

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

June 12, 1963.

Mrs. A. Pearson,
89 Chatsworth Road,
Greenslopes,
Brisbane, Q'land.

Dear Mrs. Pearson,

The Interim Committee of Australian Church Women would be very grateful if one of its members could visit your Council to explain Australian Church Women, to answer questions and to enlist your cooperation for this ecumenical adventure. In conversation with Mrs. M. Read while she was in Sydney recently I gathered that the Women's Inter-Church Council of Queensland would be glad to have a speaker from the Interim Committee.

I am writing to you now to tell you that Mrs. F. McKay will be in Brisbane in connection with the A.I.M. in July next. Her meeting with the A.I.M. is on Friday, July 26, but she is prepared to travel to Brisbane on Wednesday, 24th on the morning 'plane and to be available for meeting with the W.I.C.C. on either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning or afternoon. I do not know when your meetings are usually held, but I do hope that you will be able to arrange for your Executive to meet Mrs. McKay when she is in Brisbane.

I have recently visited the W.I.C.C. in Melbourne and the U.C.W.A. in Adelaide and I realised how important it is for the W.I.C.C. and the Interim Committee that interstate visits be made, questions and criticisms answered and suggestions received. Australia is large, and W.I.C.C.'s differ from State to State, making it very desirable that the Interim Committee make personal contact with each existing women's ecumenical group. I do hope that you will be able to organise this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs),
Convener.

Answered on July 9th
confirming plan and
date.

Maureen McKay

89 Bhatnagar Rd
Greenslopes
Brisbane
14th June 1963

19 JUN 1963

M^{rs} Mabel G. Wylie
Convener
Interim Committee of Australian Church Women

Dear M^{rs} Wylie,

I received your letter of
the 12th Instant, and at once got in touch
with the President of the Women's Inter-Church
Council of Queensland. Our last council
meeting took place on 31st May, so we
have decided to call a special meeting of
the delegates. We will be pleased to
meet M^{rs} J. McKay and hear her on
the subject of Australian Church Women, and
thank her for her willingness to come.

The only time available is on Wednesday
afternoon (24th July) at 2 p.m. and we
meet in the Ann Street Presbyterian Church
Hall. M^{rs} McKay knows this Hall.

Looking forward to this meeting and
thanking you for arranging it,

Yours sincerely
(M^{rs}) A. Pearson.

July 19, 1963

Mrs. A. Pearson,
Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council,
89 Chatsworth Road,
Greenslopes.
Brisbane, Q'land

Dear Mrs. Pearson,

You will remember that in May of this year the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women sent out a statement of its purpose and aims to all Federal and State denominational women's groups and the Women's Inter-Church Councils in all States where they existed. There has been considerable discussion of this project and many groups have replied expressing their interest in this movement and asking for more information regarding the basis of Australian Church Women, and concerning the next steps which they can take to become part of ACW.

At its meeting on July 3 the Interim Committee resolved to invite the existing women's ecumenical organisations which operate on a State basis to become the State Councils of Australian Church Women. There is a copy of the document "Suggestions for a more formal structure of Australian Church Women" enclosed with this letter. This document sets out the basis on which this invitation is extended.

I am writing to you now to extend the invitation to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Queensland to become the State Council of Australian Church Women for Queensland.

The Interim Committee is convinced that ACW is needed to promote ecumenical thought and action amongst the church women of Australia and that existing women's inter-church groups are the best channels for this ecumenical promotion. This opinion has also been expressed by inter-church groups and individuals in N.S.W., Victoria and South Australia

It is the earnest hope of the Interim Committee that your Council will accept this invitation and will become an integral part of this movement to draw together the women of the Australian churches and to link them with Christian

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women throughout the world.

There are still many questions to be resolved, for example:

- . the time and manner of the election of a permanent national council
- . the financial requirements of ACW
- . the location of a national headquarters of ACW
- . the nature of the relationships of ACW and the Department of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches.

It is felt that these issues can be faced when once this more formal structure has been established. The calling together of representatives of Women's Inter-Church Councils who are prepared to act as State Councils of Australian Church Women would be the immediate next step.

I am very glad that Mrs. McKay will be able to visit your Council this month. I am sure that she will be able to answer the many queries that will arise as you consider our invitation to become the State Council of Australian Church Women.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)
Convener.

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89 Chatsworth Rd.
Greenslopes
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Dear Mrs Wylie, The Queensland
Women's Inter Church Council are
holding their next meeting on
Friday 29th November and at this
meeting we are discussing the question
of affiliating with Australian Church
Women. Several members are worried
about what financial commitments
affiliation would involve the Council
in. Could you please give me
some information on this matter?
Also could we have 15 more copies
of leaflets Australian Church Women (both)
and what do we owe you for these
copies and 20 Workshop Series. (already
received). Thanking you in anticipation,
your sincerely
(Mrs) A. Pearson
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INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

November 11, 1963.

Mrs. A. Pearson,
Secretary,
Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council,
89 Chatsworth Road,
GREENSLOPES.
Brisbane, Q'land

Dear Mrs. Pearson,

Thank you for your letter of November 5. We are glad to know that your committee will be discussing affiliating with Australian Church Women at the meeting on November 29.

We are sorry that your committee is worried about what financial commitment will be involved. At the moment Australian Church Women is being financed by the Australian Council of Churches as an aspect of ecumenical promotion. The interim committee of Australian Church Women has not considered contributions from the states and does not regard this matter as within the province of an interim committee to determine.

The purpose of Australian Church Women is to bring together the existing women's groups in an ecumenical experience through the promoting of a Fellowship Day, a World Community Day and providing study materials and stimulating service projects. The promoting and following through of these plans would be done by the state committees (which we hope will be the existing inter-church women's groups in the states).

So far South Australia, Victoria and N.S.W. have agreed to be the council for the Australian Church Women and we now work through the women's inter-church council in those states.

At the moment we are in the midst of producing a study booklet for use in denominational and interchurch women's groups. Details concerning costs, etc will be mailed soon.

We will look forward to hearing from you following your meeting on November 29 and wish to assure you of our ~~team~~ ^{desire} to cooperate fully with you and that we will be happy to answer any ~~other~~ queries which your committee may raise in the course of your discussions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener.

89 Chatsworth Rd
Greenslopes
Brisbane

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15 JAN 1964

Dear Mrs Wylke,

Thank you for your letter of 11th November 1963. Our Inter-church Council at our Annual Meeting on 29th November discussed the question of affiliating with Australian Church Women and decided unanimously to be the State Council for Australian Church Women. For the present we have decided to keep the name of "Inter Church Council". I did not accept nomination as Secretary so the new Secretary is Mrs J. J. Dennis

32 Baronatton Rd. Bardon. Brisbane.

Thanking you for your helpful letters and Christmas greetings, all good wishes for the work and influence of Australian Church Women from

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) A. Pearson.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

January 28, 1964.

Mrs. A. Pearson,
89 Chatsworth Road,
GREENSLAPES.
Brisbane, Q'land.

Dear Mrs. Pearson,

Thank you for your letter of January 11. We are very happy indeed to know that the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council will serve as the State Council for Australian Church Women. This means that in Victoria, Sth. Australia, N.S.W. and Queensland there will be active and responsible state councils for Australian Church Women.

I hope that the Council will be able to send a representative to the National Consultation in March. I will write to Mrs. Dennis about this.

