



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

ACW News

We seek: *to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;*
to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church.



JULY, 1987

.... from our President

"Pray at all times"

"Be persevering in Prayer"

Romans 12:12

Prayer is conversation with God. What sort of conversationist are you? Does God have a chance to have His say, or are your conversations a bit one sided?

In any conversation the participants should be prepared to play two roles - the speaker AND the listener. Most of us are very good in the first role; but have to learn the second. God must be a very good listener. We, so often, have so much we want to say to Him that we forget to leave time for Him to reply or talk to us. We forget to "wait on the Lord".

Sometimes, too, we are so sure we know the answer that we just tell God that this is how it will be. We forget we do not know the long term consequences and that God does know best. He will not stop us, but He will give us the answer if we are prepared to listen.

There is a saying, "Let go, and let God". This applies to the whole of our lives. In our prayers we can talk to Him and then listen. We may not hear His voice - the reply may not be immediate; but let us learn to listen and we will then give Him the opportunity to answer.

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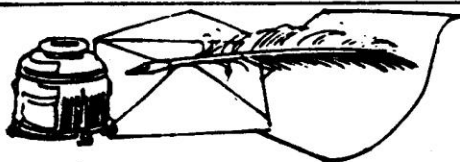
We all have different times for Prayer. We, as members of Australian Church Women belong to the Asian Church Women's Conference. As members of A.C.W.C. we are asked to pray for each other particularly on Fridays.

So, I would encourage you in your Friday Prayer time to remember all member countries of A.C.W.C., particularly those where there is so much political trouble at this time.



Remember also the members of the A.C.W.C. Executive as they prepare to come to Australia for their meeting in September, that they will be granted travel documents to enable them to come and give THANKS for the opportunities available to us through sharing fellowship with them.

Dorothy Haensel.



.... from a Life Member

Dear Friend,

Thank you for putting my article on Prayer in ACW News (March). "As I survey the Church world-wide, it seems evident that behind all the renewal and revival movements, there is much prayer - especially as small groups of people meet to pray with one accord.

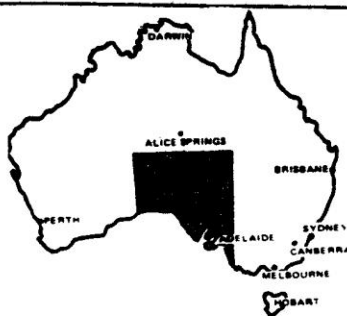
My companions and I are looking forward to attending the Diakonia Assembly in Berne, Switzerland from July 1 - 8 and to visiting the Deaconess Institutions in Frankfurt, Paris and London as well as seeing something of the work of Deaconesses in the U.K.

It is good to know that preparations for the ACW National Conference are going ahead well. I am looking forward to meeting you all again. With Prayerful good wishes.

Yours in Christian Bonds,

Mary Andrews (Deaconess)

A.C.W.



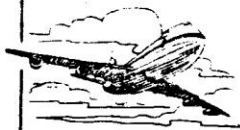
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"WHEN IS A TOURIST NOT A TOURIST???"

"ALL OVER THE WORLD, PEOPLE MAKE THEIR LIVELIHOOD OUT OF TOURISTS: BUT NOBODY LIKES THEM"

The above two quotes from recent reading struck me forcibly.
How do YOU react?



Come and join us in Adelaide, September 12-18
as we try to come to grips with this aspect of
today's living which affects all either directly
or indirectly.

Assisting the discussion will be members of the Asian Church Women's Conference Executive, representing a number of countries vitally concerned with this problem and several representatives of Church Women in New Zealand.

....OH, incidently the BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

will also be held. See you there!

Pauline Crosby

Enjoy!

***** REMEMBER OUR THEME??

"When I needed a Neighbour, were you there?"

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EDUCATION ACADEMY PROJECT

from
KALPANA AIRAN
India

WKS Scholar 1973

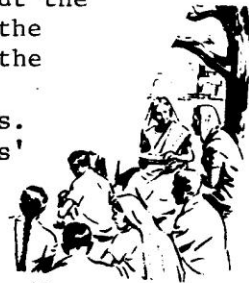
Family Education Centre, Daulatnagar, SATARA-415 001

Dear Mrs. Knauerhase,

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.....To me, the one year of training in Australia meant a great opportunity to widen the horizon of knowledge, outlook, experience and action. Whatever little I have achieved in helping the under-privileged citizens of my country, a large part of it I attribute to Australian Church Women and of course, to Him who made it available for me and used me as an instrument.

Six different projects are at work throughout the day in our Centre, all aiming at the welfare of the child and the mother, and all have education at the base. From June 1987 we will introduce one more cottage industry - 'chalk-making' for the mothers. They are getting on well with the 'incense sticks' industry.



