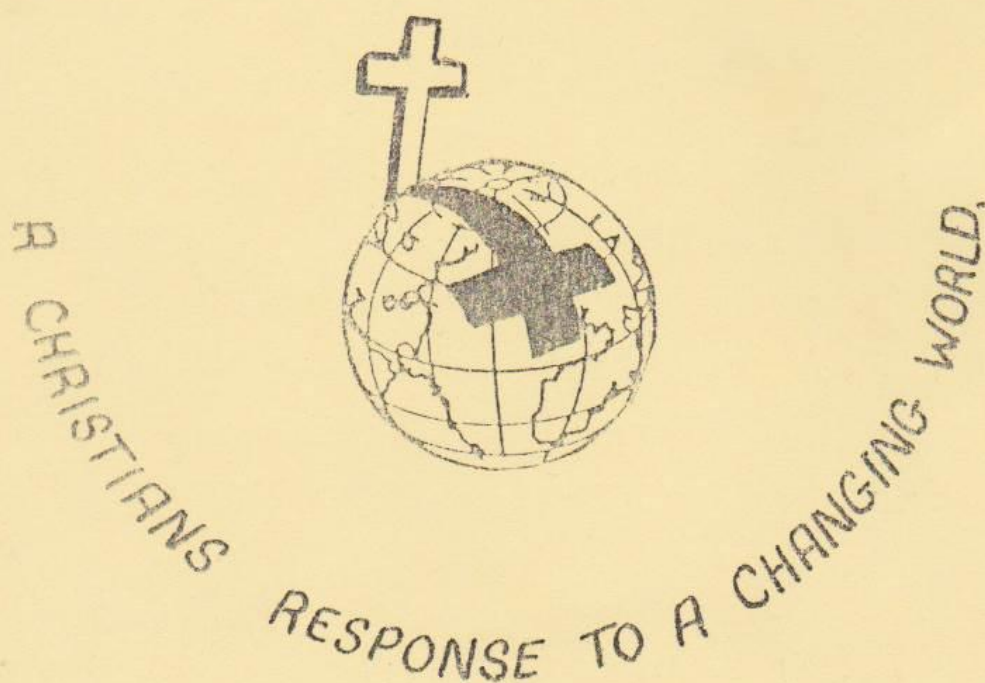




Australian Church Women  
National Conference  
Sept. 13th. ~ 17th. 1993



Camp Clayton  
Hlverstone  
Tasmania

## **AGENDA**

### **PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 1**

Minutes confirmed, business arising, correspondence, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Australian Council of Churches (page 39), News Publication Report, Special Days Report

Official photo arrangements have been made for 4 P.M., time permitting after photo W.K.S. Trustees Financial Report

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 2**

After dinner Archivist's report,  
A.C.W.C Report  
Unit Reports, time permitting

#### **TUESDAY 14th**

Report on opening service

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 3**

(Rev. Mary Au. F.L.C.. Report Dr Sandra Harris)

Tuesday Evening - Unit sharing

#### **WEDNESDAY 15TH**

9.00 a.m. Bible Study

10.30 am Seminar Aboriginal Outreach

Barbeque Lunch - Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will speak during lunch hour (Steer Inc)

1 pm - Discussion of panel of four

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 4**

Continuation of Unit Reports

#### **DINNER**

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 5**

National Denomination Reports and National Interest Groups  
We may have to carry some over depends on time

#### **THURSDAY 16TH**

9 am Bible Study

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 6**

W.K.S. Report (Ruth Burmester)  
Reverend Mary Au - Speaker

Thursday evening 6.45 pm

#### **BUSINESS SESSION 8**

Continue with motions and any unfinished business  
7.30 pm Concert

#### **FRIDAY 17TH**

9 am Bible Study

Closing Service at Devonport, St. John's Church at 11 am

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

I have much pleasure in presenting the Treasurer's report for the two years ending June 30th, 1993.

It is pleasing that our gifts to the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin have remained at over \$30 000 in 1991 and 1992.

Our transfers to Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust have also been stable at over \$11 000 for the two year period. As I omitted to retain our percentage this was refunded by the Trustees.

Donations to Asian Church Women's Conference were \$4 377 in 1991 and \$4 114 in 1992 from our World Community Offering, which meant that General funds had to boost these to \$5 000 to cover our commitment. Could I encourage all units to promote ACWC Partners membership at \$1, which would help to attain our commitment.

To ensure that Asian Church Women's Conference Bulletins are all ordered together, Unit money and orders need to be in the hands of the Treasurer by 31st December each year. This would prevent confusion and extra expense.

During the last two years Winifred Kiek Scholars Rachel Sobana (India) and Ana Manu Taumoepeau (Tonga) have completed their time with us, while our present Scholar Malai Mahamaneerat (Thailand) is with us till 20th September, 1993.

We have funded two meetings by our National President and past and present WKS Convenors with WKS Trustees in Adelaide. First to facilitate and streamline each scholar's appointment and second to discuss with Mr Bernie Clarke, a spokesperson on Aboriginal Affairs from the Uniting Church in South Australia, the most appropriate method of utilising funds available for Aboriginal women's education.

Late in 1992 Melini Devananda (Sri Lanka) advised us that she had not received the 1990 Special Project monies. Elizabeth Walker, our previous Treasurer discovered that there had been banking transaction complications, and was able to rectify all problems and the money has now been received.

Nungalinya College (Australia) received \$4377.53 from World Community Day Special Project Offering in 1991 and Doreen Tie (Malaysia) has received \$4 114.70 for the Handicapped Children's Toy Library.

With Lorraine Davis's assistance, a form was evolved to facilitate payments by each Unit to National Executive.

After adjustments for working purposes, at 30th June, 1993, the total balances in the Australian Church Women Funds are:

<u>Funds:</u>	
Administration and General	8095.59
National Conference	4025.74
Overseas Conference	2020.46
WK Scholar 1993	1665.92
Winifred Kiek Bursary	166.00
Operation Understanding	1192.00
	<b><u>\$17165.71</u></b>



**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1993**

Receipts

Bulletins and newsletters	345
ACWC Partners	160
Resale items	714
Interest received	427
Donations	<u>20</u>
	1666

Deduct Payments

Administration, Stationery, postage etc.	659
Executive expenses	2049
Bulletins and newsletters	1355
Operation Understanding - travel	<u>972</u>
	5035

Excess Payments over Receipts \$ 3369

Schedule of Designated Funds

	Balance 01.07.92	Add Receipts	Deduct Payments	Balance 30.06.93
Fellowship of the Least Coin	4325	31184	32125	3384
Overseas Conference	1723	350		2073
National Conference	1005	677		1682
World Community Day	2592	8290	14115	(3233)
WKS	(1366)	27397	23695	2336
Circle of Prayer	<u>1006</u>	<u>713</u>		<u>1720</u>
	9286	68611	69935	7962

Accumulated Funds

Balance 1st July 1992	12573
Less excess payments for year	<u>3369</u>
	9204

Designated Funds

7962  
\$ 17166

Represented by:

Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Bank	6166
Term Deposit - Commonwealth Bank	<u>11000</u>
	\$ <u>17166</u>

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the accounts and records of the Australian Church Women National Executive for the years ended 30th June 1992 and 1993 and have obtained all the information and explanations required. My examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, based on those tests and procedures, the attached statements have been properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Executive.



N.F. HYLAND F.C.A.

Hon. Auditor 26/8/93



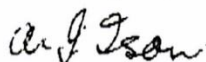
I would like to thank Elizabeth Walker (NSW) for her tremendous contribution as previous National Treasurer, continuing for the first three months of the period under review, and for her support of me. My thanks to all State Unit Treasurers, especially those who encouraged me with positive, constructive help. To the Winifred Kiek Trustees, many thanks for the time and trouble they took with many explanations and extra help. Grateful thanks to all National Executive members, especially Aileen Fitzgerald and Lorraine Davis who were my mentors and without whom I would not have survived.

I would like to thank Neville Hyland, most sincerely, for his assistance as honorary auditor.

It has been a privilege and a challenge to serve Australian Church Women as Treasurer, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity.

My prayers and best wishes are with the incoming National Executive and I pray that God will richly reward their endeavours over the next two years.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alison Ison'.

Alison Ison  
Honorary Treasurer.

TREASURERS REPORT 1991.-1992  
WINIFRED KIEK Scholarship Report

It is good to be able to report that since the Trust was set up in 1987 the capital funds have grown from approximately \$42,800 to now approaching \$100,000 with record \$12,300 being added this year.

However with the interest rates continually declining over the last year and almost all investments due for renewal in the coming twelve months, it is inevitable that the 1994 and 1995 Scholarship funds available will be drastically lower, even allowing for capital growth.

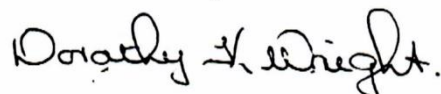
I would encourage all Units to remember the Memorial Bursary Fund by honouring women who have served our Units well during their lifetime. To do this a resume of the members life and service is included in the Memorial Bursary Book and donation added to the Memorial Busary Capital Fund. Miss Gladys Locke of the W.A. Unit was the only member so honoured this year.

The unused money from the 1991 Scholarship (Rachael) was \$3,383. This has been transferred to the W.K. Fellowship Account. This account still holds the \$2,500 Special Aboriginal Project money. Serious consideration is being given for the best use of the large amount of money remaining in this account so wise decisions can be made at the 1993 Conference.

The \$5,000 Special Project for Burma is to be used towards a Basic Leadership Course for Rural Developement for forty women. Its aim is to help women become effective leaders in the home, church and community. It will be held in October 1992. The funds were passed on by World Christian Action.

The sum available for the 1993 Scholar is \$10,700.

I would like to thank our new auditor Mr. Adrian Nicholls for his valuable time, effort and willingness to audit our books.



Dorothy K. Wright  
Honorary Treasurer

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST- FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1991 - 30TH JUNE, 1992

MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS

<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>CAPITAL SPECIAL PROJECT '91 SCHOLAR</u>	<u>'92 SCHOLAR</u>	<u>'93 SCHOLAR</u>
BALANCE B/F 1/7/91	\$ 5,032. 30	\$ 3,590. 00	\$ 335. 51
		\$ 454. 47	\$ 652. 32
INTEREST 1991-92	\$ 510. 70		\$ 510. 70
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	\$	\$ 489. 98	(\$ 35. 51)
		(\$454. 47)	
PAYMENT TO A.C.W.	(\$ 251. 95)		(\$251. 95)
NEW & RETURNED CAPT.	\$ 100. 00	\$ 100. 00	
	\$5,391. 05	\$4,179. 98	\$300. 00
		\$ NIL	\$ 400. 37
			\$ 510. 70

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS CAPITAL AND INTEREST

<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>CAPITAL SPECIAL PROJECT '92 SCHOLAR</u>	<u>'93 SCHOLAR</u>	<u>ANNUAL INTEREST</u>
BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS			
A.G.C.	\$2,700. 00	\$2,700. 00	\$315. 45
STATE BANK CHEQUE	\$ 163. 50		\$163. 50
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE	\$2,527. 55	\$1,479. 98	\$300. 00
		\$400. 37	\$347. 20
	\$5,391. 05	\$4,179. 98	\$300. 00
		\$400. 37	\$510. 70
			\$510. 70

PETTY CASH

BALANCE B/F 1/7/91	\$50. 00
NO CLAIMS	
BALANCE 30/6/92	\$50. 00



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1991 - 30TH JUNE, 1992

	WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS			
	TOTALS	CAPITAL	'93 SCHOLAR	'92 SCHOLAR
Balance b/f 1/7/91	\$119,011. 97	\$84,421. 48	\$	\$11,253. 11
NEW CAPITAL	\$12,318. 13	\$12,318. 13		
A.C.W. RETURNED	\$3,077. 88	\$		
INTEREST ANNUAL	\$13,098. 08	\$10,713. 05	629. 71	189. 07
				\$3,077. 88
				\$1,566. 25
PAYMENTS	\$147,506. 06	\$96,739. 61	\$10,713. 05	\$11,882. 82
TRANSFERS	\$19,500			\$6,383. 66
Balance c/f	\$128,006. 06	\$96,739. 61	\$10,713. 05	\$382. 82
30/6/92				\$ nil
				\$20,170. 58


SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST

BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS	SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST			
	TOTALS	CAPITAL	'93 SCHOLAR	'92 SCHOLAR
INScribed STOCK				
RESERVE BANK	\$2,400. 00	\$2,400. 00		
ESANDA FINANCE	\$27,614. 36	\$27,200. 00	\$414. 36	
AUST. GUARANTEE C.	\$29,260. 00	\$29,260. 00		
STATE BANK BONDS	\$39,455. 12	\$37,800. 00	\$1,655. 12	
STATE BANK CHEQUE	\$4,123. 75	\$79. 61	\$4,044. 14	
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE	\$4,599. 43		\$4,599. 43	
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE	\$382. 82		\$382. 82	
EXECUTOR "W.K.F."	\$20,170. 58		\$20,170. 58	
Balance c/f	\$128,006. 06	\$96,739. 61	\$10,713. 05	\$382. 82
30/6/92				\$20,170. 58
				\$13,098. 08

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

AUDITORS REPORT

I have audited the accounts in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. In my opinion, the financial statements of Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Accounts are properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Trust, so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 30th June 1992 and the results of the Trust for the year ended on that date, and are in accordance with acceptable accounting standards.

  
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ADRIAN L NICHOLLS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

ADELAIDE  
27th October 1992

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1992 - 30TH JUNE, 1993.

MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS

	BALANCES	CAPITAL	'94 SCHOLAR	'93 SCHOLAR	'92 SCHOLAR	SPECIAL PROJECT
BALANCE B/F 1/7/92	\$5,391.05	\$4,179.98		\$510.70	\$400.37	\$ 300.00
ANNUAL INTEREST	\$ 324.87	\$	\$ 324.87			
NEW CAPITAL	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00				
PAYMENTS	\$7,210.92	\$5,659.98	\$ 324.87	\$510.70	\$400.37	\$ 300.00
WORLD C. ACTION	\$ 300.00					\$ 300.00
A.C.W.	\$ 300.00			\$300.00		
TRANSFER		\$ 400.37			(\$400.37)	
BALANCE C/F 30/6/93	\$6,610.92	\$6,075.35	\$ 324.87	\$210.70	\$ NIL	\$ NIL

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST

BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS	BALANCES	CAPITAL	'94 SCHOLAR	'93 SCHOLAR	ANNUAL INTEREST
A.G. C.	\$4,700.00	\$4,580.35	\$118.36	\$ 1.29	\$ 263.93
S.B.S.A. BONDS	\$ 206.51	\$ 206.51			\$ 6.51
S.B.S.A. CHEQUE EXEC. TRUSTEE	\$1,704.41	\$1,495.00		\$209.41	\$ 54.43
	\$6,610.92	\$6,075.35	\$ 324.87	\$210.70	\$ 324.87



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1992 - 30TH JUNE, 1993

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT'S

BALANCES	CAPITAL	'94 SCHOLAR	'93 SCHOLAR	'92 SCHOLAR W.K/FELL.	P/CASH
BALANCE B/F 1/7/92	\$ 128,056.06	\$ 96,739.61	\$	\$ 10,713.05	\$ 382.82
A.C.W. NEW CAPITAL	\$ 10,950.86	\$ 10,950.86			\$ 20,170.58
A.C.W. RETURN '92	\$ 1,662.20				\$ 1,662.20
ANNUAL INTEREST	\$ 11,762.08	\$ 10,305.13	\$ 304.93	\$ 10.42	\$ 1,141.60
REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 30.00				\$ 30.00
	\$ 152,461.20	\$ 107,690.47	\$ 10,305.13	\$ 11,017.98	\$ 393.24
PAYMENTS A.C.W.	\$ 10,713.05				\$ 22,974.38
P/CASH EXPENSES	\$ 30.00				\$ 80.00
TRANSFERS	\$	\$ 304.93	(\$ 10,713.05)		
	\$	\$	(\$ 304.93)	(\$ 393.24)	\$ 393.24
BALANCE C/F 30/6/93	\$ 141,718.15	\$ 107,690.47	\$ 10,610.06	\$ NIL	\$ 23,367.62
					\$ 50.00

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST

BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS	BALANCES	CAPITAL	'94 SCHOLAR	W/K FELL.	P/CASH	ANNUAL INTEREST
RESERVE BANK						
INSCRIBED STOCK	\$ 2,443.04	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 43.04			\$ 247.04
ESANDA	\$ 47,788.70	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 4,065.12	\$ 6,223.58		\$ 3,024.23
A.G.C.	\$ 44,506.23	\$ 34,660.00	\$ 3,615.98	\$ 6,230.25		\$ 3,551.00
S.B.S.A BONDS	\$ 33,580.53	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 680.53			\$ 3,444.08
S.B.S.A. CHEQUE	\$ 4,536.30	\$ 230.47	\$ 2,205.39	\$ 2070.44	\$ 30.00	\$ 38.78
P/CASH IN HAND	\$ 20.00				\$ 20.00	
EXEC. TRUSTEE '93						\$ 304.93
EXEC. TRUSTEE WKF	\$ 8,843.35		\$ 8,843.35			
	\$ 141,718.15	\$ 107,690.47	\$ 10,610.06	\$ 23,367.62	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,610.06

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

TREASURERS REPORT 1992 - 1993.

Congratulations! With the addition of \$10,950 this year our capital in the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund now stands at \$107,690. This is more than double the capital we began with six years ago. The Trustees are pleased to announce the amount available for the 1994 Scholar is \$10,610. With the average annual interest on our investments now at 7%, the amount available over the next year or two will be considerably lower.

Good news also in the Memorial Bursary Capital Fund, where a total of \$1,495 was added this year in donations. Five women were honoured from four States.

From our 1992 Scholarship (Ana) \$2,055 was returned to the Trust for use as a Winifred Kiek Fellowship.

