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Mrs. G. McInnes
87 Derwent Avenue
LINDISFARNE, TAS.

17 FEB 1961

Thank you for your letter of yesterday and for the Minutes
of a meeting held on 9th November 1960.

From the Minutes I see that this Auxiliary you have formed
is to be known as "Women's Auxiliary for Church Union and
Inter-Church Aid". This highly interesting at this stage as
at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches, to
be held in New South Wales at the end of next month, the whole
question of a Constitutional Basis for the various councils,
Committees and Auxiliaries will take shape and form.

Yours is the first move in Australia as far as I know to form
a Women's Auxiliary. As its interests are to be wide enough
to cover church relations and Inter-Church Aid, I cannot help
wondering if, while it is in the early stages of its development,
it cannot be related to an Inter-Church Council of the churches
of the Lindisfarne district. This would regularize and
stabilize the situation for the future and relate it at once
to the whole Ecumenical Movement in Australia with advantage
to you and the movement. Your Tasmanian Secretary is the Rev.
Lionel Browning of the Rectory, Cressy.

Thank you for the cheque. I am sending you the 30 copies of
the Leaflet on Inter-Church Aid, - under separate cover.

I do hope you have a good gathering on February 6th. I am
coming over in March, and Mr. Browning is arranging my itinerary. We may
be able to meet.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

cc. Rev. Perkins,
For your information please, this is a new
situation. We have made no provision for forming &
constituting Auxiliaries. Frank

Frank F. Byatt
National Secretary

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back*

January 17, 1960.

Rev. D. N. Saltmarsh,
257 East Risdon Road,
LINDISFARNE, Tasmania.

Dear Mr Saltmarsh,

The Rev. Frank Byatt, Inter-Church Aid Secretary for this Council has received a letter from Mrs C. McInnes, as secretary of a Women's Auxiliary for Church Union and Inter-Church Aid. Frank Byatt found her letter so interesting that he wrote to me about it, regarding it as the first move in Australia to form a Women's Auxiliary, the insights of which would cover not only Inter-Church Aid but also church relations and unity. While I am not sure that he is right in regarding it as the first, nevertheless it is an unusual development. I have therefore taken the initiative to write to you in order to suggest to you that the scene may be ripe in your area for the formation of an inter-church council to which this Women's Auxiliary may be related.

An inter-church council is formed by the decision of the courts of the various churches and makes it possible for inter-church relations to be fashioned not only by the ministers in the ministers' fraternal but by the whole church through their lay and ministerial representatives. Usually each church court appoints one or two lay representatives as well as its minister who is ex officio a member of the inter-church council committee. As we seek to guide the work of inter-church councils we stress the roles of sharing each other's ways of worship; studying the Bible together; acting together in sharing in worldwide programs such as Inter-Church Aid; and choosing a community project which can also be undertaken together. Several inter-church councils have a youth council related to it also. Inter-church councils can be affiliated with the Australian Council. That affiliation can mean a much deeper sense of belonging to the ecumenical movement as a whole. It also enables us to help you as much as possible by correspondence and occasional visits.

I am enclosing a copy of a model constitution for local inter-church councils. It is under review at the Annual Meeting at the end of next month but nevertheless is sufficient a guide to show you how to go about it and also what it is all about. We shall also be producing shortly a guidebook for handling church relations.

I do hope you will be able to consider this possibility and if so suggest that you write to the secretary of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, the Rev. Lionel Browning, The Rectory, Cressy, and ask him to make sure that the Rev. Frank Byatt can visit you when he is in Tasmania in March.

Finally, let me thank you for the leadership you have apparently given in the formation of the Auxiliary and for the words about Christian unity which you spoke to the meeting of the Auxiliary on the 9th November last. Please write to me if I can help you in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Encl. 1.
HLP:ALS.

(Rev.) Harvey L. Perkins,
General Secretary.

c.c. Rev. L. B. Browning.

Church of St. Peter, Sandy Bay

Rector: The Rev. F. Maling, B.A., Th.L.

Phone: 2 6281

THE RECTORY,
285 SANDY BAY ROAD

Sandy Bay
Tasmania.
Feb 2nd.

Dear Mrs. Wylie,

As acting President of the Women's World Day of Prayer State Committee, following a recommendation from our first interim State Council, I would like to suggest that our State Committee, representative as it is of all churches, and of the two local Inter-Church Groups in Hobart, act as the Tasmanian State Council of Australian Church Women. We are sending this recommendation to the State Councils of all the Churches for endorsement, and the proper setting up of a recognized constitution. Meanwhile, the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee will act if it is acceptable to you and the interim Council for Australian Church Women. We can use our State-wide Committees to foster Fellowship and Community Days, and to distribute eccumenical news from Federal Council. This I feel is important, especially in view of the planned Australian Church Day in 1965.

Tasmania is isolated from the main stream of inter-church life. Having been an ardent worker for inter-church fellowship for many years, I personally endorse the recommendation of my committee, and ~~also~~ also offer my services.

Sincerely yours,
Frances M. Maling.

DISCUSSION BY WOMEN OF CHURCHES

Members of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the Church of England from Ross and Campbell Town assembled at Campbell Town to discuss in groups "Who is my neighbour."

The question was prepared by the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women for use on Community Day, held by N.S.W. last month.

The leaders in each group were: Mrs. E. George, Church of England at Ross; Mrs. G. Lane of St. Michael's, Campbell Town and Mrs. A. D. Nicolson, of St. Andrew's, Campbell Town.

The evening was conducted by the wife of the Presbyterian Minister, Mrs. A. Christie-Johnson.

The three questions for discussion were: "Is there any difference between love of self, self-respect, and self-love?" "Who is my neighbour?" and "To whom am I neighbour?"

All groups, in the summing up, had practically the same answers.

Mrs. Christie-Johnson told the meeting that there would be another discussion later, as this had been so successful.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

February 24, 1964

Mrs. F. Maling,
The Rectory,
285 Sandy Bay Road,
SANDY BAY.
HOBART, Tasmania.

Dear Mrs. Malong,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 2. I am so glad to know that there is a real interest in Australian Church Women in Hobart.

In December last year we planned a Consultation for March in Sydney. This is to include representatives of the State Women's Inter-Church Councils that have agreed to be the State Units of Australian Church Women and also Presidents of Federal denominational women's organisations or their representatives. It is the purpose of this consultation to discuss how best Australian Church Women can be organised on the national, state and local level. We will certainly keep you in touch with report of the consultation.

At the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches in Melbourne earlier this month, the Rev. Norman Kemp spoke of the situation in Tasmania and was concerned that there had been difficulties in the way of establishing a Women's Inter-Church Council for Tasmania. It was suggested that he, as President of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, might be able to give some assistance in this matter because he is constantly in touch with the Heads of Churches in Tasmania and also, because it is anticipated that there would be a close relationship with the Council of Churches and the Women's Inter-Church Council. Might I suggest that you get in touch with him and he can tell you of our discussions at the Annual Meeting.

I hope that you will be able to make use of "Saints Alive!" the new Australian Church Women study book and also of Fellowship Day material which is just ready for publication.

Yours sincerely,
Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs.)

87 Dovercourt Avenue -

Lindisfarne, Hobart, Tas.

Answered by hand.
22. 2. 64.

Dear Mrs Wyllis -

I am wondering if you received my letter written some time ago, asking for some information re the necessary steps to be taken to be affiliated with the "Australian Church Women". We have two similar groups working together from the various Protestant Churches, and as our next meeting will be held on Monday, 24th inst, it would be helpful if you could write me a letter that I could read to the members giving us the information re joining the Australian Church Woman - I would be very glad if we could have 40 copies of "Saints Alive". If the latter could be forwarded for distribution at our meeting on Mon. 24th inst it would be very helpful - I am enclosing a cheque for 10/- if it should be more please let me know. Yrs sincerely.

G. McInnis -

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INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

February 25, 1964.

Mrs. G. McInnis,
87 Derwent Avenue,
LINDISFARNE.
HOBART, Tasmania

Dear Mrs. McInnis,

Thank you for your letter which reached me while I was at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches in Melbourne earlier this month. I am happy and interested to know that you have groups from the various Protestant Churches working and worshipping together in Lindisfarne.

I hope that, by now, you will have received copies of "Saints Alive". I am sure you will find it a rewarding study.

At the present moment there is no way for a local group to affiliate with Australian Church Women. In March this year we have called a consultation in Sydney of representatives from Women's Inter-Church Councils and of Federal denominational organisations. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the whole matter of affiliation. At present I understand that there is no Women's Inter-Church Council for the whole of Tasmania. I am writing to the Rev. Norman Kemp of Launceston with the hope that as President of the Tasmanian Council of Churches he will be able to help in the formation of a Women's Inter-Church Council for Tasmania.

In the meantime we will add your name to the mailing list so that you can be kept in touch with Australian Church Women.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

February 25, 1964.

Rev. A. Norman Kemp,
52 York Street,
LAUNCESTON.
TASMANIA.

Dear Mr. Kemp,

Further to our discussion on Australian Church Women. I do hope that you will be able to help in the setting up of a Women's Inter-Church Council in Tasmania. Quite apart from its relationship with Australian Church Women it does seem a very good idea that Tasmania should follow all the other States and provide some way of the women of the churches to come together for worship and study and service. I am enclosing copies of correspondence .

