We praise you, Lord, because you live, we shall live also.

LEADER: Almighty God, you built your Church on the rock of human faith and trust.

COMMUNITY: We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ, the foundation and cornerstone of all we believe. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Loetta Hopkins - adapted)

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

Leader: Lord, you made the world and everything in it;  
you created the human race of one stock  
and gave us the earth for our possession.

Community: Break down the walls that separate us  
and unite us in a single family.

Leader: Lord, we have been divisive in our thinking,  
in our speech, in our actions;  
we have classified and imprisoned one another;  
we have fenced each other out by hatred and prejudice.

Community: Break down the walls that separate us  
and unite us in a single family.

Leader: Lord, you mean us to be a single family,  
ruled by peace, feasting in freedom,  
freed from injustice, truly human, men and women,  
responsible and responsive in the life we lead,  
the love we share, the relationships we create.

Community: Break down the walls that separate us  
and unite us in a single family.

Leader: Lord, we shall need ever-new insights into the truth,  
awareness of your will for all humanity,  
courage to do what is right even when it is not allowed,  
persistence in undermining unjust structures until they crumble  
into dust,  
grace to exercise a ministry of reconciliation.

Community: Break down the walls that separate us  
and unite us in a single family.

Leader: Lord, share out among us the tongues of your Spirit,  
that we may each burn with compassion  
for all who hunger for freedom and humanness;  
that we may be doers of the Word and so speak  
with credibility about the wonderful things you have done.

Leader  
with

Community: Lord, direct us in ways we do not yet discern and equip us  
for the service of reconciliation and liberation in your world.

"The age of the nation is past. The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to shake off our ancient prejudices and build the earth."

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

"We must delight in each other, make others' conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes ... our community as members of the same body."

John Winthrop - 1650

"God's love doesn't seek value, it creates it. It's because we are loved that we have value. We don't have to prove ourselves -- only express ourselves."

"We could make a world for all of us if only we didn't want to go back to the fleshpots of Egypt. The world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, too small for anything but love."

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

"Human rights are not cheap. The cost of human rights is on the cross. ... If we deny the human dignity of another person, and seek to suppress that person, we are denying our own dignity and we lose our own humanity."

Philip Potter

"Those who commit themselves to the God who is the God of the entire global family discover that justice is an inevitable component of such commitment. To believe in the God of justice is not only to be outraged at injustice, but to be energized in the doing of justice oneself. No one who claims to believe in this God can any longer entertain a parochial vision - a narrow perspective that claims that special divine favors are guaranteed to us at the expense of others. The dimensions of care and concern must be enlarged beyond one's immediate family to include the entire human family - partiality is extended neither to Jew nor Greek, male nor female, bond nor free, for all are one."

Robert McAfee Brown

"Our churchly habits as well as our culture are against the communion of sinners one with another. Inertia in this matter is so great as to unnerve us. Many find it easy to approach God, but they find it very hard to approach one another. They find it easy to ask God's forgiveness, but they find it very hard to surrender to others as sinners. They think they love God with some zeal, but they will not love their neighbor as themselves. They will trust God, but they would rather perish than put themselves at the disposal of their neighbor. The wall between us is too high and too thick for the 'people of God' to live together in the fruition of the creature's communion with creature. So in our churches we will not hear the word of other people, and therefore they will not hear the Word of God."

Joseph Haroutunian, God with Us

"We do not inherit the world from our parents; we borrow it from our children."

MEDITATION: BALLOONS BELONG IN CHURCH!