I have very much enjoyed being a Trustee and Treasurer for the last six years but regret that due to health problems I find it necessary to resign.

Once again I would express our sincere appreciation to the auditor Mr. Adrian Nicholls for his valuable service to our organisation.

Honorary Treasurer



Dorothy K. Wright.

- Motions;
1. As there will be a substantial decrease in money available for scholars in the next few years because of lower interest rates I move that interest from W.K. Fellowship investments as from 1992-1993 financial year and until the next Conference be allocated to W.K.Scholarship.
  2. I move a letter be written to our auditor Mr. A. Nicholls, 20 Lascelles Ave, Brighton. S.A.5048 expressing a vote of thanks and that an honorarium of a book voucher (\$100) be given to him.
  3. I move that the S.A Unit of A.C.W. appoint a new auditor.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

AUDITORS REPORT

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ADRIAN L NICHOLLS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

ADELAIDE  
27th July 1993



### AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - S.A. UNIT

Contribution to ACW by Mrs. Dorothy Katherine Wright.

Dorothy joined the S.A. unit - then the Women's Inter-Church Council of South Australia in 1972 or 1973 as delegate from the Brighton Women's Inter-Church Council. She has served in this capacity for various terms over a period of 20 years, currently holding this position.

1979 - 1984 held the position of Unit Treasurer. This was during the period when the one function Musical At Home became the multi function Community Concern Luncheons greatly increasing the work load.

1984 - 85 served on the Interim committee set up to plan the hoped for 1986 ACWC Assembly in Adelaide.

1985 - 87 served as Treasurer on the National Executive of ACW. During this time she was responsible for separating all the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Funds from other ACW monies, to enable them to be invested separately.

1987 - 93 served as a Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee, holding the position of Treasurer. Her meticulous attention to detail has been evident in all the statements presented and transactions handled. She has gained a wealth of knowledge which has proved a great benefit to the Trust.

Dorothy has attended the last two Conferences - Perth 1989 and Sydney 1991 as Trust delegate. The presentation of her Financial statements, whether State, National or WKS Trust has always been excellent. She had previously attended the National Conferences in Brisbane in 1983 and Adelaide 1987, and gave local assistance during the 1975 Conference in Adelaide.

It would be impossible to estimate the many hours Dorothy has spent working "on the books". She has always been involved in other ACW activities - travelling widely in suburbs and country to assist in promotion work during her time on the State Executive and giving support to National Treasurers during her time as WKS Trustee.

**From The A.C.T. Unit**

**Rationale:**

From letters and the minutes of the National Executive we have understood that there was approximately \$4,600 available for a scholarship for an Aboriginal scholar.

This was made up of \$2,500 allocated in 1991 (minute 91/47) and \$2,146 in the Operation Understanding account which was earmarked for increasing the Aboriginal scholarship monies.

If part of the Operation Understanding money has been used to cover the costs of Reverend Liyapendiny Marika attending the conference - Minutes, National Executive May 24th, 1993 - these funds will be reduced.

We are very happy that Reverend Marika has been able to attend the Conference and are in agreement with funding an Aboriginal Scholar to be chosen in the usual manner of scholarship selection, if there are sufficient funds available.

**I therefore move that**

**the whole concept of the Aboriginal scholarship be re-assessed as it would appear there is less money available than originally stated.**

**PHYL McKINNIREY**

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - 10 years Branch Executive  
Denomination Delegate, NSW STATE UNIT, PRESIDENT

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - 12 years Branch Executive, Diocesan  
Secretary, President, State Committee

LOCAL PARISH - Lay Ministries - Eucharist, Word

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL - 14 years, Branch, Secretary, President,  
Regional President, Committees for Homeless Youth and Men, Established home  
for Women with Children and recently for Single women. Diocesan Committee-  
Homeless Persons and Overseas Development, State youth Advisory Committee - 8  
years, National Board - Society Magazine, National Board - Overseas Development,  
Treasurer (11 years) Liaison, Women in Development

KURI-NGAI PARTNERS - 5 years Founding Committee Member  
support for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

CITY OF PARRAMATTA - 5 years voluntary service - Westmead Hospital, RSL  
Day Care, Meals on Wheels, Management Committee - Community Centre  
Management Committee HACC Support Services, Co-Ordinator - Local Court  
Support Group, Committee - SAGE Frail Aged Group Committee - St Patrick's  
Care Group Treasurer & Chairman Ecumenical Service - Parramatta Australia Day  
Committee

During the last 11 - 14 years, considerable involvement with youth both members of  
SVDP and homeless with disadvantaged families within their homes; with homeless  
Men and Women; with Aboriginal peoples, with Asian and Pacific peoples in  
alleviating poverty, in disaster relief, and in support for personal and community  
development.

In 1985 visited Pakistan and will be re-visiting in September 1993, also visiting  
India - goodwill and supporting visit, representing National Council SVDP.



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**THEME CHORUS**  
**EVERY NEIGHBOUR IN THE WORLD**

1.                   Take the hand of your Creator,  
                  Then reach out and tell your neighbours  
                  That they too may take the guiding hand of God.
2.                   Lead them gently to the Saviour,  
                  Let them see by your behaviour  
                  That your life is motivated by God's love.
3.                   Grasp their hands  
                  And place them in the hands of God,  
                  Lead them gently to the Saviour and your Lord.
4.                   Then, reach out, and tell your neighbours  
                  To reach out, and tell their neighbours  
                  That Christ died for every neighbour in the world.

## **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**ULVERSTONE, TASMANIA**

**SEPTEMBER 13 - 17, 1993**

**'EVERY NEIGHBOUR IN THE WORLD'**

### **P R O G R A M**

#### **MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

- 10.00 a.m. Registrations
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch
- 1.30 p.m. Opening Devotions and prayer partners
- 2.00 p.m. Business Session 1
- 4.00 p.m. Official Photo
- 4.30 p.m. Business Session 2
- 6.00 p.m. Dinner
- 7.00 p.m. Business Session 3
- 8.45 p.m. Devotions - Queensland
- 9.00 p.m. Supper

#### **TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

- 7.30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.15 a.m. Bus to Launceston  
Devotions on Bus - National Executive
- 10.30 a.m. Opening Church Service - St. Andrew's Kirk, Launceston
- 12.00 p.m. Lunch - (The Branch St. John's Street)
- 1.00 p.m. Rev. Mary Au  
F.L.C. Report  
Dr. Sandy Hart

3.30 p.m.	Civic Reception - Town Hall
4.30 p.m.	Buses back to Camp Clayton
6.30 p.m.	Dinner
7.30 p.m.	Old and New Executive Get Together Unit Sharing Video available
8.45 p.m.	Devotions - New South Wales
9.00 p.m.	Supper

**WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

7.30 a.m.	Devotions - A.C.T.
8.00 a.m.	Breakfast
9.00 a.m.	Bible Study - Major Elaine Johnson Morning Tea
10.30 a.m.	Seminar
12.00 p.m.	Barbecue Lunch
1.00 p.m.	Seminar continues Afternoon Tea
4.00 p.m.	Business Session 4
6.00 p.m.	Dinner
7.00 p.m.	Business Session 5
8.45 p.m.	Devotions - Victoria
9.00 p.m.	Supper

**THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

7.30 a.m.	Devotions - South Australia
8.00 a.m.	Breakfast
9.00 a.m.	Bible Study - Sr. M. Vianney Bartels
10.30 a.m.	Business Session 6
11.30 a.m.	Lunch
12.30 p.m.	Bus to Wynyard
2.00 p.m.	W.K.S. Report Rev. Mary Au - Speaker



4.00 p.m.	Bus returns
6.00 p.m.	Dinner
6.45 - 7.00	Business Session 7 (if necessary)
7.30 p.m.	Concert
8.45 p.m.	Devotions - Western Australia
9.00 p.m.	Supper

**FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

7.30 a.m.	Devotions - Tasmania
8.00 a.m.	Breakfast
9.00 a.m.	Bible Study - L. Carmichael
10.15 a.m.	Bus to Devonport (luggage to be taken)
11.00 a.m.	Closing Service - St. John's Church, Devonport
12.00 p.m.	Lunch at St. John's Church (Anglican), Devonport
	Departure to airport and Farewells

## PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice-President during the National Conference, September 13 - 17, 1993.

1. **Agenda** as set out in the Conference Program, will be followed unless the meeting determines otherwise.  
  
Any business not included in the Agenda is to be referred to the National Executive no later than noon Tuesday, September 10 for consideration and presented for debate if and when considered appropriate.
2. **Resolutions** must be presented in writing on the forms provided and signed by the mover and seconder.
3. **Recommendations** and **suggestions** from Units, if they become Resolutions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.
4. **Reference Committee** of three shall be appointed by Conference.
5. Two **Returning Officers** shall be appointed by Conference.
6. **Debating.** Up to 3 minutes will be allowed for each speaker unless permission is granted for extension of time (for a maximum of 2 minutes). No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply. If debate exceeds 25 minutes on one motion, it will be deferred to a later business session.
7. All **members** are asked to please state their name, Unit/Organisation represented, before beginning to speak.
8. At the beginning of a '**Reports Session**' it shall be moved 'that all reports be taken as read'.

Times will be allocated for speaking to reports and all members are asked to keep within set periods.

National Executive and Unit Reports - 5 minutes.

Denominational and other Organisation Reports - 3 minutes.

This does not include time for comments or questions.

### 9. **Voting**

#### (a) Entitlement

2 from each State or Territory Unit  
1 from each denomination  
5 from incoming National Executive  
All National Executive members

#### (b) Method

Will be by display of Voting Card unless otherwise decided by vote at the Conference.

# ACW CONFERENCE DELEGATES 1993

	Surname	Name2	Address1	Address2	Address3
37	Marsden	Mrs. Phyl	30 Sunhaven Avenue	GEILSTON BAY TAS	7015
38	McCann	Mrs. Marie	10/51 Upper Pitt Street	KIRRIBILLI NSW	2061
39	McKinnirey	Miss Phyl	8 Fletcher Street	NORTHHEAD NSW	
40	Miller	Mrs. Juanita	8 Floreat Crescent	LAUNCESTON TAS	7250
41	Mills	Mrs. Nan	14 Berwick Street	CAMBERWELL VIC	3124
42	Mr. Cormack	Mrs. Fay	1/1 Diana Court	RIVERSIDE TAS	7250
43	Napier	Mrs. Margaret	54 Axford Street	COMO WA	6152
44	Pearce	Mrs. Kathleen	2/40 George Street	DEVONPORT TAS	7310
45	Reid	Miss Heather	22 Melville Avenue	STRATHFIELD NSW	2135
46	Reidy	Mrs. Eunice	50 Hewish Road	CROYDON VIC	3136
47	Ridge	Mrs. Edith	54 New Line Road	WEST PENNANT HILLS NSW	2125
48	Rose	Mrs. Jean	2 Chesterville Road	CHELTENHAM VIC	3192
49	Selveratnam	Mrs. Rathie	3/26 Florence Road	SURREY HILLS VIC	3127
50	Sims	Miss Grace	11/27 Alexandra Avenue	ROSE PARK SA	5067
51	Skippen	Mrs. Ailsa	8 Milford Street	ALDERLEY Q'LD.	4051
52	Smith	Mrs. Joan	11/8 Blenheim Street	NORWOOD TAS	7250
53	Stanford	Mrs. Delvine	PO Box 365	BENTLEY WA	6102
54	Stott	Mrs. Joan	16 Sandy Avenue	HIGHTON VIC	3216
55	Sullivan	Mrs. Evonne	35 Macgillivray Street	YARRALUMLA ACT	2600
56	Sutherland	Miss Jeanne	PO Box 50	NEWTOWN NSW	2042
57	Tabart	Mrs. Jill	31 Benvenue Road	ST. LEONARDS TAS	7250
58	Tong	Mrs. Major Joan	8 Metella Crescent	BELFIELD NSW	2191
59	van Emmerik	Mrs. Rosemary	13 Athleen Avenue	LENAH VALLEY TAS	7008
60	Vickers	Mrs. Mavis	77 Queen Street	ULVERSTONE TAS	7315
61	Wall	Mrs. Margaret	1 Canterbury Road	CAMBERWELL VIC	3124
62	Ward	Brigadier Mabel	10/79 Robertson Road	BASS HILL NSW	2197
63	Webb	Mrs. Leut. Col. Beth	29 Hansen Circuit	ISAACS ACT	2607
64	Wells	Miss Shirley	16 Albion Street	PENNANT HILLS NSW	2120
65	West	Mrs. Gladys	36 Bellevue Avenue	WEST RYDE NSW	2114
66	Whybourne	Mrs. Mina	1/20 Jacaranda Road	CARINGBAH NSW	2229
67	WILSON	LADY LEILA	6B Atkins Road	APPLECROSS WA	6153
68	Wilson	Mrs. Vera	7 Reserve Street	WEMBLEY WA	6014



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	Surname	Name2	Address1	Address2	Address3
1	Ackland	Mrs. Olive	23 Kingsford Avenue	COBURG VIC 3058	
2	Au	Rev. Mary	Calvary Church	6 Shatin Road	KOWLOON HO
3	Bache	Mrs. Vi	52 Lyons Road	HOLDEN HILL SA 5088	
4	Baker	Mrs. Majory	28 Neale Avenue	CHERRYBROOK NSW 2126	
5	Banks	Mrs. Helen	3 Eton Road	BELMONT VIC 3216	
6	Bankton	Mrs. Carmel	179 Mills Street	MIDDLE PARK VIC 3206	
7	Boatman	Mrs. Heather	35 Terry Avenue	BELGRAVE VIC 3160	
8	Bourhill	Mrs. Barbara	36 Stock Road	ATTADALE WA 6156	
9	Brooks	Mrs. Shirley	20 Riseley Street	KINGSMEADOWS TAS 7249	
10	Brown	Miss Betty	23 Mark Street	BURNIE TAS 7320	
11	Clack	Miss Dorothy	5/245 Burke Road	GLEN IRIS VIC 3146	
12	Clinch	Mrs. Commissioner Beth	GPO Box 1287K	MELBOURNE VIC 3001	
13	Cooper	Mrs. Jean	20 Roberts Road	BELMONT VIC 3216	
14	Davis	Mrs. Lorraine	PO Box 821	NHULUNBUY NT 0881	
15	Dell	Mrs. Major Olive	PO Box 10	GOSNELLS WA 6110	
16	Dodds	Mrs. Marion	22 Hender Street	BAYSWATER NTH, VIC 3153	
17	Dredge	Mrs. Marj	2 Ganney Avenue	GLENALTA SA 5052	
18	Farrell	Mrs. Betty	PO Box 89	MAWSON ACT 2607	
19	Gates	Mrs. Rhoda	12 Beach Pde,	SILVERWATER NSW 2264	
20	Green	Mrs. Anne	Silver Shores C/Park	SANDSTONE POINT Q'LD 4511	
21	Greenslade	Mrs. Margaret	2 Yalpara Avenue	ROSTREVOR SA 5073	
22	Gurr	Mrs. Wyn	22 Elouera Street	LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	
23	Haensel	Mrs. Dorothy	26 Hobart Avenue	WARRADALE SA 5046	
24	Hall	Mrs. Helen	17 Walker Grove	CHELTENHAM VIC 3192	
25	Harrison	Mrs. Yvonne	363 Rosevears Drive	EXETER TAS 7275	
26	Hewitt	Mrs. Marie	188 Mount Street	BURNIE TAS 7320	
27	Holmes	Mrs. Elaine	11 Mountain View Cres.	GRINDELWALD TAS 7277	
28	Ison	Mrs. Alison	25 Woodfield Avenue	BURNIE TAS 7320	
29	Johnson	Mrs. Major Elaine	8 Trainor Street	BOX HILL NORTH VIC 3129	
30	King	Mrs. Lucelle	19 Stenhouse Drive	MT. ANNAN NSW 2567	
31	Lacy	Mrs. Barbara	5 Brownfield Street	MORDIALLOC VIC 3192	
32	Lloyd	Mrs. Helen	7 Mokoan Place	DUFFY ACT 2611	
33	Mahamaneerat	Miss Malai	C/- St. Louis Hospital	BANGKOK	
34	Maier	Mrs. Joan	4 Walker Grove	CHELTENHAM VIC 3192	
35	Majoor	Mrs. Marie	521 Mowbray Road	LANE COVE NSW 2066	
36	Marika	Rev. Lyapending	PO box 821	NHULUNBUY NT 0881	



## PARTICIPANTS

### Guests:

Rev. Lyapending Marika  
Rev. Mary Au W.K.S. Fellow  
Delvine Stanford  
Vicki Elphingstone  
Sr. N. Vianney Bartels  
Mrs. Major Kop  
Poul Bottern  
Sean Brasch  
Archdeacon Louis Daniels  
L. Carmichael  
Mrs. Rosemary van Emmerik  
Delvine Stanford

**Life Member:** Mrs. Olive Ackland

### National Executive:

Mrs. Shirley Brooks	President
Mrs. Betty Brown	Vice President, WKS Convener
Mrs. Marie Hewitt	Vice President
Mrs. Aileen Fitzgerald	Secretary
Mrs. Alison Ison	Treasurer
Mrs. Juanita Miller	FLC Convener
Mrs. Phyl Marsden	ACW Publications
Mrs. Lorraine Davis	Committee Member
Mrs. Joan Smith	Committee Member

### State Units:

<b>A.C.T.</b>	Mrs. Lt. Col. Beth Webb	Delegate
	Mrs. Evonne Sullivan A.M.	Delegate
	Mrs. Betty Farrell	Observer
	Mrs. Helen Lloyd	Observer
<b>New South Wales</b>	Mrs Phyl McKinnirey	Delegate
	Mrs. Edith Ridge	Delegate
	Mrs. Marie Majoor	Observer
	Brigadier Mabel Ward	Visitor
	Miss Heather Reid	Visitor
	Mrs. Majory Baker	Visitor
	Mrs. Shirley Wells	Visitor
	Mrs. Gladys West	Visitor
<b>Queensland</b>	Mrs. Ailsa Skippen	Delegate
	Mrs. Anne Green	Delegate
<b>South Australia</b>	Mrs. Majory Dredge	Delegate
	Miss Grace Sims	Delegate
	Mrs. Vi Bache	Observer
	Mrs. Margaret Greenslade	Observer
<b>Western Australia</b>	Mrs. Major Olive Dell	Delegate
	Mrs. Vera Wilson	Delegate
	Lady Leila Wilson	Observer
	Mrs. Barbara Bourhill	Observer

<b>Victoria</b>	Mrs. Carmel Blankton	Delegate
	Jean Rose	Delegate
	Mrs. Helen Hall	Observer
	Mrs. Joan Maher	Observer
	Mrs. Nan Mills	Visitor
	Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam	Visitor

<b>Tasmania</b>	Mrs. Elaine Holmes	Delegate
	Mrs. Fay McCormack	Delegate
	Mrs. Wyn Gurr	Observer
	Mrs. Kathleen Pearce	Observer

<b>WKS Trustee</b>	Mrs. Dorothy Haensel	Delegate
<b>ACWC Rep.</b>	Mrs. Margaret Napier	Delegate

#### **National Denominational Representatives**

<b>Salvation Army</b>		
<b>Eastern</b>	Mrs. Major Joan Tong	Delegate
<b>Southern</b>	Mrs. Commissioner Beth Church	Delegate

<b>Uniting</b>	Mrs. Rhoda Gates	Delegate
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#### **Anglican (Mothers Union)**

	Mrs. Mina Whybourne	Delegate
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<b>Churches of Christ</b>	Mrs. Mavis Vickers	Delegate
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#### **Baptist Women's Fellowship**

	Mrs. Lucelle King	Delegate
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#### **National Interest Groups**

##### **World Day of Prayer**

<b>YMCA</b>	Mrs. Yvonne Harrison	Delegate
<b>ACC</b>	Miss Jeanne Sutherland	Delegate
	Mrs. Marie McCann	Delegate
	Mrs. Jill Tabart	Delegate

#### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship**

	Miss Malai Mahamaneerat
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#### **Incoming National Executives**

Mrs. Eunice Reidy
Miss Dorothy Clack
Mrs. Joan Stott
Mrs. Marian Dodds
Mrs. Helen Banks
Mrs. Barbara Lacy
Mrs. Major Elaine Johnson
Mrs. Margaret Wall
Mrs. Heather Boatman
Mrs. Joan Cooper

## SECRETARY

It is hard to believe two years have passed. The time seems to have flown by.