1. from Mrs. Maling and my reply to her
2. from Mrs. McInnis and my reply to her.

After the consultation on March 17 and 18 I will write again to keep you in touch with what is happening.

With kind regards to Mrs. Kemp and your good self.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FOR CHURCH UNION AND INTER-CHURCH AID

9th November 1960.

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary for Inter-Church Aid was held on Wednesday November 9th at 2.30 pm in the Congregational Hall Loinah Road, Montagi Bay, and opened with prayers by Mr. Saltmarsh. There were 25 people present and Mrs. McInnis was in the chair.

The Chairman extended a welcome to all new members and also to Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Saltmarsh. Before continuing with the business of the meeting, the speaker was asked to give his address. He said he would indicate briefly some points about Church Unity which could only be brought about, and, differences healed by the controlling love of Christ. He went on to state some of the causes of the divisions in the Church, and denominational barriers. On thanking Mr. Saltmarsh, Mrs. McInnis said that any help the clergy could give us is a great contribution to the desire of all Christian Churches to pray and worship together. Mrs. Lucas moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the meeting and said how much we appreciated the sincerity and enthusiasm of Mr. Saltmarsh.

- CORRESPONDENCE - Letters from his Lordship the Bishop and from the Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart were read and received.

- BUSINESS - a. Before considering the formation of a Committee of Representatives from various churches on the Eastern Shore - the obligations for such a Committee were decided. These were as follows : -

1. Members to be present at Quarterly Meetings;
2. To organise an annual function for raising funds;
3. To put forward opinions of their various churches;
4. To keep their Churches informed of the actions of the Committee;

The following members were elected by the Committee : -

1. Lindisfarne United Church: Mrs. Saltmarsh;
2. Montagu Bay St. James Church of England, Mrs. Smith;
3. Montagu Bay Congregational - Mrs. Marshland;
4. Bellerive Congregational - Mrs. Battersby;
5. St. Mark's Church of England - Mrs. Wigg;
6. Bellerive Salvation Army @ Major Griffiths;
7. Rokeby St. Matthew's Church of England - Miss Goodwin;
8. Sandford - St. Martin's Church of England - Mrs. Kent;
9. Howrah United Church - Mrs. Chapman;
10. Howrah Church of England - Mrs. Morris.

(This is a copy only)

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

October 1, 1963

Mrs. D.H Amos,
Post Bag No. 38
SWANSEA.
TASMANIA.

Dear Mrs. Amos,

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence which went to all denominational women's groups and Heads of Churches on September 13. Mrs. MacNeil has alerted Mrs. McKay to the fact that we had not forwarded a copy to you as well as Mrs. A. Christie-Johnstone in Tasmania.

We trust that you will find this of interest to you and seek your cooperation in the plans as they are made in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Miss T. Skiller on behalf of
Mrs. F. McKay.

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Mrs. F. McKay.

15 Tilyard Street,
Montrose,
TASMANIA.

14th November, 1964.

Dear Madam,

At a forthcoming gathering of the Presbyterian Women's Association, Southern Zone of Tasmania, we would like to have Study groups as part of our programme for the day.

It has been suggested that we could use "Who Is My Neighbour", which was prepared by the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women, for use on Community Day, 1963. Do you know if there are any copies of this available please, also the cost. We would require approximately 40 copies.

I would be glad to receive your reply as early as possible, please, to give me time to make an alternative choice if "Who Is My Neighbour" is not available.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs). *Jean Deane*

HON. SECRETARY.
Southern Zone P.W.A.

C/o Room 2, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

February 24, 1964

Mrs. Jean Deane,
15 Tilyard Street, Montrose,
TASMANIA.

Dear Mrs. Deane,

Thank you for your letter of February 14. Unfortunately we have not sufficient copies of the study WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR to send to you for your study groups.

We would like to suggest that you use "Saints Alive!"; perhaps you could use one of the studies from this booklet and the remainder could be used by the local groups later in the year. We are enclosing a copy for you to look at - they are 1/- each or 10d each for orders 12 or more.

We will enclose one copy of the study WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR for your information - it may be possible for you to have copies done yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Miss T. Skiller,
on behalf of Australian Church Women
Interim Committee

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Dear Mrs. Skiller

I am in receipt of minutes of National Committee. I write to you direct rather than to Mr. Snow as we are holding a meeting of denominational representatives of Women's Organisations under the auspice of the Tasmanian Council of Churches on May 1st. At this meeting it is hoped an Inter Church Group will be formed which might become the Tasmanian Unit of A.C.W. I read in the report of the Working Committee that a copy of the South Australian Constitution has been sent to A.C.T. for guidance in drawing up a Constitution. Could you supply me with a copy at such short notice, as we will need to draw up a Constitution. I have a copy of the Victorian Constitution. Could you also supply for distribution to denominational representatives at this meeting some of the free literature on Fellowship of World Council - particularly the explanatory leaflet - also some wrappers. Yours sincerely
G. A. Wood.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

December 11, 1964.

Rev. Norman Kemp,
52 York Street,
HOBART.
Tasmania.

Dear Mr. Kemp,

Mrs. Wyllie has asked me to write to you concerning the calling of the first National Committee of Australian Church Women.

The meeting will be held on the two days prior to the ACC Annual Meeting - February 10 and 11 at Deaconess House, Carillon Avenue, Newtown. Details of the meeting are contained in the attached papers.

We are wondering whether it would be possible for someone from Tasmania to attend the National Committee meeting as an observer. Is there anyone coming to the ACC Annual Meeting who could come early and attend both meetings?

We are anxious that we have some contact with Tasmania at this Committee meeting as we will have representatives from all other States attending.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thelma Skiller,
On behalf of Interim Committee.



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Victoria and Tasmania Conference

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Dear Miss Stitts,

Yours of the 11th ultimo has been awaiting a decision by Mrs G. A. Wood, wife of the Rev. G. A. Wood of Scots Church Hobart. Mrs Wood has now informed me that she will be accompanying her husband to Sydney and she has obtained the good will backing of the Church women of Hobart to attend the meeting of the National Committee of Australian Church Women on 10th or 11th February.

Mrs Wood will not receive any financial support from the Hobart Church and I am wondering whether there is any possibility of some expenses being met from headquarters. Will you please let me know.

The Rev. G. L. & Mrs Wood are both taking an active interest in ecclesiastical affairs and will make a real contribution to the life of the wider Church in Tasmania. Mrs Wood is just the right person to represent the interests of Australian Church Women in this State.

Yours sincerely

A Norman Kemp

President Tasmanian Council of Churches

P.S. I am writing this whilst on holiday.

January 15, 1965.

Rev. Norman Kemp,
52 Yerk Street,
LAUNCESTON.

Tasmania.

Dear Mr. Kemp,

Thank you for your letter of January 1 regarding Mrs. Wood being able to attend the first meeting of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, February 10-11.

I waited until Mr. Perkins returned from Manila before replying to concerning any finance available. I was not aware of any account we could draw upon but wanted to be quite sure. Unfortunately we are not able to assist any of the delegates attending the Australian Church Women meeting.

Accommodation will be at Deaconess House for the A.C.W. meeting and for women delegates and observers to the ACC Annual Meeting. During the A.C.W. meeting meals will be at Deaconess House (35/- for overnight accommodation and meals plus 5/- registration fee) during the Annual Meeting meals will be taken at St. Andrew's College and the total cost for the period Thursday, February 11 to Tuesday, February 16 (lunch time) will be £ 12/5/-.

I hope this is clear to you. I will mail the material concerning the National Committee direct to Mrs. Wood.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thelma Skiller,
Administrative Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CAMPBELLTOWN ON MAY 1st. 1965 TO CONSIDER
TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROPOSAL TO FORM A WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH
COUNCIL OF TASMANIA AFFILIATED WITH AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

The Rev. G.A. Wood chaired the meeting following devotions with Tasmanian Council of Churches members.

Nineteen representatives were present, from Churches of Christ, Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Baptist Church, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and Hobart Interchurch Fellowship and Women's Auxiliary for Church Unity and Inter-Church Aid, Lindisfarne.

An apology from the Society of Friends was read, explaining that they have no separate women's organizations.

Motion that a Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania be formed was carried.

Delegates of Anglican, Baptist and Congregational Churches and Inter-Church Groups felt that they were not in a position to commit the groups they represented without further consultation with them.

Mrs. Downie stressed the need for women to support local Tasmanian Council of Churches meetings and activities. Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Bewsher spoke regarding the existing inter-Church groups in Hobart.

Mrs. Wood said there would probably only be an annual meeting of the group if formed, concurrent with the Annual Tasmanian Council of Churches meeting, plus several special days during the year - Fellowship Day, a service of worship with a special theme - e.g. theme for this year, "Bridges to Asia", and World Community Day, with specially prepared material for joint worship and Bible study - last year's theme, "Christians and World Peace". Added to these two special days would be "The Fellowship of the Least Coin", a world-wide fellowship of prayer, which is being sponsored in Australia by Australian Church Women. Church women are asked to give, individually or through women's meetings, a penny a month in the service of Christ's family, at the same time joining with Christians around the world in offering intercessory prayers as suggested on the label, provided to place around the coin jar. The coins will be received on World Community Day each year, or sent direct to A.C.W., Sydney. Several executive meetings might also be necessary during the year.

