

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N .

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L I N C O L N C O L L E G E , A D E L A I D E

19th-22nd AUGUST, 1975

"J E S U S C H R I S T F R E E S A N D U N I T E S ."

M I N U T E S .

N.B. Minutes of Proceedings, Friday, 22nd August, are subject to approval.

T U E S D A Y , 19th AUGUST.

O P E N I N G :

The President, Mrs. Joy Smith, welcomed all present. She mentioned the role of Christian women over the years in forming Australian Church Women, and her pleasure at the sight of so many new faces. A special welcome was extended to Deaconess Pam Kerr who will lead the Bible Studies; to Life Member, Deaconess Mary Andrews; and to the President, Mrs. Maisie McKenzie, and the Secretary, Mrs. Eunice Yeomans, of the recently formed Northern Territory Unit. The new Unit was received into Australian Church Women with acclamation.

The President then formally declared the 12th National Committee Meeting open.

Hymn 266 from the Congregational Hymnary was sung. Mrs. Smith read a paraphrase of Psalm 72 from Leslie Brandt's "God is here, Let's Celebrate!" and led in prayer.

Mrs. Smith then mentioned that the death had occurred since the last National Committee Meeting of Rev. Winifred Kiek who had been made a Life Member at that Meeting. She led in a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving.

A P O L O G I E S :

Life Members, Mrs. M. Verco and Mrs. M. Wyllie; Mrs. Margaret Ralph and the S.A. Mothers' Union.

G R E E T I N G S :

Greeting telegrams were received from the Catholic Women's League in Tasmania and South Australia, and in a letter from Mrs. Cora Connell.

A L T E R A T I O N S
T O L I S T O F
P A R T I C I P A N T S :

<u>ADD</u>	N.S.W. W.I.C.C. Observer:	Mrs. M. Stanhope
	Federal Congregational Representative:	Mrs. G. Matthews
	Federal Salvation Army Observer:	Mrs. Capt. R. Colling (not under S.A. Organisations as in Working Documents)
	A.C.C. Executive Representatives:	Miss I. F. Jeffries (in place of Deaconess Mary Andrews)
		Miss A. Arblaster
	Girls' Brigade Representative:	Mrs. C. Evans
	Observer:	Mrs. E. Tanner
	(deputy)	Mrs. D. White
	Incoming Working Committee:	Brig. Miss E. Dearie (in lieu of Mrs. P. Eaton)
	Invited Guests:	
	Religious Society of Friends:	Mrs. L. H. Beckwith
	S.A. Organisations:	
	Presbyterian:	Various women to attend.

P R O C E D U R A L A R R A N G E M E N T S : Mrs. Smith drew attention to the Procedural arrangements on page ii of the Working Documents.

A G E N D A :

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. Carried.

M I N U T E S O F
1974 N.C.M.

The Minutes were confirmed as a correct record with the following approved alterations:-

- (1) On page 2, under "Voting for A.C.W.C." - Alter "A question was raised" to "Questions were raised", and add after "Delegates and observers" in the second line, "and

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OPENING SESSION (CONT):MINUTES OF
1974 N.C.W.
(CONT.)

the appointment of representatives to the Planning Committee of A.C.W.C."

- (2) On page 10, after "Notices of Motion were received", add - "Notice of motion on Scribal Pens Travel Fund was withdrawn".
- (3) On page 12, under "F.L.C. Project", add - "It was resolved that the F.L.C. Grant be asked for in U.S. dollars in view of the exchange position".

BUSINESS
ARISING
FROM
MINUTES:(1) Women Delegates to W.C.C. Assembly in Nairobi:

Denominational representatives will be:

Mrs. E. Appleby (Church of England)
 Ms. J. Wyatt (" " ")
 Mrs. D. McMahon (Methodist)
 Mrs. I. Hall (Presbyterian, ~~ab~~ origine)
 Mrs. P. Kerr (")

W.C.C. Appointments are:

Miss Jean Skuse
 Rev. Dorothy Wacker.

Of these seven women appointed, two are members of the incoming Working Committee of A.C.W.