During the two years the Executive have met monthly in Launceston and Burnie. We are grateful to the Uniting Church Office in Launceston and to Miss Betty Brown in Burnie who have allowed us the use of their premises to meet.

The Committee has been represented by Salvation Army, Anglican, Uniting, Church of Christ, Catholic and Baptist churches.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Lorraine Davis earlier this year as she left with her family to serve God with M.A.F. in the Northern Territory. Mrs. Shirley Brooks took over the task of filling the gap left by Lorraine.

Mrs. Alison Ison represented the National Executive at the Australian Council of Churches General Meeting in Melbourne in July last year.

The Constitution has been retyped and replaced by a format which will allow alterations to be easily made.

A Bible was presented to the Executive by the Tasmania Unit. This will be passed on to successive National Presidents. A list of past A.C.W. National Presidents has been placed in the front of the Bible.

The use of monies from Operation Understanding being held for training of Aboriginal women is being investigated. It is hoped a meeting will be arranged to discuss this further.

Reports on other areas will be presented by other Committee Members who took care of specific areas. Our prayers and best wishes are with the incoming Executive and we pray that God will bless their work over the next two years.

**Aileen Fitzgerald**  
**National Secretary**



## NEWS PUBLICATIONS

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on ACW News Publications.

The past two years have been challenging and rewarding. I confess, at first, I was anxious about the position as I hadn't had any experience in collating material or editing and very little experience in typing. Two verses of Scripture reassured me. 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6 - 7 NIV).

At the beginning of the fourth week, I would collate, edit, type, choose verses of Scripture and suitable symbols, glue symbols and pages together and then take the ACW News to the printers to be photocopied and folded. Advance Publicity Printers in Hobart were most helpful, and only once took an extra day to photocopy and fold the ACW News.

The articles, poems, material and minutes mostly arrived on time. My sincere gratitude to all contributors and particularly to the former National President, Lorraine Davis, National President, Shirley Brooks, ACWC Representative, Margaret Napier, FLC Convener, Juanita Miller, WKS Convener, Betty Brown and Deaconess Mary Andrews. I was overjoyed with her exciting news of China. I especially thank my daughter, Robyn, for helping me with editing and proof reading.

I would also like to thank all those people who have been so encouraging and supportive to me during the past two years.

After reading all the interesting articles it has given me a much greater understanding of ACW, WKS, FLC and ACWC.

I pray that God will bless my successor and that everyone will support and encourage her.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

**Phyl Marsden**  
**Publications Editor**



## WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

I came into this position not knowing very much about the Scholarship or A.C.W. Ana Taumoepeau the 1992 scholar proved very hard to place. Firstly she was not the trustees recommended scholar and she had not been sponsored by her employers, the Tongan Methodist Church. While Ana had requested a secretarial course, this was not possible because of costs. I am very grateful to Mrs. Jess Peck of Launceston who had Ana to board with her and who helped her so much with her English. I would also like to thank the Tasmanian Synod Staff of the Uniting Church in Australia for their help while she gained work experience there.

Ana was to have gone to other Synod offices in Victoria and New South Wales for further experience but indicated to Lorraine Davis and myself that she would prefer not to do this so she visited all Units and returned home to Tonga in August.

In November 1991 Lorraine Davis and I travelled to Adelaide and met with the Trustees along with Lucelle King the immediate past Convener and all aspects of the scholarship were discussed. In August 1992 Lorraine Davis and I once again travelled to Adelaide and met with the Trustees as they discussed the applications for the 1993 Scholarship. It was most beneficial to be at that meeting and hence the two month English course for Malai, our present scholar, before she commenced the two counselling courses. Malai Mahamareerat has proved a most efficient scholar and has applied herself in all that she has undertaken.

I am very grateful to the Board of St. Louis Hospital, Bangkok for their help and for being so decisive in what was needed.

My thanks to the No. 6 Snr Unit and Gina Wybourne who have born the brunt of the arrangements, to the Trustees and all who have been so patient with me.

With the change in the application forms and the need for the sponsor to take the responsibility to nominate the exact courses required and to own the scholarship, I can only see progress.

I wish the incoming Convener a happy and rewarding time.

**Betty Brown**  
**WKS Convener**

## **SPECIAL DAYS REPORT**

From comments received the 1992 and 1993 Fellowship and Community Days have seen increased attendances and it has been good to see some of our menfolk feeling free to come along to these services.

In 1992 and 1993 Fellowship Day Services were prepared by the ladies of Western Australia and South Australia with the themes of 'Christ our Example' and 'The River of Justice' while Community Day Services were in the hands of Victoria and Queensland, covering the themes of 'Forgive us as we Forgive' and 'Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with your God'. I would like to thank these ladies sincerely for all the prayer and thought which they put into making these programs as meaningful to us as they proved to be. The suggestion was made that because 1994 is the Year of the Family that our themes should have been along these lines. This had been discussed by the committee who felt that any good speaker could tie in a theme with a particular year.

It would be good for the Special Days Convener to have some feedback about how the services have been as far as numbers and variations to the programs have been concerned. We need to feel free to adapt the days and the programs according to our own particular area so that people will be enthusiastically and lovingly encouraged to attend and to participate.

Many groups have discovered innovative ways in which to enhance their services - musical items, voices from among the congregation and a Christian school teacher from my own area brought along a group of her musical recorder students and they played some choruses which complemented the theme of the day. This served the purposes of introducing the young people to our service and also brought a youthful freshness to the program.

I am sorry that for family reasons I shall be in New South Wales at the time of our Conference this year but I thank you for the privilege of being National Special Days Convener for these two years and I pray for the incoming committee that they will be richly blessed by God as they undertake this task for His Glory and may they, as they endeavour to work together with love and tolerance, be filled with His love and power.

**Pauline Wells**  
**Special Days Convener**



## **FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN**

### **SEPTEMBER 1991 - SEPTEMBER 1993**

Through FLC we have the opportunity of bonding with thousands of women throughout the world. Gifts of coins, prayers of concern, acts of forgiveness and voices of supplication unite us to each other.

My thanks to those who warmly responded to my request for state FLC reports. Reports that reveal great enthusiasm by both conveners and those they have the chance to speak with. Sales from Circle of Prayer books and spoons and the distribution of leaflets gives a very encouraging picture.

As you will appreciate, I can only report on a very minute portion from the individual reports and should you be disappointed at not seeing very much in print after the thoughtful effort you have put into your reporting I do apologise. I would like to add that each report makes for very interesting reading.

Some state conveners like in W.A., keep in touch with members by sending out a regular newsletter.

From ACT comes the assurance that strong emphasis amongst their many groups is upon continuation of prayers for peace and reconciliation as a prominent part of their gift. This is important for us all to remember.

Complimentary copies of Small Beginnings and FLC news are distributed throughout NSW. Press releases and denominational magazines are special ways of sharing FLC news in their state as well.

Two Conveners share the Northern Territory and they too have been supplied with Volume 12 of Circle of Prayer.

In South Australia FLC has been shared by many of the listening public as the opportunity arose for their convener to speak over radio. Some states like S.A. share an evening meal before Community Day Service.

Despite the great hardship brought about by drought in the vast state, FLC is received with much enthusiasm in Queensland. The spoons and Circle of Prayer books are spreading statewide, as the convener makes travelling and speaking her all-important priority.

Conveners in Tasmania are thrilled to experience a healthy spread of interest in FLC in recent years. Travelling to speak to groups has been quite extensive but very worthwhile as made known from the groups visited. Morning teas and luncheons on World Community Day are thoughtful ways of raising money to help support various needs within FLC.

Shirin Samuel the International Executive Secretary with whom I keep in touch, sends her love to all who in any way help spread hope to the many thousands throughout the world who in some way benefit from the FLC Grants.

I order large supplies of Circle of Prayer books from the Rev. Kline Detrick in New York. We can be thankful to her and her staff who have taken time to securely parcel and send the books on two separate occasions during my term in office.

I extend warm thanks to my fellow members on the National Executive for their support of me over the past two years.

May God wisely guide and richly bless the incoming National Convener of FLC as she takes over the position and may she grow with the cause as I believe I have. It

would be impossible to do otherwise given the opportunity to serve such a miraculous vision.

**Juanita Miller**  
**National Convener FLC**

## **REPORT OF THE ACW ARCHIVIST**

During the past two years the Minutes of the National Committee's meetings with the Financial Statements have been filed. Also filed were copies of the ACW News. The 1991 Conference papers have been collated and stored.

Some records were stored after the 1991 Conference in accordance with the Minute 91/24 'that one term plus one year of records be passed on to the incoming National Executive and the balance be retained by the Archivist'.

The Tasmanian Unit requested a list of the names of the Presidents of ACW for inclusion in a presentation Bible which was to be the gift of the Unit to the National Committee. This list was researched and sent to the Tasmanian Unit Secretary.

Following discussion at the 1991 Conference regarding the place of storage of the Archives, an approach was made to the National Library in Canberra by Mrs. Betty Farrell, the Unit President of A.C.T. at that time.

Conversation with Mr. Graeme Powell, Manuscript Librarian, Australian Collections and Services, resulted in the following information:

1. The National Library does 'collect' such documents as we hold in our Archives. They also 'deposit'.

'Collection' of documents etc. means that they **become the property of the Government**, with access to the material so stored.

'Deposit' means that the **organisation** or individual **retains ownership**, again with access or the right to remove the articles for examination.

Both arrangements are subject to certain regulations and these matters are arranged through discussion before the documents etc. are given over to the Library.

A letter from Mr. Powell confirmed this conversation and a printed document 'The Manuscript Collection' was sent to me. Mr. Powell is happy to discuss this matter at any time we are ready to make a move.

**Edith Ridge**  
**Archivist**  
**26 June 1993**



## **REPORT OF WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

It is a privilege to once again present the report of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust.

The Trust has now been in place for six years and our understanding of the intricacies of the work has broadened considerably. The Conference may wish to consider re-location of the Trust at this time, maybe to A.C.T.

Since the last Conference one of the Trustees, Mrs Joan Brewer, found it necessary to tender her resignation and Sister Margaret Knagge was appointed in her place. We valued the contribution Joan was able to make to the Trust and were sorry to lose her, but very happy to welcome Sister Margaret. At this conference three trustees are due to retire - Mrs. Jan Gifford, Mrs. June Morrow and Mrs. Dorothy Wright. June and Dorothy have indicated they do not wish to seek re-election. Jan is willing to stand for a further term if the Trust remains in South Australia.

It was unfortunate that the time selected for the review of the scholarship following the last conference precluded the full participation of all Trustees. However, the time spent provided valuable insights and broadened understanding.

Study of the Financial Statement will show a substantial increase in the capital which is good in view of the falling interest rates. We need to note that the amount available for the 1994 scholarship will be approximately half that of the 1993 scholarship.

The trustees continue to have concern about the results achieved through the provision of our scholarship. We feel there may be a need for greater flexibility in the way we seek to provide assistance. We therefore recommend consideration of the inclusion of an alternative to the scholarship in the form of a project, such as the one supported through the 1987 scholarship money. While such a change would mean an alteration to the Deed of Trust and the Guidelines, it would not be outside the Constitution which allows for provision of other approved awards. Ref 3.1.3. It may also be helpful to talk with women leaders from overseas whom we may meet, to seek their ideas of how we can best use the scholarship to assist the women in their country.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The Trustees continue to have contact with the National Executive through the WKS National Convener, Miss Betty Brown. Thank you Betty. We have appreciated hearing from the New South Wales Unit while the 1993 scholar, Malai Mahamaneerat has been with them. We look forward to meeting Malai. It was good to have opportunity to meet Ana Taumoepeau for a short time.

Once again there have been both highlights and hurdles in the provision of the scholarship. It is always a learning process - I sometimes wonder if we do not learn as much as the scholars though in different fields!

### **FELLOWSHIP**

A WK Fellowship has been given to Rev. Mary Au, the 1980 WK Scholar. This fellowship will enable Mary to attend Conference and visit some state units. The Trustees fully support the National Executive motion to use some of the Fellowship funds to assist the consultation with Aboriginal women. This is an exciting venture which should open up new paths for ACW service.

Thank you for your support and the privilege of serving as Trustees. We live in challenging times and need to be ever awake to hear God's voice calling us to

service in unexpected ways and places. May the 1993 Conference of ACW be a wonderful time of blessing and fellowship for all.

### **APPRECIATION**

The Trustees would like to place on record their appreciation for the tremendous contribution made by Dorothy Wright to ACW and to the Trust. She has been Treasurer of the Trust since inception. Dorothy was National Treasurer prior to that time when she spent many hours separating the finances of ACW and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship to allow the Trust to be set up. Her ill health in past few months has not hindered her in keeping an eye on investments and the work of the Trust. We give thanks to God for her work and pray that He will continue to give her healing and strength.

We place on record our appreciation for the work of Joan Brewer 1988 - 1991 and June Morrow 1988 - 1993.

We acknowledge also the contribution made by the late Mrs. Pauline Crosby to the formation of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust.

**Jan Gifford, Margaret Knagge, June Morrow,  
Dorothy Wright, Dorothy Haensel  
Trustees  
June 1993**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That consideration be given to broadening the scope of our awards by the addition of provision of support via projects when this appropriate.

#### **Alteration to the Deed of Trust should this be accepted**

No. 5. The Trustees shall invest all monies received by them for the purposes of the Trust which is to provide, firstly a scholarship for a recipient or funding support for a project selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women and secondly when in the opinion of the Trustees there are surplus trust funds after meeting all expenses associated with the said scholarship, a fellowship to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a recipient selected by the National Executive with the approval of the Trustees to tour Australia to speak to church and community groups. The parties intend:

- (a) that the scholarship shall be tenable for up to 10 months or one academic year, whichever is greater.
- (b) the scholarship shall be offered to an inhabitant of any Asian or Pacific country.

**(new)**

- (c) the project shall be located in any Asian or Pacific country.

[old] (c) becomes (d)]

- (d) All applications for any scholarship, project funding or fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convener who shall be appointed by the National Conference of ACW and shall include the following information:

- (i) Scholarship
    - [(1) - (7)]
  - (ii) Project
    - (1) Name and purpose
    - (2) Location
    - (3) Number of participants
    - (4) Sponsoring body
    - (5) Name of person responsible for project or contact
    - (6)
6. (2) The National Executive of Australian Church Women shall forward all applications received by them for any scholarship, project or fellowship to the Trustees who shall confer with the National Executive on matters relating to education, visas, permits and other relevant matters for possible recipients of scholarship, project funding or fellowships.

**Alterations of Guidelines will also be needed.**



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## **WKS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



## **ACW REPRESENTATIVE TO AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

During the last two years since I was appointed the Australian Church Women observer to the ACC Executive meetings, there have been eight meetings held in Sydney and the AGM held in Melbourne. Mrs. Alison Ison attended the AGM as I was in South America at the time.

The meetings display the utmost in ecumenical courtesy and even observers are given the privilege of speaking on all matters. ACT is in a position to hear first-hand the concerns and actions of this important body. I would suggest that our ACW News had a section each issue for a mini report of each meeting to enable our members to feel closer to the current issues of concern to ACC.