The election of officers followed:

President:	Mrs. Wood.
Vice-Pres:	Mrs. Kemp
	Mrs. Hartam
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs. Clothier
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs. Downie

The Rev. Wood vacated the chair and it was occupied by the President, Mrs. Wood.

Motion that the Women's Inter-church Council of Tasmania be affiliated with Australian Church Women was carried.

The Draft Constitution for Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania was considered in detail, as several delegates had not previously seen it. The Constitution of Australian Church Women was also studied.

Aim of Australian Church Women:

To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
to promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society;
to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the church;
to provide opportunities for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

LOTION that the Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania

MOTION that the Draft Constitution for a Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania (State Unit of Australian Church Women) be accepted, subject to minor amendments approved by the meeting was carried.

It was decided to conduct only World Community Day for this year, on Monday, October 25th. at 2p.m. or time suitable locally.

Secretary to distribute study material to all as soon as possible.

Mrs. Hartam to help Mrs. Wood in the south.

The Secretary reported on the meeting to the adjoining T.C.C. meeting, and presented the amended Draft Constitution for formal approval.

Minutes of the meeting to be distributed to delegates present and invited.

Invitations to participate, to all churches and organizations approved by T.C.C.

Mrs. Wood stressed the worthiness of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and hoped that all would support it.

The meeting was closed with Scripture reading and prayer.

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J. A. Clothier, (Mrs. E. A.)

Hon. Secretary,

P.O. Box 1012,

LAUNCESTON.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION
FOR

A WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA
(STATE UNIT OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN)

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 - To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. MEMBERSHIP
 - Membership shall be open to
 - (a) The official Women's Organisation of any branch of the Christian Church.
 - (b) Any special interest group which is granted representation.
4. OFFICERS The officers shall be:
 - A President
 - Two Vice-Presidents (who shall be the immediate past President and the President-Elect)
 - A Secretary
 - A Treasurer
5. EXECUTIVE
 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and shall have power to act upon matters requiring attention between the meetings of the Council.
6. COUNCIL The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Council which shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers
 - (b) Three representatives appointed by the women's organisation of each branch of the Christian Church represented on the Council.
 - (c) One representative appointed by each affiliated organisation.
7. MEETINGS An Annual Meeting shall be held concurrently with Annual Meeting of the Tasmanian Council of Churches.
Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive.
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - Officers shall be elected annually by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Council.
 - The President-Elect shall come from each branch of the Christian Church on the Council in rotation and shall be elected for a term of not more than 2 years.
 - The Secretary and Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election provided that no person holds the same office for more than 3 consecutive years.
 - Representatives to - Australian Church Women (2)
Tasmanian Council of Churches (1)
shall be elected by the Council.

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 - The President-Elect shall come from each branch of the Christian Church on the Council in rotation and shall be elected for a term of not more than 2 years.
 - The Secretary and Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election provided that no person holds the same office for more than 3 consecutive years.
 - Representatives to - Australian Church Women (2)
Tasmanian Council of Churches (1)
shall be elected by the Council.
9. FINANCE
 - Each church and organisation represented on the Council shall pay an annual affiliation fee of £1. 1. 0.

10. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association provided that a two-thirds majority of those present is recorded in favour of the proposal.

Notice of the substance of the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been given in writing to the Secretary at least two months before the Annual Meeting and communicated to members of the Council at least one month before the meeting.

+ AS APPROVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE OF
TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
1ST JUNE, 1965

Hon. Secretary,
Women's Interchurch Coun.
of Tasmania,
c/-P.O.Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON.
8-5-65.

Miss Skillier,
Australian Church Women,
3rd. Floor,
511 Kent St.,
SYDNEY.

10 MAY 1965

Dear Miss Skillier,

The above council has just been formed
and it was decided at our foundation meeting to conduct the
World Community Day only for this year, on Monday, October 25th.

As members had not seen the study material, they
requested that copies be forwarded to them at the earliest
opportunity. I think 20 would be a start.

I have no funds as yet and do not know the
cost, but if you could let me know I could send you my own
cheque for them. The main thing is to distribute them at least
to the representatives as soon as possible.

Our President, Mrs. G.A. Wood, suggests that
some information on next year's Fellowship Day also be distributed
before some organizations prepare their year's programme.

I shall order more studies when I have
some information about requirements.

22nd July
(4th Dec)

Yours faithfully,

J.A. Clothier
J.A. Clothier (Mrs.)

THE SCOTS CHURCH

29 Bathurst Street, Hobart

24 MAY 1965

Minister
THE REVEREND G. A. WOOD, B.A.
Scots Manse
17 Carr Street
North Hobart
Telephones 27660 The Manse
24577 Church Office



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Dear Mrs. Wood,

Thank you for copies of
A.C.W. Constitution. As I expect to
be away from Tasmania for four months
on long service leave I have forwarded
same to the Secretary of Tasmanian Inter
Church Council Mrs. G. R. Slother Box 1012
Launceston. Would you address any
further correspondence to her.
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Wood.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd June, 1965.

Mrs. J.A.Clothier,
Hon. Secretary,
Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania,
C/- P.O. Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON, Tas.

Dear Mrs. Clothier,

The Working Committee of Australian Church Women was very pleased to receive your letter of the 11th May and to know that the Women's Inter-church Council of Tasmania has now been formed. We would be glad if you would give to the Council our warmest greetings and wishes for good fellowship as your Council develops.

We are happy to learn from your letter that you propose holding World Community Day on Monday, October 25th.

The material for the Worship Service and Study are still being prepared and may not be available for distribution for anything up to a couple of months. Would it be any help to you to have some copies of last year's World Community Day material, as a basis for conversation with your members as to the kind of material which may be expected?

Archbishop Appleton of Perth is preparing the material for this year, the subject being "International Co-operation". We are enclosing a copy of last year's World Community Day material; if you would like more, please let us know.

Your comment concerning Fellowship Day, 1966 is noted. As a guide concerning the planning ahead of Church programmes, Fellowship Day will be held on the 22nd July.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Lt. Colonel H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

30th October, 1965.

Mrs. J.A. Clothier,
c/- Bx 1012, Post Office,
LAUNCESTON. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Clothier,

At our last meeting of the Working Committee we were talking about your Women's Inter-Church Council. We hope things are moving along nicely, and that your observance of World Community Day was very satisfying.

We are hoping that you are able to feel you have reached the place where you can become the State Unit of Australian Church Women. We would be very glad to welcome you as such, and would like you to be able to send representatives to the National Committee Meeting.

We would be glad to hear from you as to progress made. If you are able to tell us that you will be our State Unit in Tasmania, we would be glad to receive from you when convenient to you a copy of your Constitution for ratification.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

P.S. You will have the dates of the National Committee Meeting from earlier correspondence - 19th to 21st January, 1966, to be held in Melbourne.

25 NOV 1965

P.O. Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON,
18-11-65.

Dear Lt.-Col. Cross,

Enclosed is a copy of our Constitution as requested.
Also a copy of the minutes of our first meeting to clarify the situation.

We shall have at least one representative at the
A.C.W. National Committee Meeting in Jan:
President: Mrs. G.A. Wood,
29 Bathurst St.
HOBART. (Presbyterian)

There will possibly also be a Vice-President
either Mrs A.N. Kemp,
52 York St.,
LAUNCESTON (Methodist)

or Mrs D. Hartam
12 Boatha Rd.
HINDSFARNE (Churches of Christ)

as I understand both are likely to be in Melbourne at that time.
Enclosed is a copy of the report. Shall send a typed copy when typewriter functioning again.

Yours faithfully,
Hobbs (Mrs.)
Hon. Sec. W.I.C.C.Tas.

13 NOV 1965

In May the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was formed. The inaugural meeting, held on 1st May under the auspices of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, resolved that the Council be affiliated with Australian Church Women. On December 14th, the Constitution of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was approved by the Executive of the National Committee of ACW, and official acceptance as State Unit of Australian Church Women sent to the Council.

Dear Miss Skillier,

The last par on 1st page of Working Committee Report will need to be changed. I'm sending this off to you now in case you need this for what you will be putting into the Report for ACC.

I've spoken 'in faith' re. approval of constitution, etc. at Tuesday's meeting, but I presume this will happen. As I have the information sent by Tasmania here, I'm enclosing what refers to this in case you want to check anything; I'll get it back from you for Tuesday's meeting.

I feel very noble!! I did this first thing on Sat. morning!



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

3rd December, 1965.

Mrs. J.A. Clothier,
Box 1012, Post Office,
LAUNCESTON. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Clothier,

Thank you for your letter of 18th ult., which brings us up-to-date concerning the position of the Women's Inter-church Council of Tasmania.

This letter is by way of an interim acknowledgment of your letter, as we had just had a meeting of the Working Committee a couple of days prior to receipt of your letter. The Executive of the Working Committee will meet on 14th December, and I am sure will appreciate all the information your letter and the enclosures give.

