

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

TRAVEL POOL

The following is information relating to Travel Pool and comments would be welcome on or before the next Committee Meeting 30th April, 1973.

In the past A.C.W. has paid the fare for one representative to attend the National Committee Meetings and the State Units have paid for the second representative.

In 1973 the following fares were paid by A.C.W. for one representative from each State Unit to attend the N.C.M. in Sydney.

| | |
|--------|-----------------|
| W.A. | 150.50 |
| S.A. | 59.90 |
| Vic. | 42.90 |
| Tas. | 86.90 |
| Qld. | 37.87 |
| A.C.T. | 14.00 |
| N.S.W. | Nil |
| Total | <u>\$392.07</u> |

State Units paid individual amounts above for the second representative to attend the N.C.M.

It would appear from enquiries from various S.A. State Organizations and from the discussion at the Committee Meeting last that the usual practice is for all participating Organizations to pay an equal share of the fares.

Therefore had a Travel Pool been operating for the N.C.M. held in Sydney last February, the seven State Units would have shared the cost for the second representative, of \$392.07, each State Unit paying \$56.01.

The following is a basis for consideration regarding Air and Rail Fares to and from Adelaide.

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|--------|-----------------|---|
| W.A. | 130.90 | Budget Air Economy Return Fare |
| Vic. | 32.07 | 1st. Class Sleeper (Group Booking) |
| Tas. | 83.07 | (\$51. Budget Air Economy Return Hobart to Melbourne (\$32.07 1st. Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide. (G.B.) |
| Qld. | 104.53 | (\$57.20 Budget Air Economy Return Brisbane to Sydney (\$47.33 Rail Sydney to Melbourne - Inter Capitol Daylight 1st. Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide (Group Bookings for both trains) |
| A.C.T. | 47.33 | Rail - Inter Capitol Daylight to Melbourne - 1st Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide (G.B. for both trains |
| N.S.W. | 47.33 | Rail - As above |
| Total | <u>\$445.23</u> | |

Therefore with each State Unit accepting its share, the cost per State Unit would be \$63.60.

Please note that it was considered expedient that to save travelling time between Queensland and Adelaide, representatives to fly to Sydney and Tasmania representatives to fly to Melbourne. This then will enable both parties to link up with other State Representatives and thus travel together on a Group Booking. There must be six for a Group Booking, there should be over the required no. with representatives and observers. There is a total increase of \$53.16 to be paid by A.C.W. for first representative to come to Adelaide in lieu of Sydney, but this is offset by Working Committee Fares.

Travel Pool cont-

Working Committee Fares:

In 1973 A.C.W. paid fares for eight members of Working Committee \$208.26. Full fares President, Secretary and Treasurer and $\frac{1}{2}$ fares for the other members. One member used a free pass and the other was unable to attend. If all 10 fares had been paid by A.C.W. the account would have been \$246.13.

If Working Committee fares as above were to be paid by A.C.W. from Adelaide to Sydney the cost would be \$305.50.

There will be no cost to A.C.W. in 1974 for Working Committee fares.

For Further Consideration:

1. An Example:

W.A. paid \$150.50 for the second representative to attend the N.C.M. last February and had no Observers. Had a Travel Pool been operating, W.A. could have had the second representative and two observers for \$168.03.

2. National Presidents:

A.C.W. pays $\frac{1}{2}$ fares for National Presidents of affiliated Organizations to attend N.C.M. and it is envisaged that a Travel Pool may operate successfully for the remainder of fares.

3. Observers:

If a Travel Pool had been operating for two observers from each State Unit to attend N.C.M. (including the Hostess State) each person would have paid \$56.01.

35 Wilson Tee.,
GLASSBORO, N.J. 08025

9th May, 1974

To all State Secretaries.

The Working Committee wrote recently to Miss Jean Skuse,
seeking

- (1) Information on the Commission on the Status of Women organised by the N.S.W. Council of Churches, and
- (2) Advice as to how A.C.W. may help the Commission.

Miss Skuse has responded by sending us

- (1) A pamphlet inviting written submissions
 - (a) from women's groups and organisations
 - (b) from individual women in the Churchconcerning their status in the Church.
- (2) Information and registration forms for a conference to be held in Sydney in August organised by the above Commission.