During the last two years I regard the two most important developments in ACC to be the Event 'Living Under the Southern Cross' and the word done 'Towards a Wider National Body'. The former, sponsored by ACC was an inspiration to those who attended (I was sent by the NSW State Unit as their representative) to observe and act in unity, exploring the problems of the moral and social insights of our faith. No formal recommendations were issued from the Conference, but the seeds were sown from talking and listening for the Holy Spirit's call to be heeded. I recommend attendance at the next ACC Event to enable members of all churches to become better informed, and to appreciate first-hand the ecumenical reality with its advantages and limitations.

The negotiations that -- The National Council of Churches in Australia --, as an expanded Ecumenical Body, to include member churches of the ACC together with the Roman Catholic Church, and perhaps the Lutheran Churches, are proceeding with every expectation, that this is like to be brought to fruition in the near future. The Catholic bishops Conference in July will consider the question of membership.

Of interest to us as women was the Think Tank recently held by the ACC task group on the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. Accent was on how our churches can think locally towards change where needed, and to acknowledge diversity in experience and language across denominations. The group encouraged questioning of churches 'What are you doing in these matters?'

The contribution of Dr. Gassman at the ACC AGM, entitled 'The Unity we Seek' was an inspiration. He said that with the ecumenical advances and achievements of this 'ecumenical century' there has been a decrease of commitment to the goal of visible unity. He urges us 'to continue to strive towards being nourished at the one table and from there being sent out together to serve as instruments of justice, peace and reconciliation for God's humanity and creation'. What a Christ-like challenge!

Thank you for giving me the task of being your representative.

**Marie McCann**  
**ACW Representative to ACC**

## ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REPORT

I took over as General Committee Member for Australia at the 9th Assembly of ACWC in Djakarta in November 1990. Joan Tong was elected to the General Committee from the floor of the Assembly.

At the meeting of the General Committee immediately following the Assembly, I was elected to the Executive Committee as Assembly Secretary.

In November 1991 the Executive and General Committee meetings were held in Bangkok, Thailand, followed by a Consultation on 'Theologically Trained Women in the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women'.

Joan Tong and I represented Australia at these meetings.

The program included worship, Bible study, speakers, discussions, role plays and workshops. It was obvious from these that most of the ordained women had suffered discrimination in their ministry because of sex. This consultation provided a forum for these women to share their thoughts, experiences and frustrations.

Each country did a role play on the theme and we did a presentation of an Anglican bishop (played by me) interviewing a married lady (played by Joan) who wanted to be ordained. This seemed quite topical as it was four months before the first group of women were ordained into the Anglican Church in Australia.

At the Cultural Night for our country presentations I had taken along posters of some of the scenic beauty spots of Australia. As we recited Dorothea McKellar's poem 'My Country' we showed the posters to correspond with the verses. The delegates were thrilled to be able to take these posters back to their own countries.

In October 1992 meetings and a Consultation on 'Economic Injustice to Women' were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Joan and I again represented Australia.

At this consultation members shared many concerns about the lack of recognition and remuneration for women in the workforce. In most Asian countries equal pay for equal work is almost non-existent and there is very little sharing of parenting and household responsibilities.

At each of these Consultations there were about 50 women. The participants included Executive and General Committee members, speakers, a few invited speakers, guests from other countries and additional people from the host country.

At each Consultation members have worshipped with the local people on the Sunday and then spent some time sharing with them.

Most of the costs of these Consultations are met by money received from donor churches in Europe and the USA.

At both meetings and Consultations time has been allocated for Shirin Samuel, Executive Secretary of Fellowship of the Least Coin, to present a report and speak of the ICFLC meetings and future directions of FLC and its relationship with ACWC.

At the Executive and General Committee Meetings among the items discussed were:

- . Financial contributions from member countries to ACWC
- . Finance and budgets for future years
- . ACWC Worship Services
- . Promotion of ACWC



- ACWC Assembly
- Exposure trips to other Asian countries
- Representation at regional and international meetings.

Over the last few years there has been a lot of discussion on the role and representation of ACWC on ICFLC. A meeting is planned for early 1994 between the Executive Committee of ACWC, Shirin Samuel and three members of the ICFLC Committee to discuss future directions and representation.

The 10th Assembly of ACWC will be held in Taiwan from 2 - 6 November, 1994.

I have presented an Australian report to each Consultation and on my return have prepared reports and circulated them to the National Committee and each unit.

I have kept in regular touch with the ACWC Executive Secretary and have sent Christmas cards to all General Committee members each year.

I have tried to keep ACWC before our Australian members with the article in the ACW News each month and have introduced prayer requests as submitted to me by country representatives.

As a member of the WA unit I have made myself available to visit church groups and share with them much of what I have learnt about the church and women of Asia.

I feel there is a need to set out a few more guidelines on the role of the ACWC Representative and will speak about this further at the Conference.

I have appreciated the opportunity to represent Australia on ACWC and now have a much better understanding of the Christian Church in Asia.

**Margaret Napier**  
**ACWC Representative**

## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY UNIT REPORT**

The period under review was an interesting and productive one.

### **MEMBERSHIP/MEETINGS**

Membership remained stable with 32 financial affiliates. Our efforts to interest various ethnic women's church groups to become affiliated were not successful.

Unit meetings took place four times each year in the months of March, May, August and November. Executive meetings were held regularly, and a unit newsletter was distributed on a regular basis.

At the 1993 Annual General Meeting Betty Farrell retired after three years as President, a position she occupied with charm and purpose. Betty represented ACW at national level on occasion, including the WEL National Conference and the National Agenda for Women Forum.

Life membership was bestowed on Audrey Sherwin in recognition of 17 years of dedicated service to the unit. Audrey recently retired after seven years as Honorary Secretary.

ACT/ACW continued to be an affiliated organisation of National Council of Women of ACT and of ACT Churches Council.

### **REPRESENTATION**

ACT unit was represented at a number of functions during the biennial period including

- 1991 CNLA Conference Opening Mass and Luncheon
- ACT Women's Consultative Council functions/forums
- International Women's Day Receptions
- Parliamentary Prayer Breakfasts

### **WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS**

ACT unit was privileged to receive visits from both the 1992 Scholar Ana Taumoepeau and the 1993 Scholar Malai Mahamareerat. Opportunity was taken to show the scholars something of our National Capital and to introduce them to the members of affiliated organisations.

### **SPECIAL DAYS**

Special Days services, hosted by the various affiliated organisations were carefully planned and well attended. The Soup 'n' Sandwich luncheons which followed allowed the ecumenical spirit to flourish and also boosted our Travel Fund!

World Day of Prayer Services were the responsibility of ACT unit. Both day and evening services were arranged, both being well attended.

### **GENERAL**

A planning committee, comprised of six members representing different denominations, is presently planning the 1994 Fellowship Day Order of Service.

A number of issues have been addressed over the past two years. Worthy of mention was our letter to NSW Rugby League authorities protesting at a football



fixture being arranged for Good Friday. A courteous reply was received but the game took place.

### **CONCLUSION**

Our sincere appreciation to the retiring National Executive for their endeavours during the period under review, and our best wishes to the incoming National Executive for a happy and fruitful term in office. All too soon it will be the ACT Unit's turn to accept National Office!

**Evonne Sullivan**  
**President**

**Beth Webb**  
**Secretary**

## VICTORIAN UNIT REPORT

### Council Meetings:

Bi-monthly meetings have provided, for an average attendance of 42, opportunities for worship, friendship and informative ecumenical sharing. Five Minute Focus spots presented by rostered denominational representatives have given insights into various church related activities. Guest Speakers have also provided information on a number of interesting subjects including work in prisons, family counselling, outback Australia with Frontier Services, Media Awareness, the Parents of Missing Children organisation and Industrial Chaplaincy.

### Jubilee 1941 - 1991:

A significant milestone was celebrated with a Service of Worship and Thanksgiving marking 50 years of ecumenical endeavour in Victoria.

Banner - a new banner symbolising worship, ecumenical outreach and sisterhood which was made by a group of talented members, led by Mrs. Joan Cooper, was dedicated during the service.

History - During the Luncheon following the Service an up-dated history of Victorian Unit, compiled by Mrs. Dorothy Fry, Mrs. Berna Foster and Mrs. Barbara Lacy, was launched. Copies are available from Victorian Unit.

### Special Days:

Approximately 2,500 Orders of Service are distributed for each Service through city and country centres in Victoria. A number of Council members have shared as speakers and participants in various observances. The Service for World Community Day 1992 'Forgive Us as We Forgive', prepared by members of Victorian Unit was widely appreciated.

### Quiet Days:

Annual gatherings continue to bring blessing. Themes have been 'Opening to God' and 'Jesus and Women' which included aspects of Aboriginal Dreamtime.

**Film Luncheons** have provided entertainment, fellowship and some funds. We thank Mrs. Ruth Knuckey for her organisation and those assisting with trading tables.

### Winifred Kiek Scholars:

Rachel Sobana spent a month in Victoria in August 1991 and we thank all who assisted in arranging and supervising her itinerary of placements observing nursing administration and her visits and activities during that time. Members were pleased to meet Ana Manu Taumoepeau and to learn of her studies and plans for using her experience on her return to Tonga.

### Florence Marshall Memorial:

Members and friends gladly contributed to the Memorial Bursary Fund as a continuing memorial to a loved and esteemed member of A.C.W., the late Mrs. Florence Marshall.

**National Conference:**

The Conference in Sydney in September 1991 provided a time of enrichment and enjoyment for the thirteen members of Victorian Unit who were privileged to attend and reports to the Council gave other members some share in the experience.

We thank and congratulate our members who have accepted the responsibility of National Executive of A.C.W. for 1993/95. We pray for God's guidance and blessing on them as they prepare for their term of service, for continued blessing on the present National Executive in their work and for all delegates, observers and participants in the 1993 Conference that they will be inspired in the name of Jesus to 'Reach Out in Love to a Changing World'.

**Thanks** to all who have contributed to the work of Victorian Unit, Presidents Mrs. Marion Dodds and Mrs. Margaret Wall, Executive and Council members, and to those who have represented the Unit on other organisations, National Council of Women, Victorian Council of Churches, and World Day of Prayer Committee, and have reported back to Council meetings thus widening the knowledge and vision of all members.

We thank God for His continued presence with us and pray that He will bless the service offered in His Name and will grant us grace to follow faithfully where He leads.

**Gwenda Neilson**  
**Secretary**  
**June, 1993**



## **TASMANIAN REPORT 1991 - 1993**

I deem it a privilege to present this report on behalf of the Tasmanian Unit.

We have been quite busy and active visiting outlying areas to encourage women in the work of A.C.W.

The Executive has met with church women in Deloraine, Ilfraville and Queenstown and has been graciously welcomed. These areas are now holding the special days services and this is a very rewarding and beneficial outcome. Numbers continue to be very good at all special days services with reports coming from many districts.

The Tasmanian Unit has presented a centenary edition of the Bible to National Executive to be passed on to each new National President. The names of past presidents have been inscribed in it.

Much concern was expressed by members re the introduction of poker machines into Tasmania. A letter has been forwarded to the Premier expressing several concerns that could arise with the introduction of such machines. Our letter has been acknowledged by the Premier's office. We wait upon the debate in Parliament and the final outcome.

Two life memberships were presented to two stalwarts of A.C.W., Mrs. Peg Lambert (Catholic) and Mrs. Roma Hickman (Uniting). Both these women have given long and loyal service and both have served terms of office on Tas. Executive.

Within the branches, media watch is well supported with members contacting both the media and politicians stating their concern of the adverse influence some media items and TV programs would leave on the young.

Ana Manu Taumoepeau, the 1992 Winifred Kiek Scholar, spent some time in Tasmania. We enjoyed her company as she was entertained in some members' homes.

We are particularly grateful to Mrs. Jessie Peck who boarded Ana. Jessie was very helpful to Ana in tutoring her in English and making her feel at home.

The Executive is also grateful to committee members who travel long distances to attend meetings.

We take the opportunity on meeting days to have fellowship over lunch. These lunches are always catered for and served by Shirley Brooks and are greatly appreciated.

Delegates attend World Day of Prayer and Tas Council of Churches meetings.

Several members attended the T.C.C. annual meeting.

May the God of Peace provide us with every good thing we need in order to do His will.

**Joan Smith**



## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNIT REPORT**

During the last two years we have had our usual busy times. 1992/93 our President is Marj Dredge (Church of Christ), who followed Sheila Hart (Catholic Women's League). This year we also have our President Elect, Margaret Greenslade (Salvation Army) on the Executive.

### **BI-MONTHLY UNIT MEETINGS**

We had Rev. Bernie Clarke to speak on 'Aboriginal Focus'. He gave us much information on the work being done amongst Aboriginal families and communities. A S.A.C.C. member spoke on the worth and spirituality of 'Women from the Churches and Women's Task Force Group'. Chaplaincy in High Schools is growing and one of the Chaplains told us of his serving in this way. Audrey Cramond is working half-time (so called) in the Cross Cultural Support of the many ethnic families living in our suburbs, and enlightened us of some of the many difficulties she faces. We also had several Bible Studies which were much appreciated by Unit Members.

**THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN** is well supported with contributions. The Convener Shirley Birch has visited several country and suburban centres at their request.

**THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP** has continued with Fellowship Day Services in country and suburban centres, and the Hong Kong goods are almost all sold. We were pleased Doreen Tie the 1990 scholar was able to stay a few days while travelling home, also Rachel Sobana was here for several weeks and able to gain some experiences in the Royal Adelaide Hospital, a country hospital and visit organisations. Ana Manu of Tonga was here for our Fellowship Day Service and was able to attend a Women's Fellowship gathering. We are now looking forward to meeting Malai Mahamaneerat at the Conference.

The World Community Day Service was held in the city and in a few centres. We also support ACWC Partners.

Community Concern Morning Teas have continued to be popular. We meet in 13 suburban centres, May to August. The Concern for 1992 was for Alzheimer's Disease and related Disorders Society, and this year for the Young and Adolescent (M.E.) Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group. These organisations provide a speaker for each centre so that information is made known of their work and needs and is very enlightening to those who are present.

The J 150 Trust each year has been able to assist women who have particular needs to assist them. Also the Jubilee Commemoration Book, seeking information to record women who have excelled themselves in serving in their churches and community is progressing. We are now on the second book. **Pauline Crosby** whose vision it was to create such worthy causes, including **The Lavender Lads and Lasses** - a voluntary work within our Royal Adelaide Hospital; passed away 21 May last. Pauline was also a **Life Member** of the S.A. Unit. She will be greatly missed.

So we all serve together in Christian unity as we work and plan so that we shall be true witnesses to Christ in our communities.

**Grace Sims**  
Acting Secretary

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIT REPORT**

Since the last National Conference the W.A. Unit has continued to meet regularly under the Presidency of Mrs. Majorie Maughan and Major Olive Dell. The sharing of denominational news at meetings leads to a greater understanding and knowledge of the Churches and organisations we represent. Delegates and Observers attend meetings of the National Council of Women, the World Day of Prayer Committee and the W.A. Conference of Churches. Due to ill health, the Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Munyard resigned in October 1992 and our thanks go to Lady Wilson who has been acting Treasurer for this year. A cake stall was held to raise money for the Travel Fund.

The planning of two new initiatives has resulted firstly in the printing of an introductory leaflet to ACW to be available at Special Days Services and Ecumenical gatherings for the purpose of presenting the aims and activities of ACW to the whole Church. The second initiative was the choice of a community project for the year. The Cottage Hospice was chosen as our 1993 objective and a luncheon was arranged with the Director, Ms. Ellen Nightingale as speaker. A substantial donation was made to the Hospice and a further luncheon at a different venue is planned later in the year.

### **SPECIAL DAYS (Convener Mrs. Margaret Napier)**

Fellowship and Community Day services have been held in the City and at six suburban and country centres and appreciation is always expressed for these opportunities for ecumenical worship and fellowship.

### **FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (Convener Mrs. Carmen Savundra)**

Interest is maintained in this movement by the distribution of two Newsletters each year to the 133 affiliated groups, where membership is observed by prayer and the giving of 'least coins'.

### **WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (Convener Mrs. Janet Watts)**

We appreciated the visits of Rachel Sobana (October 1991) and Ana Manu Taumoepeau (August 1992) when we had the opportunity to meet the scholars and entertain them during their brief visits to Perth.

**PUBLICITY** of ACW events has been arranged by the Convener, Mrs. Barbara Bourhill.

### **ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

We are fortunate that Mrs. Margaret Napier is a member of our Unit and has been able to personally share with us her experiences as Secretary of the ACWC Executive Committee. Margaret has visited several women's groups speaking about ACWC.

We wish to thank members of the National Executive for their commitment during the past two years, thus enabling the continuation of the witness of ACW. God bless you all.

**Vera Wilson**  
Secretary



## QUEENSLAND UNIT REPORT

During the two years under review, we have enjoyed the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Bull (SA), who inspired us with her spiritual devotions and quiet efficiency at meetings.

Our Annual Musical Morning Teas continue to be successful both financially and spiritually as we have enjoyed the beautiful singing of the Northside Baptist Ladies Choir and the Village Singers. These functions enable the unit to generate interest and spread the word of A.C.W. and promote the sale of 'Circle of Prayer' and 'F.L.C. Spoons'.

We have observer status at the Queensland Churches Together Meetings under the direction of Rev. Helen Mills (UC) and Mrs. Margaret Florence attends meetings on our behalf.

We were delighted to have the Rev. Helen Mills as our Guest Speaker at our Fellowship Day Service and presented her with a F.L.C. spoon.

Our Annual General Meeting in July 1992 was well attended when Mrs. Margaret Bull donated a new Bible and presented it to the incoming President Mrs. Ailsa Skippen (Anglican) in a moving and prayerful ceremony.

W.K.S. Convener Ailsa Skippen, hosted the visit of Ana Manu from Tonga and took her sightseeing to the North Coast Hinterland, Underwater World and the Australian Woolshed. The Unit hosted a luncheon at the C.W.L. Coffee Lounge in Ana's honour where she spoke of her work, hopes and dreams in Women's organizations in Tonga.