(2) Representatives to the Commission on Christian Education:

Mesdames Marie Petrie and Mary Robinson.

(3) Formation of Bonds with Orthodox Women:

Advice had been received from the S.A. Council of Churches that Mr. D. Stone in Tasmania is compiling a directory of Orthodox Churches in Australia. His letter in response to our enquiry was read, and it was resolved "THAT A COPY OF THIS LETTER BE SENT TO ALL STATE UNITS". State Units should implement their own ideas on this subject.

(4) Appointment of Delegates and Observers to A.C.W.C.:

Mrs. Ailsa Webber of Mornington Island was appointed as Observer to the Asian Church Women's Conference in place of Mrs. Elkin Umbagai, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Webber was welcomed to this Meeting.

- (5) Mrs. Fran. Bailey is now Vice-President of A.C.W.C. Mrs. Rachel Cocks is the Australian Representative to A.C.W.C. until the next Conference. Concerning the election of National Representatives, Mrs. Smith read the relevant section of the A.C.W.C. Constitution re the Committee of National Representatives -

"(a) One member from each country elected by its delegation to the A.C.W.C. Assembly."

SECRETARY'S
REPORT:

This report was taken as read, received and adopted.
 A vote of thanks for Mrs. Murchland's outstanding services was carried with acclamation.

AFTERNOON SESSIONOPENING:

Mrs. Smith introduced the nominees for the incoming Working Committee. Those marked * were present:

President: * Rev. Dorothy Wacker (Congregational)
 Vice-President*: Mrs. Brig. I. McIntyre (Salvation Army)
 Mrs. P. F. Downey (Roman Catholic)
 Secretary: * Miss Vera Dean (Churches of Christ)
 Treasurer: * Mrs. Jean Banyard (Presbyterian)

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AFTERNOON SESSION (CONT.)

OPENING: Committee * Mrs. Jean Vincent (Churches of Christ) -
 (CONT.) Members: Winifred Kick Scholarship Convenor
 Mrs. Norma Ellis (Methodist) "Women at Work"
 Mrs. Elizabeth Applebee (Anglican)
 Mrs. Ednah Daw (Y.W.C.A.)
 Co-opted Members: Mrs. Capt. Beryl Warr (Salvation Army)
 * Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock (Anglican)

Also present was Brig. Miss Elizabeth Dearie (Salvation Army) who is taking the place of Mrs. Brig. McIntyre until Mrs. McIntyre has recovered from an accident.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Participants introduced themselves to each other in small groups.

BIBLE STUDY:"JESUS CHRIST FREES AND UNITES"

Mrs. Smith introduced Deaconess Pam Kerr who gave an introduction to the studies, including the reading of Romans 6: 1-11.

Four passages were then read to illustrate various aspects of Jesus' freeing power:-

1. Mark 2: 23-28 "Jesus frees us from the shackles of religion"
2. Acts 10: 1-22 "Jesus frees us from the bonds of race"
3. Mark 7: 1-13 "Jesus frees us from the bonds of tradition"
4. Galatians 3: 28 "Jesus frees us from the limitations of imposed roles"

This was followed by group and plenary sessions.

A.C.W.C. REPORT:

The Asian Church Women's Conference report was formally received. Mrs. Smith congratulated Mrs. Rachel Cocks who is the new Australian representative. The delegation, Mesdames Cocks, Smith, McKenzie, Webber and Bailey spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

EVENING SESSION

OPENING: Mrs. Smith welcomed visitors to this Open Session, particularly Dr. Stern from U.S.A. She then introduced the panel who spoke on the subject "Migrants":

Mrs. Joan van der Sman - on experiences to a migrant family;
 Miss Sandra Coleman - working with migrant youth;
 Mr. Roger Wiseman - findings from his research with migrant children.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mrs. Aimee Krutli proposed a vote of thanks which was carried with acclamation.

CLOSING DEVOTIONS:

Mrs. Rachel Cocks led closing devotions, reading Mark 1: 16-20; "Following Jesus" from the book "Rule for a new Brother", prayer, hymn and benediction.

