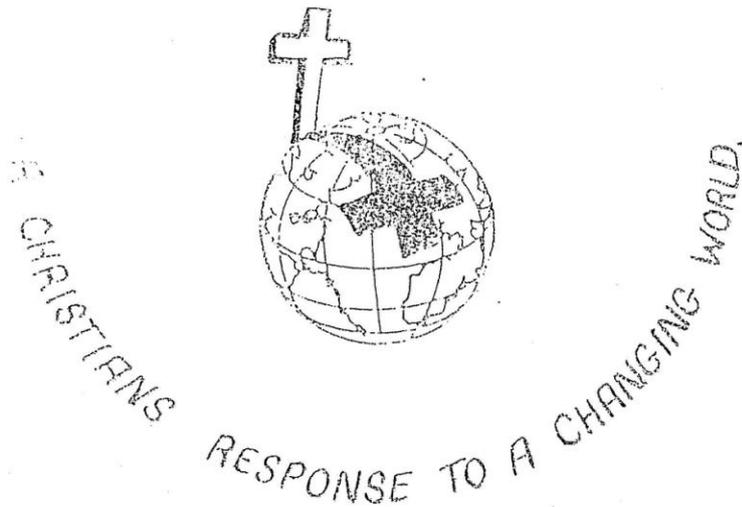




Australian Church Women
National Conference
Sept. 13th. - 17th. 1993



Camp Clayton
Hlverstone
Tasmania.

OPENING SERVICE

- Phyl Marsden** **Opening Prayer**
- Marie Hewitt** **Opening Hymn 'Love Divine'**
- Shirley Brooks** Asked for passing of peace.
- Lorraine Davis** Introduced Rev. Liyapidiny Marika, East Arnhem Land, 1st Aboriginal women to be ordained by the Uniting Church in Australia. Trained as a health worker, 3 children and adopted boy of 6.
- National Executive introduced.**
- Elaine Holmes** **Bible Reading Galatians 3:26 - 29**
- Joan Smith** Led in prayer prior to Rev. Liyapidiny Marika speaking. 'Bind us together Lord'. Love brings unity, reconciliation, grace and peace. Jesus has broken the barriers and paid the price so that He can bring us as one people. To bring unity - not separation. She thanked us as dear sisters in Christ.
- Juanita Miller** **'All praise to our redeeming Lord'**
- Alison Ison** Closed in prayer and singing of Theme Chorus.
- Phyl Marsden** **Prayer Partners - chosen and met.**

**MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT CAMP CLAYTON,
ULVERSTONE, TASMANIA
SEPTEMBER 13 1993 AT 2.00 P.M.
'EVERY NEIGHBOUR IN THE WORLD'**

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Present:

Ackland	Mrs. Olive
Au	Rev. Mary
Baker	Mrs. Marjory
Banks	Mrs. Helen
Blanton	Mrs. Carmel
Boatman	Mrs. Heather
Bourhill	Mrs. Barbara
Brooks	Mrs. Shirley
Brown	Miss Betty
Clack	Miss Dorothy
Clinch	Mrs. Commissioner Beth
Cooper	Mrs. Joan
Davis	Mrs. Lorraine
Dell	Mrs. Major Olive
Dodds	Mrs. Marion
Dredge	Mrs. Marj
Farrell	Mrs. Betty
Gates	Mrs. Rhoda
Green	Mrs. Anne
Green	Mrs. Major Lynette
Greenslade	Mrs. Margaret
Gurr	Mrs. Wyn
Haensel	Mrs. Dorothy
Hall	Mrs. Helen
Harrison	Mrs. Yvonne
Hewitt	Mrs. Marie
Holmes	Mrs. Elaine
Ison	Mrs. Alison
Johnson	Mrs. Major Elaine
King	Mrs. Lucelle
Lacy	Mrs. Barbara
Lloyd	Mrs. Helen
Mahamaneerat	Miss Malai
Maher	Mrs. Joan
Majoor	Mrs. Marie
Marika	Rev. Liyapidiny
Marsden	Mrs. Phyl
McCann	Mrs. Marie
McKinnirey	Miss Phyl
McLaughlin	Mrs. Beryl
Miller	Mrs. Juanita
Mills	Mrs. Nan
Napier	Mrs. Margaret

Pearce	Mrs. Kathleen
Reid	Miss Heather
Reidy	Mrs. Eunice
Ridge	Mrs. Edith
Selveratnam	Mrs. Rathie
Sims	Miss Grace
Skippen	Mrs. Ailsa
Smith	Mrs. Joan
Stanford	Mrs. Delphine
Stott	Mrs. Joan
Sullivan	Mrs. Evonne
Tabart	Mrs. Jill
Tong	Mrs. Major Joan
van Emmerik	Mrs. Rosemary
Vickers	Mrs. Mavis
Wall	Mrs. Margaret
Ward	Brigadier Mabel
Webb	Mrs. Leut. Col. Beth
Wells	Miss Shirley
West	Mrs. Gladys
Whybourne	Mrs. Mina
Wilson	Lady Leila
Wilson	Mrs. Vera

The President opened the Business Session at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to Marie Hewitt for being awarded life membership at the Catholic Women's League.

