

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
**MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 2000**  
**held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.**



**WELCOME** President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present at 10.00 am.

**DEVOTIONS** Marj Dredge read verses from 2 Corinthians - 'God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance.' and 'In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.' Then excerpts were read saying that the question we should ask people is, "Are you prepared to accept Christ in your life? so leading those who accept this to a life long journey with Christ." We need to ask ourselves, "How will I become the person who will **naturally** do what Jesus would do in any situation?" Marj then led in prayer.

**PRESENT** Marj Dredge, Shirley Birch, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Margaret Greenslade, Dorothy Ferrier, Mavis Ellis, Barbara Greely and Marj Crawford.

**MINUTES** The record of the meeting of 23/11/99, with the following correction for the last line of item 9 under 'Business Arising from the Minutes' which should read - "Dorothy will make a list of each person where there is no photograph and photos will be sought", was signed as correct.

**BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes**

- 1 **Affirmative Action Meeting** Mavis Ellis reported she and Marj Dredge attended and felt they learnt a lot from those, including Church-related agencies, who were directly involved with employment. Marj told the meeting that Churches, through concern for social justice, are very interested in equal opportunity.
- 2 **NCCA Gender Relationships Meeting** - this has not yet been held.
- 3 **Special Days Convener** - with no one as yet in this position, Vice-President Laurice Smith sent out the Master copies to Units for Fellowship Day Service, 2000.
- 4 **World Community Day 2000 Project** - nothing has been resolved as yet.
- 5 **Memorial Book.** Dorothy Ferrier has made a list of the people where photographs are needed and members of the Executive will be seeking these.
- 6 **Web Site.** Proposed Barbara Greely and seconded Shirley Birch that Marj Dredge, Maureen Clark and Laurice Smith be the people to investigate the possibility of establishing an ACW Web Site - unanimously agreed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Inwards on page 4 - received Outwards on page 4 - endorsed

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1 (6 Outwards) **Still awaiting reply re Round Table** from Senator Jocelyn Newman
- 2 (15 Inwards) **Re Padma Ebenezer** - National Executive unable to offer financial assistance - no Disaster Fund. Units to be encouraged to send 'Gifts of Love' to be forwarded to NSW Unit. National Secretary will write to Units with information.
- 3 (23 " ) **Nungalinga College, Darwin** - asking for support for their project. They have been assisted other years so will not be in 2000. (The Uniting Church National Assembly to be held in Adelaide in July 2000 will feature a display of their Art.)
- 4 (24 " ) **National Council Single Mothers & their Children** - unable to support Sole Parent Proud Campaign.

**TREASURER**

**Statement of Receipts & Payments from 20/11/99 to 31/1/2000** - see page 3. **Received**  
**Summary of Monies Received from Units & Branches, 1999** - see attached sheet (1 copy for each Unit/Branch)

**Accounts for payment** - Agreed that these be paid

**Term Deposit** - Agreed that a further Term Deposit be opened for \$6000 for 6 months.

**REPORTS**

- 1 **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener - Dorothy Ferrier**  
**Correspondence** - **Inward:** Alice Springs Unit, advice of new Office Bearers. Various Christmas cards & letters. State Units, advising numbers of leaflets needed. Barbara Lacey, enclosing Rachel Kanly's letter for my reply. Australian Tax Office - granting Tax exemption. **Two Phone** calls from Sue Nitrai.

**1 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener - Dorothy Ferrier - cont**

**Outward** - Christmas cards to Unit conveners. Sue Nitrai - draft of leaflet information. Australian Tax Office - requesting private ruling for tax exemption for printing leaflets. Rachel Kanly - encouragement & prayer

**Christmas Greetings** from Mai Zin Zin Wah, Nighat Gulzar and Asif, Catherine Min, Rachel Kanly, Doreen Tan, Rev Mary Au.

I sought 4 quotes for **printing of leaflets** ranging from \$1185 down to \$354. I accepted quote from Webb & Son at \$469.00 (inclusive less Sales Tax). Leaflets ready this week and will be despatched next week.

**Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener - Margaret Greenslade**

I have had a letter from Esther Byu advising FLC History Book now available at cost of US\$10 a copy. Presumably postage to and within Australia must be added. The Units have been written to with cost given and a request for numbers required - then order will be placed. I have had phone calls from Q'ld and NSW and letter from Tas & SA in reply, in each case first meeting in 2000 had yet to be held.

Units were also advised of the successful applicants for IFLC Grants for 2000 which were - Chaplaincy Com'tee, Ross, Tas for Cressy-Campbell Town School Chaplaincy US\$2000 Australian Indigenous Ministries, Lawson, NSW for Aim Bible College Computer Project US\$3000. North-West Chaplaincy Com'tee, Burnie, Tas, for North-West Hospitals Chaplaincy, US\$2000. Mrs Jennifer Buckley, Heatley, Townsville, Q'ld for Leadership Development for Girls Friendly Society Leaders, US\$3000.

We look forward to hearing reports of the activities as a result of the Grants.