A.C.W.C. SLIDES:

After supper, Mrs. J. Smith showed slides of A.C.W.C. in Bangkok and illustrating the poem "My Country" by Dorothea McKellar. This latter was presented as part of the Australian segment at A.C.W.C.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.MORNING SESSION

OPENING: Mrs. Nell Kain (Vice-President) was in the chair. The hymn used at A.C.W.C. - "Raise the Cross" - was sung, after which Mrs. Kain read Col. 1: 9-14 and led in prayer.

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MORNING SESSION (CONT.)BIBLE STUDY: "JESUS CHRIST FREES AND UNITES"

This session was again introduced by Deaconess Kerr, reading John 17: 13-23 and Ephesians 4: 1-16, followed by group discussion.

SEMINAR ON FAMILY LIFE: The report of the "Seminar on Family Life" held in Penang in April, 1975 was taken as read and received. Mrs. Heather Stevens, who was Australia's representative at the Seminar spoke to this report which was then adopted.

PUBLIC SESSION: "WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT" - Mrs. Estelle Gobbett, Convenor of the Commission on the Status of Women's study "Women in Development", spoke of the issues raised in this study.

"FAMILY IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE" - Mrs. Heather Stevens spoke on this subject.

General discussion followed.

VOTE OF THANKS: The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Glad Bent.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

NOTICES OF MOTION: Several notices of motion were received.

HOME TUTOR SCHEME: It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING WARMLY COMMENDS THE HOME TUTOR SCHEME AND URGES STATE UNITS TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AS A PRACTICAL EXPRESSION OF OUR CONCERN".

WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT: It was resolved "THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE IN AUSTRALIA ARE AMONG THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST 6% AND TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE ARE IMPOVERISHED, AND THAT CHRISTIANITY IS LARGELY JUDGED BY OUR WESTERN LIFE STYLE, THIS COMMITTEE URGES ITS MEMBERS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS TO SERIOUS STUDY OF WHAT OUR PRIORITIES SHOULD BE AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA TO-DAY".

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING "WHERE ARE WE GOING?" AND OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT THIS MATERIAL TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS".

REPORTS FROM FEDERAL DENOMINATIONS: The reports from the Federal Denominations were taken as read.

Anglican Women:

Mrs. Audrey Rayner mentioned the diversity of groups catering for girls and women.

Churches of Christ - Australian Christian Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong emphasised Bible reading which is encouraged by the production of a biennial Handbook.

Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia:

Mrs. Jessie Dennis commented on the "Quality of Life" studies.

Salvation Army Women (Eastern and Southern Territories)

Mrs. Lt.-Col. Olive Carpenter brought greetings from both Territories and endorsed Mrs. Rayner's concern for those denominations who do not have unified Federal or State women's organisations through which issues of concern can be disseminated for discussion.

The Girls' Brigade Australia:

Mrs. Colleen Evans emphasised the Brigade's interest in their work in the Pacific.

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AFTERNOON SESSION (CONT.)REPORTS
FROM
FEDERAL
DENOMINA-
TIONS:
(CONT.)Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia

Mrs. Gwen Matthews spoke of the significant roles being played by women in the organisational structure of their Church.

Young Women's Christian Association:

Mrs. Ella Hannaford spoke on behalf of the Y.W.C.A.

The reports were received.

LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
SEMINAR:

It was resolved "THAT AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN IN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, ADELAIDE, AUGUST 1975 AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE DECISION AT BANGKOK ASSEMBLY OCTOBER, 1974, TO INSTITUTE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES."

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING SUGGESTS TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF A.C.W.C. MEETING IN SINGAPORE IN SEPTEMBER 2-5, 1975 THAT THE PRESENT REGIONAL GROUPING OF NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND INDONESIA BE INCLUDED IN THE SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES GROUPING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMMES."

It was resolved "THAT GREETINGS BE SENT FROM THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF A.C.W. TO THE A.C.W.C. WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING IN SINGAPORE IN SEPTEMBER, 1975."

STATE
UNIT
REPORTS:

State Unit reports were taken as read and received.

