

SPECIAL FUNCTION 1997

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON: (in Aboriginal Week)

Monday 7 July at 11 am, Salvation Army Functions Centre
130 Elizabeth Street, Sydney
Speaker: Shelley Reys of the NSW Council for Australians
for Reconciliation

SPECIAL DAYS

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

THEME: 'JESUS CHRIST, THE WAY AHEAD'

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: OCTOBER (recommended to be held
on the last Friday where possible). This Service is held by most local
branches of ACW. Fellowship of the Least Coin offering is received
and dedicated
Bimbadeen college at Cootamundra (Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship)
will be the recipient of 50% of the offering at World Community Day
Services, having been chosen as the Special Project for 1997.

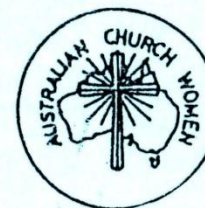
THEME: "ONE PEOPLE EMBRACING - ENCIRCLED BY GOD'S LOVE"

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: CANBERRA, SEPTEMBER 22 - 26
(Registration forms available now).

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NSW STATE UNIT

ANNUAL SERVICE of DEDICATION
and
COMMITMENT

CHALMERS CHURCH
CNR. CHALMERS AND BEDFORD STREETS,
SURRY HILLS.

MONDAY, 12TH MAY, 1997

AT 10.30 A.M.

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 of service of our President, Mrs Peg Blake, and gives us the opportunity to commit ourselves to the concluding year of her term as we dedicate ourselves anew to Christ's service.

The theme Peg chose for her term of office, **WALKING IN THE STEPS OF THE MASTER**, 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 their own churches and organisations and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in His name.

The offering received at this Service will meet the expenses of the NSW UNIT of ACW.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

We thank the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church for the use of Chalmers Church and also for the use of the Presbyterian Church Centre.

To Organist, Mrs Beverley Swift, and Soloists Mrs Judith Rough and Mrs Rose Cox, Didgeridoo player, Richard Pearce, and Guitarist, Mrs Alexandra Naden our sincere thanks for their contribution to this Service.

You are invited to remain at the conclusion of the Service for a light luncheon. Special thanks to members of Council for providing the refreshments, and also to the Presbyterian ladies who are our hostesses today and who have been most helpful with printing and the floral arrangements for our Service.

Hymns today are taken from Rejoice, the Hymn Book of the Presbyterian Church.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING: PEG BLAKE, PRESIDENT, NSW UNIT

Organ Prelude

Mrs Beverley Swift

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 100

HYMN:

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels, glory to the church's King;
Glory to the King of nations; heaven and earth, your praises bring.
Glory, glory, glory, glory, to the King of Kings!**

WELCOME

PRESIDENT

GREETING

NATIONAL PRESIDENT,

Mrs Evonne Sullivan

STATEMENT

PRESIDENT

This is a Service of Dedication and Commitment. 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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Mrs Janet Harrison

SOLOIST:

Mrs Judith Rough

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Dss Heather Badgery

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1

**Miss Heather Reid
Sr Colleen O'Sullivan**

HYMN: Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age.
Your faithfulness is written on history's open page.
Your fathers knew your goodness, and we their deeds record;
And both to this bear witness: One church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought the Gospel to greatest as to least;
They summoned men to hasten and share the Great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching in every deed and word;
To all alike proclaiming: One church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict and throw away the crown?
Not so! In God's deep counsels some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching: One church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us nor leave Your work undone;
With Your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven, Your name shall be adored;
And this shall be their anthem: One church, one faith, one Lord.

PRAYER FOR FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Miss Shirley Wells

PRAYER FOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS: Mrs Beth Finlay

OFFERING PRAYER: Mrs Marie Majoor

HYMN: And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain; for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Christ my God should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above; so free - so infinite His grace -
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
What mercy this, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Your sunrise turned that night to day; I woke, the dungeon flamed
with light.
My chains fell off, Your voice I knew; I rose, went out and followed
You!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne and claim the crown through
Christ, my own.

PRAYER FOR ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Major Joan Tong

SOLOIST: Mrs Judith Rough

BADGE PRESENTATIONS:

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 NSW
Unit of Australian Church Women to stand as their names are called
and, together with the members of our State Council, dedicate
ourselves to the particular responsibility that God has given within
the life of Australian Church Women.

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.

Congregation please be seated.

LEADER: STATE PRESIDENT PWA Mrs June Angus
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 the channels through which the Unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout the State.

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. How ever 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.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: Mr Richard Pearce
Didgeridoo

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:

Mrs Judith Baker

MRS BERYL BURKE - Librarian, Bimbadeen College, Cootamundra
(Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship)

SOLOIST:

Mrs Rose Cox
(Bimbadeen)

HYMN:

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I go
My daily labour to pursue;
You, Lord, alone I choose to know
In all I think, or speak or do.

The task Your wisdom has assigned
Here let me cheerfully fulfil:
In all my work Your presence find
And prove Your good and perfect will.

You would I set at my right hand
Whose eyes my inmost secrets view:
And labour on at Your command
And offer all my work to You.

Help me to bear Your easy yoke
And every moment watch and pray;
And still to things eternal look
And hasten to that glorious day.

Gladly for You may I employ
All that Your generous grace has given;
And run my earthly course with joy,
And closely walk with You to heaven.

COURTESIES:

BENEDICTION AND GRACE:

ORGAN POSTLUDE: