

NEWSLETTE



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. UNIT

A.C.W. seeks:

to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

to provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

What a wonderful, exciting year this has been! As we celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the colonisation of Australia, there has been much to remember. Sydney Harbour was a magnificent backdrop for those sailing ships on Australia Day, and then again for the Bi-Centennial Naval Review with the salute taken by the Duke of York. Darling Harbour, the Monorail, and Expo have brought people from all over the world to join in our Birthday.

Our own celebrations for our 50th Birthday of A.C.W. in N.S.W. have been exciting also and we look forward to a truly great day on the 18th November at St. Stephens Uniting Church, Macquarie Street.

2. President's Message (Cont.)

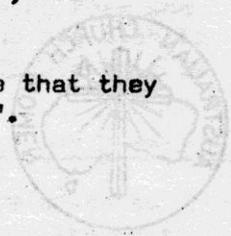
As the year draws to a close, we think of another Birthday - that of God's own dear Son, Jesus Christ. May we take the time to remember the special message of new life that it brings and like the shepherds, tell everyone about Jesus.

Remember it was Jesus who said "I am come that they might have life, and might have it abundantly".

God bless your Christmas and New Year.

Loving wishes.

Marjory Baker.
President.



FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

July	28th	A.C.W. Fellowship Day, Burwood President (speaker)
September	8th	Flower Festival - St. Andrew's Cathedral
	21st	Pan-Pacific Annual General Meeting Y.W.C.A. " " " President
October	7th	C.W.F. Burwood - (speaker) President
	14th	C.W.F. Belrose - " "
	24th	A.C.W. Community Day - Pres. Church, Chatswood - President (speaker)
	24th	Women's Day of Prayer Packing Day - President, Mrs. Davis
	26th	A.C.W. Community Day - City Branch President (speaker)



The President of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
New South Wales Unit



invites you to attend the

BI-CENTENNIAL & GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE

Under the Vice-Regal Patronage of Lady Rowland

at ST. STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH
Macquarie Street, Sydney

at 11 a.m. on FRIDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1988

and afterwards for Light Luncheon (\$5.00)

Speaker: MRS. MARGARET KNAUERHASE
(Daughter of Rev. Winifred Kiek)

President:
Mrs. Marjory Baker

Secretary:
Mrs. Marie McCann

Luncheon Bookings
(by 11th Nov.) to:
Mrs. Dorothy Lumb
69 Myall Street
CONCORD. 2138

Deaf Aids & Stairmate Available.

The theme for the Bicentennial GOLDEN JUBILEE Service is 'WE BEING MANY ARE ONE IN CHRIST'. The format of the Service is very thoughtful and meaningful and we are looking forward to St. Stephens Church being full to overflowing with YOUR BANNERS creating a colourful display. Lady Rowland and Mrs. Greiner will be reading the Lessons. We pray that the whole day will be one of spiritual refreshment and joyful fellowship. Please come and rejoice!!

Deaconess Mary Andrews, one of the founding members of A.C.W. has written a book on the history of the N.S.W. A.C.W. State Unit which will be available at the luncheon at a cost of \$2.00. You will find it quite fascinating reading!

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Dear partners in prayer,

The excitement of this Bi-Centenary Year is coming to a close; we are now in November, and this is our last magazine.

Many wonderful things have been brought to mind, and visitors from far countries have come to help us celebrate. We ourselves look forward to our Golden Jubilee Service this month when we will celebrate 50 years of Christian Women from all faiths meeting and working together in love and harmony. What a free and privileged people we are, but let us not forget the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in Burma, Sudan, India, Bangladesh lands where there are no options for life's celebrations, but only the battle to exist. God help us to share our great harvest through prayer and giving to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Wishing you all the blessing of the coming Christmas Season.

Glad West
Convenor.

A.C.W. VHS VIDEO.

We were delighted to know that the video has been shown in Sydney at several of the City Branch churches and a request has been received from the Tamworth Branch.

The video is most interesting and informative - and we feel will provoke much wider interest and involvement in A.C.W. from those who take the opportunity to view it.

It is available on loan, the only cost being for packing and postage - so make a booking NOW from Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse, 86 Fullers Road, Chatswood, 2067. Tel. 419-6772.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

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The purpose of this Scholarship is to provide supplementary training for a Christian woman from the Asian, Indian or Pacific Areas. The Scholarship is intended for a woman who has already received her basic training in her chosen field of work. It is hoped she will return to her own country to give leadership in Church and community.

It was a great delight for me to visit World Expo and to see the different pavilions of countries from whence our Scholars have come -

Bangladesh	1978	Tapita Das
Pakistan	1978	Sr. Barkat Kishan Dass
Papua New Guinea	1979	Eita Boeva
Hong Kong	1980	Mary Au (now ordained)
Indonesia	1980	Dien Sumiyatiningsih
Sri Lanka	1981	Malini Weerasinghe
Fiji	1982	Salaseina Kanavakaca
Korea	1983	Byong Ok Min
India	1984	Dr. Sushila Rao
Papua New Guinea	1985	Valeri Palang
Burma	1986/87	Stella Min

We are looking forward to our 50th Anniversary meeting on 18th November, when Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase the daughter of the late Rev. Winifred Kiek, will be our guest speaker.

Yvonne Davis

Convenor.

The WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION N.S.W. Bicentennial Year Celebration was held at the C.M.S. Conference Room, on 13th September. Mrs. Brigadier Minnie Rawlins, World President of W.C.T.U. was the guest speaker; she is from Canada and her lifelong interests have been the Salvation Army and the Girl Guide Movement.

THE MEN HEARD THE WOMEN!

The prayers of Christians around the world were answered at the Lambeth Bishops' Conference. The presence and prayers of women were appreciated by many bishops from around the world.

The Episcopal Women's caucus accepted the presiding bishop's invitation originally proffered by the Archbishop of Canterbury "to bring your Diocese with you". The E.V.C. invited women involved in ministry from Africa, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America and the Philippines to join them in prayer vigils, lectures, seminars, workshops, worship and hospitality.

Each day focus was made on different parts of the world from where the women came. Highlights of the programme included the celebration of 44 years of women in the Anglican priesthood. The Rev. Dr. Li Tim-Oi, ordained in China in 1944 and Rev. Joyce Bennet ordained in Hong Kong in 1971 were in attendance, when a video entitled 'Return to Hepu' was screened in the University Theatre. It was a stirring documentation of the life and ministry of Florence Li Tim-Oi who was an honoured guest. (In the Lambeth Conference Souvenir brochure, a photo appeared of Rev. Li Tim-Oi and Deacon Mary Andrews.)

'Women's stories in Scripture and Today' was the focus of Bible Studies by Dr. Ellen Bacon McKinley, a specialist in psychiatry and religion from U.S.A., which were very challenging.

The Rev. Nan Peete was the first ordained woman to make a presentation at Lambeth Conference for which she was given a long standing ovation.

On August 1st, the Conference resolved 'That each Province respect the decisions and attitudes of the other provinces whether in favour or against the ordination and consecration of a woman in the episcopate maintaining the highest possible degree of communion with provinces who differ.'

2. 'That bishops exercise courtesy and maintain communications with bishops who may differ and with any woman bishop ensuring an open dialogue in the church to whatever extent communion is impaired'.

The Men heard the Women'. (Cont.)

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The bishops voted by an overwhelming 90% for the resolution. There was stunned silence in the theatre, where by means of closed circuit television, the press and the women's conference members listened to the Archbishop of Canterbury announce the result.

As the Women's Witnessing Community left Lambeth, it was with thanksgiving that women's voices were heard at the Conference with reference to problems of poverty, hunger, health, ordination and ministry in the Church.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in his farewell message said: 'We kept our eyes on Jesus and we did not sink (as the media foretold). Go back to your dioceses and attempt great things for God'.

Mary M. Andrews, A.M.
Deaconess.

BOOK REVIEW: THE 'FINDING OUT ABOUT GOD' SERIES.

Two new titles for 8-12 year olds have recently been released in this Australian series.

They are WHY ME, GOD (which asks the question 'Why does God let awful things happen to me?') and DOES GOD LOVE ME? ('Does God love me even when I do wrong things?')

The first in the series, a simple unambiguous statement of the gospel for 8-12's is called BECOMING GOD'S FRIEND. It has proved very successful, already having sold over 4½ thousand copies.

The series is delightfully illustrated in full colour and the language and style perfectly suit this age group.

They are suitable for use in Sunday School, Scripture, Camps or in the home.

Becoming God's Friend	-	\$ 3.00
Why me, God?	-	\$ 3.75
Does God Love me?	-	\$ 3.75

Christian Education Publications,
St. Andrew's House,
St. Andrew's Square, SYDNEY.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS for Newsette for 1989 are due by 31st December 1988 - \$4.00 - and should be sent direct to the Subscription Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse, 86 Fullers Road, Chatswood. 2067. (Tel.419-6772).

To assist those dealing with the subscription list, would you kindly co-operate by completing the enclosed form and attending to this matter promptly. If you do not wish to receive the publication, would you please indicate this to us to save expense.

Receipts will only be issued on request.

Readers of the Asian Church Woman Bulletin are asked to renew their subscriptions promptly for 1989. The cost (4 Bulletins annually) is \$7.50 to be paid to the Treasurer by 15th December 1988. New subscriptions are welcome.

Affiliation fees are due on 1st March 1989 as follows:

Denomination Groups State level	\$15.00 per annum
Local Branches of A.C.W.	\$5.00 " "
Special Interest groups, W.C.T.U. Girls Brigade,	\$5.00 " "

ALL MONIES (other than Newsette subscriptions) i.e. affiliation fees, donations, subscriptions to A.C.W.C. Bulletin (\$7.50), 'Partners with A.C.W.C.' donation (\$1.00 annually), should be sent to the Treasurer,

Mrs. Dorothy Lumb,
69 Myall Street,
Concord West. 2138. (Tel.73-3360).

ALL cheques should be made payable to 'AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN'.

Contributions to Newsette are requested and should be sent to the Editor, Mrs. Mina Whybourne, 99 President Ave., Caringbah, 2229 (Tel. 525-4339) before the 15th day of the month prior to publication.

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