Apologies: Vi Bache
Fay McCormack
Jeanne Sutherland (in court)
Jean Rose
Ruth Burmeister (ACT)
Deaconess Mary Andrews

Roll Call: All welcomed

Greetings: Doreen Tie, Rachel Cox, Launceston City Mission, Julie Horniblow, Dorothy Hartam, Gwenda Neilson, Mrs. Lt. Col. Beryl Warr, Capt. Peter Collins, Shirin Samuel (Hong Kong FLC), Anne Brown (NZ), Maureen Clark, Yvonne Bain, Rev. D. Cousins, M. A. Geeves, Shirley Birch, Asian Church Women's Conference.

Passing since last meeting:

Thelma Adam, Kath Franklin, Jean Hodge, J. McConnell, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. L. Miller, Joyce Pope, Mrs. Toohill, Mrs. Ailsa Grinrod, Joyce Parker, Jessie Dennis, Vera Thorpe, Gwen McLennon, Miss Emmie Jordan, Joy Harris, Lily McLean, Mrs. J. Hay, Mrs. Pauline Crosby, Mrs. Val Weyland, Jean Vincent and Mrs. Wartloch.

These members were remembered in silence and in prayer.

Procedural Arrangements: These were read.

Alterations to Working Papers:

Page 7: Liyapidiny Marika, Delphine Stanford, Miss Betty Brown, Viki Elphinstone, Marjory Baker, Mrs. Beryl McLaughlin to be added under NSW, Miss Phil Kinnirey, Miss Shirley Wells, SA Marjory Dredge, NSW Lucelle King (Observer), Vic. Carmel Blanton, Delete Jean Rose and add Mrs. Major Lynette Green, Vic. Mrs. Kathleen Pearce, Catholic Women's League of Australia Delegate. Salvation Army Southern Beth Clinch, YWCA Miss Jeanne Sutherland (Not present), Tas. Observer Mrs. Joy O'Halloran.

Page 11. 3rd para from bottom. My thanks to the NSW unit. Mina instead of Gina. Whybourne.

Page 24: (History) Miss Dorothy Fry.

Page 30: 4 Para from bottom, 3rd line, will be to send

Page 31: Joan Tong's move to profile on page 51.

Page 47: Mrs. Joan Stott (1) vice president and Miss Dorothy Clack (2).

Fellowship of the Coin Mrs. Margaret Wall (882 6511)

Incoming 3216 postcode - treasurer

Beth Clinch Page 6: Voting entitlements WKS trustee has a vote.

Page 8: National interest group (observers) not delegates.

Salvation Army voting: one vote between the 2 delegates.

Mrs. Clinch unable to stay for the full period so our expectations is that I vote while I am here and then Major Tong vote. Anne Green (QU) moved Phil McKinnirey (NSW U) seconded **that the Salvation Army vote alternately.**

CARRIED

Clarification of Page 6 no vote Page 8 Margaret Napier (ACWC Rep) listed as delegate. Voting Entitlement ACWC. Checked with constitution and she is an observer.

Lucelle King - Jeanne Sutherland has a voice but has no vote. Marie McCann has no vote.

Pointed out. Incoming National Executive - address alterations to loose sheet.

Moved by Evonne Sullivan ACT U, Betty Brown (Nat. Exec.)
that the conference papers be accepted.

CARRIED

Conference adjourned for afternoon tea - 3.30 p.m.

The Meeting resumed at 4.30 p.m.

1. Minutes:

Correction - Hartam.

Moved Marie Hewitt (Burnie Nat. Exec) Rhoda Gates (UCA) seconded, **that the Minutes of 9 - 13 September, 1991 be taken as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

2. Business Arising:

3. Correspondence:

Marion Dodds (Vic) (Incoming Executive) thanked the Tasmanian Executive for help in attending the conference. Beth Webb's letter submitting the name of Jess Horton (ACT) as a nominee for the vacant position of WKS Trustee. Motion re vacancies on Trustees later. Ailsa Skippen (Q) Moved, Lyn Green (Vic) seconded **that the correspondence be received.**

CARRIED

Evonne Sullivan queried the decision to pass on vacancies to new exec. I believe they should be dealt with. Dorothy Haensel moved **that this matter be clarified when the Motion in relation to this matter is dealt with.** Seconded Marion Dodds (Inc. Exec)

CARRIED

Margaret Wall (Inc. E), Moved Evonne Sullivan (ACT) Seconded **that all reports be received together.**

4. Secretary's Report

Alison Ison asked for any queries on this report.

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report

This was postponed until the evening. Alison Ison presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the ordering problems and other inequalities with ACWC Bulletins.

Leila Wilson (WA) queried the debit under designated funds. Explanation was given.

Alison Ison Moved, Marie Hewitt seconded **that a letter of thanks be sent Neville Hyland, Auditor.**

CARRIED

7. News Publication Report:

Phyl Marsden asked for questions. Shirley Brooks thanked Phyl for her work with ACW News. Eunice Reidy (Inc. Exec.) reiterated those comments.

8. Special Days Report

Marie Hewitt outlined the main features of the report on behalf of Pauline Wells and asked for feedback. Edith Ridge (NSW). Possibility of reports being forwarded on from state convenors. NSW would like to move a motion on Special Days.

Rationale:

NSW services are being interfered with by ministers who think the ACW is left-wing. This affects the World Day of Prayer Order of Service as well.

Motion:

'That it be indicated that the Order of Service is copyright and except for the alteration of hymns, the service is not to be altered in any way.'

Yvonne Harrison (WD of Prayer for Australia) reported receiving NZ letters already. World Day of Prayer uses the clause 'the service is not to be changed'. If anything is taken out we have to mention that this is so at the bottom of the sheet.