Our Project slide-show is about complete. If anybody I know happens to visit Australia, I will send them to you. They really give a good idea of whatever is happening in this project.

Our English Medium School is also getting on very well. Academically it has still kept its tradition as the best in the town. I am thankful to my sister and sister-in-law who give me good support in this work. My father at 82 is still in good health.

Please convey my regards to ACW Members.

Kalpna.

... per Margaret Knauerhase, National Convener, WKS.

Australian Bicentennial

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Information is becoming available concerning special projects planned for 1988. A major feature is to be the Australian Bicentennial Exhibition which will tour Australia, billed as "The Greatest Roadshow in History".

ACW Executive has received an Australian Bicentennial Exhibition COMMUNITY KIT. This is an attractive 14-15 page, very glossy publication in a folder with pictures and diagrams giving lots of ideas in which individuals and groups may become involved in the Exhibition. Included also was a copy of the March issue of Bicentenary Newsletter and "Bush Telegraph" giving among other information the very comprehensive itinerary of the Exhibition in its travels around Australia.

Applications for participation or any information at all may be obtained from your State Liaison Officer, listed below. The Community Kit is well worth receiving.

*** We may ask ourselves, "What can we do to put some Christian content into the Celebrations?"

STATE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

At each State ABA office, an officer is responsible for liaison with communities in their respective States:

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BICENTENARY STATEMENT - It is expected that a Statement involving extensive consultations with responses from academics, theologians, politicians and submissions from Aboriginal and Community groups, churches and individuals sponsored by Denominational Social Responsibility Commissions will be released for Social Justice Sunday, September 27.



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STATUS OF WOMEN



In a Special NEWS BRIEF from the Office of the Status of Women in the Prime Minister's Department, there is a report of the Consultations on the "National Agenda for Women 1986". It is estimated that 25,000 women participated through the questionnaire, meetings, conferences and submissions. Major issues were Education, Employment, Women at Home, Child Care, Income Security, Violence, Dignity, Health.

COPIES of the Report, "Setting the Agenda" are available from the Office of the Status of Women, Department of the Prime Minister, Canberra ACT 2600.

As these matters are likely to be considered by Parliament in making legislation about Women's Concerns, it is good for us as Christian women to be aware of the issues involved.



WORLD HEALTH AWARD

Nurse Joan Winch of the Aboriginal Medical Care Service in W.A. has been awarded the World Health Organisation's Sasakawa Health Prize for 1987.

She was nominated by the Women's Advisory Council of which she was an inaugural member. She sees the Award as one for the Aboriginal Community as a whole. The prize of \$45,000 will be used to establish the MARR MOODITJ (Good Hands) Aboriginal Health and Medical College at Gngangara which will emphasise such things as "Eye Health and Basic Skills" and Mobile Units in isolated communities.

ABORTIONS/BIRTHS Abortions now outnumber births in the Soviet Union says a report. The monthly Soviet magazine, "Rabonitsa" (Working Woman) has reported that 5.3 births occurred in 1986 and that abortions (a third of them clandestine) topped that. According to the magazine abortions outnumbered births by 2 to 1 in some locations.

....and two Sydney women had abortions because they wanted sons and pre-natal tests showed the foetus to be female! (from the Medical Journal of Australia)

..... These items from "Australian Christian".



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The OPENING SERVICE of National Conference will be held in the Henley Beach Catholic Church, the Guest Speaker being the Rev. Dr. D'Arcy Wood, President of the Australian Council of Churches.

Keynote Speaker for the Seminar, "The Ethics of Tourism" will be the Rev. Peter Holden, Executive Secretary of the Commission for World Christian Action.

Bible Studies to prepare our hearts and minds for Business and Seminar Sessions will be led by Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam.



COMMUNITY CONCERN LUNCHEONS



The first six luncheons arranged by the SA Unit in aid of the SERVICE TO YOUTH COUNCIL raised \$1,346. By the end of August, 14 luncheons will have been held - the record is three in one week! - a busy time for Convenor Marj Dredge and her helpers.

ECUMENICAL UPDATE



Christmas Bowl The Executive Committee of A.C.C., made up of the heads of the 13 member churches or nominated alternatives and delegates elected at General Meetings of the churches reaffirmed the commitment of the churches to the Christmas Bowl Appeal, stating - *"neither economic ideological doctrine nor partisan political issues enters into consideration of funding priorities. The demands of the Gospel for Christian Unity and support for needy and oppressed people are the basic criteria of the Appeal through which member churches act in co-operation and unity with other churches throughout the world."*

ONE WORLD WEEK Theme: "People on the Move"

This year One World Week will be observed in churches and schools around Australia August 2-9. The week will encourage schools and churches to focus on the needs and situation of more than 14 million refugees in our world.

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November 23

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Please forward contributions to me by 23rd of month.