

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

25 November



White Ribbon Day: Highlighting the positive role men can play in helping to stop violence against women

White Ribbon Day is the largest effort by men across the world, working in partnership with women, to end men's violence against women. Men wear a white ribbon to show that they will not condone or commit violence against women and to show their support for ending this violence.

White Ribbon Day focuses on the positive roles that men can play in helping to stop violence against women. The white ribbon represents a personal pledge not to condone acts of violence nor to commit violence, an affirmation of the belief that violence is unacceptable, and a statement of support for action to end violence against women.

Most men do not use violence. A minority of men treat women and girls with contempt and violence, and it is up to the majority of men to help create a culture in which this is unacceptable.

The White Ribbon campaign takes place around the world. In Australia, the campaign is organised in part by UNIFEM, working in partnership with men and men's organisations. A variety of prominent Australian men have become Ambassadors for the campaign, while grassroots and community support is growing.

White Ribbon Day takes place on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Your support is vital. To find out more, go to <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au>



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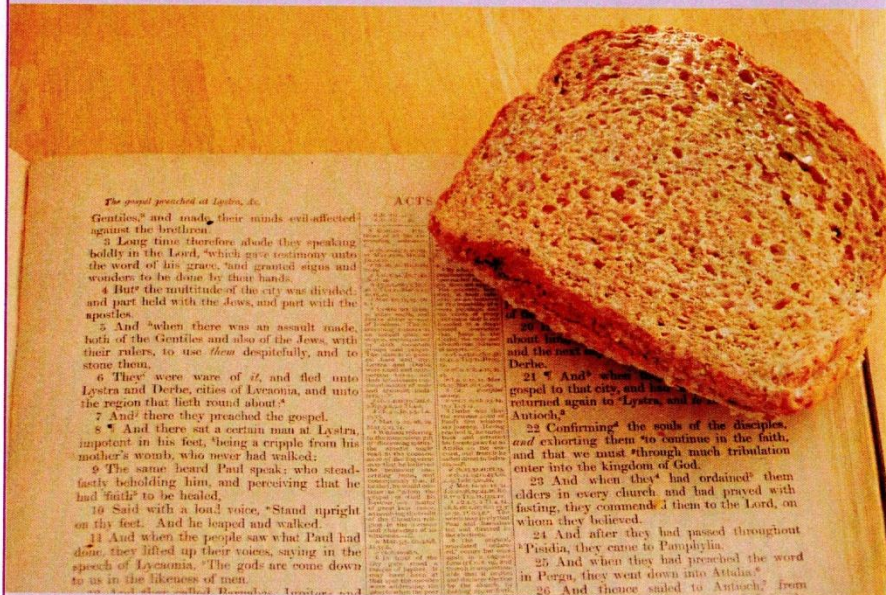
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Sharing the Loaf



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Mission Statement

Australian Church Women seeks to unite Christian women across denominational boundaries to promote peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

President's Greeting

Dear Friends,
Greetings in the name of Jesus our Risen Lord!

Since our last newsletter we have celebrated those two great occasions in the Christian Church—Easter and Pentecost.

What a thrill it is to join with other Christians on Easter Sunday and sing:

Christ the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah!

I delight in hearing and reading the accounts of the resurrection and the part the women played. They had the responsibility of sharing the good news—He had risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene took the message to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Soon after Easter we heard the news that the two trapped miners from Beaconsfield, Tasmania, were alive. One television announcer said that the mother of one of the miners was walking down the main street sharing the good news—he's alive, he's alive. People all around Australia were rejoicing with the good news of this miracle.

Even more so we rejoice because of the miracle of Easter, the good news that Jesus is alive. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the central fact of Christian history. Without it there would be no Christian church today.

As Christian women we have the privilege of 'Sharing the Loaf' with others. We have good news to share—He is risen, He is alive. We praise God for His Spirit, the Holy Spirit who empowers us for living and serving Him.

Thank you for your prayers for the National Executive; it's good to intercede for each other knowing that our God hears and answers prayer.