In September 1992 we were saddened by the death of our Life Member, Mrs. Jessie Dennis, who devoted her life to the work of the Lord in both Presbyterian and Uniting Churches and the Inland Mission. Jessie was State Secretary, State President and National President of A.C.W. and is remembered by this Unit in the W.K.S. Memorial Bursary Book.

Our World Community Day Service was held in the Uniting Church, City, and Mrs. Janice Hughes Anglican Chaplain to the Women's Prison, gave an inspiring address 'Forgive as we Forgive'. Mrs. A. Flemming soloist rendered the 'Lord's Prayer' in a most moving service.

Special Days Convener Mrs. Margaret Florence, reports that there has been a slight increase in numbers at our Special Services in Queensland over the past two years. Mrs. Anne Green our diligent F.L.C. Convener, continues to work for Prayer, for Reconciliation and Peace and travels widely to promote F.L.C.

In February this year, Mrs. Isa Doyle (CWL), our State Secretary resigned due to recurring back problems. Isa travelled by bus each month 140 kms round trip to our meetings. She was a diligent and most efficient secretary to several Presidents. Isa was presented with a book voucher and good wishes as she continues her Christian work for Saint Vincents de Paul in Beaudesert.

We are grateful to the Convener and Members for their dedicated support of the work of the Australian Church Women.

**Ailsa Skippen**  
**(Acting Secretary) President**



## NEW SOUTH WALES UNIT

The last two years have seen a change of direction for our Unit. Leadership has come from two Presidents; Mrs. Major Joan Tong completed her term of office in 1992 when Miss Phyl McKinnirey was installed in May for her two years' term. We are grateful for the inspiration given to our Unit through the dedicated leadership of these two women.

In 1991 we held a Spiritual Enrichment Day and the success of this venture encouraged us to repeat the special day in 1992.

New South Wales is a big state with many centres where people live and worship, but there are many places where Australian Church Women and its activities are not known. Our Promotion and Publicity Conveners have worked hard over the last two years to work out a plan of action to move into these areas.

By producing attractive brochures about the work of ACW and by making these Information Kits available to people who ask for them, we are building up a network of information about the potential in our state and about the activities of our Unit.

One of the ways into a new area is by offering a Spiritual Enrichment Day to a host church who then invites the other groups in its area. This exciting concept is already bearing fruit and we plan to proceed with this way of introducing ACW to our country and city churches.

We are using the talents of our members in producing information brochures, in writing publicity for local papers and church magazines, in posters for use at services and for publicity at gatherings such as the A. C.C. meetings, 'Living Under the Southern Cross' where we had an official delegate and where other members looked after a publicity stall.

The work of our Executive seems to be growing at a great pace. For this reason we have added to the list of Convenerships two new areas:

One is a Convener for Special Days whose job it will be to arrange such days as Spiritual Enrichment Days and Dedication Day and one for Branches whose task it will be to send minutes and other literature to branches unrepresented at Council meetings and to generally keep in touch with those people, particularly the country branches.

Our links with ACWC have remained strong through the involvement of Joan Tong on the General Committee of ACWC and we have enjoyed our contacts with the Winifred Kiek Scholars during these two years. It is our pleasure and privilege to have the 1993 scholar living and studying in Sydney.

In March 1992 we added another denomination to our Council. The Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhood became affiliated, bringing our numbers to eight denominations.

To be associated with the 1992 United Year of Indigenous People we have had three speakers to inform us about our Australian indigenous people. Maisie Cavanagh of Kuri-ngai Partners spoke to us about the spirituality of her people, Pearl Wymarra Bond inspired us with her personal story at the Annual Dedication Service and Alan Randell, Principal of Shalom Christian College in Queensland showed a video of the College and told us about the project.

Council members are wearing with pride a new badge especially made for them this year. It tells people that they are members of the State Unit Council and will become a talking point at our services we feel.

Thank you to our retiring National Committee and welcome to the team from Victoria. God bless them and us as we work together for God's glory.

**Edith Ridge**  
**Secretary**

## **NEW SOUTH WALES STATE UNIT**

### **Joan Tong - ACWC**

Joan's activity with ACW commenced with her appointment as a representative for her denomination, Salvation Army, moving on to the Presidency of the NSW unit. During this time she attended the ACWC quadrennial conference in Indonesia, where she was nominated for and elected to the general committee of ACWC, being one of four such committee members other than the country representatives. Her involvement with ACWC at general committee level has given her a wider understanding of the aims and purpose of ACWC, personal involvement at conference level, and a desire to share as widely as possible with the women of ACW how their involvement can be more meaningful.

As a Salvation Army officer, Joan is the assistant territorial director for senior programs. This involves her with people of senior years through the corps where various activities are held. It is her job to assist with the program development for this area, motivate leaders, initiate ideas, and generally support all groups throughout New South Wales and Queensland. She is involved in her own corps in the area of women's ministries and also in the Sydney area as a speaker and 'entertainer' at many meetings. These include nursing homes, hostels, service groups, 'other' churches and many salvation army functions.



## **AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Membership is open to all women of Baptist churches in Australia which are affiliated with a State Baptist Union.

Australian Baptist Women's Fellowship

- seeks to promote a spirit of Christian love and unity among Baptist women
- to share in specific study and prayer objectives
- to exchange information concerning activities and methods of work, and
- to stimulate interest in wider denominational activities and projects.

**Betty Checkley**  
President

## **BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Having looked back in our annual general meeting, an opportunity came for us to look forward to where our women's work is heading in the future. Following our last Baptist Annual Assembly, wheels were put in motion for the election of personnel who for an interim period of twelve months would get the new work under way and the changes implemented. An executive was made up of a Director, Secretary, Treasurer and three Area Co-ordinators.

Tasmanian Women's Ministries will bring all Baptist women in whatever group they meet under the one umbrella. There will be no change to existing BWF groups, or any other groups - they will be a part of the wider Women's Ministries. This is not a whole new ball game but rather a 'help' ministry to facilitate and encourage women's work in our churches. We want to help our women achieve what they see as needs or opportunities for service in their own areas. Each church needs to provide a 'women's representative' who would liaise with all the women's groups within her church. She, along with representatives from other churches in the area will meet occasionally with the area co-ordinator to exchange ideas. This may seem quite a small step but it is really the first major step needed by us to start the ball rolling. The Area Co-ordinators will then meet at executive level to handle the ideas, suggestions etc. which have come through - be it in the form of conference, discussion groups etc.

Yours in Jesus,

**Pauline Wells**  
Secretary



## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

It is nearly three years since the Australian Christian Women's Fellowship executive moved to Melbourne following the Conference in Queensland in 1990. During that time we have been very ably led by our President, Eunice Reidy, and our work has concentrated on preparing for National Conference in September 1993, keeping the women informed about activities in all states, and exploring ways in which we can best serve the women around our nation. We gave thanks to God for His enabling and guidance for all those women who hold responsible positions of leadership at local and state level.

The National Conference theme, 'Christ, the Timeless Resource' formed the basis for contributions to a resource book. The combination of program ideas, devotional material, articles and poems is providing resources to a large number of women. 'Footnotes', a quarterly newsletter, has provided a link between the states with news of activities, editorials, W.C.W.F. and A.C.W. activities.

Following the completion of Joy Sansome's term, Helen Banks of Victoria became the World C.W.F. Representative for 1992 - 96. A highlight for Helen thus far has been her participation, along with twenty three other ladies from nine countries in the W.C.W.F. retreat in California, 1992. Times of Bible study, worship, workshops business and life experiences were enjoyed. All states contribute financially to the ongoing work of W.C.W.F., and affiliated countries assist in supporting a world project, which for 1992 - 96 is 'To End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism'.

Members of C.W.F. are actively involved in para church, ecumenical and community activities and in this way have opportunities to express God's love and compassion for people everywhere. We congratulate Eunice Reidy on her appointment as A.C.W. National President for the next term, and assure her of our prayerful support and encouragement in this important role.

Conference! Camp! Convention! Spiritual Retreat! Training and Resource Day! Workshop Program! These are just a few of the many and varied activities that women are enjoying. Different emphasis is given in each state as the needs of all women are explored and addressed. Missionary and community care is expressed in financial and practical ways.

At present we are busily preparing for our National Conference to be held in Melbourne in early September. Women's Day/A.C.W.F. Conference will be part of this week of celebration. During this executive's term of office, considerable time has been devoted to formulating more efficient ways of carrying out the business of A.C.W.F. We anticipate introducing a trial period, with a permanently based, continuing Executive and a local arrangements committee in the state of the next Conference. We have noted that many states are changing their structure, and in some cases their name, and are endeavouring to be more relevant in addressing the needs of women in this rapidly changing society.

We constantly affirm that Christ is our Timeless Resource. The future is in His hands. We are His instruments and we must do what we can to give meaning and purpose to the people around us. It is our prayer that in every aspect of our lives, we will continue to live, work, witness and share Christ, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

**Eunice Reidy**  
President

**Eleanor Roberts**  
Secretary



## **NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP (UNITING CHURCH)**

Greetings to the members of Australian Church Women meeting for your National Conference at Ulverstone, Tasmania.

When our report was presented to your 1991 Conference this Committee had only held office for a few months. Since then we are able to report significant activities.

Some highlights are:

- We have been delighted to host visits from significant leaders in Ecumenical bodies with whom our church has close ties.

From the World Federation of Methodist Women - The President, Dr. Edith Loane of Ireland and her travelling companion, Mrs. Maeve Lennie, the All Ireland President of Methodist Women. Also, the South Pacific Area President, Mrs. Joan Stott of Victoria.

From the World Alliance of Reformed Churches the Pacific Area President, Ms. Anne Hadfield of New Zealand, who shared her enthusiasm for the movement of WARC into world areas of Justice and Peace. Correspondence has also commenced with Dr. Nyambura Njoroge in Geneva, who is Secretary of a new program 'PACT' (Program to Affirm, Challenge and Transform women and men in partnership in Church and Society).

- At home we have a Network of Contact - NCAFG to Synod (State) committees through the Presbytery (Regional) Committees to local Parish and Congregational groups. We have used this Network to survey the activities of our fellowship groups and have been astounded at the range of Christian witness and service among our groups.

We have identified eleven areas of activity - Christian Education, Support to Church, Outreach, Multiculturalism, Family Groups, Sport/Recreation, Health and Healing, Craft, Cultural, Public/Social Questions, Mutual Support and Friendship. We are presently working on ways to strengthen our Network and the sense of belonging which can flow from it.

- We are humbled by the dedication and sacrificial sharing of ordinary Christian people. Major projects have included:

Two of our Synod Committees have groups who regularly collect and consign large quantities of goods to Pacific Islands churches to help with rehabilitation after hurricanes, school and welfare programs. Australia-wide our members have recently supplied a four-wheel drive vehicle for the Aboriginal community at Mapoon in North Queensland.

- A major project has been our mid-term Conference at Ulverstone, Tasmania in May this year. There were 128 live-in participants, plus a large number of day visitors. Our numbers included 23 men. The Theme 'Who Cares' was addressed by our speakers - The Rev. Gregor Henderson, General Secretary of The Uniting Church Assembly, Mrs. Jill Tabart, President-Elect of The UCA, Rev. Colleen Grieve Frontier Services Patrol Padre on the Tasmanian West Coast. We were deeply moved by the challenges they brought us that 'God Cares' in every aspect of life and we too should care. 'To love is to care. To care is to love.'

Another significant participant was Pastor John Dolling of Port Hedland who shared something of his ministry with the Boat People in the detention centre there.

- One of our Synod Committees organised a visit by a large group of people to Vanuatu. This has strengthened the ties with the church there.
- In May 1994 our Triennial Consultation will be held in Sydney. From then our National Committee will be based in Queensland for three years.

**Rhoda Gates**  
**Chairperson**

**Barry Ridge**  
**Secretary**



## WOMEN AND MINISTRY IN THE SALVATION ARMY

Soon after its inception, The Salvation Army, mainly as a result of the firm belief held by Catherine Booth (co-founder), realized that the ministry of women, with the Christian Church, was not only a great resource for the work of God but a 'must' for those who accepted the freedoms which are an integral part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today throughout the ninety-nine countries in which The Salvation Army works, women are ministered to, by women, through a variety of services designed to meet physical, spiritual and emotional needs. So much emphases as fellowship, education and service, as well as spiritual development are addressed in our

Home League: A weekly meeting for women;  
Play Groups: Catering for mothers and toddlers;  
Slimmers Clubs:  
Craft Groups:  
Visitation Groups: Providing care and practical support for the sick and 'shut-ins'  
Child Sponsorship: A service which engenders a world view.

These are examples from the Australian scene, of the diversity of a ministry which often results from a perceived need.

Because of the stance on equality, many women are serving women within such areas as:

Alcohol and Drug related Dependency  
Care of the Aged  
Emergency Accommodation for Mothers and Children  
Emergency Accommodation for Women  
Handicapped Women and Children  
Tracing Missing Persons  
Prison and Court Visitation  
Students' and Working Girls' hostels  
Programs for unmarried mothers  
Hostels for homeless women  
Hostels and units for the mentally handicapped

These and other ministries are carried out by female lay-workers and ordained clergy ('officers' in Salvation Army terminology).

In addition to the 'service' ministries, women are involved in field administration, education, pastoring and preaching.

The opportunities are there for women to grasp not only for their own fulfilment but for the glory of God (man's/woman's first function) and to extend His Kingdom here on earth.

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA**

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, AUSTRALIA**

Catholic Women's League Australia has 15,000 members of varying ages within city and rural areas throughout all the States. The National Executive is in South Australia for years 1992 - 1993, the National Secretariat is in Canberra staffed by a Communications Officer.

The National Conference will be held in Adelaide from 26th September to 30 September this year; The theme being 'A Mission of Justice'. Speakers will address the theme, the keynote speaker will be the Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell AC DBE.

The National Newsletter is compiled by the Communications Officer and forwarded to all Dioceses throughout Australia each month. This is an important workings of our organisation keeping all members informed.

Many submissions have been made by the National Executive to the appropriate Federal Government bodies, to name a few:-

- Breast Cancer Screening Program (National)
- Review of Child Support Scheme
- Computer Games Classification proposals
- Regulation of Video Violence
- Voluntary work in the Community.

A project for 'The Year of The Family' by all States is being finalised as well as a National Project which will come from the National Conference in September.

Catholic Women's League Australia strive to work for the dignity of women; concerns for the family; its members being involved in Church and Community and the care and welfare of one another.

**Pat Fitzpatrick**  
**National President**  
**27 July 1993**



## AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Approvals from the Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches that now belong to the Australian Council of Churches, plus an enthusiastic vote by our Catholic bishops, mean that next year the ACC will hand over to the more comprehensive National Council of Churches in Australia.

Unusually among national councils, Australia's will include a significant number of Eastern and Oriental Orthodox jurisdictions: Greek, Antiochian, Romanian, Coptic, Syrian, Armenian and Assyrian. The Catholic decision commits not only the 28 Latin rite dioceses but also the Maronite, Melchite and Ukrainian dioceses of the Eastern rite.

In addition to the Anglicans, Protestant denominations coming to the party comprise the Salvation Army, Religious Society of Friends, Uniting Church and Churches of Christ. At the time of writing the Lutheran decision has yet to be made: their General Convention at the end of August seems likely to defer action, but even if that happens it will not delay the other churches.

For those with a statistical bent, the NCCA will represent some 85% of Australia's Christians. If the Lutherans opt in, make that 87%.

The NCCA's inaugural National Forum will take place in Canberra from 1 - 5 July 1994. There is provision for the NCCA Executive Committee to invite observers to meetings of the National Forum, continuing the custom of the ACC. Leading up to the July inauguration, people will be invited to enter into a discipline of prayer for the unity and renewal of Christ's Church in this land.

The program emphases and structures of the NCCA will be determined by the new body itself, so imaginative dreaming will be the order of the day for the next two years at least. Already it is clear, however, that there will need to be something very much like the ACC's Commission for World Christian Action, carrying forward such co-operative ventures as the Christmas Bowl Appeal and refugee and migrant services. The need for something like a faith and order commission is recognised as fundamental, and conversations are well advanced with Aboriginal and Islander people in the churches about the future of what is now the ACC's Aboriginal and Islander Commission.

Meanwhile, the work of the ACC presses ahead! The 1992 - 1993 Christmas Bowl Appeal is running some 7% ahead of budget, which is gratifying for us but even more so for the beneficiaries. Among the Council's other activities, the Task Group on the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women continues its efforts to help the churches take more seriously 50% of the human race. The Commission on the Status of Women, currently based in Perth, fosters a nationwide network of people with similar concerns, publishes 'Voices from the Silence' and a popular annual wall-calendar, sponsors conferences and lectures on topics of interest to Christian women, and works towards the publication of inclusive language worship resources.

In all this, the council is sharply aware of the wonderful diversity of the ecumenical movement in this land. The ACC and its related state ecumenical bodies serve that ecumenical movement. But they certainly do not contain it. For all those organisations, networks and individuals that enter into Christ's prayer for the unity of His people, the Australian Council of Churches is deeply grateful.

**David Gill**  
**General Secretary - ACC**  
**13 August 1993**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - AUSTRALIA**

### **A global movement of informed prayer and prayerful action**

#### **Thanks be to God**

A few days prior to the World Day of Prayer on the 5 March 1993, in a letter from Eileen King, Executive Director of the International Committee in New York, came news of a miracle

'On January 20 a long caravan of approximately 60 buses, carrying 2,400 people of Mayan descent, crossed the border from Mexico into Guatemala. These buses were bringing the first group of the 46,000 Guatemalan refugees who have been living since 1982 - 1983 in refugee camps sponsored by the United Nations and the government of Mexico.

On January 24 these returning refugees arrived in the capital Guatemala City and were met by welcoming chants of thousands of supporters.'

Telephone calls were made by the National Liaison Person to each Australian State, alerting them to this miracle. This enabled as many as possible to begin their service praising God and rejoicing with the Christian women of Guatemala who had prepared it with the theme, 'God's people - Instruments of Healing'.