I am posting copies of these to you under separate cover.

You will notice on the pamphlet that submissions should be in by 31st May. Miss Skuse has extended this time limit to 30th June so that we may contact members of A.C.W. and seek their views on this matter. The information can be sent direct to Sabine Willis whose address is on the pamphlet. She will then collate the information and include it in her report to the Commission.

We would be grateful if you would treat this as an urgent and important matter. If you have no meeting before 30th June, could you please forward them to a few groups and individuals whom you feel would respond.

The details concerning the Conference are self-explanatory, but we do request that you urge women in your State to give serious consideration to going. As the Commission of necessity includes women from New South Wales, it would be advantageous for Church women from the various States to attend to widen the scope of the enquiry. It would seem important that as wide a representation of Church women as possible should be present.

We would be interested to hear what reaction you receive.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland, Sec.)

WOMEN

N.S.W. Council of the Australian Council of Churches
Commission on the Status of Women

Enquiry into the Status of Women in the Church

Written submissions are hereby invited from

- (1) Women's groups and organisations within individual churches on their status in the church including:
 - a) The functions they perform within the Church.
 - b) The limitations or otherwise of these functions.
 - c) How they define their present status in the Church.
 - d) How they would like it defined.
- (2) Individual women in the churches on their status in the church including:
 - a) The functions they perform within the Church.
 - b) The limitations or otherwise of those functions.
 - c) How they define their present status in the Church.
 - d) How they would like it defined.

The submissions should be sent to:

Sabine Willis,
Director,
Enquiry Into the Status of Women in the Church,
Australian Council of Churches,
Box J111,
Brickfield Hill 2000.

Names withheld on request.

Closing date for written submissions 31st May 1974.

The Commission will hear submissions during the fourth week in April at the above office from individuals and groups by appointment. Please ring 26 2901 or write to the above address.

VENUE -

COOGEE BAY HOTEL
253 Coogee Bay Road, Coogee (Sydney)

DATE & TIMES -

7 P.M. Friday August 16th. until
4 P.M. Sunday August 18th.

COST -

LIVE - IN : \$25 (full Board) - including \$5
LIVE - OUT : \$15 (meals) registration
10 part time participants

BRING -

Personal requirements only - dress for comfort

SUGGESTED READING -

Theology packet prepared by the Commission on the Status
of Women- \$2 (see accompanying order form)

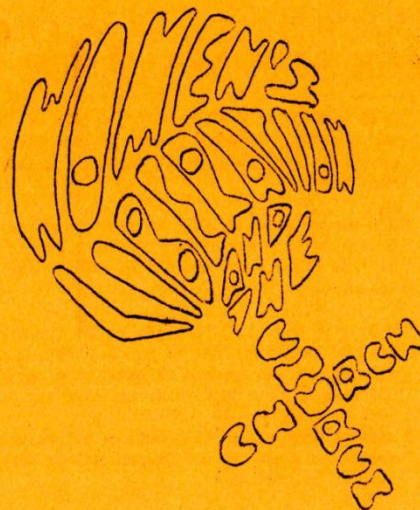
REGISTRATION -

Registration will be accepted in order of receipt as
numbers are limited.

Fill in accompanying Registration Form and send with
\$5.00 Registration fee (non-returnable) to the Registrar by
not later than July 10th.

REGISTRAR :

JOAN MATHESON,
3 HEZLET STREET,
CHISWICK, 2046



NATIONAL CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

16TH. - 18TH. AUGUST 1974

Organised by
THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (N.S.W.)
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
P.O. Box 5111 (401A Pitt Street)
Brickfield Hill, 2000
Phone - 26.2901

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH ARE SAYING THINGS LIKE

" I am glad to be a woman with the hope of freedom
and wholeness in front of me. I need other
people to care about me in the working out of
that hope."

" I'm uneasy about my role in society and in my
Church and I'm tentatively reaching out to try
to find other women who may be feeling the same
unease."

" I look to women's liberation in the Church to
help me to affirm that "I am somebody". I can
then reject all imposed definitions of myself
and will be free to find my own identity."

" With so many roles being held up before women
these days, how can the Church help us to work
out our priorities ?"