Probably we should have been asking for a copy of your Constitution earlier on, but we hesitated in case we appeared to be too pushing, especially as we knew Mrs. Wood was going to be away for a period. However, we now see you were well on with your organisation quite some time ago now, which is all very good.

We are glad to know that Mrs. G.A. Wood will be attending the National Committee Meeting in January, and we have now written her concerning this. We trust, as your letter suggests may be possible, one of your Vice-Presidents will also attend. As soon as you are able to let us have definite word concerning one or other of these ladies we would be glad to have this so that we can make contact with them. We are anxious to have final figures, so that we can let St. Hilda's College have definite word about accommodation, as soon as this is possible.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

23rd December, 1965.

Mrs. J.A. Clothier,
Box 1012, Post Office,
LAINCESTON. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Clothier,

Further to our letter of 3rd inst., this will advise you that the Constitution of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was presented to the Executive of Australian Church Women at a meeting held on 14th December, and approved.

To regularise matters, this letter now gives your Council official acceptance as the State Unit of Australian Church Women. This is very pleasing to us, and we look forward to happy associations with you.

We are wondering whether you are yet able to advise us as to whether Mrs. Kemp or Mrs. Hartam will be attending the National Committee Meeting in January.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

Stanly Iremore
27-1-66

Dear Madam,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Ladies Guild
& the other ladies of Stanly, I would like to tell
you we had a very gratifying day last
Monday & 30 attended, we hope to have a
similar number or more next year, on
Fellowship day.

I remain

Yours sincerely
J. H. McKee

2/Day

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

10th August, 1966.

Mrs. S.A. McNeal,
c/- St. James Manse,
STANLEY. TAS.

Dear Mrs. McNeal,

Thank you for your letter of 27th July,
by which we are glad to know you had a good day on Fellowship Day.

We are very interested to know of meetings
held on this day, and thank you for taking the trouble to send
us word.

Reports have reached us from some of the
States of very good days having been held, as well as what we
have heard concerning services held around Sydney.

Receipt for payment of Orders of Service is
enclosed.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania
(State Unit for Australian Church Women)

2/Day:

12 Boakta Rd.,

Lindisfarne.

Tasmania

18th Aug. 1966.

Dear Miss Cross,

I am enclosing cheques for \$4.50, being in payment for accounts for Orders of Service, and \$30 being 60% of offerings taken at Fellowship Day meetings. These were held at Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Stanley and Tarravale and, as this was Tasmania's first attempt to hold Fellowship Day, we were not displeased with this result. Several other centres have said they will probably be able to have the World Community Day Service and we feel sure the interest in A.C.W. is growing.

Thank you for sending the copy of the letter you sent to Mrs. Catford at Burnie.

~~2/Day~~ ^{2/Day} Regarding Fellowship of the Least coin, Mrs. ~~Nova~~ feels that, for the time being at least, this correspondence should be forwarded to me as secretary. Perhaps at our next annual meeting we may be able to appoint a State convener but for now would you give Mrs.

Mrs. Barrett my name and address please.

We were wondering, Mrs. Cross, whether it would be possible for us to have a few extra copies of the minutes etc. if this is not asking too much. Mrs. Wood and I feel that they are so interesting that it is a pity that they cannot be circulated more. As we are a young state unit and have so few affiliated groups we do not have sufficient funds to enable us to have them duplicated to circulate throughout the state, but our idea is that, if it would be possible for you to let us have, say, six to eight additional copies each time, we could send one to each affiliated group and hope that they would be able to forward information to their women. If you are in a position to grant this request and have any more copies of the July 27th minutes I'm sure our women would find them of particular interest as it includes the extract from Mrs. Badger's letter.

With kindest regards,

yours sincerely,

Dorothy Harlow

P.S. I find our Treasurer has made out the cheque instead of two as stated by me. etc.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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

Mrs. D. Hartam,
12 Boatta Road,
LINDISFARNE. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Hartam,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd inst.,
giving your order for World Community Day as 300 copies.

I expect to parcel these up tomorrow (Friday)
when I am in the City, so you should receive them within a few days.

Within the last day or two we have
received a further letter from Burnie, telling us of their very
good Fellowship Day, but saying they do not now expect to be able
to hold World Community Day. We are, however, sending you the
300 copies of the Order of Service, as especially if you have
Mrs. Badger to visit you you will doubtless need them.

Thanks, too, for your letter and cheques
regarding Fellowship Day. The Working Committee was very thrilled
at the response you received.

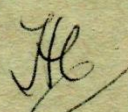
Concerning your request for additional copies
of the Minutes, in view of the developing conditions in Tasmania,
we would like to meet this request, and so will send you half a dozen
copies each month. Would you regard these as a few extra copies sent
because of special circumstances rather than sent to go to branches
of your Council? Is this a distinction without a difference? We
feel that we can hardly introduce something of that nature, as we could
get inundated with similar requests; also we have to face the
possibility of the Working Committee being transferred to another State
next year, so we don't want to commence anything which could become
problematical later. However, for the time being, and for publicity
purposes (for you to use as you think best) we are happy to let you
have the 6 copies per month. I think we could probably let you have
a few additional copies of Mrs. Badger's letter.

Returning to the Orders of Service for World
Community Day, we are sorry that it is needful to charge a little
more for these than for Fellowship Day. This is accounted for by the
entire order being less for this day, and the material in the Order
of Service being a little more. The charge will be \$2.50; this we
have kept as low as possible.

We are also sending you 100 copies of the Information
folder concerning Miss Swarup, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder -
for publicity purposes. Should you need more, let us know, and we
will supply.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

Women's Interchurch Council
of Tasmania,
c/-P.O.Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON,
6-3-66.

11 MAR 1966

Lt.Col.H.Cross,
Hon.Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
3rd.Floor,
511 Kent St.,
SYDNEY.

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ACW

Dear Lt.Col.Cross,

I have several requests to make of you.

- ✓ 1. Could I please have more Fell.Least Coin pamphlets and stickers.
- 2. Have you any literature at all suitable for circularizing to affiliated churches?
- 3. Is there anything available on Fellowship Day or World Community Day as yet?
- 4. As I am temporarily treasurer as well as sec.could you tell me just what proportion of finance I have to send you?Also do we pay you any affiliation fee?
- ✓ 5. Could we have at least 6 copies of the Annual Report for distribution?

— We are having our second Annual Meeting on May 7 if you wish to have anything presented at the meeting. Hobart.

*Meeting on March 10th
Launceston*

Yours faithfully,

J.A. Clothier
J.A.Clothier,
Hon.Sec.

Women's Interchurch Council of Tas.,
C/- P.O.Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON,
19-2-66.

Dear.....,

Our President, Mrs. G. A. Wood, attended the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women held in Melbourne in January.

She will be in Launceston on Thursday, March 10th, and we have asked her to take this opportunity to speak to church representatives about the meeting so they can inform their church women.

There will be an informal meeting at 8 p.m. on March 10th, at 52 York St., the home of the northern Vice-President, Mrs. A. N. Kemp, for this purpose.

It is hoped that you will be able to attend and bring with you anyone you know is interested to hear about Australian Church Women, of which the Women's Interchurch Council of Tasmania is the State branch.

You are also reminded that Women's World Day of Prayer is incorporated in A.C.W. programme and asked to give it your full support on Friday, Feb. 25th. Services will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., also at Invermay, Riverside and Cosgrove Chapel.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Clothier (Mrs.)

Hon. Sec.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

28th March, 1966.

Mrs. J.A. Clothier,
Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania,
c/- P.O. Box 1012,
LAUNCESTON. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Clothier,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of 11th inst.

We are interested to know of the meeting you
were to hold on March 10th in Launceston, and trust you had a very
successful meeting. Mrs. Wood would, we feel sure, give you a
report you would appreciate having concerning the National Committee
Meeting.

I asked the ACC office to let you have some
pamphlets and stickers in connection with the Fellowship of the Least
Coin and copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, so expect you
have received these by now. I will now try to answer your other
questions.

Publicity literature. We haven't very much to offer in this respect
at the moment. Thus far in our history we have depended on copies
of the Constitution of ACW, occasional newsletters and material in
connection with Special Days. We had come to the place of thinking
we should get out some concise brochure explaining what ACW is for
wide circulation and your letter underlines this need. Some States
(N.S.W. for instance) have produced something of their own, but we
recognise the need to do something at the national level. It was
decided at the last meeting of the Working Committee that a brochure
would be prepared, but I'm afraid I can't promise this in the
immediate future as it was decided we would think about a possible
writer and discuss this further at the next meeting. We will let
you have a supply as soon as possible.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day. We hope to have the Order of
Service from the Rev. Edwin Robertson any day now. We have asked that
the Study Questions will be associated with material which will be

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covered in the studies of the Church and Life Movement, the theme of which is 'Life to Spend'. The Minutes of the National Committee Meeting will give you information concerning World Community Day, and we are happy to report that the State Unit in South Australia has already formed a sub-committee and commenced work on the Order of Service.

You will also see the resolution in the report of the National Committee Meeting having to do with finance from Special Days. The principle of 60% being sent to Australian Church Women from collections on these days and 40% being retained by the State Unit was approved, with the proviso that States can send more or less than the 60% according to their financial position and desire. We found at the National Committee meeting that one State Unit did not care for the fixed percentage basis, whilst yet other State Units felt they would like to send more than 60% for ACW projects - hence this proviso. There is no affiliation fee payable by State Units.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Cross', written in a cursive style.