Canberra Church Women: Mrs. Judy Turnbull mentioned the co-operating Parish in a new area - Belconnen.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council: Mrs. Glad Bent made reference to the compilation of an historical record of the Council.

Northern Territory Unit: Mrs. Maisie McKenzie reported that the Unit was formed at a meeting of Church women held in Darwin in October, 1974 after the World Community Day service. Following cyclone Tracy, it was decided that the Unit would continue and officers were elected in June, 1975.

Queensland Unit: Mrs. Mary Earner highlighted several items, including the church service arranged in conjunction with the "Warana" Festival.

South Australia Unit: Mrs. Dawn Manning mentioned the handcrafts imported from The Christian Family Service Centre in Hong Kong.

Tasmania Unit: Mrs. Peg Lambert brought warm greetings from the five A.C.W. branches in Tasmania and said that the visit of Mrs. Mary Weme was much appreciated.

Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council: Mrs. Olive Ackland highlighted the section under "Activities".

Western Australia Unit: Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock told of the formation early in International Women's Year of a Church's Sub-committee of I.W.Y.

These reports were adopted.

AUSTRALIAN
COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES
REPORTS:

Reports related to the Australian Council of Churches were taken as read.

Commission on Faith and Order: Miss Doris Mitchell advised that the papers produced by the Joint Working Group are available to members of Churches for study and comment. She especially mentioned the paper on "The Person in Church and Society".

AFTERNOON SESSION (CONT.)REPORTSCommission on Christian Education:FROM

Mrs. Jean Yule highlighted the following aspects:

AUSTRALIAN

The Church's Ministry with Children

COUNCIL OF

Paulo Freire visit

CHURCHES:

Youth Work.

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The Biennial Conference will be held at Rostrevor, S.A. in November, 1975.

27th General Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches:

Mrs. Joy Smith drew attention to the official "Message" from the Meeting.

All reports were received.

Mrs. Smith tabled the Minutes of the 27th General Meeting of the A.C.C. and 'In Unity'.

FEDERAL
DENOMINA-
TIONAL
REPORT:

Australian Federation of Methodist Women: Mrs. Margaret Ayre mentioned the Pacific Area Seminar held in New Zealand in 1974.

This report was received.

EVENING SESSION.PUBLIC
SESSION:

Rev. Frank Engel was welcomed and introduced by Mrs. Smith. He spoke in detail about the work of the Australian Council of Churches, particularly emphasising its on-going work and the scope of its activities. Mrs. Jean Yule presented information on the Division of World Christian Action with particular emphasis on the Christmas Bowl, Force Ten and educational aspects of the Division's work. Question time followed.

VOTE OF
THANKS:

In proposing the vote of thanks to Mr. Engel, Deaconess Norah Norris referred especially to the understanding and support given by him to A.C.W. and the Working Committee in particular. Miss Norris then paid tribute to his ability as a leader over the years, and presented him with a book order as a token of our appreciation.

DEVOTIONS:

Rev. Frank Engel led in closing devotions after which supper was served.

THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST.MORNING SESSIONOPENING:

Deaconess Norah Norris was in the chair. The hymn "Raise the Cross" was sung and Miss Norris led in prayer.

BIBLE STUDY: Deaconess Pam Kerr read Col. 1:9-23 and introduced the study.

This was followed by discussion groups and plenary session. Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock proposed a vote of thanks to Deaconess Kerr and presented her with a small gift.

NOTICES OF
MOTION:

Notices of motion were received and the Steering Committee reported on the placement of notices of motion on the agenda.

GREETINGS:

Greetings from other denominations and organisations were taken as read.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Mrs. Alder Hall spoke of her experiences with people of other cultures while attending the World Day of Prayer International Committee Meeting in Mexico last October. She expressed her deeper understanding and appreciation of their situations and concluded with the greeting she gave at that meeting - Rom. 10: 14-15.

MORNING SESSION (CONT.)

GREETINGS: Baptist Women's Board: Mrs. Barbara Payne expressed her personal appreciation of the opportunity to attend the National Committee Meeting.