On two occasions my surgery was postponed because of tests that needed to be done. At last I have had the surgery and I'm feeling good. Mrs Barbara Lacy OAM, National Secretary, had her hip surgery and is walking well and enjoying a well earned holiday. And Mrs Beth Skilbeck, Special Days Convener, had hand surgery, which has now healed.

We were saddened by the passing of our dear friend Margaret Watson—National Treasurer—a woman of dedication, integrity and commitment to Australian Church Women. Thank you for your concern and prayer support for Margaret's family. Please continue to pray for them as they adjust to life without Margaret.

We are grateful to Mrs Iris Bray for accepting the responsibility of National Treasurer and for her assistance to Margaret during her ill health.



Please pray for our sisters in Nepal, Pakistan, Dili, and other areas of Asia where there is unrest and danger.

Let us remember that our God reigns even though there is unrest, problems and concerns in the world, and be encouraged by the words of Charles Wesley (1707–1788):

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

(Public Domain)

National Conference will be held from 24–28 September 2007 at the Geelong Conference Centre, 55 minutes from Melbourne and situated in the Geelong Eastern Gardens, surrounded by 80 hectares of parkland. It is just minutes from Geelong's CBD and Eastern Beach. Geelong Conference Centre offers a relaxing environment for conferences, and all rooms have ensuites. There is a games area or you can relax in the pool and spa. There's even a well-equipped gymnasium for those who like to work out!! Please put this in your diary and plan to attend; it will be a great time of Christian women fellowshiping together and celebrating God.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely,
Elaine Johnson (Major)
National President

Sympathy

Mrs Margaret Eileen Watson AM, National Treasurer of Australian Church Women, passed away on Friday 29 September 2006 following her illness with cancer, which was diagnosed in early April. We pray God's comfort and strength on her husband Frank and members of the family.

We thank God for Margaret's many years of faithful and dedicated service to Australian Church Women, to both the Victorian Unit and more recently National Executive. Her work was always of the highest quality.



A recent photo of the National Executive meeting at Margaret's home during her illness. Absent from photo Lola Adam and Joan Maher.

Special Days

Fellowship Day (FD)

The 2007 Fellowship Day order of service is being prepared by the WA Unit.

World Community Day (WCD)

The theme for 2006 is 'A Little Becomes a Lot in the Master's Hands', and the Special Project to be supported by this year's World Community Day is the 'Merrijig' Centre operated by the Catholic Church.

'Merrijig' is a vital part of the Joseph's Corner programme run by the Catholic Westgate Deanery in Melbourne's western suburbs to support families living with drug and alcohol addiction. At 'Merrijig' a free drop-in centre provides a safe haven for young people. This free service does not receive government funding and it relies on donations and the invaluable work of volunteers. 'Merrijig' has applied for funding to support the running costs of activities at their centre e.g. Art & Craft.

Please Note: Applications for the Special Project for World Community Day 2007 must be submitted to National Executive by 1 March 2007.



Special Days

Fellowship Day

Fellowship Day is observed, where possible, on the last Friday in July. Offerings made on this day support the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

World Community Day

World Community Day is observed, where possible, on the last Friday in October. Offerings made on this day are divided equally between Asian Church Women's Conference and a Special Project nominated by Australian Church Women. At the World Community Day service, Fellowship of the Least Coin donations are also brought for dedication.

World Day of Prayer

Australian Church Women encourages the observance of the World Day of Prayer held annually on the first Friday in March.

Please advertise and support these Special Days as they have a significant role in assisting the disadvantaged, both locally and overseas, besides their obvious contribution to unity in the body of Christ.

Australian Women's Coalition (AWC)

Key Issues Consultation Reports (*)

As part of the Australian Women's Coalition's new contract with the Office for Women AWC is required to produce two Key Issues Consultation Reports. One of these was due on 31 May 2006 and the other is due on 30 November 2006.



The purpose of the Key Issues Consultation Reports is to:

- Identify the four issues of most concern to the members of the secretariat's organisations;
- Demonstrate the consultation process used to determine how the issues were identified and how agreement was reached by all member organisations on the four priority issues; and
- Identify specific aspects of these issues about which there is insufficient current knowledge.