Lt. Col. H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA

ANNUAL REPORT

It is with pleasure that we present the first Annual Report of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania (State Unit of Australian Church Women).

The inaugural meeting was held concurrently with the Annual Meetings of the Tasmanian Council of Churches on 1st May, 1965 at Campbell Town. The Rev. G. A. Wood chaired the meeting at which there were present nineteen representatives from the Churches of Christ, Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Baptist Church, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches. There were also present observers from the Hobart Inter-Church Fellowship and the Women's Auxiliary for Church Unity and Inter-Church Aid (Lindisfarne). The Society of Friends did not attend as they have no separate women's organisation.

It was decided to form a Women's Inter-Church Council and five office bearers were elected. A draft Constitution was submitted and with minor alterations was approved. The constitution was submitted to the Executive of the Tasmanian Council of Churches for approval and later approved by the National Conference of Australian Church Women.

Affiliation.

We are happy to report that during the year the following Churches affiliated - Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist, Churches of Christ, Salvation Army and Baptist.

Special Days.

It was felt advisable during the first year of our existence to hold only one Special Day. Accordingly, World Community Day was held on 25th October in two centres, Hobart and Launceston. In neither case were the numbers attending very high (Hobart approx. 40, Launceston 60) but the meetings were representative of the various denominations. In both cases the Worship Service prepared by Bishop Appleton was used and the meeting broke up into study groups - all who took part felt both worship and study were very worthwhile.

It is hoped this year that many more centres will take part in both Fellowship Day and Community Day programmes in common with Church Women throughout Australia.

Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Great interest was shown in this Fellowship of Prayer and Service in which we join with Christian women throughout the world. These monies collected in individual Church organisations are forwarded through our Tasmanian Unit of Australian Church Women to Council of Churches in Sydney and from there to Geneva - Department of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church and Family Society.

Following a brief Executive meeting of the Council at Campbell Town, Mrs. Wood travelled to the National Committee meeting in Melbourne in January 1966. This proved a most interesting and worthwhile experience when representatives from all States in the Commonwealth (except W.A.) and all denominations took part. A full report of this three-day Conference has been presented to the Council and copies forwarded to the member denominations and interested bodies.

It is our prayer that the combined witness of Church Women in this State and in the Commonwealth may continue to grow and that we "may all be one" in our allegiance to Christ who is the only King and Head of the Church.

M. S. Wood, President.

J. Clothier, Secretary.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

1 JUN 1966

12 Beakta Rd.,
Lindisfarne,
Tasmania.

30th May, 1966.

Dear Colonel Cross,

On 1st of May we held our annual meeting and I write to advise you of the change of secretary. I am enclosing a copy of our first annual report and shall let you have the minutes of the meeting when they are duplicated.

Your letter of 11th May has been forwarded on to me by our former secretary together with copy of minutes of meeting of Working Committee. I note that you would like us to send you a copy of the list of dates when various denominational groups held periodical meetings. I shall forward this information as soon as it is ascertained.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs) Dorothy Hartman

Hon. Sec.

Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania -
(State Unit for Australian Church Women)

12 Roatta Rd.,
Lindisfarne.
20th June, 1966.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
Sydney.

Dear Miss Cross,

① At our annual meeting held recently it was decided that we enquire from you as to the possibility of Mrs. Badger visiting this state on her return from the Asian Women's Conference. Our idea was that, if and when she is visiting Melbourne, we could endeavour to raise from our affiliated groups sufficient to cover Mrs. Badger's fares to and from Tasmania & any travelling within the state. Already two groups have promised \$10 each. It was suggested that Mrs. Badger could address meetings at Launceston and Hobart and the ideal time would be on or about the date of Community Day in October.

I am enclosing a copy of our first state newsletter and minutes of our annual meeting.
② I also enclose a list of state denominational group secretaries and information so far to hand as to periodical meetings. Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Hartman.

Tasmanian Secretaries of Denominational Women's Groups

Baptist: Mrs. J. Garratt, 8 Hale St., South Burnie

Quarterly meetings 1st Wed. Feb., May, Aug. & Nov.

Churches of Christ: Mrs. G. Bartledge, 16 Berean St., E. Launceston

Annual Conference Sunday immediately preceding first Monday in March.

Congregational: Mrs. B. Wells, 39 Bay Rd., New Town

Quarterly meetings 1st Wed. Feb., May, Aug & Nov.

Methodist:

Presbyterian: Mrs. G. Gibbons, Pres. Manse, Launceston

Bi-monthly meetings 1st Tues. Mar., May, etc. (Annual meeting 1st Tues. March)

Salvation Army: Mrs. Lt. Col. J. Wright, 88 Forest Road,

West Hobart. Annual meeting in September.

There are also two Inter-Church Fellowships meeting in Hobart quarterly. These were meeting before A.C.W. and continue apart from A.C.W. but work with us in all ways. One is affiliated. Their secretaries are -

Hobart Women's Inter Church Fellowship, Sec - Mrs. D. Baird,

Bonnet Hill, Kingston. (Meetings 3rd Wed. Mar., June, ^{Sep & Dec} Nov.)

Lindisfarne Women's Auxiliary for Church Unity & Inter Church Aid,

Sec. - Miss G. Jackson, c/o Queen Victoria Home, Lindisfarne
(Meetings 4th Monday Feb., May, Aug & Nov.)

12 Boatta Road,
LINDISFARNE.

17th June, 1966.

Telephone 9.9827

Dear Fellow Members,

At the Annual Meeting of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania held at Campbell Town on Saturday, 7th May, it was resolved that as the Tasmanian unit of Australian Church Women we try to organise both Fellowship Day and Community Day this year in accordance with the programme of Australian Church Women.

① FELLOWSHIP DAY this year will be held on Monday July 25th at 2 p.m. (or time to suit local groups). The programme is prepared by the Rev. Edwin Robinson who is the National leader of the Church and Life Movement. The devotional service and questions for discussion are thus peculiarly topical and extremely challenging and come as a natural follow up to the weekly study groups meeting throughout the Commonwealth.

The offering taken at this service will be used for the work of Australian Church Women and in particular the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Please forward collection (after local expenses have been met) to the State Treasurer Mrs. J. R. Sutherland 8 Shasta Road Moonah, or to the State Secretary - Copies of the Order of Service may be obtained (at 2c each) from the State Secretary or you may procure them direct from the office of Australian Council of Churches 511 Kent Street, Sydney. The more centres which hold Fellowship Day the more help we can give to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship which aims to bring an Asian Christian woman to Australia for Tertiary study each year. This in turn helps to cement ties with our Asian neighbours.

For your information the Scholarship holder for 1965 was Miss Connie Tan of Indonesia, a Christian Social Worker who did an intensive study course in both Sydney and Melbourne, and made a strong impression in the various social agencies and Church groups with which she came in contact. It is likely that this year's Scholarship holder will be Miss Satyadevi Bali, an Indian lady, age 31, who is Assistant Welfare and Probation Officer with the Department of Social Welfare, with a background of Nursing experience, being a triple certificated nurse.

Your attention is drawn to the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference in Japan in July 1966. Mrs. Badger of Sydney has been chosen to represent Australian Church Women at this important Conference. Mrs. Badger is a comparatively young woman, wife of a Congregational minister who is a Victorian President of Church and Life; she is the newly elected President of the Inter-Church Council of N.S.W. She is thus eminently suited to be the representative of A.C.W.

It is hoped to arrange a visit to Hobart and Launceston by Mrs. Badger following this Conference, if possible at the time of our Community Day meetings. We believe Mrs. Badger should have a real story to tell of her experiences. The Secretary of the Asian Church Women's Conference writes - "These Conferences have become a real venture of the life of the Churches in Asia and we sincerely believe that they are a dynamic channel of fellowship and witness". If your Church is able to help finance this project we would be glad of donations. The Presbyterian Women's Association (Tasmanian Unit) has promised £5 towards expenses of Mrs. Badger's proposed visit to Tasmania.

12 | FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. Information leaflets and labels for F.L.C. are available free from the State Secretary. Circle of Prayer booklets are also available (cost 30c per copy). It is recommended that these be used by Church groups or individually. It is stressed that F.L.C. is primarily a Fellowship of Prayer and Service. The "Least Coins" will be brought by individuals or by Church groups to Community Day on October 24th and will be forwarded to head office of World Council of Churches in Geneva for distribution to selected areas of need.

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Should any local Church groups desire any further information the Secretary will be only too glad to supply it. Should any group desire a speaker at any time on the Aims and Programme of Australian Church Women the Executive would be happy to arrange it if at all possible.

Yours in Christian Fellowship.

Sgd. Mary Wood
PRESIDENT

Sgd. Dorothy Hartam.
SECRETARY.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

7th July, 1966.

Mrs. D. Hartam,
12 Boatta Road,
LINDISFARNE. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Hartam,

Thank you for your letters of 30th May
and 20th June, together with enclosures.

Firstly, on behalf of the Working Committee
of Australian Church Women, let us express our welcome to you
as Secretary of our State Unit in Tasmania. We trust you will
enjoy the fellowship, as well as the work, attached to such.