Have you seen the study booklet "Saints Alive!" that has been prepared by Australian Church Women? It is a very good start I think and I hope that you will be able to use it widely in Queensland. We will send a sample copy to Mrs. Dennis.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie
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Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

28 JAN 1964

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
28th. January 1964.

The Convener,
Australian Church Women,
Sydney.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

At the Annual Meeting of the Women's
Inter-Church Council of Queensland, the following motion
was moved and seconded :-

"That the Women's Inter-Church Council
of Queensland affiliate with, and become, the State Unit
of Australian Church Women".

A second motion was to the effect that
for the present we retain the name of Inter-Church Council.

At the beginning of another year may we
wish a continuance of God's blessing on the activities of
Church women throughout the Commonwealth.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs. F.G.Dennis),
Hon. Secretary,
Q'ld. Inter-Church Council.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
30th, March 1964

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The Convener,
Interim Committee of
Australian Church Women.

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Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

I wish to thank you and all members of the Interim Committee for kindness and hospitality lavished upon me during my recent stay in Sydney as our State Representative to the Consultation.

The Meetings were a very real inspiration and the fellowship something to be treasured. May I pay a tribute to your capability and clever chairmanship which kept the meetings flowing smoothly.

I have received the cheque covering my rail expenses, and thank you for it.

On arrival home I spoke to our President and she agreed to my suggestion that I write and request a dozen copies of the Minutes and deliberations. This would allow the affiliated bodies to take back to their Churches a complete account of the Consultation. We are quite prepared to return payment for these.

A special meeting of the Council has been called for Friday, 10th. April, to hear these reports which I am sure will be received with keen interest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Dennis
Mrs. F.G. Dennis,
Secretary.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
10th. April 1964.

14 APR 1964

The Convener,
Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Enclosed is our cheque to cover the cost of three dozen copies of the Study Book, "Saints Alive!", these were distributed to Council members at our meeting to-day.

I acknowledge also your cheque in payment of return rail fare for our delegate to the "Consultation," and thank you for it.

Owing to the postage strike in Sydney, the copies of the report of the "Consultation" reached me only by the afternoon mail yesterday, thus missing our meeting by a few hours. However this will be appreciated by delegates from the Churches, who were interested in the report which I made for the meeting.

Kind regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Fennis.
(Mrs. F.G.Dennis),
Secretary.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon, Q.,
22nd. July 1964.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee,
Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

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The enclosed communications were received by me. I have debated whether to post them direct to Mrs. Appleton in Western Australia, but decided that it would perhaps avoid any misunderstanding if returned to you.

There seems to be some confusion over the addressee in Q'ld. for such literature, for I have since received from Mrs. Pearson, copies of these same circulars which were posted to her from your Office. She also received the leaflet and 'jar labels' concerning the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and these have been re-addressed by her to me. Though still a member of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Queensland, Mrs. Pearson is no longer Secretary. May I ask that this alteration be made in your addressograph, please.

Thank you for forwarding the twelve copies of the booklet "The Fellowship of the Least Coin", and the cheque for these will be posted after our meeting on 31st. Inst.

Thank you also for your kind regards and good wishes - these are reciprocated and all is going well with our Council.

Yours sincerely,

J. Dennis.
(Mrs. F.G.Dennis),
Secretary.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
31st. July 1964.

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee of
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Enclosed is our cheque covering the account
for 12 copies of "Fellowship of the Least Coin".

To assist in ~~the~~ inaugurating this Prayer
Fellowship and so that each woman's group throughout the State
may have a knowledge of the aims and objects of the Fellowship
of the Least Coin, will you please forward 1,000 of the "Brief
Description" and 1,000 labels.

The Council also requests the Study Material,
"Christians and world peace", for World Community Day to be held
in October.

Thanking you, and with kind regards and good
wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Dennis
(Mrs. F. G. Dennis),
Secretary.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
5th September 1964.

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Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

Thank you for the new draft of the Constitution of Australian Church Women. The Council does not meet again until 30th. October and the Constitution will be considered then.

With regard to the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship", there will be no possibility of discussing this as it was received only to-day and the meeting of the Interim Committee is only four days off. However, we will be interested to hear more of this proposed scholarship.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Secretary's Report for 1964

The year 1964 has been important for the Council, for at the Annual Meeting in November 1963, the Inter-Church Council voted to affiliate with Australian Church Women and became the State Unit of that body.

The election of Office Bearers resulted in a change in the Presidency - Mrs. Ashton being elected to that office, Mrs. Giezendanner having served so efficiently for the past two years. After thirteen years as Secretary, Mrs. Pearson resigned and Mrs. Dennis was elected to the position. Mrs. Potter was re-elected Treasurer. Retiring Office Bearers were thanked for their services.

A communication from Australian Church Women invited a delegate to a consultation of the Interim Committee to be held in Sydney on 17th and 18th March 1964. As our President had another engagement, the Secretary was appointed to represent Queensland. Rail fares and hospitality in Sydney were provided.

Such matters as the Constitution of Australian Church Women, the introduction of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and study material for meetings, were discussed at the Consultation which was constituted in Wesley Chapel by Rev. B. R. Wyllie, Master of Wesley College. Mrs. Wyllie, Convener of the Interim Committee, presided over the meetings which were held within Wesley College, Deaconess House, and at the rooms of the Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent Street. Delegates came from all States and included women from the Armenian Apostolic, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, Church of England, Greek Orthodox, Methodist, Salvation Army, and Presbyterian. A special meeting of our Council was called on 10th April to hear the report of the Consultation. Owing to the Postal strike in Sydney, the official report did not reach us in time for this meeting but was later posted to all members.

In all, six meetings were held throughout the year and presided over by our President, Mrs. Ashton, whose opening devotions often contained thoughts from Rev. Winifred Kiek. We were glad to receive delegates from the Church of England and from the Y.W.C.A., thus strengthening our witness and influence.

A request to include a Women's Thanksgiving Service in the celebrations of the "Warana" Festival, was forwarded to the Warana Promotion Committee who accepted the suggestion and formed a Women's Committee to arrange the Service. Thus the Women's Thanksgiving Service for "Warana" was instituted. It was held in the Albert Hall, and we trust, will become an annual event in the programme.

The study book, "Saints Alive" was well received and used in our studies.

It was decided to inaugurate "World Community Day", using the Order of Service supplied by Australian Church Women. The service was held in Ann St. Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. Rees Thomas being Guest Speaker and the Presbyterian Ladies' Choir rendered an anthem and led the praise. Members of the Council conducted parts of the service and the President presented the aims of the Inter-Church Council and Australian Church Women, the Secretary introducing the Fellowship of the Least Coin. A booklet tells the history of this Prayer Fellowship, and a folder gives an abridged account of its activities. The booklet "Circle of Prayer" containing devotions for two years, compiled by Christian women of the East, costing 3/-, was available to be used in conjunction with the giving of a Least Coin.

During the year congratulations were extended to Commissioner Coutts on his elevation to a high Office, to Mrs. Trigge on her daughter's academic success, and to Mrs. Lockley on her husband's election as President-Elect of the Congregational Conference. Sympathy was extended to bereaved members.

The Inter-Church Council was glad to send representatives to the Annual Meetings or Conferences of the Women's Organisations of the Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, and Methodist Churches, noting the excellent work being done by the Church women in Queensland, the Commonwealth, and beyond our borders.

It was gratifying to have the Southport Inter-Church Fellowship affiliate with our Council and appoint as its representative, Mrs. Hage of Southport.