This inspiring service provoked very positive responses. One centre has commenced a monthly prayer meeting to pray for healing in the local community. At another, there were two converts and several healings reported. Special music was composed and the creative service enabled worshippers to identify with the strength, courage and pain of our sisters in Guatemala.

The service was celebrated in Churches, Theological Colleges, Schools, Community Centres, Hostels, Retirement Villages and Nursing Homes in the following languages:

Austrian, Chinese, English, Korean, German, Noongar (Aboriginal), Samoan, Spanish, Tongan, Tamil and Russian.

The Victorian service is sent to Vanuatu, Nauru, Nui Islands and the Marshall Islands where it is then translated into Marshallese.

Press releases, Speakers Kits and Posters together with 132,000 adult services, 12,000 youth/children's services and 1500 youth kits were printed. Enthusiastic volunteers in each State pack these for distribution. We recognise and appreciate the commitment of the State Committees and our members at local level.

It is at grass root level that the World Day of Prayer movement grows and we have noted an increase in male attendance. We welcome this but it will not lead to their involvement in administration which will continue to be initiated and carried out by women in more than 176 countries and regions.

Mrs. Margaret Watson, the first Australian to be elected to the International Committee representing 17 countries in the Pacific Region, has plans well in hand for the first Quadrennial International Committee Meeting to be held in Australia in Melbourne in February 1995.



For Australia, this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and an opportunity for us to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, affirming that prayer and action are inseparable and drawing together women of various cultures and traditions.

The International Chairperson, Navamani Peter of India and Eileen King, the International Executive Director accompanied by her Mother, will visit Australia in October this year to inspect the Conference venue, Queens College, University of Melbourne.

While here, they will also attend the Quadrennial National Committee Meeting at the Retreat House at Cheltenham, Victoria.

We invite the Australian Church Women to share our joy in this Celebration. As we approach 1995, we shall be pleased to acquaint you of ways in which you too may be involved in this great proclamation of our faith.

Themes of Services for the next four years are:

- 1994 Go, See and Act - written by the women in Palestine
- 1995 The Earth is a House for all People - women of Ghana
- 1996 God calls us to respond - women of Haiti
- 1997 Like a Seed grows into a Tree - women in Korea.

It is a privilege to belong to this unique Ecumenical Movement and I conclude this report with a quotation from the hymn, 'The Day Thou Gavest, Lord is Ended' which World Day of Prayer has adopted as its own -

'The voice of prayer is never silent  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.'

**Jean Cheshire**  
**National Liaison Person**  
**July 1993**



## NOTICES OF MOTION

### From the NSW State Unit

1. Rationale:

The establishing of a permanent Secretary in a chosen State or Territory would free the National Secretary and other Conveners from the onerous tasks associated with producing and distributing leaflets for A.C.W. projects. In some states it is difficult to find people to adequately do these jobs. A permanent Secretary would soon establish a good working relationship with the printers of such material and this would result in materials of consistent quality.

By producing all printed material in bulk, costs would be reduced, also. We recognise the necessity for funding such a Secretariat. Initially it could be funded from the General Account of the National Committee or by making it the (half) offering for one World Community Day. Another way would be by levying the State Units. There are possibly other ideas which could be suggested for establishing such a fund. By the sale of souvenir items e.g. spoons, badges etc. the Secretariat would perhaps soon become self-funding.

**I therefore move that**

**the Conference give consideration to the establishing of a Secretariat with a permanent Secretary whose task it would be to deal with the printing of A.C.W. brochures for its publicity, for Fellowship of the Least Coin leaflets and for Winifred Kiek Scholarship leaflets.**

**The permanent Secretary would be responsible also for the production and sale to the State Units of souvenir items like A.C.W. teaspoons and badges.**

2. Rationale:

Many people attending World Community Day Services are already familiar with F.L.C. and its aims and purposes. However, at every service there is the possibility of at least one new person and even a whole congregation where a new church takes on the Day, to whom F.L.C. is completely unknown. Not every leader of the services gives time to explain about F.L.C. With adequate education, we could expect better support for F.L.C.

**I therefore move that**

**the Australian version of the Fellowship of the Least Coin leaflets should be supplied to State Units in sufficient numbers for it to be possible to put one into every copy of the order of service (in the way that W.K.S. leaflets are distributed).**

**These leaflets to be supplied to the Units by the National Committee as the W.K.S. leaflets are now supplied.**

3. Rationale:

Former Winifred Kiek Scholars and other recipients of the Special Offering taken at World Community Day services are sometimes dismayed and disappointed when the money promised to them is delayed because of the system we follow in disbursing these funds. They have sometimes thought that they will receive the money soon after the services are held in October.

**I therefore move that**

**when a project is chosen to receive the Special Offering taken at World Community Day services, it should be explained to the recipients that it will take some time before they will receive the money. It should be explained to them that while the offerings are taken in October, it takes time for all the centres to send the money to State Treasurers, who then must send it on to the National Treasurer.**

**4. Rationale:**

We miss out on valuable publicity for our two Special Days because we cannot have them advertised in papers such as Ecumenical Diaries on established days, as the World Day of Prayer is.

People readily associate the first Friday of March with World Day of Prayer. There is a good feeling engendered across Australia when we know that we are all doing something on the same day. It gives us a sense of unity.

**I therefore move that**

**consideration be given to establishing the last Fridays of July and October as the preferred days for the holding of Fellowship and World Community Days.**

**5. Rationale:**

Many of our W.K. Scholars come from countries where they do not require warm clothing. Some of course do own warm clothes as they do experience winter in their home countries. It is clear that they do not realise that Australia does have cold weather in the winter and that for much of their time here it is winter-time.

**I therefore move that**

**it be emphasised on the forms or in the letters sent to scholars that they will need to bring warm clothing with them if possible.**

**6. Rationale:**

Our Winifred Kiek Scholarship is arguably the most important project of A.C.W. We need to make the best possible use of our resources for this project, and this includes the use of the Trust and the Trustees.

**I therefore move**

- (a) that the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be the complete responsibility of the Trustees with the proviso that the study courses be shared amongst the states if possible.**
- (b) that the Winifred Kiek Convener on the National Executive will organise scholars' visits to the states, keep in touch with the Trustees and the scholar and communicate relevant news to the states.**



**From the National Executive:**

7. Rationale:

This motion is in no way intended to usurp the authority of the W.K.S. National Convener, but to enhance the co-ordination and smooth running of the scholarship.

**That in considering the complex workload of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convener, we feel that there should be an Assistant National Convener in the state where the scholar is doing her course or courses. Also for the Assistant National W.K.S. Convener to be given authority to make internal decisions related to the W.K.S. course, accommodation or any other decisions that need quick responses.**

8. Rationale:

Following discussion in Adelaide in August 1992 between W.K.S. Trustees, two members of National Executive of A.C.W. and the Rev. Bernie Clarke regarding the best use of money set aside for a Scholarship of an Aboriginal woman, these resolutions are brought forward. Units have been circulated with all relevant material for discussion and the report of the meeting.

- (a) **That this Conference grant permission for the sum of \$10,000 of Winifred Kiek Fellowship money to be used for funding of a consultation with Aboriginal Women and a lesser number of European women, to reach a better understanding of the areas in which they can be helped.**
- (b) **That the consultation be organised by W.K.S. Trustees and including the current National Executive.**
- (c) **That monies that have been put aside for Aboriginal Scholarship and Operation Understanding also be made available for the above-mentioned consultation if needed.**

W.K.S. Convener

9. Rationale:

Even if the Government charges were waived (which they aren't), there are now very few courses available for one year. It seems to give a false impression. The aim is to have cross-cultural contact between churches and work experience involved with visits to Units. Shorter private workshops allow for this.

**That reference to one academic year be deleted from letter and application form. We can no longer offer academic courses of that duration in Australia but should the Scholarship be taken in another country, this could be possible.**

W.K.S. Convenor

10. Rationale:

We see this as easing the transition and keeping everyone well-informed so that discussion and information is only sought once.



The W.K.S. Convener would need to research the requirements of applicants, costs etc. and liaise with Trustees before the meeting so that a budget and as much information as possible is available at the meeting.

The W.K.S. Convener will then be able to report on discussions to National Executive for final decision, ensuring good communications.

For ratification

**That the meeting to choose each scholar should consist of W.K.S. Trustees, the current W.K.S. Convener and possibly one other member of the National Executive. In the year that the National Executive changes over, the incoming W.K.S. Convener should be the second person at the meeting.**

11. Rationale:

This motion is self-explanatory.

**Because of low interest rates and therefore less money being available, that the W.K.S. Scholar be able to take the course in her own country, if a suitable course is available, and perhaps visit selected units in Australia at a later date. Should the scholar be Australian this would be automatic.**

W.K.S. Convener

12. Rationale:

This motion is self-explanatory.

**That it should be possible to award two short scholarships in the one year if this is thought desirable by the Section Committee on the basis of the applications.**

13. Rationale:

The South Australians know the women and can be advised as to the skills that are needed for the replacement.

**Any election of the W.K.S. Trustees should take place on the recommendation of the South Australian Unit who should vote on the nominations presented, and the official appointment be made by the National Executive.**

14. Rationale:

The printing and postage of the leaflets is almost prohibitive and it is questioned if people read them.

**That because of rising costs, there should be a review of the information leaflet on the W.K. Scholar and a cheaper or alternative way of distributing this information be looked at.**

**From The Queensland Unit**

15. That the Australian Church Women Executive query with the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin the allocation of FLC grant to 'Solving the Problems of Comfort Women'. Is this allocation in the spirit of Christian love and the basic principles of the Fellowship of the Least Coin movement? What criteria does the International Committee use to allocate grants?
16. That the Australian Church Women's Executive raise with the International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin the lack of distribution of financial statements showing the total world-wide sum of monies given, and the distribution thereof with specific reference to grants and administrative expenses.

Anne Green Moved, Seconded Ailsa Skippen

## APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming National Executive 1993 - 1995

<b>President:</b>	Mrs. Eunice Reidy 50 Hewish Road CROYDON VIC 3136 (725 5328)	Churches of Christ
<b>Vice President (1)</b>	Miss Dorothy Clack 5/245 Burke Road GLEN IRIS VIC 3146 (885 6825)	Baptist
<b>Vice President (2)</b>	Mrs. Joan Stott 16 Landy Avenue HIGHTON VIC 3216 (052) 43 3006	Uniting Church in Australia
<b>Secretary</b>	Mrs. Marion Dodds 22 Hender Street BAYSWATER NORTH VIC 3153 (729 5018)	Salvation Army
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mrs. Helen Banks 13 Eton Road BELMONT VIC 3126 (052) 43 3713	Churches of Christ
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Mrs. Barbara Lacy 5 Brownfield Street MORDIALLOC VIC 3195 (580 1893)	Catholic
<b>Publications Editor</b>	Mrs. Major Elaine Johnson 4 Trainor Street BOX HILL NORTH VIC 3129 (898 2230)	Salvation Army
<b>Fellowship of the Least Coin</b>	Mrs. Margaret Wall 1 Canterbury Road CAMBERWELL VIC 3124 (8828 6511)	Anglican
<b>Special Days</b>	Mrs. Heather Boatman 35 Terry Avenue BELGRAVE VIC 3160 (754 4889)	Anglican
<b>Winifred Kiek Scholarship</b>	Mrs. Joan Cooper 20 Roberts Road, BELMONT VIC 3216 (052 43 8323)	Uniting Church in Australia



## PROFILES

### Victorian Incoming National Executive

#### EUNICE REIDY

Eunice is a member of the Montrose Church of Christ where she has been involved in most areas of leadership, at present serving as an Elder. She has been actively involved in Christian Women's Fellowship at all levels, having held office as President for Victoria/Tasmania and currently as National President.

Eunice represented CWF on the World Day of Prayer Victorian Committee, serving as Secretary for six years, and has represented CWF on the Victorian Unit of ACW for ten years, holding office as Executive Member, Assistant Secretary and President, and more recently as FLC Liaison Officer.

Eunice has attended several National Conferences of ACW and was a delegate to the ACWC Assembly in Jakarta, 1990. She was an Australian delegate to the World Retreat of Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship, held in Long Beach, California in 1992.

In her 'spare time' she enjoys sewing, cooking, tennis and spending time with her three married children and six grandchildren.

#### DOROTHY CLACK

After a varied business experience, Dorothy became proprietor of a secretarial service in Parramatta, NSW, then editorial assistant with 'The Australian Baptist', and finally an editor with the Australian Baptist Board of Christian Education until her retirement.

She has been involved as office bearer in her own church and in denominational agencies, was a telephone counsellor for some years and has enjoyed fellowship in various ecumenical bodies. Dorothy has served ACW as State President and Treasurer and has attended several National Conferences.

Her present interests include Bible Study, writing, gardening and music. Dorothy is currently secretary of the Collins Street Baptist Church, the City Church in Melbourne.

#### JOAN STOTT

Joan is a member of the Uniting Church in Australia, and has held leadership positions at Regional, State and National levels with Adult Fellowship Groups, and with World Mission and outreach programs. She has been President of her local Fellowship Group for many years, and enjoys the times of sharing and growth possible in such a Group.

Currently Joan is South Pacific Area President for the World Federation of Methodist Women and also Editor of the Federation's International Newsletter which is translated into many languages and distributed among Women's Groups world-wide.

Joan is a delegate to Victorian Council of Churches and has served ACW Victorian Unit as President and Newsletter Editor.

Her interests are people, reading, writing, music and gardening. She has two daughters and two grandsons.

### MARION DODDS

Marion has been involved in Women's groups and Bible Studies in various capacities for many years, has worked for the Salvation Army in several of their institutions and is currently a volunteer at the Ringwood S.A. Opportunity Shop.

Whilst living in Tasmania, she was National Convener for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and member of the Tasmanian National Executive (1980 - 1981). She has been State Secretary for several years, Newsletter Editor, WKS Liaison Officer and State President of ACW. Marion has attended four National Conferences of ACW and was an observer at the ACWC Assembly 1990.

Marion loves all kinds of music, gardening and caring for her adult family.

### HELEN BANKS

Victorian by birth, married to Trevor, one daughter (married with two children), three sons (one married and one engaged). Helen works as a part-time Doctors' Receptionist and enjoys using the computer.

Church involvement with the local church as an Elder and Women's Fellowship Treasurer. Churches of Christ Australian delegate to WCC in Vancouver 1983. CWF (Vic-Tas.) Past President and Australian representative on World CWF 1992 - 1996.

Ecumenical - Executive member ACW South Barwon Unit for more years than I can remember and Treasurer for last three years. Member of the Victorian Unit for 15 years, was Executive member for 13 years including Special Days Convener for five years and Treasurer for five years. ACW delegate to National Conference Perth 1989 and attended National Conference Sydney 1991.

Plays tennis, enjoys entertainment and eating out, reading, sleeping and holidays.

### BARBARA LACY

Married to Ron with three adult children. Is a foundation member of the City of Mordialloc Inter-Church Council, and currently a member of the Melbourne Catholic Ecumenical Affairs Commission and Co-Editor of the Diocesan Ecumenical Bulletin. A former Assistant Secretary and State Secretary of the Victorian Unit, Barbara is nominated for the position of Minute Secretary of the National Executive 1993 - 1995. Enjoys parish visitation, cooking, gardening and travel.

### ELAINE JOHNSON

My growing up years were spent in Coburg, attending Coburg State School, Coburg High School and then working in the Coburg branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia.

From a young age I had a desire to love and serve God and was actively involved in the Moreland Corps of the Salvation Army.

Fifteen months after our marriage, my husband and I entered the Salvation Army Training College in 1964 to be trained as Salvation Army Officers.

Over the past twenty-eight years Officership has provided a variety of experiences:- Corps Officer, Youth work, Women's Ministries, Public Relations and League of Mercy in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and New Zealand.



Two of our four children are married and we have one little grandson.

#### MARGARET WALL

Margaret Wall was born and educated in Adelaide but lived in Victoria since marriage to Gerald, an Anglican Clergyman, 35 years ago. They have four adult children. Margaret trained as a nurse, but since her marriage has been very occupied with family and church matters. Parish involvement is in the four Women's groups, Bible Study and Lay Reader. Has always joined in local women's ecumenical groups as they moved from parish to parish. Margaret has been a member of ACW Victorian Unit for many years and served as Treasurer, FLC Convener and two terms as President. She enjoys singing occasionally in the church choir, reading, knitting, gardening and walks each day for the sake of her health.

#### HEATHER BOATMAN

Heather has been very active within Mothers' Union particularly as Diocesan Caritas Leader, State Caritas Leader and Deputy Australian Leader of Caritas. She was a founding member of the prayer department and member of the social responsibilities department of Mothers' Union. Heather was vice-president of Mothers' Union Diocese of Melbourne for five years and has just relinquished the position of founding co-ordinator of the Message Home Service established by Mothers' Union four years ago. Heather is currently a member of ACW Victorian Executive and also represents ACW on the National Council of Women Victoria Inc.

Interests include reading, listening to music, hostessing with husband Ray as tour leader, both in a voluntary capacity, garden oriented tours, and joining in family activities with Ray and their three adult children and the extended family.

#### JOAN COOPER

Joan's training as an Arts & Crafts Teacher has been greatly utilised in her work as a missionary with the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu, encouraging the re-development of local native crafts and leadership development programs for local church women. In 1981 she spent six weeks on a goodwill visit to newly developing women's groups in Timor with the purpose of exchanging of ideas. Joan enjoys using her artistic skills as an expression of her faith e.g. designing and creating ecclesiastical banners, brochures etc.

Joan has been a member of ACW for seven years; has served as an Elder and has been a member of various committees at local, state and national level for the Uniting Church in Australia. As field worker for the Uniting Church Fellowship, Joan developed and led women's groups with emphasis on spiritual discovery and sharing faith. She has also been State President of UCF.