A comprehensive report of the information
contained in your letters and reports was given at our recent
meeting of the Working Committee. The Committee would like to
say how very much we appreciate all that is being done in and
through your Inter-Church Council, and we congratulate you on
the way in which the work is developing. We will always be
interested to hear of your work, and trust Fellowship Day will
prove to be a time of fellowship in the real sense of the word.

We were glad to note that literature had been
circulated at your Annual Meeting concerning the Fellowship of
the Least Coin, and plans which had been decided upon to further
interest in this project. We are wondering whether thought has
yet been given to the appointment of a State Convener for the
Fellowship of the Least Coin. At the National Committee Meeting
held in January of this year, it was decided that State Units should
be asked to appoint Conveners on the State level. We would like
to encourage you to do this, and we will be glad to hear further from
you in due course.

The request for Mrs. Badger to visit Tasmania
has been noted, and this has been passed on to Mrs. Badger. Thus
far we have not received a request for Mrs. Badger to visit Victoria,

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so we are asking if the Victorian Inter-Church Council has anything of this nature in mind. As your letter suggests, should a visit to Victoria also be desired, it would be easier for the visits to be linked if arrangements convenient to Mrs. Badger could be made.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

P.S. We take this opportunity of letting you know that Miss Thelma Skiller, Administrative Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, will be leaving Australia on 5th August to take up a position with the British Council of Churches as Assistant to Miss Janet Lacy. Miss Skiller has had very close association with Australian Church Women since its inception, and we are tremendously indebted to her and will miss her greatly. It is likely that Mrs. Wood will know of this through the Tasmanian Council of Churches. Just to be on the safe side, would you let Mrs. Wood know. Mrs. Wood knows Miss Skiller from our National Committee Meetings. Thanks.



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With H. H. H. H.
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Dear Miss Jones

Further to Mr
Horton's request for visit from
Mr Badger. Because of small
numbers and scattered nature
of our population we would find it
difficult to have extra meetings
during the year. I feel it is
particularly important for
the more distant states to
have first hand reports of
✓ our own experiences. For this

reason we have asked that
if possible Mr Badger visit
Tasmania on or about Community
Day. Also we would not be in a
position to finance his visit
unless in co-operation with
Victoria.

Sorry for shoddy writing
(result of broken wrist)

Yours sincerely
Cheryl Wood

Presbyterian House
9 Halshead St.
Scottville Burnie
Tasmania
July 8th.

The Secretary
Australian Council of Churches
511 Kent St.
Sydney.

11 JUL 1965

Dear Sir

Would you kindly forward me
at your earliest convenience 100 copies of the Order of Service
for the forthcoming Fellowship Day. Arrangements are well in
hand for this day so we are hoping it will go off well.

Both the to Gospel Hall & Catholic Churches are in it!

Could you also give me a little information about
Communion Day.

Mr. G. A. Wood mentioned to me, that
the theme this year was "In the Church - And" apart from that,
the Burnie Churches are very ignorant!

Thanking you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully

(Mrs) Valerie Caffra

Copy to Tasmanian State Unit

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

11th August, 1966.

Mrs. V. Catford,
Presbyterian Manse,
9 Halstead Street,
Montello,
BURNIE. TAS.

Dear Mrs. Catford,

Please forgive our delay in replying to your letter of July 8th.

Miss Skiller, at the office of the Australian Council of Churches, kindly sent off the Orders of Service for Fellowship Day, and then later passed your letter on to me because of your enquiries concerning World Community Day.

Firstly, let us say that we were delighted to hear of your prospects for Fellowship Day, and we trust the occasion itself proved to be stimulating and a time of fellowship in the best sense of the word. We have heard some very good reports from different parts of Australia and more will reach us as time goes along.

World Community Day is held throughout Australia during the last week in October - on the day most convenient in the various States. This year the Order of Service has been prepared by the Women's United Church Association of South Australia, which is the State Unit for Australian Church Women. The theme is, "Our Common Life and Our Responsibility in Family and Community". There is a Worship Service and Questions for Group Discussions.

At the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women held in January of this year our friends in South Australia were asked to prepare this Order of Service bearing in mind Family Life in Australia and also our Responsibilities to Communities linked with Australia. At that meeting it was agreed that the special project for World Community Day would be "Inter-Church Aid - to help migrant women in Australia".

We trust that you will be able to observe World Community Day at Burnie.

As within the last couple of weeks I needed to write to the Secretaries of the various State Units requesting their estimated order for World Community Day Orders of Service, I took the liberty of mentioning to Mrs. Hartaam that you had obtained Orders of Service for Fellowship Day and had made enquiries concerning World Community Day.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania

Sec: Mrs. D. R. Hartman

12 Beatta Rd.,
Lindisfarne, Tas.

31st August, 1966.

Mrs. Colonel Saunders,

40 Middleborough Rd.,
Burwood, E.13, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Saunders,

We have received from L. Col. Cross a letter regarding the proposed visit to Victoria and Tasmania of Mrs. E. L. Badger. I understand you have had a copy of the letter and know her suggestions as to dates of meetings etc.

As far as we in Tasmania are concerned, we have publicized the date of our Community Day meeting as Monday 24th October at 2 p.m. and our idea was that we ask Mrs. Badger to be our speaker on that day. We could then ask the women in Launceston to hold their meeting on the Tuesday, we'd arrange Mrs. Badger's transport up there & she'd fly back to Melbourne from there. This would mean, then, that Mrs. Badger would attend

your meeting in Melbourne on Friday 21st Oct., spend Saturday and Sunday in either Melbourne or Hobart (our President, Mrs. Wood, will be happy to provide hospitality), and attend meetings in Hobart on Monday and Launceston on Tuesday.

All this, of course, is providing that Mrs. Badger would be prepared to be away from home over a weekend.

If this is not possible for her and she would much prefer to attend your Nov. 3rd meeting, we shall of course endeavour to change our day to day, Tuesday 1st Nov. & ask Launceston to meet on Wednesday 2nd. As Wednesday seems to be the day on which individual churches hold their regular guilds, fellowships etc., they may not be able to fit in with this, in which case we would just have the Hobart meeting.

We are quite happy to pay Mrs. Badger's air fares from Melbourne to Hobart & return to Melbourne & any expenses incurred within this state.

On reading this through it seems rather involved but I trust I have made the

position clear as it concerns Tasmania.
Will you be contacting Mrs. Badger? If so it
would probably save time if you would please
tell her of our suggestions. Would you please
assure her that we are really looking forward
to her visit and that Mrs. Wood will be
happy to have her stay with her if she would
like to use the weekend to see something of
Tessie.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Hartman.

6th September, 1966.

Mrs. D. Hartan,
12 Bonta Road,
LINDISFARNE, TAS.

Dear Mrs. Hartan,

Mrs. Colonel Saunders sent on your letter to me, with a covering note, as she had already written me saying the only date which the Victorian Inter-Church Council and the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society (which Committee Mrs. Badger also represented in a Conference at Tokyo) found convenient for a visit by Mrs. Badger about the time under consideration would be Friday, 21st October. Mrs. Saunders thought probably I would be in a position to confer most easily with Mrs. Badger.

This I was happy to do, and you will be glad to know that Mrs. Badger has now agreed to the following, which meets both the desires of Tasmania and Victoria.

Friday, Oct. 21st: Melbourne - meeting of the Women's Inter-Church Council and Committee on Co-operation.

Monday, Oct. 24th: Hobart - World Community Day Service

Tuesday, Oct. 25th: Launceston - World Community Day Service

It is noted that you will be prepared to meet return air fare between Melbourne and Hobart/Launceston. Mrs. Badger will travel tourist fare. The Victorian Council had expressed their willingness to help with the air fare, so we are hoping they will be happy to meet the return air fare between Sydney and Melbourne. We think the best plan will be for all air bookings to be made in Sydney; for AGW to advance the money needed for the fares and then for you and the Victorian Council to refund to us your contributions. Having to do with making air bookings, would you let us know the time at which the meeting will be held at Launceston on Tuesday, October 25th. The time at which that meeting closes could influence return travel, although at the moment we have not checked with a time-table.

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Mrs. Badger is very appreciative of Mrs. Weed's offer of hospitality. We will need to let you know later concerning this. Mrs. Badger has personal friends in Hobart with whom she thinks she is likely to stay, and it is possible that because of this she will travel to Hobart on Saturday, 22nd October. However, we will let you have word of this in due course.

I think I gave you Mrs. Badger's address in an earlier letter. You will no doubt be wanting to write to her.

We are so glad that all the dates seem to be working out happily for everyone, and feel sure you will find Mrs. Badger's visit of great interest and most stimulating.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

Women's Inter. Church Council
of Tasmania

12 Beatta Rd.,

Lindisfarne.

Tasmania

21st Sep. 1966.

Dear Miss Cross,

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letters of 23rd and 25th Aug. and 6th September, also Order of Service, minutes etc.

I have delayed replying with reference to the proposed visit to Tasmania by Mrs. Badger as I have been awaiting confirmation as to the Launceston meeting on Tues. 25th October. We are delighted to know that Mrs. Badger is going to visit us and look forward to hearing of her experiences in Tokyo. Thank you for your help in these arrangements.