Margaret Napier (ACWC) expressed concern and called for checking of content. Different denominations have different viewpoints. Flexibility should come from the Unit and not from individual groups. Community Day Service theme could be the same as the Asian Day Service. 'Unity in Diversity' 1994 theme.

Beth Webb (ACT) Fellowship Day Committee advised 'Year of the Family'.

Joan Stott (Inc. Nat. Com) Moved **that the matter be deferred so Motion can be prepared, seconded Betty Brown (Nat. Exec.) for consideration.**

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m. and reconvened at 7.10 p.m. with the chorus 'Hallelujah' and the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Reference Committee Nominations

Dorothy Haensel (WKS) nominated by Juanita Miller (Nat. Exec.), seconded Joan Tong (Salv. A)

Joan Stott (Inc. Nat. Exec.) nominated by Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat. Exec.), seconded Marion Dodds (Inc. Nat. Exec.)

Margaret Napier (ACWC) nominated by Lynette Green (Vic U), seconded Ailsa Skippen (Q)

CARRIED

Returning Officers

Marian Dodds nominated by Vera Wilson (WA) (Nomination withdrawn)

Leila Wilson nominated by Dorothy Haensel (WKS), Seconded Betty Brown (Nat Exec)

Betty Farrell (ACT) nominated by Evonne Sullivan (ACT), Seconded Marie Hewitt (Nat Exec.).

CARRIED

9. W.K.S. Trustees Financial Report

Dorothy Haensel (WKS) spoke to the report. \$107,690 capital (within 6 years it has doubled). Margaret Napier (ACWC) queried where the money from the Winifred. Kiek Fellowship came from as they had applied for it before.

When we set up the trust we had no excess interest. Any money from a scholarship has gone into the fellowship account. We were getting 16% interest rates at the time.

10. W.K.S. Trustees Report

Dorothy Haensel (WKS) spoke to the report. 3 trustees, Jan Gifford, June Morrow and Dorothy Wright are due to retire. Only Jan Gifford has indicated willingness to be re-elected.

Thanks was expressed to Dorothy Wright, Treasurer for the W.K.S. Ailsa Skippen Moved a letter of thanks be sent, seconded Helen Banks (Inc. Exec).

Dorothy Haensel (WKS) said that as there will be a substantial decrease in money available for scholars in the next few years because of lower interest rates.

Dorothy Haensel moved, Seconded Betty Brown (Nat. Exec.) that interest from W.K. Fellowship investments as from 1992 - 1993 financial year and until the next Conference be allocated to W.K.S.

CARRIED with 2 dissenters

Moved Dorothy Haensel, seconded Betty Brown that a letter be written to our auditor Mr. A. Nicholls, 20 Lascelles Ave, Brighton, S.A. 5048 expressing a vote of thanks and that an honorarium of a book voucher (\$100) be given to him.

CARRIED

Moved Dorothy Haensel, seconded Betty Brown that the S.A. Unit of ACW appoint a new Trustees auditor following the appointment of a new treasurer.

CARRIED

Evonne Sullivan expressed ACT's concern about the suggestion of moving WKS Trustees to ACT.

10. Archivist's Report

Edith Ridge presented this report. Ailsa Skippen (QU) Moved, Vera Wilson (WA) Seconded that Edith Ridge be reappointed for a further 2 years.

11. ACW Representative to ACC Report

Marie McCann is willing to continue as Representative to the ACC until the position is filled.

Marie McCann presented her report. Recommendation: (to be given)

12. A.C.W.C. Report

Margaret Napier in presenting her report felt that the Asians relied on us to be recorders in their study groups and it was a way in which we can contribute and share with them. One important thing that came out of the Executive meeting: the Assembly in Taiwan would cost \$60 - 70,000US for fares. Some countries had more and some less and this inequality is being dealt with by having 3 delegates, 3 observers and up to 5 visitors from each country.

Suggestion of making material bags with an Aboriginal motif. **Applications for grants from the FLC must come from the group who is going to organize it.**

ACWC has been a major representative on the FLC Prayer committee and this representation is to be reassessed soon. Guidelines for the role of the representative to be handed out later in the conference.

Marian Dodds (Incoming Nat. Exec) Moved, Joan Stott (Incoming Nat. Exec) Seconded **that the time be extended by 2 minutes.**

CARRIED

Consultation on the cry of children last week very interesting. ACWC funds are not used for the consultations but special sponsorships. Margaret Napier thanked the conference for letting her represent them.

13. Unit Reports

.1 ACT

Presented by Evonne Sullivan, (President).

.2 Victoria

Lynette Green presented the report and displayed the newly designed banner by Joan Cooper.

.3 Tasmania

This Report was presented by Joan Smith.

.4 South Australia

Marjory Dredge presented the South Australian Report. Conducting an assessment report in early 1994.

There will be a memorial stained glass window created in honour of Winifred Kiek for the Sommerville House, Queensland.

.5 Western Australia

Vera Wilson presented this report. She thanked Margaret Napier for her promotions.

.6 Queensland

Ailsa Skippen emphasized several points in this report. She pointed out Anne Green who designed the banner. Sommerville House and a photograph of the new chapel was written up in the Courier Mail, Brisbane.

.7 New South Wales

Phil McKinnirey advised that they had produced a 5 yr. Strategic Forward Plan as well as other promotional material.

Business Session 2 closed at 8.40 p.m.

Devotions - Queensland Unit

14. National Denomination Reports

.1 Australian Baptist Women's Fellowship

Lucelle King presented the report and highlighted the first conference time. Leadership training course and tutor by correspondence in a different state.