During the year 141 notices of meetings were posted to members, and 38 letters written as well as Reports and other literature being posted to members from time to time for their information and consideration.

Comments and suggestions regarding the draft constitution were forwarded to the Interim Committee, and it is hoped that the latest draft may be accepted as fulfilling all the aims and objects of Australian Church Women.

An invitation to send two delegates to the first Annual Conference is to hand. May God continue to bless and guide all associated with this tremendous forward thrust, that the impact of Christian workers may be felt throughout Australia, throughout the World, and the Light of the Gospel establish the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Affiliated Churches - Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of England, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, & Society of Friends, also Y.W.C.A. & Associate members. Collection from "World Community Day" amounted to £12.6.1 which amount was forwarded to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. £2.1.0. was received from the Fellowship of the Least Coin. 22 copies of "Circle of Prayer" were purchased.

Jessie Dennis, Secretary
Women's I.C.C. 27/2

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation Street,
Bardon,
Queensland,
30th. January 1965.

Mrs. B.R. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee,
Australian Church Women.

2 FEB 1965

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

At the meeting of the Council held yesterday
the dates of the two services were fixed as follows:-

World Fellowship Day - Tuesday, 29th. June 1965
World Community Day - Friday, 29th. October 1965.

We deeply regret that Mrs. R.S. Byrnes now finds
it not convenient to attend the National Committee meetings on
10th. and 11th. February. However, our President, Mrs. A.G. Ashton
will be present and is looking forward with interest to the
meetings, and we have arranged a special meeting to hear her report.

With best wishes for the success of the meetings.

Yours sincerely,

J. Dennis.
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Secretary.

Queensland
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union



32 Coronation Street,
Bardon,
Brisbane, 22nd. February 1965.

23 FEB 1965

Mrs. B. R. Wyllie,
Presidnet,
Australian Church Women,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

On behalf of the President and Members of Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of Queensland, which is the State Unit of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, I invite you to be Guest Speaker at the afternoon session of the Annual Conference of the P.W.M.U. to be held in the City Hall, Brisbane, on Tuesday, 11th. May 1965.

As President of Australian Church Women, and formerly Convener of the Interim Committee, we feel that none is better equipped than yourself to give our women a picture of the aims and objects of A.C.W., and we look forward to your favourable consideration of our invitation, and your early reply.

First class return rail fare will be paid for you, and accommodation at "The Canberra" during your stay in Brisbane.

I also extend this invitation to be our guest at our Annual Camp Conference to be held at Alexandra Park, a/ seaside resort 80 miles north of Brisbane, between Thursday, 20th. May and Wednesday 26th. May, that is following our State Assembly.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the Order of Service for last year's Conference, and will send the new one when it is printed. Would you let me have the title of your address to include on the Order of Service.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,
J. F. Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Convener,

Conference and Deputation Committee, P.W.M.U., Q.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

March 5, 1965.

Mrs. F. G. Dennis,
32 Coronation Street,
BARDON.

Brisbane, Q'land.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

Thank you for your letter which was waiting for me when I came into the Australian Council of Churches office yesterday afternoon and then you too for your invitation to speak at the Annual Conference of the P.W.M.U. on May 11.

I do regret that I cannot accept this invitation, but this year I am lecturing at the Australian School of Pacific Administration and am not free to leave Sydney during term.

Could I suggest that you ask one of the vice-Presidents of Australian Church Women to speak to your Conference. They are - Mrs. D.J.A. Verco and Head Deaconess M. Andrews. I am sure that either of these women, if available, would serve you excellently.

With affectionate good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie,
President,
Australian Church Women

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Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation Street,
Gardon,
Queensland,
29th. March 1968.

Mrs. B. R. Myllie,
President,
Australian Church Women,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mrs. Myllie,

A special meeting of our Council was called to hear from our President, Mrs. Ashton, a report of the meetings of the National Committee of Australian Church Women. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Ashton was congratulated on the concise and clear report which she presented, and she was thanked for representing Queensland at the meetings.

① On behalf of the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council I congratulate you on your election as President of the National Committee, and wish for you a most successful and rewarding term of Office.

② We were interested to hear of Tan Kivie Hya, of Indonesia being invited to Australia under the "Winifred RieksScholarship", and would like to present her to our Church women here. Would she available to come to Brisbane to speak at our "World Community Day" on Friday, 29th. October, and what would be our financial commitment for her visit.

③ Regarding the Constitution of Australian Church Women:-
5. Office Bearers. (4) last sentence. "The office bearers shall act on behalf of the Working Committee between meetings", our Council asks - How often does the Working Committee meet? For what period of time have the Office Bearers this power to act? and on what questions? Could this be clarified for us and a reply in time for our meeting on Friday, 30th. April, please.

④ We shall be requiring study material for "World Fellowship Day" on Tuesday, 29th. June, and will place our order as soon as we know that it is available and the cost of same.

Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis)
Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

27th April, 1965.

Mrs. F.G. Dennis,
32 Coronation Street,
BEDON. Q'LAND.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

Mrs. Wyllie would like to thank you for your letter of 29th March, and for your good wishes concerning her election as President of Australian Church Women.

Matters raised in your letter were considered at today's meeting of the Working Committee. We trust this reply will reach you in time for your meeting on 30th April.

re. Winifred Kieft Scholarship. We would like to be able to answer your enquiry by saying that Miss Connie Tan would be available to visit Brisbane for World Community Day in October, but this will not be possible. Miss Connie Tan will at that time be based in Melbourne, where she will be undertaking studies during the third academic term. Thus, Community Day Meetings which she will attend will be in Victoria.

Miss Connie Tan arrives in Sydney on 20th May, and will spend the second academic term (June to August) in Sydney. Would you be interested in our investigating the possibility of a visit to Brisbane sometime during that period? Your financial commitment would be return air fare, Sydney to Brisbane, and hospitality for the duration of her visit. As the programme of Miss Tan's activities is now being compiled, word on this matter as early as possible would be helpful.

re. Office Bearers: We trust the following will answer your questions -

- (a) The Working Committee meets monthly.
- (b) Office Bearers are elected annually - thus whatever responsibility or power they carry is for the period of their office.
- (c) "and on what questions?" The Working Committee feels the answer to this is - "any urgent matter of administration which requires attention between Working Committee meetings." We might add that we hardly think this is likely to be much, seeing we meet monthly.

You will be glad to know Fellowship Day material is well on the way. We hope to let you have a sample of this, with price, during next week.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Colonel H. Cross
Honorary Secretary

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland.
3rd. July 1965.

Lt. Colonel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Cross,

I am enclosing two Cheques - 15/- represents payment of the enclosed account for 100 copies of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day, and £36.2.9 is the collections received at the two Services held in Q'ld., plus the £20 given from the Women's World Day of Prayer towards the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

It was a delight to meet Miss Connie Tan, and her address was inspiring. I trust she arrived safely back in Sydney. I think she enjoyed her brief stay among us here, and we endeavoured to make her visit as enlightening as possible. Despite the many counter attractions for Church women here, there was quite a good attendance at Fellowship Day service, and the Panel of speakers gave much food for thought. We have retained from the collections the amount of £1.10.0 being the cost of 200 Orders of Service.

Kind regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Secretary.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

21 JUL 1955

32 Coronation Street,
Bardon,
Queensland.
19th. July 1965.

Lt. Colonel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,

Thank you for the Minutes of the meeting of the Working Committee held on 22nd. June 1965. These are interesting, and we note the information they contain.