Reminders were given about considering applications for 2001 Grants which will need to be in the hands of the National Convener by 30th April 2000. Noting the successful Grants gives a good indication of the type of application likely to succeed.

**Social Justice Convener - Mavis Ellis**

I have written to all Unit Social Justice Conveners and where no one has been appointed letters went to Unit Secretaries to advise them all of the resolution, made at National Conference, on the Fairwear Campaign and asking for their help in acting upon it. I also asked what their Units are doing in this area and requested a reply by today's meeting. Replies have been received only from Western Australia and the ACT and the secretary of the Queensland Unit who assures me she has the question of a Social Justice Convener on the agenda for their 28th February 2000 meeting.

It was pleasing to see that ACW got a favourable mention in the recent Fairwear Newsletter about the Resolution and their attendance at the Fairwear Candlelight rally.

I plan to attend a forum, Partnerships Against Domestic Violence, on Thursday 24th Feb. Senator Jocelyn Newman is the Keynote Speaker. I also plan to attend both the Unifem Breakfast at which Camilla Cowley is the Guest Speaker and the International Women's Day Lunch, both of which unfortunately are on Wednesday 8th March.

**ACWC REPORT - (from report Barbara Lacy sent to Iluminada Domingo)**

Barbara wrote of her Speaking engagements, Magazine articles, Promoting ACWC and the exchange of ideas with Mr Caesar D'Mello of National Council of Churches in Australia, Victoria. At ACW National Conference Barbara reported on ACWC programs and the launch of the ACWC Dollar Campaign to State Units.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1 **Publications Convener**, Major Shirley Sampson to be asked to print on the bottom of the back page of each issue of "ACW News" a **Deadline in Bold** for receiving articles for the following issue. **The closing date for Feb/Mar issue Friday 17 March 2000.**
- 2 **Copy of World Community Day Service 2000** not received 22/2/2000. **N.B. NSW Unit**
- 3 **Unit Office Bearers** - would all Units please forward their up-to-date list (and please keep it up to date) to the National Secretary as soon as possible.

**CLOSURE** Prayer led by Marj Dredge  
**Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 21 March 2000 at 1.30pm**

National President .....

Date .....

**PLEASE NOTE: November 23/11/99 Minutes under General Business item 1 the second line should read, 'Winifred Kiek's benediction' (optional) to go into the Guidelines.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT 20th NOVEMBER 1999 TO 31st JANUARY 2000**

Balance 20-11-99 6,197.44

**Receipts**

Fellowship of the Least Coin	36,503.57	
Fellowship Day	11,017.79	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship - Bursary Book	60.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship - Donations	615.65	
World Community Day	9,454.41	
Asian Church Women's Conference	674.75	
Asian CWC Endowment Fund	500.00	
Asian CWC Bulletins	510.00	
National Conference Travel Fund	625.80	
Overseas Conference Travel Fund	350.00	
Sales - FLC Badges	<u>60.00</u>	60,371.97
Final Transfer from National Executive Queensland		8,245.19
Trans to Administration, 5% from FLC, WKS & WCD		<u>2,858.88</u>
		77,673.48

**Payments**

Petty Cash - National Secretary	53.19	
ACT Unit, E Sullivan to attend Nat'l Prayer Breakfast	58.00	
Fellowship of the Least Coin International	34,697.40	
Bank Charges on Telegraphic Transfer	25.00	
Transfer 5% for Administration	<u>1,827.47</u>	36,549.87
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust -		
Fellowship Day	10,526.95	
Transfer 5% to Administration	554.04	
Donations	650.65	
Bursary Book	<u>735.00</u>	12,466.64
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Auditor		100.00
Asian Church Women's Conference -		
World Community Day - half offering	4,524.70	
Charges on Bank Draft	10.00	
Transfer 5% to Administration	477.37	
Signatures, Partners & Endowment Fund	<u>1,174.75</u>	6,186.82
Asian CWC Bulletins		564.62
Term Deposit (maturing 30-6-2000)		5,000.00
Exodus Foundation - half offering WCD		<u>4,534.70</u>
		65,513.84
Balance 31-1-2000		<u>12,159.64</u>

**PUBLICATIONS**

Internatl Women's Devel. Agency, An. Report  
 Network Exchange of Women's Services (NEWS)  
 17/11/99, 14/12/99, 25/1/00, 9/2/00-to M Ellis  
 Aust. Evang. Alliance 'Working Together' 1999/4  
 Christian Conference of Asia News Sept & Dec'99  
 Women with Disabilities Newsletter Dec'99  
 NEWS Supp re Fed. Grants for Rural Dom. Violence

CWLA Newsletter, Nov, Dec.'99 Feb.2000  
 Women in Australia 1999 book  
 Affirmative Action Agency Newsletter Dec.'99  
 YWCA 'Communique'  
 ACWC Bulletin Oct-Dec'99  
 Affirmative Action Agency - to M Ellis  
 NSW Unit 'Newsette' February 2000