Her interests include gardening, floral art, needlecraft, music, exploring faith, reading and sharing with husband John, five children and seven grandchildren.



## ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 1994 DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

Mrs. Lucelle King	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Lynette Green	VIC	Delegate
Miss Jeanne Ingram Sutherland	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Barbara Lacy	VIC	Delegate
Mrs. Marie McCann	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Joan Tong	NSW	Delegate
Miss Phyl McKinnirey	NSW	Delegate
Mrs. Major Olive Dell	WA	Delegate
Mrs. Shirley Brooks	TAS	Observer

### LUCELLE KING

#### Denominational

Leadership of junior camps (school holiday camps, committee member) for thirteen years.

Baptist Women's Fellowship of N.S.W. - State President 1977 - 1980, current State Council member since 1976.

Australian Baptist Women's Fellowship - member of National Executive.

Cross Cultural Ministries Committee - served for twelve years.

Morling College - service for five years as member of Council, 4 years as member of Bible College Acceptance Committee, 8 years as President of College's Ladies Auxiliary.

#### Inter/Non-Denominational

Leadership in Scripture Union camping programs

Australian Church Women (NSW Unit)

Member for 16 years

Member of State Executive for three years

Member of National Executive two years

Christian Women Communicating International

Member of Westside Committee twelve years

Chairman Westside Committee five years

Special ministries (outreach) speaker

Official Chairman

Christian Women's Choir

Member for 27 years

Conductor 5 years

#### General

Experienced in women's work through speaking, singing and 'lightning sketch' ministry.

Experienced in Sunday School/Christian Education teaching from Nursery to Adult Department.

**Personal Interests:** Art & Craft, ticket/signwriting.

**Family:** Married to Bruce (1949), four married children, ten grandchildren.

**MAJOR LYNETTE GREEN**

**Occupation:** Minister of Religion, The Salvation Army

**Family:**

Married to Major Fred Green, Court Welfare Officer, South Eastern Courts, Victoria. Two teenage sons.

**Career:**

In 29th year of being an officer of The Salvation Army. Has been involved in parish work for twenty one years, six years in Family Support Services including three years working in a women's refuge in Ballarat, Vic. Currently working in Youth Department at Divisional Headquarters in Eastern Victoria.

**ACW Involvement:**

State President ACW - Tasmania 1979 - 1981  
Delegate National Conference ACW - Sydney 1979  
Co-opted Member National Executive - Tasmania 1981  
Delegate National Conference ACW - Hobart 1981  
Australian Delegate ACWC Assembly - Bali 1982  
Salvation Army Delegate National Conference ACW - Adelaide 1985  
Australian Delegate ACWC Assembly - Bangkok 1986  
State Convener Special Days - Victoria 1988  
National Vice President ACW - Western Australia 1989  
Delegate National Conference ACW - Perth 1989  
State Special Days Liaison Officer - Victoria from 1992

**Other Groups:**

National Council of Women - State Convener for Social Welfare Western Australia  
1989 - 1991

**Interests:**

Music. Wrote words and music for theme song ACW National Conference in Perth 1989  
Song Leader for ACWC Assembly Bangkok 1986  
Written words and music for a song for Fellowship of Least Coin 1992.

**JEANNE INGRAM SUTHERLAND**

**Personal:** Born 1 May 1940

**Education:** B.Mus. (Melbourne)  
L. Th. (Melbourne)  
Dip. Children's Ministry (Melbourne)  
Biblical Counselling (Sydney)

**Church Affiliation:**

Third generation Baptist Denomination  
Anglican from 1986

Sunday School Leader  
Healing Ministry (Melbourne & Sydney)  
Counselling  
Seminar Teaching  
Postal Congregation Healing Ministry  
Praise and Worship Leader

**Australian Church Women NSW**

City Branch twelve years  
State Council ten years  
State Executive four years  
Publicity Convener four years  
YMCA Sydney Representative

**Employment:** Company Director  
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Music for educational films

**Past Activities:**

Victorian Opera Company  
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**Other Interests:**

Reading Detective Novels  
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**BARBARA LACY**

Married to Ron with three adult children. Foundation member, President and Secretary of the City of Mordialloc Inter-Church Council. Church involvement as Lay Minister of the Eucharist, visitation to the sick and elderly, editor of the Catholic quarterly publication, Ecumenical Bulletin.

Enjoys cooking, travelling, reading, particularly books and information of our Church in the world. Barbara, nominated as incoming National Minute Secretary, has served on the executive of the A.C.W. Victorian Unit in the positions of Assistant Secretary, State Secretary and News Editor.

**MARIE MCCANN**

Born and educated in Melbourne. Presentation College Windsor and BA Melbourne University. Secondary school teacher. Married John, an engineer, went to live in Blayney and Sydney. Five children and five grandchildren.



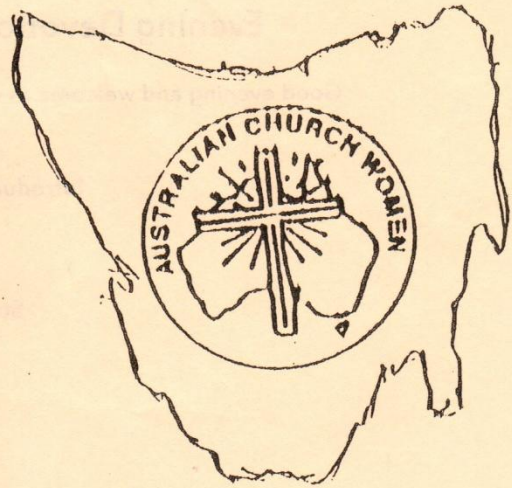
Catholic representative to ACW since 1974. State and National President ACW also State Secretary and Promotions Officer. Conferences attended: Manila, Bali, Jakarta, Bombay and recently was sub-theme speaker for ACWC in Sri Lanka. Since dear husband went to God, has been conferred with Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology at Sydney University. A catechist for twenty years, also a golfer.

#### SHIRLEY BROOKS

Shirley is an active member of the Salvation Army. Married to Don and they are the parents of two children.

Shirley became involved in A.C.W. in 1975 in the Launceston Branch. President 1981 - 1982 and 1987 - 1988. State President 1991 - 1993. Observer to A.C.W.C. Assembly 1990 in Jakarta.

Shirley serves as a local officer of the Launceston Citadel Corps; a position similar to a Church Elder. Home League Secretary. World Day of Prayer Committee. Cell Group Leader. F.L.C. Convener.



## Evening Devotions ..... with Tasmanian State Unit.

Good evening and welcome as we meet together for reflective devotions at the end of this day..

Introduction .....Our Faithful God.....

Hymn AHB 537

Scripture Hebrews 11: 1-6

Prayer for evening

REFLECTION

Hymn AHB 451

Prayer.....in the evening.....

President Shirley Brooks and Secretary Juanita Miller pray God's Blessing upon every person present this evening.

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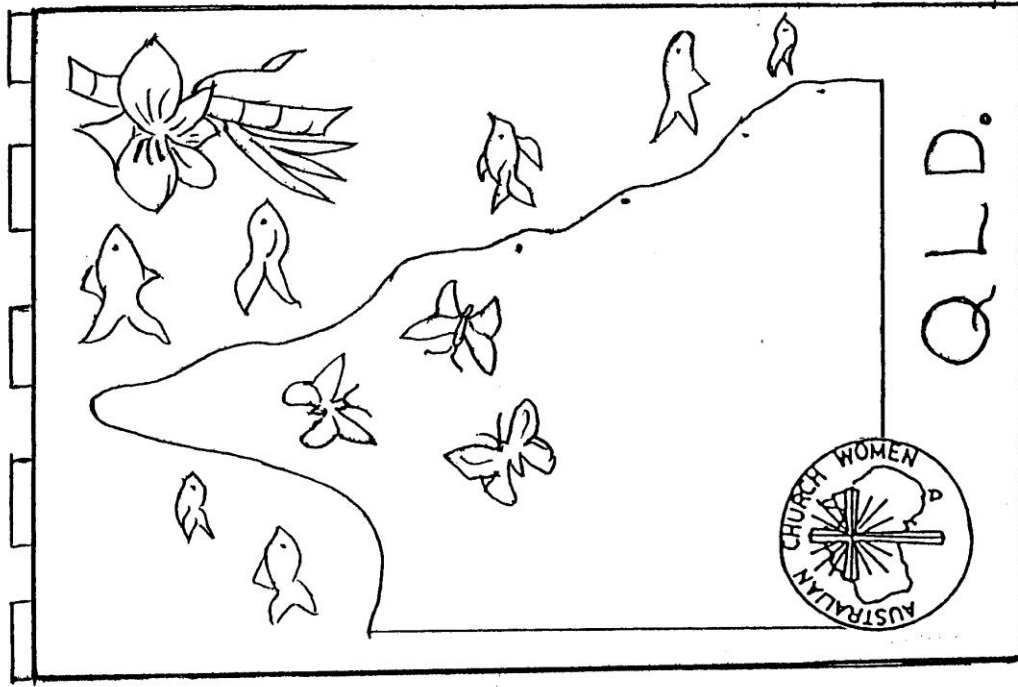
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*WE BEING MANY ARE ONE IN CHRIST*



EVENING DEVOTIONS

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1993

"WE ARE ALL NEIGHBOURS"



We bring greetings from the Queensland Unit of  
Australian Church Women

Let us pray ...

We give thanks to the Lord God for the safe  
arrival of all who are participating in this 1993  
Conference in Tasmania.

We give thanks for our Pioneer women who had the  
vision to bring together all Women of all  
Denominations in Australia to worship and work  
together in harmony, regardless of colour or  
creed.

We give thanks for our Winifred Kiek Scholar  
Malala Mahamaneerat, (1993) and for our 1980  
Scholar Rev. Mary Au. For the foundation of  
this Scholarship as a Memorial to the Rev Winifred  
Kiek, that it may continue to help a Christian  
Woman achieve her goals either in Australia or  
her own Country.

We give thanks to the Lord God for the dedication  
of the National Executive in Tasmania over the  
past two years, and we ask Your Blessings on the  
incoming National Executive in Victoria as they  
accept this responsibility.

We give thanks to the Lord God for bringing us  
together to Worship, Study and Learn, and having  
the pleasure of renewing old friendships and making  
new friends as we pursue "A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO  
A CHANGING WORLD".

Hear us Father, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

We will all pray together: The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Mark 12: 28-34

Prayer: As printed overleaf

Hymn: 391 In Christ there is no east or west

Prayer:

Creator of all who live and move and have reflected  
being

We thank you for the universe,  
So securely wrapped around us.

For earth which is our Garden of life,  
And for all its living creatures.

How Blessed are we to be born into so much variety,  
and beauty,

And to know precisely what it means, to be fully  
freely human.

We thank you for ourselves,  
and our need to give ourselves to others.

May we never refuse the responsibility,  
To take life in our hands and seek to understand

its meaning,  
Which comes from You and remains in You,

Creator of all the living.

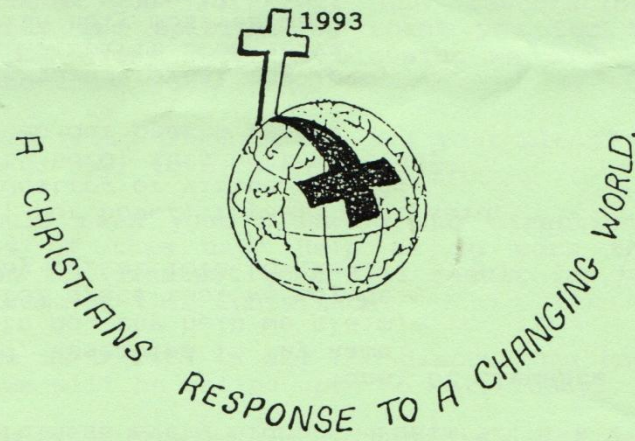
Amen

Benediction:

"Now may the hope of a better world, a worthier  
life, a holier tomorrow 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."

Winifred Kiek Benediction

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL CONFERENCE



MORNING DEVOTIONS - WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER

A.C.T. UNIT



**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

'How good it is to give thanks to you, O Lord,  
to sing in your honour, O Most High God,  
to proclaim your constant love every morning  
and your faithfulness every night,' Psalm 92: 1 & 2

**HYMN:**

**Tune: St Clements**

Here, Lord, assembled in Thy name  
Thy work to do, thy help we claim,  
And pray for grace that we may be  
Inspired by purest love to thee.

Not might, nor power, thyself hast said,  
Can vice destroy or virtue spread;  
Thy Spirit, Lord, this work must do,  
Who only can our hearts renew.

Come, then, to us reveal thy love,  
And pour thy Spirit from above,  
That we with holy motives may  
The impulse of his will obey.

**SCRIPTURE READING: ST. JOHN 16:12 - 15**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER.**

**LEADER:** Our Loving Father, we gather in your name to praise  
and worship you. We acknowledge your greatness, your  
goodness and your powerful presence.

**RESPONSE:** Be pleased to accept our praise and worship as we  
meet this morning.

**LEADER;** We thank you for rest and restoration to our  
bodies, minds and spirits. We thank you for health and  
strength and every material blessing we each receive as  
we love and trust you.

**RESPONSE:** We are truly thankful for all your blessings and the  
knowledge of your love to each of us.

**LEADER:** We would seek your blessing and direction upon the  
activities of this day. Help us to work together in  
harmony so the greatest good will result for your people  
as an outcome of this Conference.

**RESPONSE:** Guide us O Lord in all the discussions and in every  
decision we will be called upon to make today.

**LEADER:** Help us to acknowledge the changing needs of people in  
all communities in this land of ours and show us how we  
can meet the challenges of our day.

**RESPONSE:** We open our hearts and minds Lord to you; we ask  
that you direct our thoughts and show us your way.

**LEADER:** We pray for our families and loved ones at home today.  
As they go to work, to school or whatever their tasks for  
today may be, we ask that you will guard and guide them.  
Keep them safe and watch over them we pray.

**RESPONSE:** Hear us loving Father as we pray, and keep us all  
close to you, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**MEDITATION: 'IS THE CHURCH CHANGING?'**

**CLOSING PRAYER.**



WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
What-ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul!

Chorus.

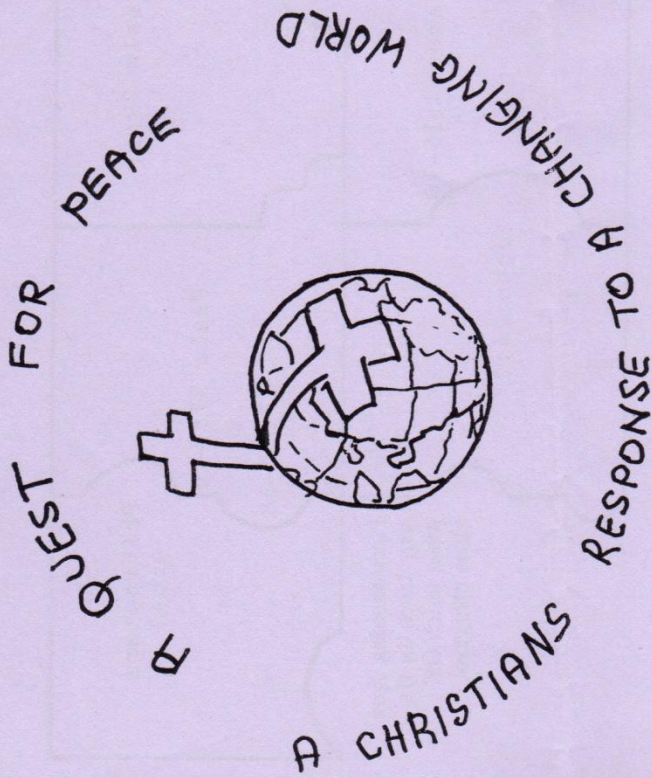
HIS NAME IS HIGHER

His name is higher than any other  
His name is Jesus, his name is Lord  
(repeat)

His name is Wonderful, his name is Counsellor  
His name is Prince of Peace, the mighty God  
His name is higher than any other  
His name is Jesus, his name is Lord

His name's a fountain of living water  
His name is Bread of Life to satisfy  
His name is healing for every nation  
His name is Jesus, his name is Lord.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN 1993 NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
Friday, 17th September 1993.



Welcome to our Morning Devotion

Presented by the Tasmanian Unit

Hymn: When Peace Like a River

Prayer:

Worship:

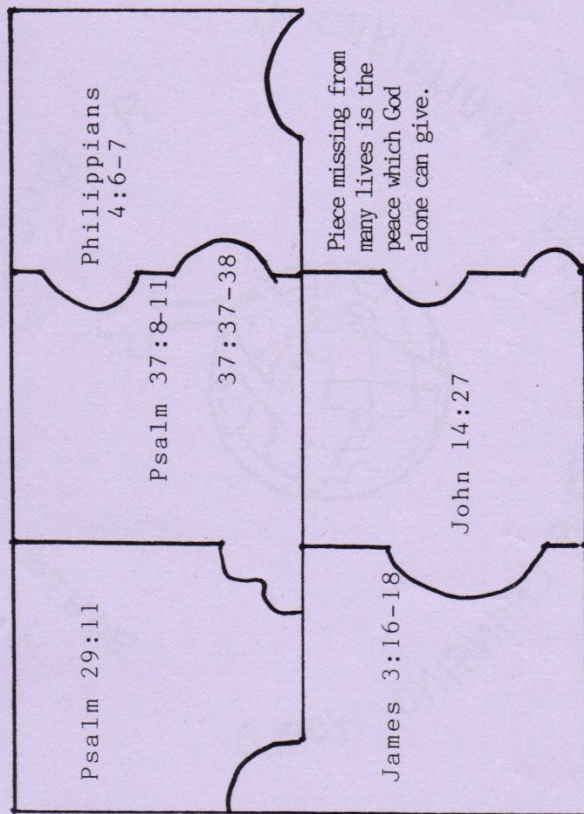
Chorus: 'His Name is Higher'

Prayer of Peace:

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift up his countenance  
on you  
And give you peace.