In reply to your request for a report on the visit of Miss Connie Tan (let me state that) - Two meetings were held - one in Brisbane at which the attendance was quite good. Miss Tan's address was well received. We had organised a Panel to discuss the questions at the back of the order of service, allotting one or two questions to each of the five (including Miss Tan) These were well handled. Rev. T. Rees Thomas, who well knows Rev. Winifred Kiek and her husband, was Chairman.

Miss Tan motored to Southport - 50 miles - to attend a Fellowship Day meeting there. The attendance was good - about 50 or 60. The offering from the two meetings amounted to £17.12.9. We deducted the cost of 200 Orders of Service and remitted £16.2.9 to you in Sydney, plus £20 received from the World Day of Prayer Committee - total £36.2.9. During her stay in Brisbane, Miss Tan was the guest of Mrs. Potter and Rev. S.Y. Potter. Mrs. M.M. Reid drove her in her car to Southport. Colonel Sampson drove her in her car to visit the Spastic Centre and a Home for Girls who have been convicted in Court conducted by the Salvation Army. Mrs. Richardson drove her in her car to visit Homes for the Aged, Children's Homes and a Home for discharged prisoners. Women liked the study, especially the discussion by the Panel.

The next meeting of our Inter-Church Council will be held on Friday, 30th. July, after which a reply will be given to your query re dates of the National Committee meeting next year, and the list of Women's Colleges as stated.

Thank you for forwarding the 12 copies of "Saints Alive" and also one "Circle of Prayer". My order had been for 12 copies of "Circle of Prayer" and I would be glad if you could forward the other eleven, as we are wanting to fulfil orders for these.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

J. F. Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis)
Secretary.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

August 10, 1965.

Mrs. F. G. Dennis,
32 Coronation Street,
BARDON. Queensland.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

Thank you very much for your letters of 3rd and 19th July, together with cheques for payments of Orders of Service for Fellowship Day - £36.2.9. being contribution to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

The Working Committee was most interested in the detail concerning Fellowship Day, and we are glad the meetings were so full of interest. Miss Connie Tan told us how much she enjoyed her visit.

It was good that in addition to participating in Fellowship Day, she was able to inspect so many Homes where social welfare work is carried out.

Your comments concerning the "Circle of Prayer" books is noted. Unfortunately, the ACC is out of stock of this book at present. We will arrange for the further copies to be sent to you as soon as a further supply is received.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lt.Col. H. Cross,
Secretary.

25 Dixon St.,
Auchenflower,
Brisbane.
1st Nov., '65.

M^{rs} J. F. Day,
Hon. Treas. - Australian
Church Home.

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Dear M^{rs} Day,

World Community Day was
observed on Friday, 29th October.

The Service prepared by
Dr. George Appleton of Perth was most
uplifting. Members of our Council took
part in it. Then we had the Group
discussions which those present thought-
fully entered into.

The Treasurer, M^{rs} S.V. Potter,
is away for a month, so I am sending
you the cheque for £65/6/9, contribu-
tions to the Fellowship of the Least Coin,
also a Postal Note (FO77731) for 5/- with
4^d in stamps attached. There is a further
small amount, but I will have to wait
until M^{rs} Potter's return, as we were
unable to bank it.

(5/4^d for F. of Least
Coin)

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I was appointed Treasurer at the Annual Meeting of the Council, my term as President had expired. I will be taking over my duties in January when the Council meets again.

I should very much like to attend the National Committee meeting in Melbourne in January. It might be possible for me to be there sometime during that month. My daughter, Stephanie, is Secretary for Moral Re-armament Force there. At present she is here in Brisbane for a short time.

Kindest regards —

Yours sincerely,
M.E. A. G. Ashton

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

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37 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
20th. November 1965.

The Hon Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Lt. Col. Cross,

I am enclosing two cheques - £1.6.4 in payment of the account per enclosed statement, and \$3.11.4 being nett proceeds from World Community Day.

Perhaps here would be the place to report on this Day. The Order of Service we considered was excellent. The discussion groups were most rewarding, lots of ideas emerging and suggesting forthcoming. We considered the reaction to discussion groups was not altogether successful as some left instead of joining in.

Friday seems our most suitable day. With a larger congregation, the offerings will be higher - the only expenses were the Orders of Service and postage for publicity and phone calls to members of the I.C.C. to take part in the Service. Only one service was held in Brisbane.

There has been good response to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and donations came in from Country centres. As it becomes better known we know that amounts will improve as will the attendance at World Fellowship Day.

Regarding Finance - Constitution 8. 1.

- (1) We suggest that the percentage be left optional to each State Unit.
- (2) We suggest pooling of the travelling expenses so that far States can participate. Each State to pay an equal amount into a Travel Pool or Fund for a delegate to National Committee Meetings.

Regarding a Representative to the National Committee Meeting in Melbourne, we are sorry indeed that at this juncture we have no one able to attend. Should the situation alter I will let you have the name, address and denomination of the representative.

At present we have no suggestions for inclusion in the Agenda. The proposed Agenda, received recently appears quite comprehensive and the meetings should be most fruitful. Thank you for all the correspondence including the minutes of the Working Committee meetings.

I am enclosing the Secretary's Report for the year

May I offer to you and all members the Compliments of the Season, and express the wish that God will continue to bless the work undertaken by Australian Church Women.

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Hon. Secretary.

Received

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1965

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Friday, 30th October 1964, the President, Mrs. A.G. Ashton, Secretary Mrs. F.G. Dennis, and Treasurer, Mrs. S.Y. Potter, were re-elected, and members voiced thanks for the year's work.

The Secretary's report and the financial statement were reread and distributed to members. During the year the expenditure had been £28/4/3 leaving a credit balance of £2/11/11. *Mrs. A.G. Ashton*

Our President attended the first meetings of the National Committee of Australian Church Women held at Deaconess House within the University of Sydney, and had the honour of leading the Devotions on the second day.

A Special meeting of the Council was called for 19th February to hear the very detailed account of the business of these meetings, given by Mrs. Ashton. Copies of reports from State Units were made available to delegates, thus co-ordinating the work of all the States. The Constitution of Australian Church Women, having been discussed by State Units and agreed upon, was ratified by the Australian Council of Churches at their Annual Meetings held on 11th to 16th February. Copies were subsequently forwarded to State Units for distribution among members.

The "Winifred Kiek" Scholarship was implemented this year, its aim being "To offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training...." The first Scholarship holder, Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, (a Social Worker from Djakarta, arrived in Sydney in May, and) on our invitation, came to Brisbane. Miss Tan was met at the Inter-State Station by Mrs. Ashton and other members of the Council, in whose company she was driven to Southport by Mrs. Matthew Reid after lunching at her home.

Fellowship Day was observed in Brisbane this year, the Service being held in the Salvation Army Citadel, Ann Street, at which Miss Tan was Guest Speaker. The Theme, "Bridges to Asia," was well handled by our Guest, and to conclude the Service, questions arising were discussed by a Panel led by Rev. T. Rees Thomas, and including Miss Tan who endeared herself to all who had the privilege of meeting her. Miss Tan also addressed the Fellowship Day meeting at Southport arranged by the Inter-Church Fellowship. From the Offerings at these two meetings, an amount of £36/2/9 was forwarded to headquarters towards the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

While in Brisbane Miss Tan was the guest of our Treasurer, Mrs. S.Y. Potter, and was driven to visit Institutions by Colonel Lillian Samson and Mrs. S.L. Richardson, to note the social work being carried on for children and for aged folk.