.2 Australian Christian Women's Fellowship (Churches of Christ)

Mavis Vickers presented this report and mentioned that 320 women met over lunch last week.

.3 National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups (Uniting Church)

Rhoda Gates presented the report and emphasised that they had a conference in Tasmania in May. She expressed difficulty in assimilating the ethnic people and men into the group.

.4 Women & Ministry in the Salvation Army

Beth Clinch presented the Salvation Army report and advised one change in the report e.g. 'So much' becomes 'such'

.5 Lutheran Women of Australia

None presented.

.6 Catholic Women's League

Kath Pearce presented the report. Evonne Sullivan reported that CWL had become a fully affiliated member of ACW.

15. Special Interest Groups

.1 Australian Council of Churches

Jill Tabart spoke to the Report.

.2 World Day of Prayer

Yvonne Harrison thanked everyone for the Conference. She represents Jean Cheshire.

Edith Ridge queried whether ACW received reports from other National Bodies. General consensus seemed to be in the negative.

Moved Olive Dell, Seconded Joan Tong that all the reports be accepted.

CARRIED

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Devotions - New South Wales

Seminar

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Devotions - A.C.T.

The Meeting opened at 4.00 p.m. with Lorraine Davis in the Chair.

W.K.S. Report

Presented by Betty Brown. Joan Stott passed on the Tongan church's thanks for Ana.

Mina Whybourne reported Ana is back in Sydney and will be in contact with us later.

Alison Ison advised that Malai's report was in the ACW News.

16. Notices of Motion

From the NSW State Unit

Betty Brown took the chair at this point.

8. Rationale:

Following discussion in Adelaide in August 1992 between W.K.S. Trustees, two members of National Executive of A.C.W. and the Rev. Bernie Clarke regarding the best use of money set aside for a Scholarship of an Aboriginal woman, these resolutions are brought forward. Units have been circulated with all relevant material for discussion and the report of the meeting.

- (a) **That this Conference grant permission for the sum of \$10,000 of Winifred Kiek Fellowship money to be used for funding of consultation with Aboriginal Women.**

Moved Dorothy Haensel (WKS), Seconded Joan Stott (Inc. Exec.) **that the Motion be as above.**

CARRIED

Meeting divided into committee. Evonne Sullivan asked for 2 points of clarification. Consultation envisaged. Has the idea been looked into and assessed as being a true figure. Betty Brown pointed out it was as arranged with trustees and Rev. Bernie Clark. Dorothy Haensel. It has not been costed out. Lynette Green felt 'consultation' had many viewpoints so as it meant we were listening not organising. It may mean several consultations. Margaret Napier (ACWC) WA has discussed this and we do not support the motion. We feel real work needs to be done instead of consultation. Aboriginals did not want to be maternalized and wanted to do their own thing. It is felt this would solve some problems but not many. Expensive and logistics. Delphine Stanford pointed out she supported the motion but recommended doing it in a small way and work with the Aboriginals. Hear the Aboriginal women and bring urban and traditional people together. She offered to resource the meeting and help in any way.

Rev. Liyapidiny Marika shared what was happening in the northern part of Australia. Meeting to choose a co-ordinator for Aboriginal Women's issues. We need your help now working side-by-side and working hand-in-hand.

Phil McKinnirey supported this. Marie McCann (Obs. NSW). Activate Aboriginal women to invite us and get statements from all over Australia.

6. Rationale:

Our Winifred Kiek Scholarship is arguably the most important project of A.C.W. We need to make the best possible use of our resources for this project, and this includes the use of the Trust and the Trustees.

Edith Ridge (NSW) Moved, Seconded Rhoda Gates, (UCA)

- (a) **that the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be the complete responsibility of the Trustees with the proviso that the study courses be shared amongst the states if possible.**
- (b) **that the Winifred Kiek Convener on the National Executive will organise scholars' visits to the states, liaise with the Trustees and the scholar and communicate relevant news to the states through the State Conveners.**

Lucelle King (NSW) supported the motion. Eunice Reidy asked if Trustees felt comfortable with this motion. Dorothy Haensel advised that it would facilitate the process and ask for advisers as necessary.

Olive Dell (WA) queried the minutes of 1991 Conference where this was moved by WA and there was a constitutional review.

Edith Ridge was aware of this minute and it was in fact in the guidelines and not the constitution.

Evonne Sullivan (ACT) suggested 'liaise' instead of 'keep in touch'.

Betty Brown put the amendments to the vote.

CARRIED

The Motion was put to the vote.

CARRIED

5. Rationale:

Many of our W.K. Scholars come from countries where they do not require warm clothing. Some of course do own warm clothes as they do experience winter in their home countries. It is clear that they do not realise that Australia does have cold weather in the winter and that for much of their time here it is winter-time.

Edith Ridge Moved, Seconded Lucelle King (NSW) that

it be emphasised on the forms or in the letters sent to scholars that they will need to bring warm clothing with them if possible.

CARRIED

9. Rationale:

Even if the Government charges were waived (which they aren't), there are now very few courses available for one year. It seems to give a false impression. The aim is to have cross-cultural contact between churches and work experience involved with visits to Units. Shorter private workshops allow for this.

That reference to one academic year be deleted from letter and application form. We can no longer offer academic courses of that duration in Australia but should the Scholarship be taken in another country, this could be possible.

W.K.S. Convener

Moved Dorothy Haensel asked for ratification, Seconded Ailsa Skippen.