Australian Council of Catholic Women: Mrs. Barbara Grealy brought greetings from the Council.

Religious Society of Friends: Mrs. Ruth Beckwith expressed her pleasure at the possibility of closer relationships with A.C.W.

The greetings were received with acclamation.

It was resolved "THAT WE INFORM THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO SEND A DELEGATE AND AN OBSERVER TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF A.C.W. AND ASSURE THEM OF OUR WARM WELCOME."

UNITING
CHURCH IN
AUSTRALIA:

Deaconess Norah Norris told the meeting that amendments to the Constitution of the Australian Council of Churches have already been approved so that when the Uniting Church in Australia becomes a reality, it will automatically become a part of A.C.C., and continuing Presbyterian Church is expected to remain as a full member. Therefore, the U.C.A. and the Presbyterian Church will each have one representative and one observer at National Committee Meetings of A.C.W.

All reports until lunch-time were taken as read and received.

UNITED
GROUPS &
WOMEN AT
WORK REPORTS:
MINUTES:

The United Groups and "Women at Work" reports were presented without further comment.

Minutes of the previous two days' meetings, with the change from Australasian Federation of Methodist Women to "Australian Federation..." were confirmed.

FINANCIAL
REPORTS:

The financial report was presented by Mrs. Joan Bache. The following allocations were approved:-

From Fellowship of the Least Coin Account

to F.L.C. International	\$5000
To Administration and General a/c	\$235

From Fellowship Day Account

To Winifred Kick Scholarship a/c	\$1830
To Winifred Kick Scholarship a/c for Bonds	\$100
To Administration & General a/c	\$125

From World Community Day Account

To Fund for Reconciliation and Recon- struction in Indochina	\$1000
To Administration & General a/c	\$80

From Winifred Kick Scholarship Account

To purchase Special Bonds	\$100
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The following motion was presented and discussed.

"THAT AN INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF MONEY RETAINED FROM SPECIAL DAY OFFERINGS BE MADE IN ORDER TO MEET INCREASED COSTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A.C.W. TASMANIA UNIT."

MORNING SESSION (CONT)FINANCIAL
REPORT:
(CONT.)

This motion was deferred until after the Scribal Pens report. Mrs. Nell Kain presented the report on Scribal Pens.

It was resolved (a) "THAT NO REBATES BE PAID FROM THE SCRIBAL PENS TRAVEL FUND TO FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN ADELAIDE IN AUGUST, 1975 AND

(b) "THAT, IN LIEU OF REBATES TO FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES THE AMOUNT OF \$280 FROM THE SCRIBAL PENS TRAVEL FUND BE PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE INCOMING WORKING COMMITTEE TOWARDS PAYMENT OF FARES TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN ADELAIDE IN AUGUST, 1975."

It was resolved "THAT AN AMENDMENT BE MADE THAT THE AMOUNT OF \$280 IN (b) ABOVE BE INCREASED TO \$321.50 BECAUSE OF RISING FARES."

It was resolved "THAT INCREASES IN FARES SINCE PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO THE TRAVEL POOL BE PAID FROM THE SCRIBAL PENS TRAVEL FUND AND THEN THE BALANCE IN THAT ACCOUNT BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE EIGHT UNITS."

It was resolved "THAT THE TRAVEL POOL RECOMMENDATION BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE DECISION ON THE LOCATION OF THE NEXT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING."

In view of the fact that inflation has reduced the profitability of Scribal Pens, it was resolved "THAT THE SCRIBAL PENS TRAVEL FUND BE CLOSED AND THAT STATE UNITS BE ENTITLED TO HOLD ANY PROFITS".

The motion concerning an increase of the percentage of money to be retained by A.C.W. Tasmania Unit was withdrawn.

It was resolved "THAT THIS N.C.M., REALISING THAT IN THE PAST THE SCRIBAL PENS TRAVEL FUND HAS MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO A.C.W., COMMENDS THOSE MEMBERS OF EARLIER N.C.M.'S WHO PIONEERED THE FUND, AND EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF ALL CONVENORS AND TREASURERS WHO HAVE WORKED CONSCIENTIOUSLY TOWARDS IT."