" Now is the time for church women to demand their
equality in Christ, to break free from this
conditioning that they are second class citizens
- and perhaps this may present one of the
greatest apostolic opportunities in the
history of the Church."

YOUR THOUGHTS MAY BE SIMILAR

YOUR THOUGHTS MAY BE DIFFERENT

LET US SHARE THEM TOGETHER

WHAT CAN WE ACHIEVE IN A WEEKEND ?

- * An experience of the sort of sharing that leads
to new individual growth and awareness
- * The stimulus of new relationships across
denominations
- * A chance to talk out our understanding of a
theology of liberation and wholeness
- * An honest look at the realities of the role
and status of women in the Church
- * A vision of new possibilities and an opportunity
to work out ways of making them happen

WE ARE PLANNING FOR

deep sharing in small groups
meaningful dialogue in larger groups
the creativity of shared worship
and an overall flexibility to allow for a wide
variety of individual participation

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Keelah Dey (86.3542) Zandra Wilson (349.2763)
Marjory Spence (72.1806) Dorothy McMahon (85.4914)
Toni Smith (869.7835) Carol McLean (829.1486)

THEOLOGY PACKET

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN

A collection of articles which offer a new insight into a theology for women plus a paperback edition of "Created Second" by Dr. Barbara Thiering.

Compiled by the Theology Group of the Australian Council of Churches (N.S.W.) Commission on the Status of Women.

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REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND THE CHURCH"

Coogee Bay Hotel
253 Coogee Bay Road, Coogee, N.S.W.

Friday, August 16th (7 p.m.) - to Sunday,
August 18th (4 p.m.), 1974.

NAME

ADDRESS

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State.....P/Code.....

Phone.....

Registration fee \$ 5.00 (non-returnable)
Full fee \$25.00 (including registration)
Please send full amount if possible with
registration to -

Joan Matheson
3 Hezlet Street
Chiswick, 2046

CLOSING DATE : July 10th, 1974

Registrations will be accepted in order of
receipt so send yours in early as numbers are
limited and it is important to receive the
pre-conference literature early.

Hobart, April 1980

NOTICE TO ALL STATE UNITS

Dear Secretary,

We have received the Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches, held in February 1980. At the April meeting of the Working Committee it was decided that two items in these minutes, should be brought to the notice of State Units for information and whatever action may be considered.

item 1.

THREATS TO WORLD PEACE

It was moved and seconded

That the A.C.C. Executive adopts the following statement for transmission to member churches and to be released as a document for general information:-

"The Executive Committee of the A.C.C. meeting on 27 February, has discussed the threat to world peace posed by recent events in Afghanistan. The Committee believes that this situation and the reactions to it have created insecurity in many countries, and fear in many people. The use of force as a means to imposing 'solutions' to problems makes for more strained relations between nations and tends to lead to further violence. The Executive Committee of the A.C.C. asks member churches to consider encouraging their members to respond to the present circumstances along the following lines:-

1. Pray for the leaders and people of the countries directly involved, that they may see constructive and non-violent ways to resolve the conflict.
2. Protest to the official representatives of the USSR which has violated the human rights and territorial integrity of people of Afghanistan.
3. Try to become more fully informed about the recent events in Afghanistan.
4. Critically analyse the information and opinion presented through the media and other sources.
5. Encourage policies which offer the opportunity for a change through understanding rather than fear.
6. Support aid to those people displaced as refugees.
7. Consider the long-term implications of the pressures to increase the arms race.
8. Seek ways on maintaining communication channels among people of different countries.

item 2.

ZIMBABWE

It was moved and seconded

That the A.C.C. urges the churches

- i. to support the special World Council of Churches appeal to assist the reconstruction of the new Zimbabwe, including the rehabilitation of the 200,000 (approx) refugees in neighbouring countries to meet their long-term needs;
- ii. to uphold in their intercessions the people of Zimbabwe and their newly elected Government as they try to rebuild their war torn country.

The A.C.C. also requests the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister sharing our concerns over the information contained in the report from the W.C.C., seeking his comments and supporting his concerns and actions to seek a peaceful and just settlement in Southern Africa.

We have written to the A.C.C. expressing our support for the above two statements, and informing them that we have circulated our State Units regarding these.