- Leader 1: I took to church one morning a happy four-year-old child  
 Holding a bright blue string to which was attached a much loved  
 orange balloon with pink stripes ...  
 Certainly a thing of beauty  
 And if not forever, at least a joy for a very important now.  
 When later the child met me at the door  
 Clutching blue string, orange and pink bobbing behind her,  
 She didn't have to tell me something had gone wrong.  
 "What's the matter?"  
 She wouldn't tell me.  
 "I bet they loved your balloon."  
 Out it came then, mocking the teacher's voice,  
 "We don't bring balloons to church."  
 Then that little four-year-old, her lip a little trembly, asked,  
 "Why aren't balloons allowed in church? I thought God would  
 like balloons."
- Leader 2: I celebrate balloons, parades and chocolate chip cookies.  
 I celebrate seashells and elephants and lions that roar.  
 I celebrate roasted marshmallows and chocolate cake and fresh fish.  
 I celebrate aromas: bread baking, mincemeat, lemons ...
- Leader 3: I celebrate seeing: bright colors, wheat in a field, tiny wild flowers.  
 I celebrate hearing: waves pounding, the rain's rhythm, soft voices.  
 I celebrate touching: toes in the sand, a kitten's fur, another person.
- Leader 4: I celebrate the sun that shines slab dab in our faces.  
 I celebrate the falling snow ... the wondrous quiet of the snow falling.  
 I celebrate the crashing thunder and the brazen lightning.
- Leader 1: I celebrate anger at injustice,  
 I celebrate tears for the mistreated, the hurt, the lonely.
- Leader 2: I celebrate the community that cares ... the church.
- Leader 3: I celebrate the church.
- Leader 4: I celebrate the times when we in the church made it ...
- Leader 1: When we answered a cry,
- Leader 2: When we held to our warm and well-fed bodies a cold and lonely world.
- Leader 3: I celebrate the times when the Church is the church,  
 When we are Christians,  
 When we are living, loving, contributing.
- Leader 4: I celebrate perfect love ... the cross ... the Christ,  
 Loving in spite of ...  
 Giving without reward.  
 I celebrate life ... that we may live more abundantly.

(over)

Leader 1: Where did we get the idea that balloons don't belong in the church?  
Where did we get the idea that God loves gray and sh-h-h  
And drab and anything will do?

Leader 2: I think it's blasphemy not to appreciate the joy in God's world.  
I think it's blasphemy not to bring our joy into his Church.

Leader 3: For God so loved the world  
That he hung there -  
Loving the unlovable.

Leader 4: What beautiful gift cannot be offered unto the Lord?  
Whether it's a balloon or a song or some joy that sits within you  
waiting to have the lid taken off?

Leader 1: The Scriptures say there's a time to laugh and a time to weep.  
It's not hard to see the reasons for crying in a world where  
hatred is so manifest.

Leader 2: So celebrate!  
Bring your balloons and your butterflies, your bouquets of flowers ...  
Bring the torches and hold them high!

Leader 3: Dance your dances, paint your feelings, sing your songs, whistle, laugh  
Life is a celebration, an affirmation of God's love.  
Life is distributing more balloons.

Leader 4: For God so loved the world ...  
Surely that's a cause for Joy.  
Surely we should celebrate it!

Leader 1: Good news! That he should love us that much.  
Where did we ever get the idea that balloons don't belong in church?



# Many Gifts, One Spirit

Words and Music by  
AL CARMINDS

Moderato

Voices

1. God of change and  
2. God of man - y  
3. Fresh-ness of the

glor - y,  
col - ors,  
no - m - ing,

God of time and space,  
God of man - y signs,  
New-ness of each night,

Piano

When we fear the fu - ture  
You have made us dill -igent,  
You are still cre - ating

Give to us your grace.  
Bless - ings man - y kinds,  
End - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways  
As the old ways dis - ap - pear  
This we see, as shad - ows part,

Gave us still the grace to praise,  
Let your love cast out our fear,  
Man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Man - y gifts, one Spi - rit  
One we know in man - y ways.

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing  
From di - vers - i - ty we praise  
One Giv - er

One Lord One Spi - rit  
One Word Known in man - y ways.

Hal - low - ing our days,  
For the giv - er, for the gifts  
Praise, praise, praise!

