

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee, held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday November 1, 1977 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win. Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Gwen Cork, Marjorie Stanhope, Betty Davis, Glad West, Joan Curtin, Olga Badger and Margaret Ralph.

APOLOGIES: Heather Stevens and Edna Baker.

DEVOTIONS: The President led the opening devotions.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 1977, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

### BUSINESS ARISING:

Mrs. Caffee's visit. The President reported that she, together with Doris Mitchell, Glad West and Joan Curtin, had a most interesting day with Mrs. Caffee, who is a member of the Catholic Women's League and President of Church Women United in Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A. Mrs. Caffee is interested in the arts and science, ancient history, ethnic groups, the community, migrants and negro people, particularly in discrimination against them. She was also interested in women's work in the Australian churches, A.C.W. structures and our close relationship across States. The meeting was a deep and open sharing.

A.C.W.C. The Secretary reported that she had written to State Units seeking nominations for the delegates and observers to be appointed and hopes that there will be names to consider at the next Working Committee meeting.

Areas of Concern. Resource material has been sent to State Units. Leaflets are available from Austcare on the backgrounds of various ethnic groups in Australia.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### Inward

The following correspondence was received and dealt with as read:-

1. Mrs. F. Bailey, Adelaide - re A.C.W.C. Executive meeting.
2. " " " re consultations of theologically trained women. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to each State Unit requesting information about possible participants and that we should also consult with the A.C.C. Secretary and the NSW Commission on the Status of Women.
3. Mrs. G. Santos, Hon. Sec. A.C.W.C. - reply to our letter of greeting sent to A.C.W.C. Executive.
4. Mrs. A. Grindrod, Rockhampton - re Anglican women's organisations.
5. Mrs. L. Peryman, Hon. Sec. Women's Committee, N.C.C. of New Zealand.
6. A.C.C. News and Information October 1977 and "In Unity"

#### Received by Conveners

7. WKS from World Y.W.C.A. re Tapati Das' study tour
8. FLC from Mrs. R. Cocks re FLC Jubilee
9. "Women at Work" from Mrs. D. Hartam, Tasmanian Unit - contact appointed.
10. Treasurer from Tasmanian Unit - cheques for WKS and FDay.

#### Outward

1. Mrs. S. Solomon, Delhi and) Invitation to ACWC Executive to meet
2. Mrs. A. Loyall, Lucknow ) in Australia in 1978.
3. Miss D. Wagner, C.W.U., New York - reply to hers
4. Mrs. F. Bailey, Adelaide - reply to hers
5. Mrs. Burmester, Canberra Church Women, enclosing receipt and re preparation of Order of Service for World Community Day 1978.
6. Mrs. O. Badger, reply to hers re preparation of Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1978.
7. Miss G. Locke, W.A. Unit, enclosing receipt.
8. Mrs. G. Caffee (of USA, visiting Sydney) reply to hers.
9. Secretaries of State Units re A.C.W.C. Assembly 1978
10. Mrs. S. Jull, Brisbane, reply to hers.
11. Mrs. A. Grindrod, Rockhampton, reply to hers
12. Mrs. Joy Holland, letter of sympathy on loss of her 17 year old son in a motor accident.

#### Sent by Conveners

13. WKS to Deaconess Shirley Harris and) re study courses for
14. Sister Barkat Dass Sister Dass

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Tapati Das is due to leave for the Philippines early in December and will subsequently visit Hong Kong, Taipei and India. Betty Davis reported that Dr. Coster had consented to serve on the WKS sub-committee and had been very helpful regarding courses for Sister Dass. It was agreed that a letter commending Sister Dass be sent to her for presentation with her application for a visa and other appropriate use. It was agreed that a letter be sent at Christmas-time for all former Winifred Kiek Scholars.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

It is understood that A.C.W.C. has appointed a committee to plan for the FLC Jubilee and that A.C.W. will fit in with the A.C.W.C. plans as appropriate to Australia. Rachel Cocks will be reassured that we do not see any preliminary action by A.C.W. as being required.

"Women at Work"

Joan Curtin presented an outline of the next issue. She expressed her pleasure that Mrs. Helen Forbes has been appointed by the Tasmanian Unit as a resource person to send information to "Women at Work."

FINANCE

Gwen Cork presented the following financial statement for the month ended 31st October 1977.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Bal. at 30/9/77	12,954.93	Admin. and General	
Winifred Kiek Schol.		Third World News sub.	6.00
Tasmanian S.Unit	67.26	M.Ralph, Stationery	25.30
Fellowship Day		Hon.Sec. " & postage	44.86
Tasmanian S.Unit	121.04	Peters' Printing Co.	
		- duplicating paper	45.00
		Bal. at 31/10/77	13,022.07
	13,143.23		13,143.23
		<u>Summary of Balances</u>	
		Fellowship of Least Coin	755.50
		Winifred Kiek Scholarship	8734.29
		Memorial Bursary	204.55
		Fellowship Day	472.28
		World Community Day	331.02
		Overseas Conferences	816.26
		Admin. & General	1,708.17
			\$13,022.07

It was agreed that \$3,000 be invested with the (Anglican) Glebe Administration Board.

CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.55 a.m. with prayer.

Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 6th December 1977 at 9.30 a.m.