CARRIED

10. Rationale:

We see this as easing the transition and keeping everyone well-informed so that discussion and information is only sought once.

The W.K.S. Convener would need to research the requirements of applicants, costs etc. and liaise with Trustees before the meeting so that a budget and as much information as possible is available at the meeting.

The W.K.S. Convener will then be able to report on discussions to National Executive for final decision, ensuring good communications.

For ratification

Moved Dorothy Haensel Moved, Seconded Evonne Sullivan (ACT)

That the meeting to choose each scholar should consist of W.K.S. Trustees, the current W.K.S. Convener and possibly one other member of the National Executive. In the year that the National Executive changes over, the incoming W.K.S. Convener should be the second person at the meeting. This could be in the form of a teleconference.

CARRIED

From the National Executive:

7. Rationale:

This motion is in no way intended to usurp the authority of the W.K.S. National Convener, but to enhance the co-ordination and smooth running of the scholarship.

That in considering the complex workload of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convener, we feel that there should be an Assistant National Convener in the state where the scholar is doing her course or courses. Also for the Assistant National W.K.S. Convener to be given authority to make internal decisions related to the W.K.S. course, accommodation or any other decisions that need quick responses.

Joan Smith moved, Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat) that this motion be withdrawn.

CARRIED

MOTION WITHDRAWN11. Rationale:

This motion is self-explanatory.

Moved Dorothy Haensel, Seconded Joan Stott that the Motion be amended to exclude the last sentence.

Because of low interest rates and therefore less money being available, that the W.K.S. Scholar be able to take the course in her own country, if a suitable course is available, and perhaps visit selected units in Australia at a later date. Should the scholar be Australian this would be automatic.

W.K.S. Convener

CARRIED

Query re doing the course in their own country. Guidelines cover this.

Edith Ridge enquired about Ruth Burmester's letter. Joan Stott asked the relevance of the letter.

Evonne Sullivan (ACT) is a life member and sent this to each unit. Alison Ison - this letter could be addressed in the light of her being a life member. Para. 4. Recommending training in country of origin and then travel to Australia as a Fellow.

Marian Dodds gave an example of PNG student who undertook secretarial course there. Ailsa Skippen explained that the money was returned. Dorothy Haensel clarified that the 'suitable venue' was always considered out of their country of origin.

Moved by Dorothy Haensel Seconded by Joan Stott that

Because of low interest rates and therefore less money being available, that the W.K.S. Scholar be able to take the course in her own country, if a suitable course is available, and perhaps visit selected units in Australia at a later date.

CARRIED

12. Rationale:

This motion is self-explanatory.

Moved by Dorothy Haensel, Seconded Lynette Green (Vic)

That it should be possible to award two short scholarships in the one year if this is thought desirable by the Selection Committee on the basis of the applications providing finance is available.

CARRIED

14. Rationale:

The printing and postage of the leaflets is almost prohibitive and it is questioned if people read them.

Moved by Dorothy Haensel, Seconded Vera Wilson (WA) that the Motion 14 be referred to the incoming National Executive.

CARRIED

That because of rising costs, there should be a review of the information leaflet on the W.K. Scholar and a cheaper or alternative way of distributing this information be looked at.

Shirley Brooks suggested that this be printed on the back of the Service Sheets.

13. Rationale:

The South Australians know the women and can be advised as to the skills that are needed for the replacement.

- (a) **The South Australian unit be required to bring nominations to conference for the reappointment or election of W.K.S. Trustees.**
- (b) **Casual vacancies be filled on the recommendation of the South Australian Unit who should vote on the nominations presented, and the official appointment be made by the National Executive.**

Dorothy Haensel Moved, Anne Green seconded the amendments and the Motion.

CARRIED

Motion From The Winifred Kiek Trustees Report

20. **That when it is deemed more appropriate by the Trustees in consultation with the National Executive, the awards provided by the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be broadened to include support for designated projects.**

CARRIED

Marian Dodds (Inc. Nat. Exec.) pointed out that if we start supporting projects that is a radical change to the original intention of the scholarship.

Beth Clinch (ACT) queried the reason behind project and scholarship money. Dorothy Haensel explained the reasoning behind the application and did not involve finance keeping in mind the original ideals of the scholarship.

Eunice Reidy (Nat Inc. Exec) appreciated the difficulty in obtaining short courses. We wouldn't have a project and a scholar in one year and this addresses the problem. Edith Ridge advised the precedent had already been set. Lorraine Davis (Nat. Exec.) Query in para 6 of Ruth Burmester's letter. Answered in affirmative.

Lucelle King (NSW) queried word 'designated'. Joan Stott (Inc. Nat. Exec) 'Designated' meant Trustees would approve of project.

Dorothy Haensel suggested adding the word 'Women' before project

Dorothy Haensel moved, seconded Joan Stott (Inc. Nat.)

That when it is deemed more appropriate by the Trustees in consultation with the National Executive, the awards provided by the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be broadened to include support for designated projects for women.

CARRIED

Dorothy Haensel Moved, Seconded by Alison Ison that Jan Gifford be reappointed as a W.K.S. Trustee.

CARRIED

The suggested Motion by ACT unit re appointment of W.K.S. Trustee will be actioned by South Australia.