* Throughout the year representatives have attended Annual meetings and Conferences of affiliated Churches, and on occasions gave greetings on our behalf. A unique gathering was the Public Welcome to Dr. Michael Ramsay, D.D., Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of all England, held in the Festival Hall on 16th March and attended by our President and Secretary. The Inter-Church Council was represented also at the Women's Thanksgiving Service connected with the Centenary Celebrations of the Sherwood Presbyterian Church.

X Again our Council was invited to be associated with the "Warana" Women's Thanksgiving Service in the Albert Hall on 30th September. Mrs. Ashton led in prayer and Mrs. Glezendanner read the Scriptures. Also in connection with "Warana", Mrs. Ashton took her reserved seat in the Gardens for the Official Opening and unfurling of the flags.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. R.S. Byrnes on her election as President of the National Council of Women, with which body our Council is affiliated; to Rt. Rev. Wm. Young B.A., on his ordination as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and to Colonel G. Garlick of the Salvation Army, on whom Her Majesty was pleased to bestow the Order of the British Empire in the Birthday Honours.

Sympathy was expressed with members who had been bereaved, or were passing through anxious times because of ill-health.

* Of gratification to us were the gifts by the Women's World Day of Prayer, £20, and the Methodist Women's Federation, £10, to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

A Vice-President of Australian Church Women, Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, was invited by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union to be Guest Speaker at their Annual Conference held in the City Hall in May. Mrs. Verco's address was most informative and greatly appreciated.

The Secretary spoke to a Group of Deaconesses of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, telling of the formation of Australian Church Women, and its activities.

Now at the close of another year's work, we pause to give to our Heavenly Father the Praise and the Glory, and render thanks for His continuing guidance in our commitments. For our health and strength we are grateful and pray that our endeavours in the future may be fruitful so that His Kingdom may gain ground.

*Jessie Dennis
Secretary*

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

52 Coronation Street,
Bardon,
Queensland,

15th. March 1966 17 MAR 1966

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
Sydney.

Dear Lt. Col. Cross,

The report which our representative, Mrs. R.S. Byrnes, brought of the meetings of the National Committee meetings was indeed most enlightening and interesting.

As soon as the Orders of Service for Fellowship Day are to hand we would like to know about them so that we may place our order. Will you please note the dates of these special days:-

Fellowship Day - Friday, 29th. July
World Community Day - Friday 28th. October.

I would also like a quantity of leaflets of the Fellowship of the Least Coin as we are having requests for them.

Thanking you and with Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

28th March, 1966.

Mrs. F.G. Dennis,
32 Coronation Street,
BARDON. Q'LAND.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

Thank you for your letter of 17th inst.

We are glad you enjoyed the report given by Mrs. R.S. Byrnes concerning the National Committee Meeting. We were very glad that the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council was represented at the National Committee Meeting, and you will hardly need me to say that you were well represented by Mrs. Byrnes. We appreciated her presence, and contributions made to the meeting.

We are glad to have your dates for Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

We are hoping to have the material for the Order of Service for Fellowship Day from the Rev. Edwin Robertson, and as soon as that is so we will advise State Units of the title. As we have previously indicated the theme will be associated with the theme of the studies of the Church and Life Movement, although we will not know until we receive the material the exact title Mr. Robertson has given to the Order of Service.

It is good to know there are enquiries for pamphlets concerning Fellowship of the Least Cain. These are being sent to you under separate cover.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

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32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
4th. May 1966.

Lt.Col. H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

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Dear Lt. Col. Cross,

We are becoming involved in quite a number of projects, aren't we.

Fellowship Day Material.

Please forward ~~ten~~ dozen (120) copies of the Order of Service when it is available. It is not possible to complete the organising of this special day, as we do not know if the Order of Service calls for a Guest Speaker, or if it is to take the form of Discussion Groups - perhaps both will be incorporated.

Newsletter. This matter is under discussion - no finality was reached at our meeting. We do not underestimate the worth of a Newsletter, but it involves ~~some~~ problems. Our course of action will be communicated to you later. ✓

Third Asian Church Women's Conference.

We note that Mrs. D. Badger is appointed to represent to represent Australia at this Conference in Tokyo in July. Regarding a second representative as an observer to the Conference, there was no discussion on this matter.

Thank you for the Minutes and all other matter concerning the activities of A.C.W.

Re Leaflets about "The Fellowship of the Least Coin".

You have acknowledged my request for such literature but so far no leaflets have come to hand. The Country lady who asked for them will be in Brisbane next week, and in a letter has stated that she would get them from me. If the leaflets are available I would be glad to have some and save disappointing the Country group.

Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Dennis
(Mrs. F.G.Dennis,
Hon Secretary.)

25 Dixon St.,
Auchenflower,
Brisbane.
5.5.66.

Colonel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Col. Cross, Enclosed is a cheque for
Forty Dollars. This sum was contributed
by Women's World Day of Prayer (Q'land.
Committee) to the Winifred Riet Scholar-
ship Fund.

I will be in Sydney from
21st May - 29th + could call + get the
receipt during that period - to save you
writing.

The H.C.T.U. Convention is
to be held during the above-mentioned
dates.

Best Wishes —

Yours sincerely,
(M.F.) A. G. Ashton.

Treas. - Women's
Inter-church Council of Q.

State - Q'ld

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.
25th August, 1966.

Mrs. F.G. Dennis,
32 Coronation Street,
BARDON. Q'LAND.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

Thank you for your letter of 1st inst.,
which was received at the Working Committee yesterday.

We are delighted to know that Fellowship Day
passed off in such a stimulating manner. There has been a good
deal of appreciation expressed concerning the Order of Service, and
the fact that the writer was the Rev. Edwin Robertson made it
of added value many of us thought.

You will probably have heard that we replied
to Mrs. Ashton, who also wrote concerning the \$40 donation from the
Women's World Day of Prayer to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.
As that letter indicated that donation in its entirety was placed,
of course, to that Fund.

At present we are not able to fully answer
your enquiry as to how much of your cheque from Fellowship Day
Offerings will be placed to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund, apart
from saying that the purpose in mind is that as large a percentage as
possible of the nett income from Fellowship Day will be devoted to the
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. When offerings have been received from
all States then a Balance Sheet for Fellowship Day will be prepared
and the allocation to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund made.

As distance, and not being associated with the
close working of some of these matters, naturally raises enquiries,
perhaps it may be helpful if I try to explain a little. During the
time A.C.W. worked as an Interim Committee and in most respects during
the first year of its establishment (1965) working expenses just came
out of the funds of the Australian Council of Churches. It came to
be felt by Australian Church Women that now that we were established
we should accept some responsibility for financing our administration -
in the way of stationery, postage, and similar incidentals. Thus at
the National Committee Meeting this year it was resolved that States be
asked to send us 60% of collections from Special Days (with the proviso
that States could vary this somewhat if they so desired). The idea is
that the larger part of this will go to the special project, such as
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund from Fellowship Day collections, and a
small amount to A.C.W. administration. However, as this is the first

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year we are going this way what that percentage will be has not yet been discussed or decided upon. With the finalising of Fellowship Day this year that will need to be looked at and a decision reached. Now, I hope you haven't found this burdensome, but it is obvious some of your ladies would like some fuller information, and I hope this will be of service.

This will let you know that we are sending to you 150 copies of the Order of Service for World Community Day. I hope to parcel these up when I am in the City tomorrow, so you should receive them within the next few days.