Mrs. Wood is at present in Sydney and may have spoken to you. I know she has been in touch with Mrs. Badger & will no doubt have discussed hospitality with her.

Our Hobart meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 24th October. The only planes to go from Hobart to Launceston each day leave Hobart at 7 a.m. (both T.A.A. & Ansett-P.N.A.) so it

seems that Mrs. Badger will have to go at that time on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hood was thinking of road transport but I feel that, because of rush, this would be impracticable as well as somewhat tiring for Mrs. Badger.

I have asked our Launceston representative, Mrs. Capt. Everett, to try to arrange a morning meeting there. She thinks this will be all right but the ladies there are to meet on Monday next after which she will let me know definitely. There is a 'plane leaving Launceston for Melbourne each day at 4.35 (again both companies at the same time) and this would connect with the 'plane to Sydney. If this the Launceston meeting is in the morning these travel series would be quite good & would obviate the necessity for any resting.

I note that you will make all bookings in Sydney & we shall reimburse you to the extent of fares between Melbourne & Tasmania & within this state. Perhaps it would be a good idea if you delayed making these bookings until after the Launceston meeting on Monday. I will by then have had a chance to confer with Mrs. Hood on her return from Sydney. I shall write to you again next week.

Incidentally, I have written to Mrs. Badger giving her this information.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Hartman.

Plans finalised for Mrs. Badger to visit
both Melbourne and Tasmania.

Melbourne: Friday, 21st Oct.
10.30a.m. Meeting of W.I.C.C.
Afternoon: Afternoon Tea with
Members of Committee on
Co-op., and (I think)
W.I.C.C.

Tasmania: Monday, 24th Oct. - World
Community Day Service - Hobart.
Tuesday, 25th Oct. - World
Community Day Service, Launceston.

Vic. W.I.C.C. will pay return air fare
Sydney to Melbourne.

Tas. W.I.C.C. will pay ~~return~~ air fare
Melbourne to Hobart, Hobart to Launceston,
Launceston to Melbourne.

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Copy to Mrs. Badger

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

10th October, 1966

Mrs. C. Hartan,
12 Beatta Road,
LINDISFARNE, TAS.

Dear Mrs. Hartan,

Thank you for your letter of 3rd inst.,
concerning Mrs. Badger's visit to Tasmania.

We have made a note of the details for our
files, and I am passing the letter on to Mrs. Badger, with whom I
have spoken by 'phone.

These arrangements will be acceptable to
Mrs. Badger, although at the moment she is suffering from heart-failure
at the thought of a T.V. Interview. However, she will do very nicely,
of that I feel quite sure. Who doesn't suffer from a sense of
'how can I do it?' when one first learns of such a demand.

The Working Committee will be very thrilled
that these arrangements for a TV Interview have been made by
Mrs. Kemp, as at our last meeting we were talking of how good we thought
it would be if some such interviews could be arranged, and plans were
made to discuss this with the Public Relations Secretary of the Australian
Council of Churches.

All plane bookings have been made apart from the
flight between Hobart and Launceston, so would you be good enough to
fix that up locally? Thank you. Either Mrs. Dey (our Treasurer) or
I will let you know your involvement for fares. Mrs. Dey has been
handling that part of the business.

With warmest greetings, and an assurance of our
thoughts and prayers in connection with your services on World Community
Day,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA
(State Unit for Australian Church Women).

ANNUAL REPORT - 1966-67

As we conclude our second year of combined service and witness we thank God for His continuing presence with us. Although our growth is as yet slow, we feel that interest throughout the State is increasing and we pray that our Lord will bless and guide our efforts in the year ahead.

At our annual meeting held at Campbelltown in May 1966 the following members were elected to office :- Mrs. G. Wood - President, Mesdames K. Shuey and Capt. Everett - Vice-Presidents, J. Sutherland - Treasurer and D. Hartam - Secretary.

FELLOWSHIP DAY was held in July for the first time in Tasmania and services were conducted in Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Stanley and Tarraleah. The order of service and suggested "Questions for Discussion" prepared by Rev. Edwin Robertson were used. At the Hobart service we were extremely fortunate to have Rev. Robertson present at part of our meeting and he kindly agreed to lead the summing-up following the study time.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY services were held in October in Hobart and Launceston, at both of which we were delighted to have as our speaker, Mrs. D. Badger who told of her experiences as A.C.W. representative at the Third Asian Women's Conference held last year in Tokyo. Mrs. Badger also played a tape recording made at Conference by Mrs. Shanti Solomon telling of the beginning, aims and achievements of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All present expressed their gratitude at having had this opportunity to hear Mrs. Badger and our sincere thanks go to her, to the A.C.W. Executive for their co-operation, to the Tasmanian Council of Churches for a donation of \$10 towards Mrs. Badger's fares and to T.A.A. for their generosity in granting free transport for Mrs. Badger between Hobart and Launceston.

At these special days offerings were taken for the work of A.C.W., the the Winifred Keik Scholarship and A.C.W. Project for InterChurch Aid.

Fellowship of the Least Coin - This project of prayer and service in which we join with women throughout the world has been well supported in many areas throughout the State.

In October it was suggested that this Council prepare and present a case at the State enquiry into the Sunday Observance Act. Our executive met with representatives from various churches and a statement was prepared. Three executive members attended the hearing and our President and Vice President were asked to speak. The case we presented was for the preservation of Sunday, so that we may continue to have freedom to worship as we may desire in the interests of home and family life.

Our President, Mrs. Wood, represented the State at the National Committee Annual Meetings in Sydney from 8th to 10th February 1967, and reported that these meetings were full of interest and rich in Ecumenical fellowship. On her return Mrs. Wood prepared and presented to the Council a report of this Conference and copies of this have been forwarded to member churches and interested bodies. Again we should like to thank the Tasmanian Council of Churches for the very generous way in which they helped with Mrs. Wood's expenses with regard to this Conference.

With reference to travelling expenses to such meetings and conferences, this executive committee has felt some concern that we do not have sufficient funds to send representatives and so we recently held an American Tea at the home of Mrs. Wood to raise money towards a travelling fund. The Southern Tasmanian Presbyterian ladies catered for this function and provided a very nice morning tea. Approx. \$24 was raised and we thank all who helped in any way.

One who has been interested and most helpful in the work of this Council since its inauguration is Mrs. Lt.Col. Wright of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Wright was recently transferred to Victoria and a letter was sent to her expressing regret that this State is losing her valued service and thanking her for all her help. p.t.o.

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Your Executive has met together on a number of occasions (approximately quarterly) and, following a suggestion made at our last annual meeting, we have this year prepared and distributed two newsletters one in June and the second in November, and we trust that these were felt to be worth-while.

I feel that my report would be incomplete without a word of thanks to our Treasurer, Mrs. Sutherland, who has been much more than a Treasurer in that she has so willingly and capably typed and duplicated so many letters, notices and reports for us. To her, and to all who, by their co-operation in so many ways, have helped during my term of office, I say thank you.

Dorothy C. Hartam,

Hon. Secretary.

Women's Inter-Church Council
of Tasmania.

12 Brackla Rd.,

Lindisfarne,

Tas. 7015

29th Oct. 1967.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

We are in receipt of your letter of recent date requesting that the Tasmanian Council consider preparing the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1968. I am instructed to advise you that we shall be happy to do this and to thank your committee for their confidence in us and for this opportunity for service. We note that you would require this before the annual meetings in February.

With regard to the Annual meetings, we are hoping that we will be able to have two Tasmanian representatives attend, one of whom we expect will be Mrs. G. H. Wood. We shall advise the name of the second as soon as possible. I shall also forward our State report as soon as reports of Community Day Services are to hand.

The Tasmanian office bearers are as follow: President - Mrs. K. Shuley
22 Primies Street
Sandy Bay

Women's Inter-Church Council
of Tasmania.

12 Beakta Rd.,

Lindisfarne.

Tasmania 7015.

3rd December 1967.

Dear Mrs. Luke,

I enclose herewith two cheques for \$178.16
and \$16.10 which amounts are made up as
follow:- 12 8-pies 'Circle of Prayer' (apc. attached) 3.60

Fellowship of Least Coin 174.09

Community Day offering 27.62

Less 40% for Tas. funds 11.05 16.57
\$194.26

I also enclose a brief report of our year's
activities. I apologise for not having been able
to have this typed but I do not have a type-
writer at my disposal and our Treasurer, Mrs.
Sutherland, who usual does my typing for me
is, unfortunately, quite ill just now. We would
appreciate your prayers for her at this time.

With regard to national committee meetings in
February, it seems very likely that I shall be the
second representative to attend these with Mrs. Wood.

Trusting you are well & with kind
regards.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Hartman

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things for now.

Regarding publicity, however, we would make a request. Would it be possible, do you think, for us to have a few more copies of your Working Committee minutes and of "Women at Work". At present these come to Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Everett and myself. If we had three more it would mean that each denomination is covered, which we feel would considerably help publicity.

Referring to the East Coast Women's Christian Conference, we will not nominate anyone from this state. We feel that, due to our geographic position, delegation work following the Conference would prove too costly & that it would be wiser to appoint delegates from states that are more central.