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

The President, Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, and members of the National Working Committee have pleasure in inviting

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To join them on Sunday afternoon, September 9th, 1979, at 2.30 p.m. in Scots Church, Margaret Street, Sydney,

When a welcome will be extended to Church-women visiting Australia, from the United States and New Zealand.

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Thelma Adair,  
Deputy Vice-President,  
Church Women United,  
Past Moderator -  
United Presbyterian Church  
U.S.A.

Musical Programme by Salvation Army Songsters  
Afternoon Tea at 4.00 p.m.

R.S.V.P.      To: Miss D. Mitchell,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Australian Church Women,  
33/250 Jersey Road,  
WOOLLAHRA N.S.W. 2025  
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By: 31st August, 1979.

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SYDNEY  
SEPTEMBER,  
1979.

WELCOME:

Rev. Winston D. O'Reilly, Moderator General,  
and Mrs. O'Reilly.                      Uniting Church in Australia

Apol. Rev. Ron Sparks, Moderator, NSW Synod, UCA  
and Mrs. Sparks - greetings.  
Commissioner L. Ward, good wishes - Mrs. Ward, present

Welcome - Rev. Margaret Yee, one of the ministers of  
Scots' Church and Mr. Yee.

Presidents or their reps. of church  
and community organisations--

National Council of Women of NSW

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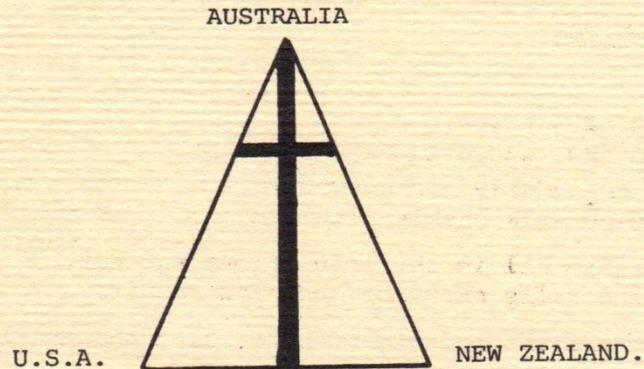
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This service arranged as a prelude to the NCM of ACW  
people to meet and hear from our overseas visitors.  
Attendance at NCM strictly limited to those who  
have been appointed as delegates or observers by the  
State and Territory Units of ACW & the Federal  
denominational bodies to represent them.  
Regrettably there will be no public sessions  
during this Conference and we are unable to invite  
visitors to join us there. Hence the importance of  
the presence here of those who have accepted our  
invitation.

Programme will be followed now - after the service  
afternoon tea in the Scots' Hall, on the lower ground  
floor. At conclusion of service congregation asked  
to remain standing while the official party and special  
guests retire and then follow on to the Hall.  
Please do not dally! We hope you will all join us

then and we thank you most sincerely for your  
attendance.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1979  
2.30 P.M



- SPECIAL SPEAKER - Mrs. Thelma Adair.  
Deputy Vice President, National  
Church Women United, U.S.A.  
Moderator, 188th General Assembly,  
United Presbyterian Church.
- MUSIC - The Salvation Army Songsters.  
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Pianist Mrs. Major Dorothy Young.
- SERVICE CONDUCTED BY - Mrs. Win Dougherty,  
President,  
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Women's Committee, National Committee  
Australian Church Women.

Special Guests

CALL TO WORSHIP. - Paraphrase Psalm 96 - Mrs.Olive Grigg

WE PRAY TOGETHER.

God of justice,  
You have shown us what is right,  
to act justly, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with you,

Forgive all in the life of our nations,  
which falls short of what you require;

forgive the poverty of body, mind and spirit,  
that still exists among us;

forgive all the broken lives and all the broken hearts  
that are not tended;

forgive us for the lives of young children  
that are being perverted and degraded,  
and all the social casualties that are not lifted up.

Forgive us, as individuals and as a nation  
for not being big enough, broad-minded enough,  
hopeful enough or loving enough  
to create the just society.