The ultimate aim of the Key Issues Consultation Reports is for the joint secretariat meeting to determine the four most pressing issues for their collective constituent organisations to recommend to Government for further research.

AWC recently presented its first Key Issues Consultation Report to a meeting of the other national women's Secretariats and the Office for Women in Melbourne. The report highlighted the feedback AWC received from widespread consultations about current issues of most concern to the women of Australia.

It is estimated that in excess of 1,000 women provided input to the consultations and around 55-60 separate issues were identified. AWC grouped the issues that were identified into four main categories of concern. They are:

- Health
- Mistreatment/Violence
- Family/Work/Life Balance
- Education/Training/Community

Following further consultation with the other national women's secretariats and the Office for Women, AWC will now work in partnership with one or more of the other secretariats to more specifically analyse some of the issues raised in the consultations. It is anticipated that the outcome of this process will be very specific input into policy development and the formulation of realistic, tangible strategies to address particular issues.

(*) Extracts from Australian Women's Coalition website <http://awcaus.org.au>

The key objectives of the Australian Women's Coalition are to:

- increase communication within the women's sector;
- clearly identify the needs of women represented by the consortium partners; and
- initiate policies, programs and partnerships to address these needs

Reply of Australian Church Women to Key Issues Consultation March 2006

Key Issue: Mental Health

At the National Conference of ACW in October 2005, the following motion was passed, after the Western Australian Unit had proposed it:

“That this Conference of Australian Church Women expresses deep concern at the level of mental health funding throughout Australia; particularly as it affects the mental health of young Australians, those in rural areas, and the lack of properly resourced community care. We urge both Federal and State governments to give urgent attention to the identification of areas of critical need and to provide adequate funding to address these immediately, as well as further developing productive partnerships between government and community groups.”

Specific Concern About the Key Issue:

The motion went on to say that we affirm our belief in the value of such partnerships, as exemplified in the Federally funded “Mind Matters and Families Matter” programs, (www.acsso.org.au) in encouraging prevention and early intervention and breaking down barriers of prejudice and stigma which isolate mental health patients from the community whose support they need for full rehabilitation.

Specific Recommendation:

Church women become aware of unmet needs through a large variety of outreach programs. For example, the inadequacy of suitable accommodation for many highly dependent people in rooming houses frequently leaves them without food for meals at weekends.

Consultation Process Used:

This issue was raised at the National Conference of 80 women from all states and six major denominations. The issue was discussed there and subsequently in state units. Letters were sent to Federal and State Health Ministers and other politicians, and their replies were considered at ACW state unit meetings. Unit meetings vary in number from state to state between 20 and 40.

Any Other Comments:

The Canberra unit forwarded a paper recording a talk given by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a leading Adolescent Psychologist in parenting and adolescent mental

health. In it he describes the reasons for increased risk in today's society- earlier puberty, increased divorce rate, decline in social capital and the rise of the second family. He suggests a resilience model that can help a young person to face, overcome, strengthen and transform him/her self by facing adversity.

As discussions continue, it is interesting to see that our emphasis has tended to be with programs that might help to prevent mental illness in the young.

Second Key Issues Consultation Project

The Impact of Life/Work/Family Balance Issues on Women's Health and Vice Versa

This Consultation Project aims to survey a representative sample of Australian women with a view to getting a snapshot of the impact of life/work/family balance issues on women's health, and vice versa. Specifically, it aims to:

- Determine the life/work/family balance issues which impact on women's health status.
- Determine how women's health status impacts on life/work/family balance issues.
- Determine to what extent there is a reciprocal relationship between life/work/family balance issues and women's health status.
- Investigate what family, community, social, economic and/or cultural changes and/or services may assist women in achieving a positive life/work/family balance and optimum health status in so far as there is a reciprocal relationship between the two.

The Australian Women's Coalition has a membership of nineteen national women's organisations, representing a large and very diverse range of women. Each member organisation will distribute the survey about life/work/family balance issues and women's health, and the relationship between the two to a broad and extensive range of Australian women. An analysis of the data will then be undertaken with AWC's report on the Second Key Issues Consultation Project due to be completed by the end of November 2006.