A vote of thanks for Mrs. Daches's outstanding services was carried with acclamation.

AFTERNOON SESSIONWINIFRED
KIEK
SCHOLARSHIP
REPORT:

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report as printed on pages 59 and 60 in the Working Documents and one distributed during the lunch hour, were taken as read and received. Mrs. Eryvn Whitehead spoke to these reports. Mrs. Whitehead clarified various points in the new document which had only just become available as the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee held its most recent meeting on Monday, 18th August. Questions and discussion followed on this and the new terms of reference for the Winifred Kiek Scholarships. Several minor alterations and other adjustments were made to the suggested terms of reference. The new statement reads as follows:

W.K.S.
TERMS OF
REFERENCE:

(1) AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN as part of its programme will include the granting of Scholarships to be known as the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP and WINIFRED KIEK VISITING SCHOLARSHIP.

AFTERNOON SESSION (CONT)

WINIFRED (2) There shall be two classes of Scholarships offered
KIEK
SCHOLARSHIP
TERMS
OF REFERENCE:

1. WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

The PURPOSE of this Scholarship is to offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training and is intended for those who give leadership in Church life and for those who need strengthening as Christians for their work in the world. The terms will be determined by the needs of applicants defined by their sponsoring bodies and considered by the Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the National Working Committee within the following guidelines:-

- (a) tenable for 10 months (one academic year) or,
- (b) intensive courses for shorter periods, or
- (c) longer periods when particular qualifications are sought.

2. WINIFRED KIEK VISITING SCHOLARSHIP

The PURPOSE of this Scholarship is to benefit Australian Church Women by giving them inspiration, knowledge, and leadership from our Christian sisters from other nations thus promoting knowledge and support of the Winifred Kiek Scholarships. Funds shall be available triennially or at the discretion of the National Working Committee to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for

- (a) a distinguished overseas Christian woman, or
- (b) a Christian woman scholar already studying in Australia

to tour Australia, speaking to Church and community groups promoting an understanding of the work of the Church in other nations.

(3) The scholarships to be part of the Australian Council of Churches' Inter-Church aid scholarship operation and the Division of World Christian Action to be asked to continue to support the scholarship.

(4) The terms of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship will be circulated through the National Christian Councils of the Christian Conference of Asia, (excluding Korea, Japan and Philippines,) and the Pacific Conference of Churches. Applications to be received by the Working Committee of Australian Church Women for selection.

(5) The application for the Winifred Kiek scholarship to be made on the prescribed forms used by the Scholarship Committee, viz:

Application should include
Academic record
Language Certificates
Recommendations (3)
Health Certificate
Statement by Church
Place of Study

(6) Forms for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship to be circulated by the Working Committee of Australian Church Women to the areas alternately and application forms channelled through the relevant national Christian Council whose recommendation will accompany the application.

AFTERNOON SESSION (CONT)

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP: (7) The co-operation of training schools, universities and institutions will be sought to provide for places and facilities both within and outside Australia for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

(8) Nominations for the Winifred Kiek Visiting Scholarship will be received from State Units, Church Missionary Groups and the Australian Council of Churches and should be made to the National Working Committee for referral and consultation with the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee.

(9) The Working Committee of Australian Church Women will be responsible for the arrangements made for the scholarship holder concerning her training; accommodation and personal requirements. The co-operation of State Units of Australian Church Women will be sought in the carrying out of the arrangements.

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING ADOPTS THE NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIPS".

It was resolved "THAT THE SELECTED SCHOLARS RECOMMENDED BY THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BE - MRS. ANNE KEREPIA FROM PORT MORESBY AND MISS SARAH AH YOU FROM WESTERN SAMOA."

It was resolved "THAT A FUND OF \$1000 BE SET ASIDE TO REMAIN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE PRESENT WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR UNTIL SHE LEAVES AUSTRALIA."

It was resolved "THAT SHOULD MISS MYUNG RAE-SONG MAKE CONTACT AGAIN WITH THE COMMITTEE, WE SHOULD CONSIDER OFFERING TO SPONSOR HER IN A COURSE IN HER OWN COUNTRY."