Moved by Dorothy Haensel, seconded Edith Ridge, that the Alteration to the Deed of Trust should be accepted

No. 5. The Trustees shall invest all monies received by them for the purposes of the Trust which is to provide, firstly a scholarship for a recipient or funding support for a project selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women and secondly when in the opinion of the Trustees there are surplus trust funds after meeting all expenses associated with the said scholarship, a fellowship to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a recipient selected by the National Executive with the approval of the Trustees to tour Australia to speak to church and community groups. The parties intend:

- (a) that the scholarship shall be tenable for up to 10 months or one academic year, whichever is greater.
- (b) the scholarship shall be offered to an inhabitant of any Asian or Pacific country.

(new)

- (c) the project shall be located in any Asian or Pacific country.

[old] (c) becomes (d)]

- (d) All applications for any scholarship, project funding or fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convener who shall be appointed by the National Conference of ACW and shall include the following information:

- (i) Scholarship

[(1) - (7)]

- (ii) Project

- (1) Name and purpose
- (2) Location
- (3) Number of participants
- (4) Sponsoring body
- (5) Name of person responsible for project or contact
- (6)

- 6. (2) The National Executive of Australian Church Women shall forward all applications received by them for any scholarship,

project or fellowship to the Trustees who shall confer with the National Executive on matters relating to education, visas, permits and other relevant matters for possible recipients of scholarship, project funding or fellowships.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 p.m. and resumed at 7.00 p.m.

Reports that had not been considered before were presented.

MOTIONS (Cont'd)

Moved by Dorothy Haensel (WKS), Seconded Alison Ison (Nat. Exec.)

- 8 (b) **Such consultation/s be called by Aboriginal Women in conjunction with W.K.S. Trustees and the National Executive.**

Ailsa Skippen asked how these Aboriginal women would be found?

Dorothy Haensel replied that this would be the Trustees and National Executive responsibility through Delphine Stanford.

CARRIED

- (c) **That monies that have been put aside for Aboriginal Scholarship and Operation Understanding also be made available for the above-mentioned consultation if needed.**

**W.K.S. Convener
MOTION WITHDRAWN**

1. Rationale:

The establishing of a permanent Secretary in a chosen State or Territory would free the National Secretary and other Conveners from the onerous tasks associated with producing and distributing leaflets for A.C.W. projects. In some states it is difficult to find people to adequately do these jobs. A permanent Secretary would soon establish a good working relationship with the printers of such material and this would result in materials of consistent quality.

By producing all printed material in bulk, costs would be reduced, also. We recognise the necessity for funding such a Secretariat. Initially it could be funded from the General Account of the National Committee or by making it the (half) offering for one World Community Day. Another way would be by levying the State Units. There are possibly other ideas which could be suggested for establishing such a fund. By the sale of souvenir items e.g. spoons, badges etc. the Secretariat would perhaps soon become self-funding.

Edith Ridge Moved, Rhoda Gates (UCA) Seconded

that the Conference give consideration to the establishing of a Secretariat with a permanent Secretary whose task it would be to deal with the printing of A.C.W. brochures for its publicity, for Fellowship of the Least Coin leaflets and for Winifred Kiek Scholarship leaflets.

The permanent Secretary would be responsible also for the production and sale to the State Units of souvenir items like A.C.W. teaspoons and badges.

MOTION LOST

Joan Tong supported the Motion and felt this was something to work towards.

Anne Green (QLD) asked whether this permanent secretary would be a paid position?

Marian Dodds (Inc. Nat. Exec.) Queried word 'Secretariat' instead of Publicity Officer. Evonne Sullivan (ACT) raised the location of the secretariat.

Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat. Exec.) Urged further consideration of maintaining this role.

Edith Ridge expressed the reasoning behind the motion and suggested an alternative of appointing a person at the national level.

Margaret Napier (ACWC) National committee has power to co-opt for special purposes.

MOTION LOST

2. Rationale:

Many people attending World Community Day Services are already familiar with F.L.C. and its aims and purposes. However, at every service there is the possibility of at least one new person and even a whole congregation where a new church takes on the Day, to whom F.L.C. is completely unknown. Not every leader of the services gives time to explain about F.L.C. With adequate education, we could expect better support for F.L.C.

Edith Ridge (NSW) Moved, Lynette Green (Vic) Seconded

that the Australian version of the Fellowship of the Least Coin leaflets should be supplied to State Units in sufficient numbers for it to be possible to put one into every copy of the order of service (in the way that W.K.S. leaflets are distributed).

These leaflets to be supplied to the Units by the National Committee as the W.K.S. leaflets are now supplied.

Olive Dell (WA) spoke against the Motion because the leaflet was too full. Prior to the presentation of the offerings we allow the convener to explain the FLC.

Heather Reid recommended an Australian version promotional brochure for FLC.

Margaret Wall suggested we asked units for quantities they wanted.

Anne Green supported the motion and had made her own.

Juanita Miller has easy access to printing. Community Day Services for FLC in the country.

MOTION LOST

Joan Stott Moved, Olive Dell Seconded that the following motion be foreshadowed.

Marion Dodds sought direction of the Conference whether you would print 10,000 and issue them.

Evonne Sullivan suggested 'write' become 'produce'

that the new National Executive be empowered to produce an official Australian version of the FLC leaflet and circulate the proposed document to units for approval and use as desired.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Rationale:

Former Winifred Kiek Scholars and other recipients of the Special Offering taken at World Community Day services are sometimes dismayed and disappointed when the money promised to them is delayed because of the system we follow in disbursing these funds. They have sometimes thought that they will receive the money soon after the services are held in October.