Surveys were distributed to Australian Church Women Units, and these were due back 29 September.

Further project details and Australian Women's Coalition newsletters can be downloaded from their website:

<http://awcaus.org.au/Home.htm>

Adapted from Anne Murray's report, Australian Women's Coalition Delegate

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

Greetings have been sent to Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration of the FLC Prayer Movement, which will be celebrated at the Quadrennial Assembly of the ACWC on 9–12 October 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

A parcel of FLC supplies was received from Dr Esther Byu, Executive Secretary ICFLC. This was timely as large orders have recently been received from units requesting FLC brochures, prayer cards, money boxes and *Circle of Prayer* (*) booklets.

FLC grants totalling US\$125,000 have been allocated worldwide for 2006 projects. Considering that the FLC is not a donor agency or organisation, but rather a Prayer Movement which receives least coins given in love, these gifts are a testimony to the gracious provision of God.

Australia has received a grant of US\$4,500 for the Lutheran Community Sewing Group at Albert Park in South Australia. The aim of this group is to teach basic sewing in a secure and Christian environment to new arrivals from other cultures, and to assist them to purchase their own sewing machines. The sewing classes began over two years ago when three Sudanese women were taken to a craft group to use their two sewing machines.

This year the sewing group commenced with 34 women from five countries. These women brought with them 35 pre-schoolers who are cared for by qualified volunteer crèche workers. The women were all new arrivals in Australia and they represented eight language groups from ethnic minorities. Almost all have come from countries and circumstances where justice and peace have been largely absent.

The sewing group has become a safe place where people can gather, not just to learn to sew, but to work through issues relating to healing of relationships, both within and between the different groups. The venue has also allowed time to be spent on other issues including nutrition, health, literacy, and social concerns.

Lola Adam, Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener

(*) *Circle of Prayer* booklet:

The International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) publishes a booklet to enhance individual or group meditation and prayer. The international character of the publication helps to bring women in diverse societies together as one in Christ.



Celebrating Moments of Grace (*)

I have been experiencing moments of grace or, in other words, 'eternal moments in time' as I have been preparing for the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration of the Fellowship of the Least Coin Prayer Movement.

I have been receiving greetings, prayers, words of gratitude, appreciation, affirmation and encouragement; comments and suggestions on how the Jubilee should be celebrated in a meaningful way; questions on how to celebrate and participate in the Jubilee; requests for guidelines for applying FLC grants; enthusiasm and excitement about coming to Malaysia for the Jubilee celebration.

All these keep me pretty alive and busy. However, amidst all these excitements and expectations, I was surprised and rewarded by moments of grace that inspired me to be still, to give thanks in awe and to understand what it is to live the Jubilee. To name a few experiences of such moments of grace ...

While worrying whether we would have enough FLC funds to pay for the allocated project grants in 2006 and how to cope with preparations for the FLC's Jubilee, I received an email message from a sister from Lebanon saying, 'Worry is like a rocking chair, it makes you do something but you don't reach anywhere. So, we should live by faith and not feelings.' (She didn't know that I was worrying.)

A sister came all the way from Fiji to Bangkok in order to help me read and check the first draft of the manuscript of the FLC's Anniversary Jubilee Book and to also prepare special celebration programmes. When I asked her why she made such a long journey and spent a week working with me, she said in a quiet manner, 'I want to celebrate FLC's Jubilee. It is my contribution toward the Jubilee.'

These 'moments of Grace', including many others which have not been mentioned, made a great impact and lasting effect in my life, teaching me how to live a life of Jubilee.

Is it not a life of Jubilee to help others become liberated as much as being liberated like ourselves? ...

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name ... and do not forget all God's benefits. Psalm 103:1–2

Esther Byu
Executive Secretary, ICFLC

(*) Excerpts from FLC Messages and Reports 2006



Asian Church Women's Conference

The 13th General Assembly of Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) is almost upon us. National reports have been collected from each country to be included in the General Assembly book; President Annam has paid a deposit to the hotel where the Assembly will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 9–12 October; and many other tasks are being finalised.