A vote of thanks and appreciation to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener and the Working Committee for the work that they have done was carried with acclamation.

The meeting adjourned and members of the Committee proceeded on a tour of the city.

EVENING SESSION

SPECIAL DAYS REPORT: The Special Days report was taken as read and received. Mrs. Kath Howie spoke to this report. State Units expressed appreciation for the excellent Order of Service and theme for 1975 Fellowship Day. The report was adopted.

Questions in the Working Paper were then discussed in groups followed by plenary session, the information from which will provide guidelines for the Working Committee in the preparation of 1976 Orders of Service.

Themes for 1976 Services: Suggestions were received for possible themes on the theme of freedom and unity - to be left to the Working Committee to make final decision.

It was resolved "THAT POWER BE GIVEN TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE IN CONSULTATION WITH WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION AND AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC RELIEF TO MAKE A DECISION NEARER THE TIME REGARDING PROJECT FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1976 and 1977".

REALATION SHIPS WITH STATE COUNCILS OF CHURCHES: Mention was made of an improvement in most States in the relationship with State Councils of Churches.

EVENING SESSION (CONT)

F.L.C. REPORT: The Fellowship of the Least Coin report was taken as read and received. Mrs. Hall spoke of the friendships made during her term of office. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hall for her work and enthusiasm.

F.L.C. SUBMISSIONS: Submissions for Grants:

1. Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship - Mrs. Lena Meadows and Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong both spoke of the enthusiasm and sincerity of the people working in this Fellowship
2. Nungalinga College, Darwin - Mrs. Meadows and Mrs. Maisie McKenzie told of the exciting scope of this project.
3. Ginidar Gerrang programme of Christian Education - Mrs. Meadows sought support for this programme.
4. Missionary Sisters of Charity - Mrs. Olive Ackland enlarged on this project. It was pointed out that F.L.C. grants are not primarily for buildings.

DEVCTIONS: Mrs. Dawn Manning led closing devotions which were followed by supper.

AUDIOVISUAL: After supper, an audiovisual produced by the Victorian W.I.C.C. for use in an International Women's Year display was shown.

FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

MORNING SESSION:

OPENING: The hymn "Raise the Cross" was sung. Mrs. Smith read a paraphrase of Psalm 98 from "God is here! Let's Celebrate!" by Leslie Brandt, and then led in prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous day's meeting were amended and confirmed.

WORKING COMMITTEE The following were elected:-

<u>FOR 1975-77:</u>	President	Rev. Dorothy Wacker
	Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Brigadier I. C. McIntyre Mrs. P. F. Downey
	Secretary	Miss Vera Dean
	Treasurer	Mrs. Jean Banyard
	Committee Members	Mrs. Vera Wilson (F.L.C. Convenor) Mrs. Jean Vincent (W.K.S. Convenor) Mrs. Norma Ellis (Women at Work") Mrs. Elizabeth Appleby Mrs. Ednah Daw

A.C.C. GENERAL MEETING, BRISBANE JULY, 1976; It was resolved "THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO CONSULTANTS TO THE 28TH AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN BRISBANE IN JULY, 1976 BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT AT LEAST ONE SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE".

COMMISSION OF FAITH AND ORDER: It was resolved "THAT THE N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL BE AUTHORIZED TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE A.C.C. COMMISSION ON FAITH AND ORDER".

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: It was resolved "THAT THE VICTORIAN WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL BE AUTHORIZED TO NOMINATE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE A.C.C. COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION".

NEXT N.C.M.: It was resolved "THAT THE NEXT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN PERTH IN AUGUST, 1977".

MORNING SESSION (CONT.)TRAVEL
POOL:

The motion concerning the Travel Pool, as contained in the Working Documents, was withdrawn.

It was resolved "THAT THE BASIS FOR THE TRAVEL POOL FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN PERTH, 1977 BE THE PROVISION OF ONE FARE FROM EACH STATE UNIT; ANY UNIT UNABLE TO MAKE PROVISION FOR A SECOND DELEGATE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME VOTING RIGHTS AS OTHER UNITS."