Forgive us and help us, so that the life of our nation,  
and the contribution we make to the life of the world,  
may honour you and do justice to your demands:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.



WE PRAY TOGETHER

Lord We Talk About Faith

Lord, we talk about faith  
but dare not live in the risk of it.  
We talk about love  
but do not put it into action.  
We are afraid to turn the other cheek  
or to walk the extra mile.

Sometimes,  
we are all talk,  
empty words,  
without form or substance.

Make us like Christ  
your living work made flesh;  
give us the courage of our convictions,  
so that what we do  
may be the evidence  
of what we say;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

HYMN Dear Lord and Father - (see enclosure)

BENEDICTION

THE SONGSTERS

AFTERNOON TEA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our Thanks to all who helped today,  
The Salvation Army Songsters and Pianist.  
New South Wales Unit of Australian Church Women.  
Ron and Hilda Gally - Scot's Church.  
The Session of Scot's Church.

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HYMN

DEAR LORD AND FATHER

(Last line of each verse is repeated) Tune: Repton

1. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.
3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives and confess,  
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier.

YOU and YOUR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO -

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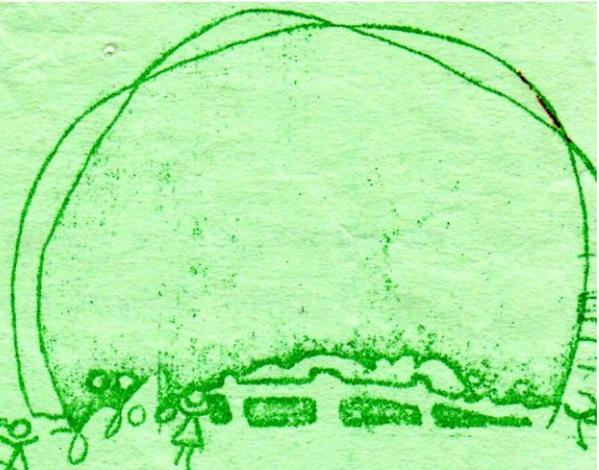
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Afternoon Tea

Enquiries: Miss Doris Mitchell, 328 7119  
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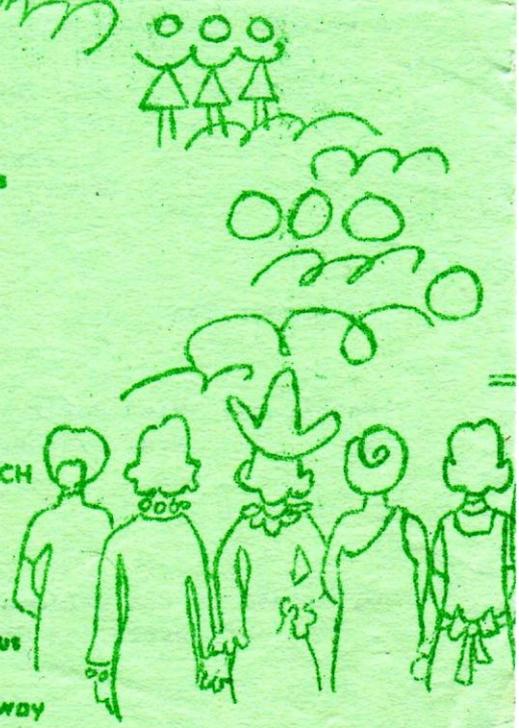
**TOGETHER—**  
across the races  
across the nations  
across the generations  
women walk together  
on a CAUSEWAY



A CAUSEWAY  
is a modern road  
rising above marshy ground  
bridging a gap which otherwise  
mires us down and keeps  
us from finding each other

**FOR US**  
Christ is the CAUSEWAY  
It is his CAUSE  
It is his WAY  
and therefore we are unafraid  
to walk together down new paths  
into a new day.

