



NEWSLETTER

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

No. 24

May, 1987

FROM THE PRESIDENT

1986 was a most enjoyable and challenging year for me. A year packed with various highlights, but one in which I felt Christ was ever with me. 19th May was my installation at St. John's Cathedral, Parramatta, at which my family, friends and others whom I have since got to know were present. My grateful thanks are extended to the ladies from A.C.W. Executive, Mother's Union Executive, as well as the many ladies from St. John's congregation who made that day so special for me. I was also aware of the prayer support of my family and friends and of the outstanding encouragement given to me from Canon R. Bomford and Mrs. Bomford.

As the year progressed, we changed our meeting days so that Executive met earlier on the third Monday of the month at 9.30, completing the business by 10.30 when we broke for morning tea. Council members were invited to share this time with us. The Council meeting then followed. This arrangement has worked very well and fellowship has been enhanced as we share over a cup of tea. We have had stimulating and informative addresses given to us by ladies from various churches and different organisations in our community. The Council meetings have been well attended and the members involved. Thanks go to the Minute Secretary and Secretary as those two ladies do have to work hard to make this new arrangement work.

Early in November the Asian Christian Women's Conference was held in Bangkok, which I attended as your delegate. This was truly a highlight in my life as I met with and shared with

many learned and gracious women from all parts of the world. The fellowship and concern amongst this group had to be experienced to be believed. Together we worshipped, learnt and studied with God's Word as the basis for our deliberation. The theme of this conference was 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Phil. 4:13). Four commissions relating to women's affairs were examined. These were: Personhood, Women in the Community, Family Life and Justice and Peace as we discussed and studied in depth these topics, Bible Studies reinforced our conclusions. We learnt how the different cultures who attended coped with the problems experienced in their lives. We discovered that many areas of concern within the family are world-wide and that some problems have been exasipated by the influence of so called Christian countries. We learnt of child prostitution in Thailand and our Council have agreed to the inclusion each month of special prayers for these most unfortunate children. I have been most encouraged as I learn daily of different groups in our community as well as world-wide who are praying for the street children. I know that God is in control as men, as well as women, are praying and working under Him for an end to this dehumanisation of children.

It is most encouraging to observe that both our projects, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship have been both financially and numerically well supported and the gifts substantially increased. Women's World Day of Prayer, state wide, was very well attended and the giving most generous. As a State Unit our problem area is that of 'Partners with Asian Church Women' and I would ask you to support this commitment, for at the present we are only half way in reaching this objective of \$500 this year.

I would like to express my thanks to the Executive, particularly Mrs. Marie McCann and Mrs. Dorothy Lumb, Secretary and Treasurer, who have been most supportive and encouraging during this year. Executive members have shown love and concern and I thank them also. I have been aware of the prayerful and practical support of the Council and I thank them most sincerely. I was delighted to learn that our President-Elect is Mrs. Marjorie Baker and I would encourage you to be prayerful for her.

Yours in Christ,

June Graham,
President.

ANNUAL REPORT 1986-1987

It is with pleasure that I report on the activities of our Unit from April 1986 to May 1987. At the 1986 Annual General Meeting, Mrs. June Graham assumed office as President. The Executive Committee underwent considerable change of personnel due to the retirement of key people, who had served long and well. We farewelled Deaconess Mary Andrews as WKS Convener, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker as Treasurer and Brigadier Mabel Ward as Secretary.

The President was duly installed at the Annual Service, which was held at the Anglican Cathedral, Parramatta. Afterwards a joyous and enjoyable reception and luncheon followed in the Cathedral Hall, attended by a large number of people.

Three innovations have been embarked upon. A Minute Secretary has been appointed, Executive meetings have been held prior to Council meetings and morning tea has been served before the Council meetings. As usual each denomination takes turns to provide and serve the goodies - it is always well done and most appreciated.

Seven Council meetings were held, four at the Salvation Army Headquarters in Elizabeth Street and three at the Uniting Church Offices Block, Castlereagh Street. A change of venue took place due to the impending demolition of the former building. Seven Executive meetings were held prior to Council meetings and one extra one was held in January at Killara.

Our Council meetings have been enhanced by guest speakers, who have included Mrs. Erica Henderson and Bin Erica from Student Life at N.S.W. University, Mrs. Esther Doyle, State President of Catholic Women's League and Convener of the Social Responsibility Committee, Mrs. Margaret Hillyard, Convener of the Mother's Union Social Responsibility Committee, and Reverend Shirley Maddox, Uniting Church Minister, Deaconess Jan Tripp, Baptist, Deaconess Mary Andrews, Anglican, who spoke on a forum on 'Women in the Church'. Also Mrs. Prudence Gregory, our President's daughter, on NALAG, an association to help with Loss and Grief.

Our FLC Convener leads us in a reading and prayer as we

participate at Council meetings, as well as attending to the large number of participating groups in the State, also the distribution of the ACWC Bulletin. Our WKS Convener and her Committee have corresponded with previous scholars and keep us informed of their progress.

