

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

## MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE

at 10.00 a.m. on MONDAY, 24th APRIL, 1972

- OPENING: A brief meditation entitled "Kneeling" was presented by Mrs. Haigh. Thoughts prompted by the physical attitude when one "kneels" ranged from humility to adoration, and it was realised that the attitude of body became the expression of the attitude of the mind. These opening thoughts were a helpful beginning to the Working Committee meeting.
- PRESENT: Mrs. J. Dennis (President) Mrs. K. Pope  
Mrs. R. Lane (Vice-President) Mrs. G. Haigh  
Mrs. E. Dingle (Vice-President) Mrs. B. Clarke  
Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer) Mrs. L. Miller  
Brigadier M. J. Geddes Mrs. C. Connell (Secretary)
- MINUTES: Copies of the March Working Committee Meeting had been previously circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.
- BUSINESS ARISING: 1. Directions concerning correspondence had been carried out immediately following March meeting - replies being awaited from  
(i) MRS. SOLOMON concerning itinerary drafted by QANTAS,  
(ii) MISS HOPE, "SATYA WATJANA" - material for W. City Day leaflet.  
(iii) W.I.C.C. Victoria - re available accommodation for National Meeting venue.  
2. Printer had guaranteed delivery of new F.L.C. material by April meeting.  
3. FELLOWSHIP DAY POSTER - Suggested poster prepared for consideration.
- CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was received and dealt with as follows -
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| 1. From I.S.S. Director, Vic.                               | Enclosing further information on I.S.S. activities.   |
| 2. To REV. D. WACKER, W.A.                                  | Congratulations on appointment as president-elect, Congregational Union of Western Australia.   |
| 3. To Sec., CANBERRA C.W.                                   | Enquiry re availability and cost of suitable accommodation in Canberra - consideration N.C.M. 1973.   |
| 4. To Sec., W.I.C.C. VICTORIA                               | Enquiry as to Canberra re Melbourne, N.C.M. 1973.   |
| 5. To Dr. F. ASHTON, England<br>From " "                    | Advising Nat. C'tee decision re Memorial Bursary. Acknowledgment and enclosing cheque \$50.00 donation to Memorial Bursary Fund.                                    |
| 6. To Rev. B. WALSH, Melbourne                              | As directed March meeting of Wkg. C'tee re selection of project to receive W. Community Day Offering.   |
| 7. To GEN. SEC., A.C.C.                                     | Enclosing copies of correspondence to Rev. B. Walsh.  |
| 8. To MISS HOPE, "Satya Watjana"                            | Request for photo and additional information for use special leaflet W. City Day (direction March meeting).   |
| 9. To Mrs. S. SOLOMON, India                                | Enclosing QANTAS itinerary for proposed visit to Aus. in September, & advising arrangement for visit to N.Z. and New Guinea.  |
| 10. From Mrs. DOUGHERTY, N.S.W.                             | Forwarding article for "Asian Focus".   |
| 11. To Q.Meth. W. Fed'n.                                    | Appreciation "Talk-it-out" series & provision of opportunity for all church women to share.   |
| 12. From Mrs. B. THIERING, N.S.W.                           | Acknowledgment of duplicated copies of Bible Study lectures (N.C.M.) and thanks.  |
| 13. From SALVATION ARMY Stn.<br>Ter. - Col. Lucas<br>To " " | Advice in reply to A.C.W. letter - Stn. T'ty to provide representative & East. T'ty to provide observer N.C.M. '73. Advising arrangement noted for later reference. |
| 14. From Mrs. R. LANE, Bne.                                 | Thanks for letter of sympathy.  |
| 15. From Mrs. COCKS, Tasmania<br>To " "                     | Advising receipt of copies as requested N.C.M. Report & Minutes, & appreciation. Acknowledgment.  |
| 16. From C'tee on Co-op, Vic.                               | Minutes of meeting, 2nd March, 1972.  |
| 17. From Mrs. DOWNES, W.I.C.C. Vic.                         | Query re additional O/S for F'ship Day, Posters & new F.L.C. material.  |
| 18. From Mrs. GOUDIE, C'berra C.W.                          | Setting out information re accommodation, facilities & costs for consideration N.C.M. venue.  |
| 19. From CHURCH WOMEN UNITED<br>(Mrs. NAYLOR)               | Re Special Days '73.  |
| 20. From QLD. P.W.M.U.<br>To " "                            | Invitation to Representative A.C.W. to attend Annual Public Meeting - 80th Anniversary. Thanks & advising Mrs. Lane representing A.C.W.                             |
- Re 1. (above) - Following consideration of the up-to-date information supplied, it was decided that Mrs. Haigh complete the form for submission of I.S.S. as a project for consideration by F.L.C. International to receive monetary assistance. - the Secretary to advise the Director, I.S.S., thanking her for information supplied & commenting on suggestion for dissemination of information on I.S.S. among church women.

