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SPECIAL FUNCTIONS 1995

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON:

MONDAY JULY 17, 11.00 A.M., SCOTS CHURCH.

SPEAKER: SR. LYNNE GREEN - WOMEN IN ECUMENISM -
WORKING TOWARDS VISIBLE UNITY.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY:

MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 9.30 A.M., SCOTS CHURCH

THEME: CHRISTIAN LOVE - TOLERANCE OR INTOLERANCE?

SPEAKERS: MRS JOY JARMAN, MISS SHEILA SPENCER

SPECIAL DAYS 1995

FELLOWSHIP DAY - JULY (recommended to be held last Friday where possible). This service is held by most local branches of ACW. Offering received for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - OCTOBER (recommended to be held last Friday where possible). This service is held by most local branches of ACW. Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings received and dedicated.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE, AUGUST 21 - 25.
(Registration forms available now.)

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NSW UNIT

Annual
DEDICATION
SERVICE

Central Baptist Church

619 George Street, Haymarket (Sydney)

MONDAY MAY 15th 1995
at 10.30am

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Today's service is one of special significance as the NSW UNIT of ACW concludes another year of service during which the members of the council, having been appointed by their respective denominations, have endeavoured to interpret ACW's aims in service.

This service sees the completion of the first year in office of our President, Mrs Lucelle King, and gives us the opportunity to dedicate ourselves and commit ourselves to the concluding year of her term.

Lucelle's theme, CHRIST PRE-EMINENT has been evident during this first year of leadership; in her devotions, prayers and messages. We all pray that God will give her the strength, grace and love to continue as she began.

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come from branches, churches and organisations and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in his Name.

The offering received today, will assist in meeting NSW UNIT expenses.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Central Baptist Church for the use of its sanctuary & facilities.

ORGANIST - MISS BEATRICE WILLIAMS

PIANISTE - MRS DORIS HABERFIELD

You are all invited to remain at the conclusion of the service for a light luncheon. Special thanks to members of the council for providing the refreshments, and to the ladies of Central Baptist church who are our hostesses today.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING: LUCELLE KING, PRESIDENT, NSW UNIT

PROCESSION OF BANNERS Organ/Piano Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95: 1-3, 6,7.

HYMN 20 All creatures of our God and King

**WELCOME & STATEMENT
PRESIDENT:**

This is a service of dedication. May we devote ourselves completely to God's service. May we belong absolutely to Christ in order for him to fulfil his purposes both in and through us.

Let us consider what we should set aside for God as we move into this act of dedication.

READER:

DEDICATION OF OUR POSSESSIONS
11 Samuel 8: 9-12 & 1 Kings 7:51

READER:

PRAYER: O God our Father, giver of all good gifts, supplier of all we possess, help us to remember that all we have in life comes from you. Make us wise in the management of these possessions that they may be used for your glory and for the benefit of others. As David gave all his gifts to you, as Hannah gave her son Samuel back to you, we now give back all that you have given us, our time, our talents, even the members of our own families, in an act of dedication.

In Jesus name, AMEN

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READER:

DEDICATION OF OUR SERVICE

Colossians 3: 23,24, Romans 12: 9-11

READER:

PRAYER: Our Heavenly Father, you who has done so much for us, we know we cannot repay the debt we owe for the salvation we have through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We dedicate our service to you, asking that all we do may be controlled by your Holy Spirit, so that your desires become our desires, your will becomes our will, and our service bears testimony to your love and greatness. May our lifestyle reflect that of Jesus and his love, so much that people will want to know the source of our strength, our peace and our hope through Jesus Christ.

AMEN

HYMN 247:

Make me a blessing.

READER:

DEDICATION TO UNITY AND WORSHIP

Acts 2: 41 - 47.

READER:

PRAYER: O God our Father, as fellow members of the Body of Christ, we pray that we may be mindful of each other through the gifts of prayer, time, energy and encouragement, and in sharing whatever is needful for the building up of your Church, as the first Christians did so long ago. Cause us to remember that Christ himself, when alone in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed for our unity both with him and with each other. Teach us to love one another, accept one another, share with one another, worship with one another and serve you together. We now devote ourselves to each other in an act of dedication.

AMEN

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READER:

THE GREATER DEDICATION:

11 Corinthians 8: 1-5, Romans 12, 1-2.

READER:

PRAYER: We acknowledge, O Lord that everything we have comes from you - even our very life itself. We give you back our possessions, time, family, service, unity and worship. But, even more, as the Macedonian Christians did, we give you ourselves, in complete submission to the control of the Holy Spirit. We pray that we may be tools in your hands, vessels fit for your use, and so available to you wherever and whenever you need us. May we not grieve the Holy Spirit, nor hinder your reaching others through us, for your glory and the extension of your Kingdom, We pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.

MUSICAL ITEM:

THE EVANGELICAL SISTERHOOD OF MARY

INTERVIEW:

OFFERTORY HYMN: In Christ we are one.

We, being many, are one in the Lord
Each one is different
But we're trusting in His word.
For we are part of God's family
Through Jesus Christ, his Son
Though we are many
Yet in Christ we are one
We, being many,
In Christ, we are one.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Marie Majoor, Treasurer

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PRESIDENT: We as a congregation of Christian women have given ourselves in this act of dedication. I now call on the executive members of the New South Wales Unit of Australian Church Women to stand as their name is called and, together with the members of our state council, dedicate ourselves to the particular responsibility God has given within the life of ACW.

I now ask all members of the New South Wales council of Australian Church Women, Associate members and Life members to stand with the Executive members.

Congregation please stand for the act of commitment.

COUNCIL MEMBERS READ TOGETHER:

In an act of commitment, we affirm the aims of Australian Church Women New South Wales State Unit.

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

To promote co-operation and understanding between men and women in church, family and society.

To help christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the church;

To provide opportunities for christian women of different denominations to worship study and serve together;

To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries;

May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts and may his power working in us enable us to perform infinitely more than we ask or imagine.

GLORY BE TO GOD FOREVER!

AMEN!

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LEADER:

Consecrate to your service, O Lord, all members of this state unit, with their offerings of personality, character, talent and ability, that the lives so dedicated may be channels through which the unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout New South Wales.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Support us, we pray, from day to day, that we all may work together in harmonious co-operation, to the end that we may glorify our Maker and Redeemer. However your glory may best be served, O Lord, grant to us, your servants, in that way to serve.

LEADER:

Pour out your Spirit in full measure on each one, O God, that wisdom, strength and direction may be theirs as they need.

AMEN

HYMN 463: What shall I give Thee Master.

MESSAGE: **MRS JOY CONNOR, M. Ma., B.A., Dip. Ed.,**
Chairman, Baptist Union of NSW Social Issues Committee,
Co-ordinator of Community Services, Baptist Inner City
Ministries, Woolloomooloo.

MUSICAL ITEM: **THE EVANGELICAL SISTERHOOD OF MARY**

HYMN 458 Take my life.

BENEDICTION: **THE PRESIDENT**

BANNER RECESSION Organ/Piano Postlude