We are sorry that we find it necessary to charge a little more for these than for the Fellowship Day Programmes. You will see this in the Minutes for yesterday's Working Committee when you receive them. The explanation is that the overall order for World Community Day is some thousands less than for Fellowship Day (accounted for by the fact that in Victoria Fellowship Day is held at many more centres than World Community Day), also there is a little more material in this Order of Service than the former one. The charge will be £2.50 per 100. We have kept this low as we possibly can - even so we are not sure that we will recover all our outlay, but we have tried to do our best all round.

We are also sending you 100 copies of Information Folder concerning Miss Swarup - the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder. If you would like more, please let us know.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

Home's Inter-church
Council of Q'land.

25 Dixon St.,
Auchenflower,
Brisbane.
1.8.66.

Colonel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Colonel Cross,

The Home's Inter-church
Council here had a well attended Service
in the Albert St. Methodist Church on Friday
last (29th July) - Fellowship Day.

The Order of Service
by the Rev. Edwin Robertson was a most
inspiring one. There were very good findings
from the Study Groups, quite a number
contributing to discussions on the set
questions.

I am enclosing cheque
for Seventeen Dollars representing the
offering taken, minus expenses.

When I sent Forty Dollars
previously (donation from Home's World Day
of Prayer & Committee) I hope I mentioned
that the donors wished this to go to the
Winifred Kirk Scholarship appeal.

Christian greetings -
Yours sincerely,
H. G. Ashdown
Hon. Secy.

Womens Inter-Church Council of Queensland

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon, Queensland,
1st. August 1966.

Lt. Colonel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Lt. Col. Cross,

2/Kaw
We felt that the Order of Service for "Fellowship Day" was splendid. There were more than 100 present at our Service - we are hoping that we can build up the attendance. The Presbyterian Ladies' Choir had practiced the hymns, and they sang two Anthems very beautifully. The Discussion Groups were appreciated - altogether it was a fine service. We continued the theme of Fellowship by serving lunch in the Hall adjacent to the Church and this was a happy function and as well it brought in a little revenue. Our Treasurer will be forwarding a cheque towards the funds of the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship." I was asked to enquire what percentage of our cheque would be devoted to the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship" - could you let me know, please.

Concerning the cheque for \$40 which our Treasurer forwarded to you in May - This amount was allocated to the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship" from the proceeds of "The Women's World Day of Prayer" and sent to us by the Treasurer of that Committee. Some of our Inter-Church members are most anxious that the whole of the amount - \$40 - should go to the "Winifred Kiek Scholarship" and no percentage of it be retained by Australian Church Women for their working expenses. No doubt this policy has been adopted by A.C.W., - we trust it has.

Thank you for the information regarding the Order of Service for "World Community Day", and I like the sound of the Theme. Our order will be 150 copies of the Order of Service, and we would be glad to have these as early as possible to allow us to arrange a speaker and leaders for the Discussion Groups. The Service is to be held in the Ann Street Church of Christ.

Thank you for the Minutes of the Working Committee Meetings. Would it be possible to send a copy to our President, Mrs. G. Garlick, 10 Jethro Street, ASPLEY. Perhaps a copy could come to her instead of Mrs. R.S. Byrnes if the cost of postage is to be considered.

Our Annual Meeting and election of Officer bearers will be held on 30th. September, after which I shall let you know whom we have elected as Secretary of the "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

Kind regards and God's blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis

I'm so sorry that my old typewriter jumps a space - it is quite exasperating - please forgive it.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

10th August, 1966.

Mrs. A.G. Ashton,
25 Dixon Street,
AUCHINCLOSSER, Q'LAND.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for your letter of 1st inst.,
together with cheque for \$17.00 for offering on Fellowship Day,
which I am passing on to the Treasurer.

We are very glad to know that the day passed
off so successfully, and are glad to know both the Order of Service
and Discussion Questions were found to be so stimulating. The
Rev. Edwin Robertson certainly gave us some challenging thoughts,
and I am sure we will all be the better for this.

It was quite clear that the cheque from the
Women's World Day of Prayer in Queensland for \$40 was for the
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund, and in its entirety it has been
placed to the credit of that Fund.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

Flat 13,
171a Wollongong Road,
ARNCLIFFE.
10th August, 1966.

Dear Mrs. Day,

Any correspondence which comes addressed to ACW, Thelma has asked the girls at the AGC office to readdress on to me - so here are a few enclosures for the Treasurer!

re. letter from Tennant Creek, I thought if I mentioned in the letter the cost of the Orders of Service that might save you sending an invoice, but that will be just as you wish.

re. Q'land Inter-Church Council - cheque for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund already received. You will see what Mrs. Ashton has written. There is also a letter from the Secretary of the Council mentioning about this donation - hoping it had all gone to W.K. Scholarship Fund; some query must have come in their mind because all Fellowship Day money may not go to the Scholarship Fund and they are hoping that doesn't apply to other donations. You will note I have replied to Mrs. Ashton, but thought I had better send the letter to you to post just to be on the safe side, although I feel sure in my own mind Thelma would have put it straight into the Scholarship Fund; however, you will be able to check by the books.

In talking about Fellowship Day, the Q'land people also say they would like to know how much of the Fellowship Day collections will go to the W.K. Scholarship Fund; this letter will, of course, come to the next Committee Meeting. However, I mention this in passing, as I suppose at the moment we will have to receive money as Fellowship Day Collections and at some later stage the W/Committee decide how much goes to the Scholarship and how much we need to allocate towards administration expenses of ACW. Do you think this?

re. Stanley (Tas.), I thought I would acknowledge a little letter from Mrs. McNeal - apparently the Treasurer, I would think.

Would you post these two letters, please? Stamps are enclosed. Maybe I will need to give you some stamps out of my imprest - or how will we work that?

In speaking of Imprest, I will need a further £10, so if you could bring cheque to next Committee Meeting I would be glad. I have a Note Book in which expenses are listed - I will bring it in to the Committee Meeting.

Here's to the joy of being an office bearer with ACW!

Yours sincerely,



WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Queensland Unit of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland,
4th. May 1967 (4.5.67.)

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
14 Lingwell Road,
AUBURN, E.3,
VICTORIA.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for your letters. I was glad to know the address of the Secretary of A.C.W. for which I had searched in vain.

Some of your queries I can answer, but prefer to wait until after our next meeting for others.

Orders of Service for Fellowship Day. Please forward 100 copies.

Address of our Treasurer:- Mrs. A.G. Ashton,
68 Ryan St., Hill End, Q'ld.

I was most interested to learn that Deaconess C. Ritchie had been elected President of A.C.W., and I asked that P.W.M.U., the Q'ld. unit of P.W.A., send congratulations to her. Miss Ritchie is to be prominent at our State Assembly, speaking at the P.W.M.U. Conference in the City Hall on 16th. May and at the Home Ministry Demonstration on the Thursday evening. I brought this information to our meeting of the Inter-Church Council and suggested that we call a meeting and have her as our guest, and this will take the form of luncheon on Friday, 19th. May. It will be a splendid opportunity for our members to meet the President of A.C.W. I will write at length when Assembly activities are over.

Yes, it was I whom you met with Jean Forrest some years ago, and I should very much like to meet you again. However, I understand from Jean that you will be returning to Hong Kong again after September. I have been chosen as one of the four representatives from Q'ld. to attend the P.W.A. Conference in Melbourne during G.A.A., so I hope to see you then. I was Secretary of P.W.A. when Q'ld. held the Executive, 1959 - 1962, and had to be in Melb. to hand over to Tasmania. It was most thoughtful of you to remember me and to mention our meeting.