CORRESPONDENCE (Contd.)

- Re 5. It was decided that the President, Mrs. J. Dennis, write a personal letter to Dr. Ashton, expressing appreciation of his donation to the Memorial Bursary Fund.
- Re 16. It was noted that Minutes made no mention of the appointment of a new Convenor of the C'tee on Co-op. In the absence of an official receiver for copies of A.C.W. correspondence, the secretary was directed to forward an official copy of Working C'tee Minutes to Mrs. Pederick, A.C.W. repres. with a request that it be passed on to the C'tee in due course.
- C'tee on Co-op. minutes recorded a welcome to Mrs. Pederick and mention was made of comments and observations at N.C.M. concerning the work of the C'tee on Co-op. Interesting future plans were outlined and indicated "follow up" of the genetic studies which attracted much attention at the '71 N.C.M.
- Re 17. The secretary was directed to advise concerning the queries raised and arrange despatch of requirements as soon as possible.
- Re 18. The information supplied was considered very carefully. It was felt that the accommodation costs together with the additional expense in fares for which A.C.W. would be responsible precluded the selection of Canberra as the venue for the '73 meeting, the least quote being \$8 per day (\$32 for full accommodation) in a Hall of Residence for 4 days. Cost for separate meals for visitors or members not living in, would be \$1 each. As it had been indicated that booking at Canberra would need to be made quite soon, the secretary was directed to advise Canberra Church Women of the committee's opinion that the increased costs involved in Canberra could not be justified in the face of a diminishing A.C.W. Travel Fund, also to thank the Secretary for her prompt and thorough approach to this matter.
- Re 19. The Working Committee directed that our thanks for prompt advice be expressed together with pleasurable anticipation of receipt of the manuscripts in due course, and that the letter from Mrs. Naylor be reproduced in the Minutes for the information of State Units and member organisations, as follows -

"The Secretary, Australian Church Women -

Dear Mrs. Connell - On behalf of Clarie Collins Harvey, president, and Margaret Shannon, Executive Director of Church Women United Inc. in the U.S.A., we send our warmest greetings and best wishes as you plan for your work together as Christian <sup>women</sup> as your witness to the world.

It is indeed an honour for us to share themes of the special days during 1973. The materials are not yet complete, but we shall send copies to you as soon as the manuscripts are ready. The theme for May Fellowship Day for 1973 has just now been established as "Hand in Hand" and for World Community Day, "Where In the World Is My Neighbour?" Certainly by summer or early fall the materials will be ready.

It was a rewarding experience for us to meet this request as the concerns of Christian women align with those of Australia to help meet the needs of a longing world. With our prayers and concerns may you have a blessed 1972 and a greater sense of unity with the women of the world as you plan for 1973. Truly yours, (Mrs.) Gladys S. Naylor. "

FINANCE:

The following treasurer's report and statement was received and adopted:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE - for the month ending 18/4/72

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 18/3/72	\$2312.07	F.L.C. 2000 "Circle of Prayer"	\$315.52
Administration & General	18.75	Fellowship Day - cartage	7.50
Calendar Diaries N.S.W. WICC	93.51	World C'ty Day - do.	7.50
		Administration & General	27.81
		Balance as at 18/4/72	2066.00
	<u>\$2424.33</u>		<u>\$2424.33</u>

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP A/c

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 18/3/72	\$1985.09	Adjustment entry	\$10.00
		12000 Folders - W.K. Scholar	92.00
		T. Aisake - W. Kiek Scholar	
		Clothing	\$21.74
		Tuition & Board	340.00
		Pocket Money	20.00
		Balance as at 18/4/72	1501.35
	<u>\$1985.09</u>		<u>\$1985.09</u>

The following accounts were passed for payment: Freight (parcel to Tasmania) \$1.50; Postage to Nth. Ter. (O/S F'ship Day) \$2.60; Winter Clothing (T. Aisake) \$6.98. The treasurer reported that it was not yet possible to finalise the Calendar Diary A/c as some States had still to forward final remittances for sale of diaries, but to-date profit from the project amounted to \$128.