Our two Special Days have been well attended in approximately forty venues. Our Promotions Convener and her Committee have worked hard to supply the Orders of Service and Our Publicity Officer has assiduously attended to that side of Promotion.

We feel for and are close in prayer and spirit to our sisters outside Australia through our National Committee in adopting Burma as our country for special prayer, also through our Special Days projects, as well as through our ACW projects - FLC and WKS.

Another link with our overseas sisters came last November, when our President, as an Australian delegate, attended the Asian Church Women's Conference. Her report brought us close to knowing her colleagues there, and enables us to pray for them all with more understanding of needs and desires of the people they represent.

We are truly an ecumenical association which puts into practice in prayer, fellowship and deeds, its aims and objectives. Serving such an organisation is a privilege.

Mary McCann,
Honorary Secretary.



FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING APRIL 1987

As we conclude another year of service with this Annual Meeting, I again extend my sincere thanks to all supporters of Fellowship of the Least Coin. Not only can we look back with thanksgiving, but we look forward in faith knowing that our Lord doeth all things well.

Fellowships continue to seek information about F.L.C. which is very encouraging for the future, and copies of the Grants and Allocations from Least Coin funds are included in all mail. The 1987 lists have not yet come to hand, but as soon as they do these also will be printed and available.

A new Audio-visual introduced this year has already travelled many miles to country and suburban Fellowships, all of whom have expressed their appreciation. No charge is made for the loan of this Audio, but Fellowships have covered the cost of mailing to and from each destination.

The response on World Community Day was tremendous and I'm sure those who bring their offerings for dedication find this a very moving service. I'm sorry that I can't have contact with all of you, but you have my sincere thanks, as do those Fellowships and private persons who mail their gifts direct.

Volume 9 of 'Circle of Prayer' was widely distributed throughout 1986, until November of that year when Volume 10 became available. With the title 'Anybody Listening' this is a very challenging edition, and should be ideal in this International Year of 'Shelter for the Homeless'. F.L.C. badges and spoons are also on sale in support of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin offers us a world wide prayer partnership which knows no national or racial barriers, all are God's children and equal in His sight, and God commands us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Lord help us to be obedient in prayer.

Glad West,
Convener.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NSW UNIT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEB., 1987

Credit Balance Brought Forward 1.2.86			\$531.95
Add Receipts			
Organisation A/c			
Affiliation Fees	\$220.00		
Collections & Donations	413.31		
Asian Bulletin Subscriptions	87.50		
Interest - Glebe Admin. Board	971.65		
Interest - Westpac Current A/c	<u>107.14</u>	1,799.60	
'Newsette' Subscriptions		436.00	
Overseas Travel Fund		214.42	
Sales 'Circle of Prayer'		64.25	
Sales Spoons & Badges		10.85	
Partners A.C.W.C.		258.00	
Special Funds			
Fellowship of Least Coin	7,456.49		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	340.49		
Fellowship Day	3,322.31		
World Community Day (Spec. Project)	<u>3,101.28</u>	14,220.57	
transferred from Invested Funds			
Glebe Admin. Board		1,000.00	
Westpac Savings Investment A/c		<u>500.00</u>	18,503.69
			19,035.64
LESS PAYMENTS			
Special Contributions			
Fellowship of Least Coin	7,218.33		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	320.49		
Fellowship Day	3,059.46		
World Community Day (Special Project)	<u>2,811.28</u>	13,409.56	
Overseas Travel Fund		120.00	
Promotion - F.L.C.	125.00		
" - W.K.S	20.00		
" - Fellowship Day	263.35		
" - World Community Day	<u>290.00</u>	698.35	
Mrs. R. Selvatnatum		200.00	
Partners A.C.W.C.		500.00	
Subscriptions Asian Bulletin		97.50	
'Newsette' production & postage		398.94	
President's Registration - Asian Conference		264.34	
" Airfare " "		797.00	
Subscription - NSW Council for Children's Films & TV		10.00	
Subscription - National Council of Women		20.00	
Donation - 'Student Life'		100.00	
Memorial Bursary - Mrs. Wyper		25.00	
Use Centennial Room - Salvation Army H.Q.		100.00	
General Administration		507.21	
Purchase of Stock		<u>191.69</u>	17,439.59
CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C - 28.2.1987			\$1,596.05

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT, 28th FEBRUARY, 1987

BALANCES

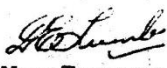
Westpac Current Account	1,596.05	
Westpac Savings Inv.		
A/c 1.3.86	956.03	
Add Interest to 30.4.86	320.16	
	1,276.19	
Less Withdrawal	500.00	776.19
Glebe Admin. Board	7,000.00	
Less Withdrawal	1,000.00	6,000.00
		<u>\$8,372.24</u>

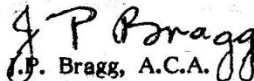
FUNDS

Organisation A/C	\$7,478.84
'Newsette'	463.48
Overseas Travel	218.68
Stock	211.24
	<u>\$8,372.24</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account and records of Australian Church Women NSW State Unit for the year ended 28th February, 1987. IN my opinion the Statements of receipts and Payments for the year ended 28th February, 1987, show a true and correct view of the result for that year, and of the state of affairs as at 28th February, 1987.