Kind regards,

P.S. The P.W.M.U. has purchased six dozen copies of "Church Worship" for the Study Book for our Women's Camp Conference following Assembly. Miss Ritchie is to be our Camp Guest.

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis
(Mrs. F.G. Dennis),
Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Queensland Unit of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

President:-

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

46 Bunya Street,
Greenslopes
BRISBANE

7th. October 1967.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh 3165,
VICTORIA.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

So very nice to be communicating with you once again.

We have a recent letter from you addressed to Mrs. Dennis giving us the dates when the National Committee will meet in Sydney and advising ~~that~~ a brief report will be required for inclusion in the Working Documents. We note too, that there are large stocks of the Study Book "Church Worship" on hand. These matters will be considered at our meeting on 31st. October following World Community Day Service. We will submit the required information early in November.

In the meantime you may need the names of President, Secretary and Treasurer. These are.

President - Mrs. F.G. Dennis, 32 Coronation St., Bardon 4065
Secretary - Mrs. M.M. Reid, 46 Bunya Street, Greenslopes 4102.
Treasurer - Mrs. A.G. Ashton, 17 Alexandra Road, Ascot. 4007

all in Brisbane.

With warm christian greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Queensland Unit of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

46 Bu nya Street,

Greenslopes. 4120.

President;

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

22nd. June 1968.

Mrs. S. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bently. 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

In reply to your letter of last week, we are happy to advise that the womwn of Queensland will be pleased to prepare the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1969. We note your request that particular reference be made to our local communities.

Mrs. Dingle feels that at the February meetings there was a decision that some special project should be associated with both services on Fellowship Day and World Community Day, something practical the women could do together. Could you throw more light on this?.

Under separate cover we have posted literature on "Opal" Cultural Centre. Early in July we hope to submit background information on financial needs in Education in New Guinea, the other project we submitted for help from The Fellowship of the Least Coins.

Greetings to our fellow members.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Queensland Unit of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

President-

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

46 Bunya Street,
Greenslopes 4120

15th. July 1968.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh. 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

I am sorry to be worrying you again but maybe I shall be in time to let you answer both my letters in your one.

Firstly - Mrs. Dennis is still not receiving her copy of the minutes of the Working Committee meetings and is anxious to have them. Her address is 32 Coronation St., Bardon 4065.

Secondly - we read that Miss Jackie Kini is the 1968 Winifred Keik Scholarship holder, and that a brochure is to be issued giving information about her. We would be glad to have this information before our Fellowship Day Services which are to be held on 23rd. and 30th. July. If the brochure is not yet ready could you give me something by letter and by return mail, as Rockhampton Service is on the 23rd. and we would need to post this to them by 28th., we feel it is important that we share this information with the women at the Service where the collection is given to the Scholarship Fund.

We do hope we will not be causing you a lot of inconvenience, you have had a tremendous amount of work for Australian Church Women in recent months.

With warm greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

President:-
Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

Queensland Unit of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

46 Bunya Street,
Greenslopes 4120.

23rd. ~~16th~~. September 1968.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle St.
East Bentleigh 3165,
VICTORIA.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

The Working Committee will be pleased to know that the Queensland State Unit now has a Branch in Rockhampton where a very fine service was held on Fellowship Day over 100 attending. Milmeran district also held a service at which Mrs. Dennis was the speaker; a cottage meeting at the residence of Mrs. Dingle and the metropolitan service in the Salvation Army Temple with 80 attending, was very good, the Precentor of St. John's Cathedral the Rev. Rex Burrell was the speaker. So you see we are progressing.

We have pleasure in enclosing the suggested Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1969 which you requested of us. Ladies of the Council submitted the segments and Mrs. C. Connell of the Church of Christ, very graciously collated them and typed the script. On Friday last the Executive examined the script; we trust the Working Committee will find it to their liking.

We were a little disappointed to learn that Jackie Kini had passed through Brisbane without our knowing, we would have been glad to welcome her to Australia. We do hope we will have an opportunity to meet her as she returns, please pass our very good wishes to her for a happy and beneficial time in our Country.

We will be ordering Binos from Mrs. Col. Saunders.

We are very pleased to read that the New Guinea Training Course for women is being recommenced as a Fellowship of the Least Coin project.

With Christian Greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

President:-

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

Queensland Unit of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

46 Bunya Street,
Greenslopes 4120.
Q'land.

10th. Jany. 1969.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh,
VICTORIA 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Herewith we enclose a copy of the Annual Report of the Queensland Unit 1967/68 for your records together with an abridged version.

At a recent meeting here, it was suggested that the following concerns be among the issues discussed at the National Meetings of Australian Church Women;-

T.V. Advertising of Tobacco and Cigarettes,

The alchohol and drug problem,

Women's Fashions with emphasis on extreme mini-skirts.

Mrs. Dennis our delegate will enlarge on this suggestion if given the opportunity.

With every good wish for a progressive and constructive time at the National Meetings.

Yours very sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

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1st February 1969.

FROM THE COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD FRIDAY 31st. JANUARY 1969.

A recommendation to the National Meetings of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - February 4th. -7th. 1969

That Australian Church Women establish a Travel Pool to which States would subscribe on a ratio basis, from which assistance could be given to State representatives travelling to National Meetings.

Moved Mrs. Garlick

seconded Mrs. Pearson.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

Queensland Unit of
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32 Coronation St.,
Bardon,
Queensland, 4065,
5th. April 1969.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Delegates attending the National Committee Meeting could not but be impressed with the tremendous amount of work you have put into your position as Secretary. The Working Documents were a wonderful help and guide, and the Minutes which I received recently are comprehensive, covering, I feel, every aspect of the Meetings. Thank you very much for forwarding them to me.

Our Inter-Church Council held an Open Meeting last week when I presented a report of proceedings and all present seemed interested.

I brought from Mrs. Colonel Saunders a box - 6 doz.- Ball Point Pens and have sold them. I sent a sample to a Country Guild and was delighted to receive an order for five pens, but imagine my joy when another Guild which had received a sample, forwarded a cheque for 100 pens. Of course I could not supply them, and wrote informing the Guild to that effect. This brings me to the enclosed letter. I do not know Mrs. Saunders address, so would you please post the letter to her. (I have just discovered her address, so will not need to worry you. So sorry.)

Thank you for the Minutes of the Working Committee meeting of 14th. March and the "News of Australian Church Women" That is very good.

I want to mention an organisation referred to in the Minutes of the Nat. Com. on page A.5. - this may not be familiar to you. It is C.A.M.A.R.A. (note the A.) "Community Advance Movement Advocating Responsibility towards Alcohol." The name has changed slightly since its inception - the Dept. at Canberra responsible for such titles, insisted on the second "A" instead of "E" to safeguard the came~~xx~~ people - and the first word was changed from "Commonwealth" to "Community". Now you will be able to answer questions regarding this association.

Wishing you a most rewarding year of work,

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Dennis
(Mrs. F.G.Dennis)

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46 Bunya Street,
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President:-

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

7th. June 1969.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh 3165. Victoria.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Our members have asked me to let the Working Committee know how very disappointed they were not to have the time with Jackie Kini which they had planned.