REPORTS:  
PUBLICITY &  
NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Dingle requested leave of absence for three months during which time she will be overseas. Leave was granted and arrangement made for continuance of the newsletter during her absence. Mrs. Ruth Lane kindly consented to prepare the newsletters and would be looking to Units and groups to pass on to her any items of interest for inclusion in it. In this connection, it was proposed to present (over the next 3 issues) a "profile on Deaconess Mary Andrews" kindly supplied by Mrs. Win. Dougherty, N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council. Very little material had come to hand to be used in "Asia Focus" article, but information gleaned from a variety of sources had been used to compile an article along the lines requested. This would be forwarded immediately to the Editor. The next issue of "Women at Work" would be ready for duplication and dispatch with copies of April minutes.

UNITED  
CHURCHES

Mrs. Lane reported interest expressed in the N.C.M. '72 by two different correspondents and it was decided that copies of the Report be sent to them.

Mrs. Sharp wrote that she is now Convenor of the Continuing Committee of the United Church Women's Fellowship in P.N.G.

Personal letters to remote groups and copies of the newsletter had been mailed during the month.

FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE  
LEAST COIN

No reply, as yet, had been received to Mrs. Haigh's approach to Mrs. Solomon concerning the possibility of printing "Circle of Prayer" in Australia: nor was there any further word on the tape requested by Tasmania on F.L.C. (Facts as told by Shanti Solomon).

As the printer had delivered the new materials it was decided that sample copies be sent out to Units together with a return slip for the ordering of supplies.

Mrs. Haigh drew attention to the fact that F.L.C. money sent directly either to her or A.C.W. treasurer instead of through the State Convenor may result in a lack of awareness by the State Convenor of interested women in F.L.C. who might be contacted and brought into the wider participation of A.C.W. activities and interests. It was therefore thought advisable that a special memo. to cover this point be included with copies of April minutes.

WINIFRED KIEK  
SCHOLARSHIP

Most encouraging comments were being received on the personality and ability of the 1972 W.K. Scholar. It had been gratifying to hear Terani express herself so well at the "Open Day" of the Qld. Unit as she outlined her approach to the use of her scholarship. Her subsequent appearance as the Guest Speaker at the Christian Women's Fellowship of C. of Christ Conference Qld attracted many complimentary comments and a loving response among her hearers. She also attended and gave a greeting at the Annual Meeting of the Queensland Congregational Women's Fellowship. Terani's warm personality, poise and capability, and her obvious desire to derive the most possible benefit from the Scholarship to share with others on her return to Fiji, together with her conscientious endeavour to make her very best contribution to each function she attends, are endearing her to all who meet her. At the same time, the appeal of the Scholarship scheme is being underlined and additional awareness is being created.

Mrs. Pope had purchased some additional winter clothing for Terani's visit to the southern States. It had been found possible to add 3 extra days to her May visit. This would enable her to attend the Triennial Meetings of the Methodist Women's Federation of Australia. Very interesting itineraries have been planned by Units in the Southern States and it was felt that these would be experiences of mutual pleasure and blessing as Terani is creating a wonderful impression wherever she goes. Plans for her visit to W.A. were also in hand.

Mrs. Pope reported that a Scholarship Committee meeting was called for Monday, 15th May. Notification by aerogramme was being arranged to advise National Christian Councils concerning the years in which applications will be received from the various areas.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

1. Attention was drawn to the very fine report (by Mrs. Macneil) on the National C'tee Meeting appearing in "Australian Presbyterian Life".
2. The secretary was authorized to write a letter to the General Secretary, A.C.C. expressing appreciation of the contribution made by the A.C.C. to the National Committee Meeting.
3. FELLOWSHIP DAY POSTER - The poster as prepared was approved and the secretary was directed to forward a sample copy to Units. To facilitate ordering of supplies of posters and new F.L.C. material, it was suggested that a comprehensive memo. with a "tear-off" slip be circulated.
4. Brief consideration was given to the possibility of producing a more informative leaflet on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship than is issued with the Order of Service for Fellowship Day - this to be further investigated and suggestions considered later.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 22nd May, 10.00 a.m.

CLOSE: The meeting was closed with the mizpah benediction at 2.00 p.m.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary: Mrs. C. Connell, 15 Burns P'de., Chapel Hill, 4069.

Treasurer: Mrs. D. Eldershaw, 31 Burrell St., Clayfield, Q. 4011.