The April–June copy of ACWC News has been distributed and we now have details of our speakers for the General Assembly. They are:

- Ms Gloria M Santos from the Philippines, the lecturer for Bible Study 1 'Celebrating the Legacy'
- Ms Monica Melanchthon from India, the lecturer for Bible Study 2 'Visioning the Future'
- Ms Yong Ting Jin from Malaysia, the lecturer for Bible Study 3 'Living the Jubilee'.

Sincere expressions of thanks were received from executive members of ACWC regarding Australia's donation of \$824.60 AUD towards assisting Myanmar and Bangladesh to send delegates to the Assembly.

'Praise the Lord! We have been waiting to receive a response to support those two countries and now our prayer has been heard. It will mean a lot to the delegates who will be able to join the Assembly as the voting delegates by receiving your love gift. Thank you very much for your action on helping those delegates ...' (Excerpt from thank you note from Yasuko Nakayama, ACWC Treasurer.)

The voting delegates for Australia are:

- Pat Walker (SA Unit)—current National Representative to ACWC, 2002–2006, and Executive Committee member of ACWC
- Capt. Donna Bryan (Vic. Unit)—incoming National Representative, 2006–2010
- Major Laurel Pearce (WA Unit)
- Kaylea Fearn (Vic. Unit)

Australia will be well represented at this Assembly by 22 participants, many of whom are very grateful to Rev. Lee Edwards in organising their travel arrangements and subsequent tour for 19 of the delegates.

As of 26 September, 225 people from 22 countries have registered to attend.

The following issues will be discussed at the Assembly:

- Natural disasters
- Violence against women and trafficking of women
- Empowerment of youth and young adult women
- HIV/AIDS
- Multicultural/faith.

The conclusions reached in these discussions will become the foundation in developing the 13th ACWC Assembly's statement.

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) is to assist in funding two women from East Timor to attend the General Assembly as observers. This decision was made after the proposed visit to East Timor had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour after the conflict in Dili became apparent.

Shu-Wen Chiang, Executive Secretary ACWC, reports on *The Unfinished East Timor Trip*:

'According to the original plan between the Church Council of Asia, CCA and the ACWC, we hoped to establish liaison for a mission in East Timor.

'We set the date of visitation to East Timor on 05–10 May 2006. The team members of the visitation were: 1) Ms. Cora Tabing-Reyes (CCA), coordinator of the team, 2) Ms. Shu-Wen Chiang, Executive Secretary of Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC), 3) Ms. Pat Walker, Executive Committee member of ACWC, and 4) Rev. Rosmalia Barus-Lokollo, the Women's Desk of the Church Council of Indonesia, CCI. She also is the ACWC Nat'l Rep.

'The objective is to make a connection between the ecumenical women of Asia and the church women in Timor Loro Sae as sisters in the body of Christ. Specifically, it is (1) to establish friendship, (2) to listen to each other's concerns and (3) to identify how Timorese women can be connected with the Asian ecumenical women for shared vision, partnership and support.

'Following our schedule, we hoped to worship with local churches and have fellowship meetings with local church women; gain an understanding of women's issues in East Timor and visit NGO's like East Timorese Women Against Violence (ETWAVE); Fokupers (The East Timorese Women's Communication Forum); REDE: Feto Timor Lorosae (Timorese Women's Network)

'I was the first person of the team who arrived in Bali Island to transit for the flight to East Timor on 04 May. But the visitation had to be cancelled because of the unstable political conditions in East Timor so I took the next flight on the same day back to Taiwan. Therefore I only stayed in Bali Island for one hour.

'Although we couldn't reach East Timor as planned, our Lord didn't terminate our hope for a chance of developing mission in East Timor.

'After a discussion between the CCA, the ACWC and Indonesia, we reached a conclusion for connection with East Timor: Since the CCA has received money from a partner who can help us with the initial exploration of the Women's Ecumenical Accompaniment for a Vision and Empowerment (WEAVE) project in East Timor, we will take the 13th ACWC Assembly as an opportunity to invite 2 women leaders to attend the ACWC GA as observers to give them ecumenical exposure. The CCA can help pay for their travel expense. We can meet with them and see about the next steps to help and show solidarity with our sisters in East Timor. As we are limited by language, the ACWC Indonesia member will play an important role to communicate with East Timor and to facilitate communication with the East Timor participants of the Assembly.