It was resolved "THAT WE URGE EVERY STATE TO SEEK TO SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES, ONE SUPPORTED FROM THE TRAVEL POOL AND ONE BY THE UNIT".

It was resolved "THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE MODES OF TRAVEL SO THAT THE MOST ECONOMICAL AND PRACTICAL BASIS FOR THE TRAVEL POOL CAN BE DECIDED UPON".

F.L.C.
GRANT

SUBMISSIONS: IT WAS RESOLVED "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN RECOMMENDS THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE ABORIGINAL EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP FOR F.L.C. FUNDS BE FORWARDED TO A.C.W.C."

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN RECOMMENDS THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE NUNGALINYA ABORIGINAL TRAINING COLLEGE, DARWIN, FOR F.L.C. FUNDS BE FORWARDED TO A.C.W.C."

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN RECOMMENDS THAT THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHARITY'S APPLICATION FOR F.L.C. FUNDS FOR THE ON GOING WORK AMONG PEOPLE AND OUTCASTS AT BOURKE BE FORWARDED TO A.C.W.C."

It was resolved "THAT SUBMISSIONS FOR GRANTS BE FORWARDED TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE BY MARCH, 1976 AND THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE BE GIVEN POWER TO CHOOSE AND SUBMIT AUSTRALIA'S APPLICATIONS FOR 1976 TO A.C.W.C. COMMITTEE".

LOCATION OF WORKING COMMITTEE AFTER 1977 N.C.M.: A motion "that the Working Committee following the 1977 National Committee Meeting be located in Tasmania" was moved and seconded and after some discussion deferred.

The motion "that the Working Committee following the 1977 National Committee Meeting be located in Tasmania" was withdrawn.

It was resolved "THAT NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL BE INVITED TO HAVE THE WORKING COMMITTEE IN NEW SOUTH WALES IN 1977 AND THAT TASMANIA BE INVITED TO FOLLOW".

INVOLVEMENT
OF A.C.W.
IN CONJUNC-
TION WITH
W.C.A.:

It was resolved "THAT THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT THE STATE UNITS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE STAFF OF THE A.C.C., EXPLORE WAYS OF INVOLVING WOMEN IN ACTION GROUPS OR WORKING COMMITTEES DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE STATE STAFF IN CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMME OF WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION."

TRANSFER
OF BANK
ACCOUNT:

It was resolved "THAT AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO THE BANK SIGNATORIES TO SIGN THE NECESSARY FORMS TO TRANSFER THE BALANCE OF A.C.W. BANK ACCOUNT AND TREASURY AND SPECIAL BONDS TO THE COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA AT WEMBLEY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA."

CONGRATU-
LATIONS:

It was resolved "THAT CONGRATULATIONS BE RECORDED TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA ON THIS PRESENT CONFERENCE AND ON THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE FOR AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN."

MORNING SESSION (CONT.)THANKS:

Mrs. Smith expressed sincere appreciation and thanks to many who had assisted with arrangements for the Conference:-

S.A. Council of Churches for book stall, Scots Church for loan of Bibles, Union Church in the City for loan of hymn books, A.N.Z. Banking Corporation for gift of folders, Parkin-Wesley College and North Adelaide Helping Hand Centre for loan of chairs, to the Principal of Lincoln College, Dr. John Whitehead, Mrs. Whitehead and the staff of the College for their ready assistance. Special mention was made of the help of the S.A. Unit for assistance during the N.C.M. and throughout the term of office of this Working Committee and to members of the Working Committee.

Mrs. Rachel Cocks moved and Deaconess Norah Norris seconded "THAT TRIBUTE BE PAID TO THE LEADERSHIP OF MRS. SMITH DURING HER TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE." Carried.

CLOSING SERVICES:

Rev. Dorothy Wacker gave the address at the closing service which was arranged by Mrs. Alder Hall. Immediately following the service members of the N.C.M. adjourned to the dining room for an Agape Meal arranged by Mesdames Howie and Bache.