**ALONG THE WAY**  
we discover life is a sacrament  
as common as daily bread  
which is broken to be useful  
to build up the body of the CHURCH  
We face  
the rising Sun of Righteousness  
which exposes  
all that is sordid and sinful  
and brings God's judgment upon us  
and God's healing among us  
and therefore we shall not turn away  
but shall press on together



**WITH OUR FACE TO THE RISING SUN—OH LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US**

# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



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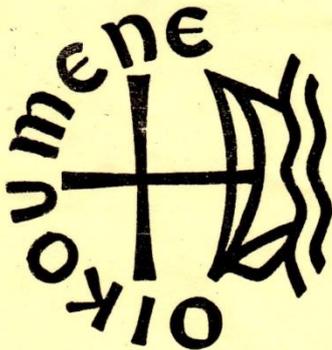
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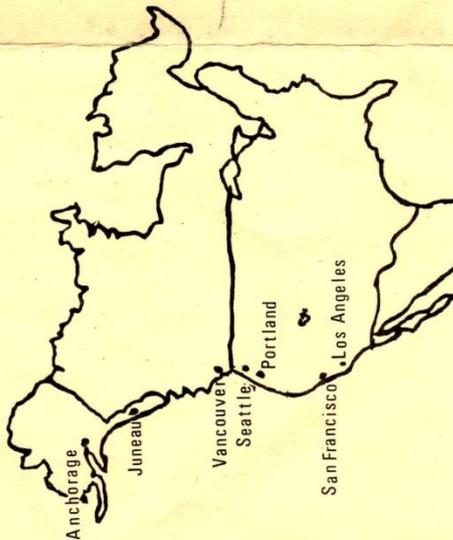
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## Australian Church Women Visit To Church Women United, U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

At the recent National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women held in Sydney in September, twenty five members of Church Women United, U.S.A. representing sixteen States were present. The Leader of the Delegation, Miss Dorothy Wagner, extended an invitation to Australian Church Women to send a delegation to the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United to be held June 26-29 1980 at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

This brochure gives details of travel, costs, etc. and contains a questionnaire/application form. Those wishing to join the delegation must return the form to the Secretary of the Working Committee, Mrs. T. Dobber, 4/9A, Seventh Avenue, Moonah, Tas. 7009, no later than April 1980, but preferably as soon as possible. The application form should be accompanied by a cheque MADE OUT TO CROSSWAYS TRAVEL for \$300 deposit.

The Working Committee of Australian Church Women will be responsible for the selection of the members of the delegation.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Cocks  
National President.

Persons who wish to join the travelling party and who are not selected as members of the Australian Church Women Delegation, may do so on the understanding that they will be responsible for the additional costs of their accommodation etc. and all incidental expenses. It will be possible for intending participants of this tour to be accompanied by spouse or friend.

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Mon. 9

IN VANCOUVER with a morning tour including Chinatown, Stanley Park, University of British Columbia, Marine Drive, Totem Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and Bloedel Conservatory.

Tue. 10

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Fri. 13

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Sat. 14

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JUNEAU/SEATTLE. Leave Juneau by WC 208 at 1223, arriving Seattle at 1423. Accommodation at Seattle Christian Centre.

Mon. 16

IN SEATTLE with day at leisure.

Tue. 17

SEATTLE/PORTLAND. Travel to Portland by coach. Accommodation at Portland Community Centre.

Wed. 18

IN PORTLAND with day at leisure.

Thu. 19

PORTLAND/SAN FRANCISCO. Leave Portland by UA 271 at 1025, arriving San Francisco at 1157. Accommodation at San Francisco Christian Centre.

JUNE 1980  
Fri. 20

IN SAN FRANCISCO with day at leisure

Sat. 21

SAN FRANCISCO/SANTA BARBARA by coach. Accommodation at Santa Barbara Christian Community.

Sun. 22

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Mon. 23

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Tue. 24

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Wed. 25

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Sat. 28)

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