We did write asking that we be advised of the time she would arrive in Brisbane on her return to New Guinea. We feel that the Scholarship Holder's itinerary in each State should be in the hands of the State unit of A.C.W. With Jackie Kini it appeared to be in the hands of the Girl's Brigade. Jackie's time of arrival was changed three times at the last minute, we felt this was discourteous to Q'land Church Women whose plans had to be cancelled at some considerable cost to the Council. We had succeeded in arranging for a representative from the Courier Mail to interview Jackie which they wished to do at the Airport, change of times of arrival made this extremely difficult and to get information we had to ring so many people.

We do hope that in future we can have a firm date of arrival, always making allowances for unseen important happenings and the holder be given dates and times expected in various places.

Those of us who had the pleasure of meeting Jackie were very impressed with her charming personality, her wit and her vibrant faith.

We do trust you will appreciate our sharing the above with you.

With warm greetings.

Yours very sincerely.

Margaret Reid

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46 Bunya Street,
Greenslopes 4120.

President:-

Mrs. F.G. Dennis.

9th. June 1969.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

The members of the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council acting as the State Unit of Australian Church Women have agreed to undertake the responsibility for the National Working Committee of Australian Church Women for 1971/72 if this is the wish of Australian Church Women.

Maybe we do not realise the magnitude of this task, but we do feel that such responsibility should be shared by the various States.

Should another State feel prepared to take this undertaking, Queensland will be very happy to support in any way.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

President: Mrs E Dingle
56 Kew Road,
Graceville, Q. 4075

Queensland Unit of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Secretary: Mrs D.L. Cramb
28 Kharatoun St
Gordon Park, Q.
4031

10th Aug. 1970.

Dear Mrs Duke,

Thank you for your letter re Mrs Silkeeratnam's visit to Qld in October. I have been asked to write to see if we would be involved in any financial commitment as far as this visit was concerned as it was the feeling of the meeting that we have too small a bank balance to be able to pay out towards this visit. Would you advise re this please?

With regard to Mrs Ashton going to the Asian Women's Conference - we would like to endorse this appointment as we feel Mrs Ashton would be the person to do this & we wish her God's blessing.

I have also been asked to advise on the question of changing the name of our Council to "Queensland Church Women". This was discussed at

length at our meeting & it is receiving favourable consideration & we expect to discuss it again at a future meeting.

With regard to the list of ^{the} names on the Council - I will send you this at a later date as at present we are on holidays in N.S.W. as you will see by the postmark. I will type you a list when I return home.

Thank you for the Fellowship Day Orders of Service & I have received the Community Day Orders of Service but would like some more dodgers on Veronica Kafa as all the ones I had have been handed out & our C. of E. ladies would like some.

Mrs Dingle has asked if you could advise us of the themes for Fellowship Day & Community Day in 1941.

With best wishes

yours sincerely
(Mrs) Edna Lamb.



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6th. September 1969.

Mrs. G.I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Many thanks for your long letter of 23rd. August, also for copies of Constitution. Mrs. Ashton will be forwarding the levy of four dollars soon. We have been trying to find the cost of transport of Community Day Orders of Services, by ~~Kika~~ Kwikasair, to add this to the docket for the leaflets when paying. No amount appeared on the parcel.

We have noted that the Working Committee will move to Queensland in 1971 and we are keeping this very much in mind. Our Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on November 6th., immediately following this we will give you details and the names of Delegates and Observers who will attend the National Meeting in February. You will receive our reports before the end of October.

We are hoping we are not too late with a nomination for the East Asian Women's Conference to be held in Djarkta, but we have just learnt that Mrs. E. Dingle expects to attend the International Committee of Women's World Day of Prayer which will meet in Bangkok just prior to the East Asian Women's Conference. Mrs. Dingle would be free to visit other States, if asked, to share her experineces. We therefore have pleasure in nominating Mrs. Dingle as a Delegate to the East Asian Women's Conference, September 1970.

We would like a clearer picture on finance required for the Delegates, \$300 is mentioned, does this cover the two fares plus living expenses? how much extra for passports and visas ?. Is there any scheme planned re. allocating amounts to States on a pro rata basis ?

Reports from Committees organising the seven Fellowship Day Services in Queensland have been good, there will not be so many services for World Community Day. The central one in Brisbane will be held in Albert Street, Methodist Church on 29th. October.

Thank you for all you are doing as secretary, we fully appreciate the magnitude of the task.

With Christian Greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

Margt. Reid

Hon. Secretary.

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6th. November 1969.

Mrs. S. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh 3165.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Your letter just missed our meeting today, unfortunately we have a very late delivery of mail at Bunya Street, however it will come before the Executive very soon. It is good to learn of the assistance to be given to delegates' travel expenses.

Our newly elected Officers are:-

President	Mrs. E. Dingle, 56 Kew Rd., Graceville 4075
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs. D.Cramb 28 Khartoum St. Gordon Park 4031
Hon. Asst. Secretary.	Mrs. G.V.Haigh 63 Seventh Avenue, Kedron 4031
Hon. Treasurer.	Mrs. B.A. Clarke, 74 Akonna St. Wynnum Central 4178
Convenor F'ship of Least Coin	Mrs. F.G. Dennis 32 Coronation St. Bardon 4065
Convenor Winifred Kiek Schol.	Mrs. B.A.Clarke 74 Akonna St. Wynnum Central 4178.

Our delegate to the National Meetings to be held in Melbourne in February 1970 will be Mrs. E. DINGLE.

Mrs. G.Udy will be visiting Melbourne in February and will attend some of the National Meetings as another delegate.

With warm greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Reid

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Secretary:
Mrs D.L.Cramb,
28 Khartoum Street,
GORDON PARK. Q. 4031

25th August, 1970

Dear Mrs. Duke,

I have been asked to write to you with reference to the beneficiary grants from the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

It has been suggested that we may like to help the educational programme in Papua-New Guinea being done by the Salvation Army with some centres having day schools and some having boarding schools where promising pupils receive both education and training in civilised ways of living, helping both girls and boys.

Also suggested was the work being done by the National Council of Women in their project for the proposed "Hall of Residence" for women students at the University in Papua-New Guinea.

Both these suggestions we feel are in need of help in this Area.

Enclosed is a list of the members of the Council as you requested.

Yours sincerely,



Copy of this letter has been sent to Mrs Straack.

HON. SECRETARY

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

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President:

Mrs. E. Dingle.

46 Bunya Street,
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7th. September 1970

Mrs. S. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
East Bentleigh 3165,
Victoria.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Acting for Mrs. Dingle in her absence I write re.
Mrs. Selvaratnam's visit to Brisbane.

Council members in Brisbane would not like to miss the opportunity to meet and get to know this distinguished lady. We wrote to the P.W.M.U. regarding the strength of their support to find that they have planned an important function for the 28th.. Church of Christ women will hardly be home from their meetings in Adelaide, but we are not discouraged. We have planned to meet in the Conference Hall of Wesley House at 10.30.a.m. on the 28th. and feel confident of Methodist, Congregational and Anglican support, but it would not be the BIG meeting we would have liked, it will be a worthwhile meeting.

We have discovered that Church Women in Ipswich about 20 miles west of Brisbane are anxious to have Mrs. Selvaratnam, so with your approval we hope to take her there for an evening meeting 28th..

If you feel she can come for this programme we would like the time of her arrival and departure as soon as possible and hope these will not be at peak hours. Mrs. Selvaratnam would be the guest of my husband and me.

If you feel she should not come would you let us know immediately as a circular is going out at the week end.

Trusting all is well with you, with warm regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Margaret Reid

Vice President.