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Asian Church Women's Conference

Multicultural Concert of Praise

Sunday 24th August 2014

Epping Baptist Church

cnr Ray Road and Carlingford Road, Epping.

2.00pm

Afternoon Tea to follow



Australian Church Women Inc

FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE 2014



Building Up the Body of Christ

So then, let us aim for harmony in the church
and try to build each other up.
Romans 14:19 [New Living Translation]

Australian Church Women Inc.

Australian Church Women was established in 1965 when women's inter-church councils from all states and territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of the church women.

Australian Church Women Inc forms a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries and promoting peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in the one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

The offerings presented at Fellowship Day Services throughout Australia go towards this scholarship to honour Winifred Kiek, the first woman to be ordained in Australia.

This scholarship is offered to Christian women of member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference, multicultural Australia, and Pacific Island nations. The scholarship is used for supplementary training and further studies in theology or related fields.

2014 scholars are Rev Wasana Fernando [Sri Lanka] & Seng Ja [Myanmar]

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the ACT Unit of Australian Church Women with the theme for the present term being 'Building in Harmony'. This Service has the sub-title 'Building up the Body of Christ'.

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BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST"

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Almighty God and Father, help us to be still in your presence, that we may know ourselves to be your people, and you to be our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN: AHB 367 (TiS 442) *All praise to our redeeming Lord*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION:

We thank you, God, for all the variety of the human race.

We thank you for our dependence on other people's skill, labour and love.

We are glad that our experience is enriched by men and women from every walk of life, of every colour, language and belief.

Most of all we thank you that Jesus Christ lived a human life, as our example, our Teacher and our Saviour.

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned.

We confess, Lord, the sins that no one knows, and the sins that everyone knows;

The sins that are a burden to us, and the sins that do not bother us because we have got used to them.

Lord have mercy.

We confess our sins as a community.

We have not tried to be the body of Christ for our neighbours.

Christ have mercy.

Father, forgive us.
Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as,
by your mercy, you have called us to live.
Through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen

HYMN: AHB 178 (TiS 236) *Jesus' hands were kind hands*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ephesians 4: 1- 16
Romans 12: 3- 8

ITEM:

SPEAKER: "BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST"

BRIEF REPORT ON CURRENT WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS:

Scholars for 2014 are Rev Wasana Fernando [Sri Lanka] and
Seng Ja [Myanmar]

OFFERING An offering will be received for the work of the
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Fund.

DEDICATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SCHOLARS AND TRUST:

Leader:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, we bring our gifts to you from
willing hearts.

We pray that these offerings will be used by the Winifred
Kiek Scholarship Trust Fund to bring glory to your Name.

We thank you for the women whose lives have been enriched
over the years by being recipients of the Scholarship.

We think of those who will be recipients in the future, and
pray that wise selections will be made.

We ask you, Father God, to guide us all as we give support to
these scholars.

We pray for all who work to spread your Good News of love
and redemption as we give you our thanks and praise.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: TiS 468 *We are your people*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and change us.

Too often we are selfish and proud,
ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you,
we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love,
yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross,
by your Spirit and through your word,
transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness.
Amen.**

HYMN: AHB 481 (TIS 570) *Soldiers of Christ, arise*

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING:

Leader: Now may the hope of a better world, a worthier life, a holier morrow and a sweeter thanksgiving inspire us all with patient continuance in well-doing; and may grace, mercy and peace from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remain with us now and always.

All: Amen.

[This benediction was prayed by the Reverend Winifred Kiek at her ordination service on 13 June 1927, and used at her last act of public ministry on 9 March, 1975.
It is the benediction that she loved most.]