'God never totally closes the door for developing the mission. We still have hope.'

[This article and accompanying photos features in the April-June copy of ACWC News.]

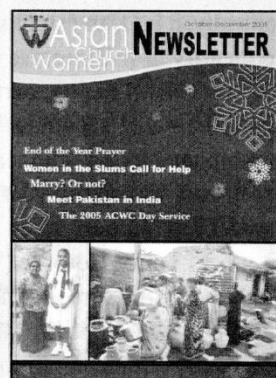
The ACWC News also contains a moving story from Rev. Valamotu Palu of Tonga on how God touched her family. Vala was a guest at the 2005 ACW National Conference in Sydney.

Adapted from Pat Walker's report, Australian Representative to ACWC

Asian Church Women's Conference Newsletter

Unless your unit has access to this valuable publication you will miss out on important Asian news. Please urge your denominational groups to promote the ACWC News among their women's guilds.

Annual subscription costs A\$12.00 for four copies. Please speak to your Unit Secretary if you wish to subscribe or increase your order.



Prayers for Asian Church Women's Conference

HEAVENLY FATHER,

- † We pray for members of Australian Church Women attending the ACWC Assembly and FLC's 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration in Malaysia. May they enjoy the experience of working and praying with our Asian sisters.
- † We give thanks for the ICFLC grants around the world. We pray that with the assistance of our sister countries all member countries and invited guests will be able to attend the Assembly and fulfil the dream the Lord gave to Shanti Solomon!
- † We pray for the consolation of our Christian women living in countries under very adverse conditions, especially for our sisters not permitted to travel to the Assembly.
- † We continue to pray for the women of Mongolia and East Timor as they consider membership of ACWC and attendance at the Assembly.
- † We continue to pray for our Prayer Partner, Hong Kong, and their crisis centre for women who are victims of sexual violence.
- † We especially ask for Your grace for all of our Asian sisters as they recover from the natural disasters that have devastated so many of their countries during this past year.



AMEN

Editor's Note:

A special thank you to Pat Walker for all her hard work in preparing for the Assembly. Not only has she faithfully attended to a mountain of paperwork and kept up with her other commitments, but she has also made 23 T-shirts and organised props for Australia's presentation at the cultural night. (I hope customs allows entry to the horses travelling in her suitcase.)

Winifred Kiek Scholarship (WKS)

I was sorry to receive the news that Mrs Betty Farrell, WKS Convener for ACT Unit, had to resign earlier this year because of ill health. We all wish you well Betty and thank you for your faithful service. Jacqueline Hipwell is welcomed to the appointment of WKS Convener, ACT Unit, and we pray God's blessing upon you.



We congratulate Vivian Cheung, current scholar, and her husband Eric on the birth of their first child, a son, on 15 August. The baby has been named Alexander, and we pray for this family as they adjust to new joys and challenges.

2007 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Recipients

The 2007 scholars have been accepted. They are:

- Cathy Paraka from Papua New Guinea who is in ministry associated with the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea;
- and Leinamau Manrogoana from Vanuatu who is associated with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and the Vanuatu Christian Council of Churches.

Una Birtchnell, National Convener of the WKS

Winifred

Book Review by Margaret Greenslade, SA Unit.

Originally printed in 1978, with a reprint in 2005, *Winifred*—the biography of Winifred Kiek, is the life story of a very remarkable woman, told by another remarkable woman—her daughter, Margaret Knauerhase. Margaret is now in her 92nd year.

Australian Church Women founded the **Winifred Kiek Scholarship (WKS)** in 1965. The purpose of this Scholarship is to provide training for Christian women in Theological Studies and/or Lay Leadership, equipping them to be a Minister of the Word, Deacon, Deaconess, or for specific areas of Lay Leadership.