I believe our treasurer has by now forwarded our \$4 administration levy.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Harkness

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WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

ANNUAL REPORT 1967-68.

The third ANNUAL MEETING, held at Launceston on 8th April 1967, was attended by representatives of Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic Churches, Salvation Army and Churches of Christ. This meeting elected the following ladies to office for this year:-

Mrs. K. Shuey (President), Mesdames Capt. Everett and B. Wells (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. D. Hartam (Secretary), Mrs. J. Sutherland (Treasurer) and Mrs. G.A. Wood (T.C.C. Representative and State Convenor for the Fellowship of the Least Coin).

In November, on account of ill health, Mrs. Sutherland was forced to hand the financial books over to the Secretary who has acted as Treasurer since then. Within the past few weeks the Rev. and Mrs. Shuey have gone interstate on their long service leave and so we are happy to have Mrs. Everett, our Vice-President, chair this meeting.

FELLOWSHIP DAY services were held in five centres this year, namely Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, Ulverstone and Stanley, and all reported good meetings and worthwhile fellowship. In all, about 260 ladies gathered for these services. Offerings taken were for the work of Australian Church Women and, in particular, the Winifred Keik Scholarship.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY services were conducted this year in only Hobart and Launceston when some 90 ladies met together. The Hobart service had a guest speaker in the person of Miss Ruth Robertson, Assistant Director (now Director) of the Fire Victims' Welfare Organisation. The special offerings taken at these meetings were for Inter-Church Aid Team Work in Vietnam.

The general opinion throughout most areas in the state seems to be a preference to hold only one of these special days each year. However, the executive feels we would like to continue to support both special days and to ask all centres to participate. We have recently been encouraged by enquiries from Mrs. Christie-Johnston and Mrs. Hiller with regard to holding services for both days in Glenorchy and Devonport respectively. These, together with centres which held Fellowship Day this year, would make seven centres participating. This compares quite favourably with interest in other states.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN continues to be well supported by most Women's groups in a majority of areas and the sum of \$201.17 was this year contributed for this project.

In September, Mr. Val Brown visited Tasmania and, at the request of the Hobart branch of the Tas. Council of Churches, our ladies provided afternoon tea at an informal gathering held to enable Mr. Brown to meet members of the clergy and other interested folk.

TRAVEL FUND. An American Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Wells, when the sum of \$30 was raised for this fund. Our thanks go to Mrs. Wells and to the Congregational ladies who assisted her with catering. Burnie ladies contributed \$7 to this fund following their Fellowship Day service and \$1.50 was raised from the hire of the tape recording on the origin and aims of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETINGS were held at Deaconess House, Sydney, in February when I had the pleasure and privilege of representing this state. My fares, amounting to \$75, were paid by the Council. Of this amount \$63.45 was paid from the Travel fund and the balance, \$11.55, from the General A/c. A report of these meetings has been distributed and I would take this opportunity to again thank you all for this wonderful experience.

This year has, I feel, to some extent been one of consolidation. There has been a definite growth of interest throughout the state, particularly with regard to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and I believe we can feel confident that God is guiding and blessing our efforts. We pray for His strength and continuing blessing.

Dorothy C. Hartam
Hon. Secretary

Women's Inter Church Council
of Tasmania

"Fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them
that fear Him."

Psa. 34:9

12 Roatta Rd,
Lindisfarne,
7015.
1st June, 1969.



Dear Mrs. Duke,

Thank you for your letter of
20th April.

With regard to Fellowship Day, we
have ordered the Order of Service from
Mrs. Rogers & will, as usual, forward
offering money to Mrs. Stephens.

Regarding Publicity & Liaison officers
and possible nomination concerning
the East Asian Women's Conference, I
shall have to defer any reply till
after we have an executive meeting,
but I have noted your comments.

At our recent annual meeting it
was agreed that we pay the annual
\$4 administration levy but I am
afraid that actual payment will have
to be delayed until after Fellowship
Day. The fact is that, due mainly
to having bought so many pens, many
of which are as yet unpaid for by
the groups who took them, & to the
rather high cost of posting these
around the state, we are at
present quite out of funds. However
the money for the pens is coming
in steadily though slowly so we are
not unduly concerned.



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"Wait on the Lord, and keep His way; and He shall exalt thee."

Psa. 37: 34

I am enclosing a copy of our annual report & minutes of our annual meeting for your information.

I would particularly draw your attention to the minute at the top of page 3 headed "re name". Would you take this letter as being our request that ~~any~~ such consideration be given at the next annual meeting of the National Committee.

Personally, I can see that the suggested name change would probably not be desirable but many of our women have for some years been concerned that the National body & State units have different names & this is just another suggestion towards having uniformity. The previous year there was a notice of motion that our name be changed to "Australian Church Women - Tasmanian Unit" but due mainly to the strong feeling of the Baptist ladies, who are at present affiliated, this motion was lost.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Harkness.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 19TH APRIL, 1969

It is with pleasure that I present the fourth annual report of this Council. The Office Bearers this year have been Mrs. K. Shuey (President), Mesdames Captain B. Everett and T. Rice (Vice-Presidents), D. Hartam (Secretary), B. Wells (Treasurer), G.A. Wood (T.C.C. Representative and Convenor for Fellowship of the Least Coin). It was with regret that, in December, we had to accept the resignation of Mrs. Rice from the office of Vice-President, following her husband's transfer to South Australia.

We are pleased to report that, due mainly to good promotional work by some members, there has been a marked increase of interest this year. Our two special days were held as usual, Fellowship Day in July and World Community Day in October.

Fellowship Day Services were held in Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, Stanley, Burnie, Glenorchy and Ulverstone and all centres reported that meetings were felt to be worthwhile and that fellowship was enjoyed with women from all affiliated churches as well as Church of England and Catholic Women.

World Community Day Services were held in Hobart, Launceston and Rosebery - the theme for this day being "Human Rights". It was particularly pleasing to hear that the Rosebery ladies plan to make this day an annual event. Hobart women report that for their day they joined with the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee for the first time officially. The World Day of Prayer Committee held its annual meeting in the morning, when a number of women from country areas attended as well as members from our Council. Following this meeting the ladies of the W.W.D. of Prayer provided a very nice luncheon during which we were able to move about and get to know each other before we went on to our World Community Day Service at 2 o'clock. At this meeting Mr. Neil Batt gave a very fine address on the theme "Human Rights".

Fellowship of the Least Coin has shown a further increase in interest and contributions, the sum of \$215.48 having been contributed this year. Mrs. Wood's report on this project is attached.

Travel Fund. Early in the year an American Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Shuey when the sum of \$22.14 was raised for this fund. We again thank the Tasmanian Council of Churches for its support and a donation of \$20. Some months ago the Working Committee of the Australian Church Women decided to sell ball point pens and State units ordering these were able to make a profit of 40¢ per dozen for their Travel Funds. However, at the National Committee meeting held in February it was decided that States would pay the full amount for the pens (20¢ each) and that all profits would be retained by the Working Committee to form a travel pool from which States could be assisted to send delegates to the National Committee Annual meetings. We are pleased to report a good response to the pens in this State, having so far distributed approximately 700 pens throughout the State. We have paid A.C.W. for all of these but still have to receive payment for 30 dozen (\$72.00). A further 30 dozen have been ordered from A.C.W. but have not been paid for.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETINGS: These held in Melbourne from 4th to 7th February were attended by Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Everett has prepared a report which has been distributed. We were pleased to pay Mrs. Everett's fares to and from Melbourne and for her expenses at St. Hilda's College whilst there. It was estimated that together these would amount to \$59.80 and this amount was advanced. However, St. Hilda's College found it was possible to reduce its charges and consequently the sum of \$7 was refunded by Mrs. Everett. It was agreed that this amount be paid to Mrs. Wood to help defray her costs. The Executive is deeply appreciative of the fact that Mrs. Wood has now on three occasions attended these meetings on our behalf and at her own expense.

To both these ladies we extend our thanks and we realize the importance of having a delegate at these meetings.

I would conclude this report by conveying to all my sincere thanks for your help, understanding and patience - to our President, Mrs. Shuey, to Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Wood and to all who have helped with the planning and organisation of our special days, to those who have been instrumental in promoting the Fellowship of the Least Coin and to all who have so readily taken pens to sell - I say thank you and it is my prayer that you may all continue to support this Council in its aim "to unite Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

Dorothy C. Hartam, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN REPORT.

1968 has been a year of increased interest in Fellowship of the Least Coin. Several country groups have written asking for information - these areas include Queenstown, Rosebery, Dover, Western Junction, Georgetown, Devonport and New Town.

The tape of Mrs. Shanti Solomon's talk has also been hired out to several groups at cost of 30 cents. Cost of hire has gone to swell the Travel Fund. Some enquiries have also been received from Church of England groups in country areas. As C. of E. is not affiliated with Women's Inter Church Council of Tasmania such groups do not receive information through denominational channels. It is hoped that as many C. of E. Women's Groups as possible will take part in Fellowship Day and World Community Day observance in their areas, and will support the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Literature: Free-booklets containing allocations for projects of F.L.C. are available. Volume III Circle of Prayer - Cost 30¢.

As regards allocations, it is interesting to note that a recent Australian project to be accepted is work among migrant youth in an inner suburb in Melbourne.

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