Hon. Treasurer, 19.3.87


J.P. Bragg, A.C.A. Hon. Auditor, 30.3.87

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL REPORT - 1986/7

After many years of faithfully keeping in contact with the Winifred Kiek Scholars, Deaconess Mary Andrews did not stand for re-election for the position of Convener in 1986. Through Deaconess Mary the members of the A.C.W. in this State and Australia-wide learnt of the joys, sorrows and anxieties in the lives of the Scholars as they returned to their homeland on the completion of their studies in the various Capital Cities. We are all most grateful for this dedication to her position and the willing hand of Christian fellowship extended to these young women. Thank you, Mary.

This year has been one of frustration for the Federal Winifred Kiek Convener, Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase as the months passed without any news of the arrival of Miss Stella Min of Burma. However, in Mrs. Knauerhase's last letter there has been some contact made. Let us continue to pray.

Also our prayers are needed for the members of the Federal Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee as they now consider the applications for 1988 received from Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka that a wise decision be made.

Our New South Wales Winifred Kiek Committee members have divided the list of names and addresses into sections, with each member responsible for the scholars on her list. Letters have been written and replies received, all containing messages of love and greetings to all members of the A.C.W.

As we go forward in faith and hope that we may, by our letters and our prayers, be supportive of these women of countries where difficulties are many, but where their work is so important to those in need.



Yvonne Davis,
Winifred Kiek Convener.

PRESIDENT ELECT

Each of the seven denominations participating in our State Unit, in turn nominates our President for a two year term of office. Consequently the Churches of Christ have nominated Mrs. Marjory Baker to be our next President to take office in April, 1988. Marjory has been very active on our Council for some years now. She represents her church on the Executive Committee and is currently the Membership Secretary. We ask for God's blessing on Marjory as she prepares for the task ahead and we look forward to co-operating with her when she assumes leadership.

Mary McCann.

DATES TO NOTE

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| June 15 | Mary Cloti Thong - Burmese student from the Baptist Theological College. |
| July | Fellowship Day. Theme 'Housing God's Family' |
| August 17 | Trading Partners Speaker and Display and Sale of handwork from participating countries. |
| September 12-19 | National Conference Henley Beach South Australia. All members and friends invited. Please notify Secretary of intention to attend before May 31st. There are ten of us so far. |
| September 21 | Mrs. Marian Smith, Convener of the Presbyterian Women's Association Social Responsibility Committee. |
| October | World Community Day. Theme 'The World My Responsibility'. |
| November 16 | Branch and Delegates Reports. Christmas Celebration. |

PROMOTIONS REPORT

During this last twelve months 37 branches held a Fellowship Day Service and 40 branches held a World Community Day Service.

All these Services were reasonably well attended and all who attended found the Services spiritually inspiring and uplifting.

For both Packing Days there was a willing band of workers and I thank these ladies most sincerely.

Several kits were sent out through the year and I pray that through these we may see the formation of new Branches.

As we enter another year of service in A.C.W. may God richly bless and guide all that is done in His Name.

Beth Finlay,
Promotions Convener.

HERITAGE 200 PROGRAMME

Our National Committee has prepared an article on our nomination, Winifred Kiek. It has been forwarded and acknowledged.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF WINIFRED KIEK. An article written by her daughter, Margaret Knauerhase, is to be included in the Order of Service for Fellowship Day, 1987.

How can we increase interest in A.C.W. activities which we know are valuable before our God? Easy - pray each day for our work, talk to others about our aims and objectives - and bring friends to all our services and fellowship gatherings - then the Holy Spirit will lead us to wider fields for God's purposes.

PUBLICITY REPORT - APRIL 1987

The task of publicising the work of A.C.W. - N.S.W. Unit is sometimes hampered because it is difficult to obtain information from branch secretaries regarding their Fellowship Days and World Community Days. However, all information made available has been sent each time to thirteen organisations and denominations affiliated with A.C.W., ten church papers and four radio stations.

The Annual Service and installation of the President, Mrs. June Graham, was held in St. John's Anglican Church, Parramatta last May. This was well publicised and it was good to see many reports in church papers of the event. St. John's own church paper gave an edited account of the President's address.

Many members of the N.S.W. Unit have been faithfully saving items from local and church papers re A.C.W. meetings, so that the scrap book is gaining quite a collection for posterity.

An excellent report of the Asian Church Women's Conference held last november in Bangkok, which our President attended, was published in 'The Australian Baptist' and written by another Australian delegate, Mrs. Joan Adcock of A.C.T.

It is with gratitude that both the Promotions Convener and Publicity Convener now share the services of an assistant - Sister N.O. McKay. With three people now responsible for these jobs we should see a greater awareness of Australian Church Women in our community.

Lucille King,
Convener.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
N.S.W. STATE UNIT
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