The Scholarship is offered to Christian women in three areas, in rotation:

- Multicultural Australia
- Pacific Island Nations
- Member countries of Asian Church Women's Conference.

The WKS Trustees administer the selection of, and the finances of, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship on behalf of Australian Church Women, and act as an advisory body to the National Executive and National Convener.

Winifred, born in Manchester, England, in 1884, was the second of three children whose parents strictly followed the Quaker faith and discipline. The family had little money, but much love, and this family atmosphere set and kept her standards for her life time.

Trained as a teacher, Winifred graduated in 1907, and even at that time she showed qualities of leadership and the ability to speak at meetings. After a 'story book' courtship, Winifred married Edward Kiek, a young Congregational minister, and joined the Congregational Fellowship. This period of Winifred's life provided opportunities for utilising her skills in organisation and public speaking, particularly when involving women.

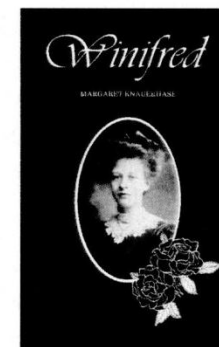
In 1919 Edward accepted the position of Principal of Parkin College in Adelaide. The family, now with three children, made the long journey to begin a new life in Australia.

This opened a new life for Winifred, who began studies which were to take her into the ministry. She was the first woman to gain a Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Melbourne. Ordained in 1927, Winifred was the first woman in Australia to achieve this goal—but she still found time to be involved in temperance work, work with peace movements and other work among women, but at the same time still maintained her role as wife and mother. Margaret writes, "To me she was not only mother, but pastor, teacher and close companion of mind and soul for a lifetime".

Always prepared to use modern methods, Winifred drove the seven mile each way trip to her parish at Colonel Light Gardens each Sunday with the three children in the back seat of her new Chevrolet, travelling at a cautious 17 mph (the legal speed limit at that time was 20 mph!).

Puppetry with marionettes was another of her innovations to get a message across.

Winifred held executive positions on many organisations at state, national and international level, which meant considerable travel. The international visits gave opportunities for insight into the great needs of women. One such visit to Sri Lanka sowed the seed for a possible idea whereby a Christian student could be assisted to undertake further study. In 1965, Australian Church Women enabled this idea to become a reality when the Winifred Kiek Scholarship was founded to provide the means for a student to have further training, to enable them to become leaders in their church and the community in which they lived.



The Winifred Kiek Scholarship still operates today, assisting women from Asia and the Pacific Islands as well as Australia. Australian Church Women honoured Winifred for her contribution to church women both in South Australia, nationally and internationally, by conferring Life Membership on her in her 90th year. Interestingly, Margaret Knauerhase has also been honoured with Life Membership in South Australia.

With her Quaker upbringing and pacifist background, Winifred realised that for peace to happen pacifism was not enough. She wrote: "We cannot create a climate of peace without a public conscience aware of world needs, and groups ready to face responsibilities." As well as being involved with societies working for peace, Winifred was interested in organisations seeking to improve conditions for women, whether it be intellectual, physical, emotional or spiritual improvement.

With such intimate contact with her mother, Margaret has included many photographs of interest—both of formal and family occasions—covering the 91 years of Winifred's life, showing this lady was a warm, caring woman, who enjoyed and appreciated all things of God's creation.

[If you wish to purchase a copy of *Winifred* please speak to your Unit Secretary.]

Anti-Poverty Week focuses on poverty around the world, including Australia. It includes the UN's International Anti-Poverty Day, 17 October,

The Week's main aims are to:

- strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship;
- encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

The website www.antipovertyweek.org.au includes basic fact sheets, promotional material, a calendar of activities and links to other sources of information and ideas. It also includes contact details for the National Office and the Co-Chairs in each State

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 2006 15 – 21 OCTOBER

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Dates to Note

October

- 10 World Mental Health Day
- 11 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 15-21 Anti-Poverty Week
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- 24 United Nations Day
- 25-31 International Week Without Violence

November

- 11 Remembrance Day
- 16 International Day of Tolerance
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day)
- 26 Last Sunday of the Church Year - Western (Gregorian Calendar)

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