Edith Ridge (NSWU) Moved, Seconded Alison Ison that

when a project is chosen to receive the Special Offering taken at World Community Day services, it should be explained to the recipients that it will take some time before they will receive the money. It should be explained to them that while the offerings are taken in October, it takes time for all the centres to send the money to State Treasurers, who then must send it on to the National Treasurer.

4. Rationale:

We miss out on valuable publicity for our two Special Days because we cannot have them advertised in papers such as Ecumenical Diaries on established days, as the World Day of Prayer is.

People readily associate the first Friday of March with World Day of Prayer. There is a good feeling engendered across Australia when we know that we are all doing something on the same day. It gives us a sense of unity.

Edith Ridge Moved, Dorothy Haensel Seconded that

consideration be given to establishing the last Fridays of July and October as the preferred days for the holding of Fellowship and World Community Days.

CARRIED

WA and Church Women United, USA have specified dates.

Helen Banks (Inc. Exec.) There seems to be a contradiction in the motion.

Alison Ison (Nat. Exec) advised that the Executive prefer ... and leaving it to the places to work it out themselves. The majority could have it on the same day.

Marion Dodds advised Victoria had difficulty with this.

CARRIED

Eunice Reidy advised old guidelines already stated this.

From The Queensland Unit

Anne Green apologized for the lack of rationale for this motion. She spoke to this and saw the role of counselling more profitable than a legal action which only served to relive the brutal and terrifying experiences. Moved Anne Green, Seconded Ailsa Skippen

Margaret Napier (ACWC) reports there is a much better understanding between the Japanese and the Koreans now. The new Prime Minister has accepted responsibility and formally apologized to the Korean women. The concern of the Korean women is that the comfort women have no means of existing in their old age.

Shirley Brooks explained that the grant was to pay for a law suit against the UN.

Evonne Sullivan (ACT) advised that the Japanese government has agreed to compensate the Korean women.

Eunice Reidy is concerned that we question these women when they ask for these grants. Danger of our becoming judgemental in our concerns about the grants and the way in which they are given. We have to be aware of their culture and background and the way in which they address specific needs in their own countries.

Dorothy Haensel commented that it is a difficult job when grants are given.

Phil McKinnirey (NSW) suggested we should assist them in the way they ask to show our solidarity.

Anne Green reiterated her comments.

15. That the Australian Church Women Executive query with the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin the allocation of FLC grant to 'Solving the Problems of Comfort Women'. Is this allocation in the spirit of Christian love and the basic principles of the Fellowship of the Least Coin movement? What criteria does the International Committee use to allocate grants?

MOTION LOST

Anne Green as the mover requested Motion 16 be held till Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 10.40 a.m.
 Devotions - South Australia
 Bible Study - Sr. M. Vianney Bartels

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - S.A. UNIT

Contribution to ACW by Mrs. Dorothy Katherine Wright.

Dorothy joined the S.A. unit - then the Women's Inter-Church Council of South Australia in 1972 or 1973 as delegate from the Brighton Women's Inter-Church Council. She has served in this capacity for various terms over a period of 20 years, currently holding this position.

1979 - 1984 held the position of Unit Treasurer. This was during the period when the one function Musical At Home became the multi function Community Concern Luncheons greatly increasing the work load.

1984 - 85 served on the Interim committee set up to plan the hoped for 1986 ACWC Assembly in Adelaide.

1985 - 87 served as Treasurer on the National Executive of ACW. During this time she was responsible for separating all the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Funds from other ACW monies, to enable them to be invested separately.

1987 - 93 served as a Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee, holding the position of Treasurer. Her meticulous attention to detail has been evident in all the statements presented and transactions handled. She has gained a wealth of knowledge which has proved a great benefit to the Trust.

Dorothy has attended the last two Conferences - Perth 1989 and Sydney 1991 as Trust delegate. The presentation of her Financial statements, whether State, National or WKS Trust has always been excellent. She had previously attended the National Conferences in Brisbane in 1983 and Adelaide 1987, and gave local assistance during the 1975 Conference in Adelaide.

It would be impossible to estimate the many hours Dorothy has spent working "on the books". She has always been involved in other ACW activities - travelling widely in suburbs and country to assist in promotion work during her time on the State Executive and giving support to National Treasurers during her time as WKS Trustee.

It was moved by Marjory Dredge (SAU), Seconded Alison Ison (Nat. Exec.), **that Mrs. Dorothy Katherine Wright become a life member.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. That the Australian Church Women's Executive raise with the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin the lack of distribution of financial statements showing the total world-wide sum of monies given, and the distribution thereof with specific reference to grants and administrative expenses.

Anne Green Moved, Seconded Ailsa Skippen. She spoke to the motion

Margaret Napier (ACWC) I believe Shirin Samuel is very responsible and the administration costs are controlled as much as possible. Annual meeting is held to allocate grants and representation on this has been cut to help control expenditure. Maximum grant is \$US6,000.

Shirley Brooks asked if asking for a financial statement was breaching the confidentiality.

Margaret Napier felt this would be in order. ICFLC Meeting to be held in October 1993. Consideration is being given to ICFLC preparing their own Constitution.

Beth Webb (ACT) read a letter to Ruth Burmester after her query to ICFLC.

CARRIED

From the A.C.T. Unit

17. Rationale:

From letters and the minutes of the National Executive we have understood that there was approximately \$4,600 available for a scholarship for an Aboriginal scholar.

This was made up of \$2,500 allocated in 1991 (minute 91/47) and \$2,146 in the Operation Understanding account which was earmarked for increasing the Aboriginal scholarship monies.