## PUZZLE OF PEACE



## THE PROMISE OF PEACE. JOHN 14:27

Peace is the quality of life and attitude of mind that we all want, but find so hard to come by. To the Hebrew of the Old Testament, it was the greatest blessing from God. Jewish people still greet each other with the word 'Peace'. To the Christian peace is truly found in Christ himself.

Response: Peace be with us all.

## PEACE PAST UNDERSTANDING. Philippians 4:6-7

We should commit all our ways to Him, leave all our problems in His hands and rest in peace. In times of difficulty, pain, sorrow and anxiousness we may know the peace of God which is beyond our logic.

Response: The peace of God which passes all understanding be with us all.

## PEACE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. Psalm 37:8-11, 37-38

Here are our instructions for a truly peaceful life. We may look at evil people, see their success and maybe envy them. But, at the end of the day, it is the blameless who achieve peace of heart. They have nowhere to go in their time of trouble, but always we have the peace of the Lord.

Response: Praise God for His peace.

## PEACE IN OUR WORLD. James 3:16-18

Our responsibility goes further than living in peace. For the world is God's world and we - as his children - have a duty towards it. There are many passages in the New Testament which make reference to humility and peaceful deference to one another of which we as Christians need to take heed.

Response: The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace. AMEN.

## PRAYER OF PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, forgiveness; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy, now and always, AMEN.



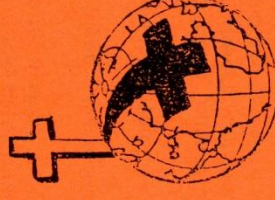
# **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ULVERSTONE**

**13th - 17th September 1993**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**15th September 1993**



**"Live in Love as Christ Loved us"**



## BIBLE STUDY - "LIVE IN LOVE AS CHRIST LOVED US"

### Read

John 13:31-35  
Ephesians 5:1,2

### 1. Results of Christ's love for God (verse 31, 32)

Complete unity between God and Jesus.

### 2. The command of love (verse 34)

"Love one another". This is an inescapable command.

### 3. The result of our love to Christ as we keep His command (verse 35)

"....and all will know that you are my disciples."

Unity with Jesus - unity with each other.

Discuss  
"Love must first be shown in our Church fellowship before the presence of Christ can be seen by those outside the fellowship."

### 4. The kind of love (verse 34)

"....as I have loved you."

Discuss  
"The word 'LOVE' outside of Christ is often a cover up for self seeking, self indulgence, possessiveness, undisciplined and perverted sexual behaviour etc".

Now read the qualities of Christian love listed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13.

### Discuss

What Jesus said about (serving) as we think about "living in love as Christ loved us".

Jesus said: "the leader among you must become like the one who serves". (Luke 22:26)

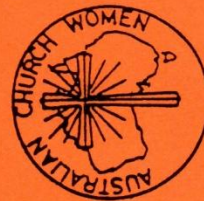
Jesus said: "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37) (after the story of the good Samaritan).

Jesus said: "If I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet". (John 13:14).

Jesus calls us to consider our obedience in love to the invitation of Christ to be like Him.

### To Ponder

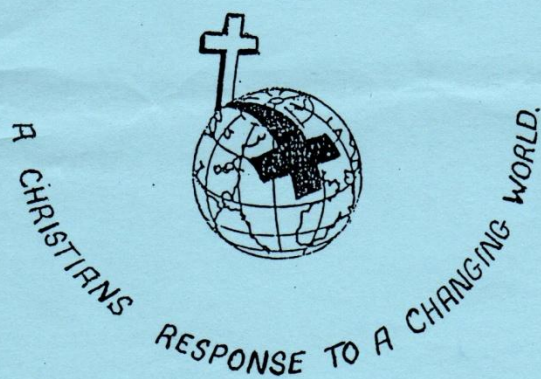
Through Christ we are invited to live the authentic lives for which we were created. Through Christ it is possible to "live in love as Christ loved us" (Ephesians 5:2), because by His sacrifice, He has broken the bonds of sin; the sin which had become the standard for our lives.







Australian Church Women  
National Conference  
Sept. 13th. ~ 17th. 1993



Opening Service  
St. Andrews Kirk  
Launceston  
Sept. 14th. 1993  
10.30 am

## **OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10.30 a.m.**

*Congregation please stand for the Procession of the Banners and the Official Party during which we will sing:*

**Hymn No. 12 – Stand up and bless the Lord**

**Welcome and Call to Worship:**

**Mrs Shirley Brooks – National President**

**Chorus: Every Neighbour in the World**

**Greeting:**

**Mrs Debbie Peck – Mayoress of Launceston**

**Prayer:**

**Mrs Joan Smith – National Committee Member**

**Prayer:**

**Mrs Alison Ison – National Treasurer**

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself not counting our sins against us, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**The Lord's Prayer ....**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace



and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Leader:**

We are the body of Christ.

**All:**

His spirit is with us.

**Leader:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:**

And also with you.

*We offer each other the sign of peace.*

**Hymn No. 5: Let us sing to the God of salvation.**

**Greeting: Miss Malai Mahamaneerat -**

1993 Winifred Kiek Scholar - introduced by **Miss Betty Brown**, National WKS Convenor.

**Reading:**

Jeremiah 7 : verses 1 to 7. (Good News Bible)  
**Miss Betty Brown**, Vice President.

**Reading:**

Romans 12 : verses 1 and 2, and 17 to 21  
**Mrs Marie Hewitt** - Vice President.

**Launceston Church Grammar School Choir**

Director: **Mrs Ann Morgan**

Accompanist: **Mr Geoffrey Clark**

**Hymn: Lord let me see.**

**Address: Mrs. Jill Tabart -**

President elect of Uniting Church of Australia. Introduced by Mrs Juanita Miller, National Convenor, Fellowship of the Least Coin.

*During a time of reflection, we will sing:*

**Hymn No. 94 – Father we adore you.**

**Prayers:**

**Mrs Alison Ison – National Treasurer.**

Lord God, we pray for your Church throughout the world, that Christians may respond wholeheartedly to your love by committing themselves to the service of your Kingdom, with faith strengthened by a living experience of Christ's presence, and with freedom and courage to follow where Christ leads, for the honour of his name.

**All**

Fit us to be your ambassadors in the world, imploring all people on Christ's behalf 'be reconciled to God'.

**Leader**

Lord God of love, you have taught us in your word, that we are members of the one body of Christ, each with a place to fill and a function to perform as members of Australian Church Women enable us, by your grace, to make our varying contributions humbly and unselfishly, to work in love and harmony, one with another, and to serve your honour not our own.

**All**

We will love our neighbours as ourselves, to bring unity and community.

**Leader**

God of Creation, we ask your blessing on our homes and families from which we have come, and to which we shall be returning.

Guide us as we meet together in this week of fellowship that we might think calmly and carefully, decide wisely and well, in order that everything may be done in accordance with your will. Help us to make your concerns our concerns, so that through us you may be able to carry on your work here in this changing world.

**All**

In your power we will follow you and may we heed your power and wisdom.



**Leader**

Lord, we bring before you our Winifred Kiek scholars both past and present, that the skills and knowledge they obtain be used for the benefit of their own people and their changing circumstances. May their energies be used creatively in your service and their choices based on what is true and of real value. May the scholars always find welcome and friendship in our homes, colleges and churches.

**All**

Warm us and give us your energy. Encourage us in the use of our gifts O God.

**Leader**

Compassionate Lord, remember in your mercy those who are passing through illness, and especially those ACW members and others we may be aware of. We pause for a moment to bring them before you. *(Pause)*.

**All**

In your love place your healing hand upon them, touch and heal them, knowing the presence of the God of love and peace.

**Leader**

Merciful Lord, we commend to your keeping those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially those families of ACW members recently departed. Give to them the peace that passes all understanding, and make them to know that neither death nor life can separate them from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

Console and comfort them in your love, bringing purpose and hope to their lives.

**Leader**

Almighty God, who in the fullness of time sent forth your son, born of a woman, pour out your grace and heavenly blessing on all women of the Church. Grant that as Jesus numbered women among his followers and received their ministry in his life, and at his death, so women of our day may serve as the handmaids of the Lord, adorned with the

gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, to tell out the greatness of the Lord to this and to all generations. Accept our prayers, those spoken aloud, and those in our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

Give us courage to live out your gospel in the world. Amen.

**Solo:**

**Mrs Pauline Nicholls** – introduced by Mrs Phyl Marsden – National Publicity Convenor.

**Hymn No. 310: Brother (sister) let me be your servant.**

**Benediction**

**Mrs Lorraine Davis** – National Committee Member.

*Stand for Recessional for Banners.*





We would like to thank the Launceston Church Grammar School choir for participating in the Service, together with Ann Morgan the director, and Geoffrey Clark the accompanist.

Thanks also to Bruce Spaulding and the Elders of St. Andrew's Kirk, Launceston,

our soloist Mrs. Pauline Nicholls, from Hobart,

and especially our organist, Mrs. Wyn Byard.



1

Lord, let me see, see more and more,  
See the beauty of a person, not the colour of his skin,  
See the faces of the homeless with no one to take them in,  
See discouragement because she'll never win,  
See the face of our Lord in the pain.  
Lord, let me see.

2

Lord, let me hear, hear more and more,  
Hear the sounds of great rejoicing, hear a person barely sigh,  
Hear the ring of truth, and hollowness of those who live a lie,  
Hear the wail of starving people who will die,  
Hear the voice of our Lord in the cry.  
Lord let me hear.

3

Lord, let me care, care more and more,  
Care for those who feel the loneliness, for those who have no say,  
Care for friends who have no job and find it hard to face the day,  
Care for those with whom we sing and work and pray,  
And in care Jesus Christ will be found.  
Lord, let me care.

4

Lord, let me learn, learn more and more,  
Learn that what I know is just a speck of what there is to know,  
Learn from listening to my brother when I'd rather speak and go,  
Learn that as we live in faith and trust we grow,  
Learn to see, hear, and care, with our Lord.  
Lord, let me learn.

5

Lord, let me love, love more and more,  
Love the loveless and the fragile, help them be what they can be,  
Love the way that I would like them to be looking after me,  
For to know you is to love them and be free,  
And in love Jesus Christ will be found.  
Lord, let me love.

Words and music: Ross Langmead

1

Take the hand of your Creator,  
Then reach out and tell your neighbours  
That they too may take the guiding hand of God.

2

Lead them gently to the Saviour,  
Let them see by your behaviour  
That your life is motivated by God's love.

3

Grasp their hands  
And place them in the hands of God,  
Lead them gently to the Saviour and your Lord.

4

Then, reach out, and tell your neighbours  
To reach out, and tell their neighbours  
That Christ died for every neighbour in the world.



Australian Church Women  
National Conference  
Sept. 15th. - 17th. 1993



Closing Service  
St Johns Church  
Devonport  
Sept. 17th. 1993  
11 a.m.



# 1993 National Conference of Australian Church Women

## Closing Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Greeting President: Mrs Shirley Brooks  
Hymn: "To God be the Glory" No 85 A/H  
Shared Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Prayer Chorus: "Thank you Jesus"  
Lords Prayer  
Bible Reading: Psalm 135 Verses 1-7, Versus 19-21  
Soloist Mrs Joan Tong: "Christ is all in all"  
Time of Testimony  
Introduction and Installation of New National Executive  
Prayer of Dedication  
Address: Mrs Eunice Riedy National President  
Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"  
An Act of Benediction and Reading

As we leave the church row by row we will sing "Shine Jesus  
Shine" If you desire, light you candle and keep it burning until  
you have left the church.

## How Great Thou Art

- 1 O LORD my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:  
How Great Thou art, how great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing;  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

Chorus

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Chorus



## JONAH

### Jonah rebels against his mission

1 The word of Yahweh was addressed to Jonah son of Amittai: 'Up!' he said  
 2 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and inform them that their wickedness has  
 3 become known to me.' •Jonah decided to run away from Yahweh, and to go to  
 Tarshish.\* He went down to Joppa and found a ship bound for Tarshish; he  
 4 paid his fare and went aboard, to go with them to Tarshish, to get away from  
 Yahweh. •But Yahweh unleashed a violent wind on the sea, and there was such  
 5 a great storm at sea that the ship threatened to break up. •The sailors took  
 fright, and each of them called on his own god, and to lighten the ship they  
 6 threw the cargo overboard. Jonah, however, had gone below and lain down in  
 the hold and fallen fast asleep. •The boatswain came upon him and said, 'What  
 7 do you mean by sleeping? Get up! Call on your god! Perhaps he will spare us  
 a thought, and not leave us to die.' •Then they said to each other, 'Come on,  
 8 let us draw lots to find out who is responsible for bringing this evil on us'.  
 So they cast lots, and the lot fell to Jonah. •Then they said to him, 'Tell us,  
 9 what is your business? Where do you come from? What is your country? What  
 is your nationality?' •He replied, 'I am a Hebrew, and I worship Yahweh, the  
 10 God of heaven, who made the sea and the land'. •The sailors were seized with  
 terror at this and said, 'What have you done?' They knew that he was trying to  
 11 escape from Yahweh, because he had told them so. •They then said, 'What are  
 we to do with you, to make the sea grow calm for us?' For the sea was growing  
 12 rougher and rougher. •He replied, 'Take me and throw me into the sea, and  
 then it will grow calm for you. For I can see it is my fault this violent storm has  
 13 happened to you.' •The sailors rowed hard in an effort to reach the shore, but  
 14 in vain, since the sea grew still rougher for them. •They then called on Yahweh  
 and said, 'O Yahweh, do not let us perish for taking this man's life; do not hold  
 us guilty of innocent blood; for you, Yahweh, have acted as you have thought  
 15 right'. •And taking hold of Jonah they threw him into the sea; and the sea grew  
 16 calm again. •At this the men were seized with dread of Yahweh; they offered  
 a sacrifice to Yahweh and made vows.

### Jonah is saved

1 Yahweh had arranged that a great fish should be there to swallow Jonah;  
 2 and Jonah remained in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.  
 3 From the belly of the fish he prayed to Yahweh, his God; he said:  
 4 'Out of my distress I cried to Yahweh  
 and he answered me;  
 from the belly of Sheol I cried,  
 and you have heard my voice.  
 You cast me into the abyss, into the heart of the sea,  
 and the flood surrounded me.  
 All your waves, your billows,  
 washed over me.

\* Tarshish, the end of the world; Tartessus in Spain



And I said: I am cast out  
 from your sight.  
 How shall I ever look again  
 on your holy Temple?  
 The waters surrounded me right to my throat,  
 the abyss was all around me.  
 The seaweed was wrapped round my head  
 at the roots of the mountains.  
 I went down into the countries underneath the earth,  
 to the peoples of the past.  
 But you lifted my life from the pit,  
 Yahweh, my God.  
 While my soul was fainting within me,  
 I remembered Yahweh,  
 and my prayer came before you  
 into your holy Temple.  
 Those who serve worthless idols  
 forfeit the grace that was theirs.  
 'But I, with a song of praise,  
 will sacrifice to you.  
 The vow I have made, I will fulfil.  
 Salvation comes from Yahweh.'

Yahweh spoke to the fish, which then vomited Jonah on to the shore.

#### The conversion of Nineveh and God's pardon

3 The word of Yahweh was addressed a second time to Jonah: 'Up!' he said  
 1/2 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' 'Jonah  
 3 set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh  
 was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. 'Jonah went  
 4 on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only  
 forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed'. 'And the people of  
 5 Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the  
 greatest to the least. 'The news reached the king of Nineveh, who rose from his  
 6 throne, took off his robe, put on sackcloth and sat down in ashes. 'A procla-  
 7 mation was then promulgated throughout Nineveh, by decree of the king and  
 his ministers, as follows: 'Men and beasts, herds and flocks, are to taste nothing;  
 they must not eat, they must not drink water. 'All are to put on sackcloth and  
 8 call on God with all their might; and let everyone renounce his evil behaviour  
 and the wicked things he has done. 'Who knows if God will not change his  
 9 mind and relent, if he will not renounce his burning wrath, so that we do not  
 perish?' 'God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented:  
 10 he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

#### The grievance of the prophet and God's answer

4 Jonah was very indignant at this; he fell into a rage. 'He prayed to Yahweh  
 1/2 and said, 'Ah! Yahweh, is not this just as I said would happen when I was  
 still at home? That was why I went and fled to Tarshish: I knew that you were  
 a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, relenting  
 from evil. 'So now Yahweh, please take away my life, for I might as well be dead  
 3 as go on living.' 'Yahweh replied, 'Are you right to be angry?' 'Jonah then  
 4 went out of the city and sat down to the east of the city. There he made himself  
 a shelter and sat under it in the shade, to see what would happen to the city.  
 Then Yahweh God arranged that a castor-oil plant should grow up over Jonah  
 6 to give shade for his head and soothe his ill-humour; Jonah was delighted with  
 the castor-oil plant. 'But at dawn the next day, God arranged that a worm  
 7

8 should attack the castor-oil plant—and it withered. •Next, when the sun rose, God arranged that there should be a scorching east wind; the sun beat down so hard on Jonah's head that he was overcome and begged for death, saying, 9 'I might as well be dead as go on living'. •God said to Jonah, 'Are you right to be angry about the castor-oil plant?' He replied, 'I have every right to be 10 angry, to the point of death'. •Yahweh replied, 'You are only upset about a castor-oil plant which cost you no labour, which you did not make grow, 11 which sprouted in a night and has perished in a night. •And am I not to feel sorry for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, to say nothing of all the animals?'

Let us now break up into groups to share among ourselves our response as God asks each one of us to represent him in the changing world of 1993.

1. What are some of the difficulties you face in bearing Christian witness today?
  - are these difficulties in the circumstances?
  - are some within yourself?
2. Most of us are not sent to convert cities!
  - where are the opportunities for me to bear witness?
  - how do I bear Christian witness?