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

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| 24/11/99 | 1. ACW (Vic Unit) re Lynette Green's appointment and luncheon in her honour  |
| 29/11/99 | 2. Qld Unit meeting minutes 25/10/99; addresses for State denominational Newspapers/mags.  |
| 29/11/99 | 3. Edith Ridge, NSW Unit re postponement of NCCA Network on Women & Gender Relationships meeting   |
| 29/11/99 | 4. Sen. J. Newman invit. to attend launch of Women in Australia 1999, ACT  |
| 30/11/99 | 5. Questionnaire on Draft Document for Reconciliation – to M. Ellis  |
| 1/12/99  | 6. E-mail re ACW(ACT) member attending above launch  |
| 7/12/99  | 7. Alice Springs Branch ACW new President, Ruth Weber PO Box 459 Alice Springs NT 0871   |
| 7/12/99  | 8. Alice Springs Branch ACW cheque for WCD offerings – to D Chapman  |
| 10/12/99 | 9. Copy report sent to Esther Byu re use of FLC Grant by Girls' Friendly Society in 1999   |
| 13/12/99 | 10. FLC offering from UC Boronia Park NSW – to D. Chapman  |
| 14/12/99 | 11. E. Sullivan (ACT Unit) literature from Women in Aust. 1999 launch – to M. Ellis<br>Corres. to E. Sullivan until new Unit Secretary elected |
| 15/12/99 | 12. E.Ridge re copies of 1999 special days services; Network on Women & Gender Rel/ships   |
| 15/12/99 | 13. Major L. Green thank you for congratulations   |
| 17/12/99 | 14. ACW (Vic Unit) Newsletter November 1999  |
| 21/12/99 | 15. B. Lacy re Padma Ebenezer  |
| 24/12/99 | 16. OSW – card to M. Dredge  |
| 4/1/00   | 17. ACW(Vic Unit) Minutes meeting 26/11/99 – new Min.Sec.Mrs Joy Morley  |
| 20/1/00  | 18. Padma Ebenezer-thank you   |
| 24/1/00  | 19. ACW (NSW Unit) 1999 Special Days Annual Report   |
| 24/1/00  | 20. ACW(ACT Unit) Newsletter Jan/February/March 2000   |
| 24/1/00  | 21. ANCORW,CAPOW re Lobby Training workshop for Beijing Plus 5   |
| 3/2/00   | 22. ACW(WA Unit) Minutes AGM and Unit meetings 12/11/99 and covering letter  |
| 6/2/00   | 23. E-mail B. Lacy reply re Padma  |
| 7/2/00   | 23. Nungalingya College, Darwin request for funding a project or the work of the College   |
| 11/2/00  | 24. Nat. Council Single Mothers & their Children Inc. request to support Sole Parent Proud Campaign  |
| 15/2/00  | 25. B. Lacy copy report sent to ACWC; copy of e-mail from Joan Tong re Padma; request for Petty Cash   |
| 15/2/00  | 26. E. Ridge re Youth to be involved in 'Pilgrimage to the Heart'  |
| 16/2/00  | 27. Invit. To 'Women of Vision' Dinner 8/3/00 Melbourne (\$95!)  |
| 17/2/00  | 28. Church Women United Aotearoa/NZ greetings and best wishes for Nat. Exec. Term of office  |
| 22/2/00  | 29. WKS Trust minutes and financial statement  |

Outwards:

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| 27/11/99 | 1. Major Lynette Green congratulations on her appointment and card signed by Exec.  |
| 27/11/99 | 2. Mr Des Collinson, auditor, confirming his appointment  |
| 27/11/19 | 3. Circular all Units re Lyn Green; new Secretaries, Vic and SA; ACWC Mags; profile S. Sampson; reprints pages 1,2 & 4 Nat. Constitution; p 23 Special Days Guidelines; Please advise corrections to National Conference Minutes. |
| 29/11/99 | 4. Edith Ridge re NCCA Network on Women & Gender Relationships meeting  |
| 30/11/99 | 5. E-mail Sen. J. Newman's office re Women in Australia 1999 launch   |
| 30/11/99 | 6. Sen. J Newman re Round Table   |
| 2/12/99  | 7. E-mail re rep. to attend Women in Australia 1999 launch  |
| 8/12/99  | 8. R. Weber, Alice Springs Br. Welcome to ACW   |
| 17/12/99 | 9. Nirusha Ebenezer get well card (accident)  |
| 17/12/99 | 10. Padma Ebenezer (ACWC Exec) greetings while in Aust. Visiting daughter in hospital   |
| 21/12/99 | 11. Edith Ridge, Archivist, copy of 1999 Fellowship Day service   |
| 22/12/99 | 12. E. Sullivan deadline for next ACW News copy, 14/1/00  |
| 22/12/99 | 13. E-mail B. Lacy re Padma Ebenezer  |
| 30/12/99 | 14. YWCA re change of address of National Secretary   |
| 2/1/00   | 15. Nat. Sec. CWLA best wishes for term of office in Queensland   |
| 17/1/00  | 16. E. Ridge re copy of letter nominating WKS Trustees 1995   |
| 5/2/00   | 17. E-mail B. Lacy re Padma   |