If part of the Operation Understanding money has been used to cover the costs of Reverend Liyapidiny Marika attending the conference - Minutes, National Executive May 24th, 1993 - these funds will be reduced.

We are very happy that Reverend Marika has been able to attend the Conference and are in agreement with funding an Aboriginal Scholar to be chosen in the usual manner of scholarship selection, if there are sufficient funds available.

I therefore move that the whole concept of the Aboriginal scholarship be re-assessed as it would appear there is less money available than originally stated.

Due to previous motions passed this MOTION was WITHDRAWN

From Incoming National Executive

Moved Joan Stott (Inc. Nat. Exec.), Seconded Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat. Exec.)

18. That the ACW Archivist form a subcommittee of three and act as convener with power to co-opt and to oversee the appropriate storage of ACW records.
19. That this subcommittee be given power to act in consultation with the current ACW National Executive and report to the 1995 National Conference on progress.

CARRIED

From the New South Wales Unit

Rationale:

21. Some difficulty has occurred in State Units when preparing the presentation of services for Fellowship and World Community Days. Organisers have been asked to accept versions of the service which have been altered or re-written by people who are not members of State or National Committees.

Moved Edith Ridge (NSW), seconded Phyl McKinnirey (NSW)

That future Orders of Service shall be printed with this instruction.

"This Order of Service is copyright and may not be re-written or otherwise altered except for the substitution of hymns that are considered to be more suitable or available in the local situation."

Lynette Green (Vic.) queried alterations being allowed.

Joan Stott explained.

Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat. Exec) pointed out that we should make allowances for denominations.

Edith Ridge (NSW) reiterated that this aim was to protect services and also to unify them.

CARRIED

Moved Edith Ridge, Seconded Joan Tong

From the New South Wales Unit

22. **That the National Executive of ACW sends a representative to the next event run by ACC, which should be the second 'Living Under the Southern Cross' or other title.**

Lynette Green (Vic.) Shouldn't our representative go to these events? Do we need to make special provision for this or is it part of the position?

Marie McCann explained that the New South Wales Unit sent her on this occasion.

Margaret Napier reminded that the next meeting would be in Melbourne and suggested the state ACW representative go instead of Marie McCann.

Eunice Reidy (Inc. Nat. Exec.) suggested that the motion was put too late and we note the recommendation and act on it accordingly.

Dorothy Haensel commented this motion arose out of a report so was not too late.

Edith Ridge (NSW) stressed the importance of having an image at the ACC meetings and closer bonds with them.

CARRIED

**ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
1994 DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS**

Mrs. Lucelle King	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Lynette Green	VIC	Delegate
Miss Jeanne Ingram Sutherland	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Barbara Lacy	VIC	Delegate
Mrs. Marie McCann	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Joan Tong	NSW	Delegate
Miss Phyl McKinnirey	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Olive Dell	WA	Delegate
Mrs. Shirley Brooks	TAS	Observer

Margaret Napier explained that the ACWC paid for Joan Tong and Australia was entitled to 3 other delegates.

Nominees introduced themselves

Lucelle King
Major Lynette Green
Jeanne Ingram Sutherland
Barbara Lacy
Marie McCann
Miss Phyl McKinnirey
Mrs. Major Olive Dell
Shirley Brooks

Voting

3 delegates

The returning officers counted the votes.

Successful delegates:

Major Lynette Green (Vic)
Barbara Lacy (Vic)
Lucelle King (NSW)

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m. and resumed at 6.50 p.m.

3 Observers

None of the list of delegates volunteered as observers.

Shirley Brooks elected.

1 Representative

Major Lynette Green

Moved Dorothy Haensel, Seconded Lynette Green **that the incoming decision for the Incoming Executive be ratified.**

CARRIED

Eunice Reidy thanked the conference and Shirley Brooks and the Tasmanian team for their work in the Executive role.

APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming National Executive 1993 - 1995

President:	Mrs. Eunice Reidy 50 Hewish Road CROYDON VIC 3136 (725 5328)	Churches of Christ
Vice President (1)	Mrs. Joan Stott 16 Landy Avenue HIGHTON VIC 3216 (052) 43 3006	Uniting Church in Australia
Vice President (2)	Miss Dorothy Clack 5/245 Burke Road GLEN IRIS VIC 3146 (885 6825)	Baptist
Secretary	Mrs. Marion Dodds 22 Hender Street BAYSWATER NORTH VIC 3153 (729 5018)	Salvation Army
Treasurer	Mrs. Helen Banks 13 Eton Road BELMONT VIC 3216 (052) 43 3713	Churches of Christ
Minute Secretary	Mrs. Barbara Lacy 5 Brownfield Street MORDIALLOC VIC 3195 (580 1893)	Catholic
Publications Editor	Mrs. Major Elaine Johnson 4 Trainor Street BOX HILL NORTH VIC 3129 (898 2230)	Salvation Army
Fellowship of the Least Coin	Mrs. Margaret Wall 1 Canterbury Road CAMBERWELL VIC 3124 (882 6511)	Anglican
Special Days	Mrs. Heather Boatman 35 Terry Avenue BELGRAVE VIC 3160 (754 4889)	Anglican
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	Mrs. Joan Cooper 20 Roberts Road, BELMONT VIC 3216 (052 43 8323)	Uniting Church in Australia

Moved Helen Banks, Seconded Alison Ison that Peter Lenehan be appointed Accountant.

CARRIED

Dorothy Haensel welcomed Shirley Brooks to the past president's club.