

★ Brief Statement of Mrs. Winifred Kiek's association with the Australian Council of Churches and women in the Church.

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The Reverend Winifred Kiek, B.A. B.D., is the widow of Dr. E.S. Kiek, who was Principal of Parkin Theological College, Adelaide, for 37 years.

Mrs. Kiek was born in England and, prior to her marriage to a Congregational minister, was a Quaker. After coming to Australia in 1920 and when her family had grown up she studied for the ministry and was ordained as a Congregational minister in 1927.

Her earliest association with the Australian Council of Churches was in 1946 when she was asked to undertake a questionnaire in Australia (also being conducted in 50 other countries) on Women in the Church, in preparation for the World Council of Churches Assembly in Amsterdam in 1948.

Mrs. Kiek was later appointed by the Australian Council of Churches as Liaison Officer for work among women and in 1950 was appointed a member of the World Commission (set up in Amsterdam) on Life and Work of Women in the Churches. This involved a great deal of correspondence and distribution of material to all States and denominations including the Women's Inter-Church Councils in all States except Tasmania.

Mrs. Kiek attended the annual meetings of the Australian Council of Churches at "Gilbulla" each year and in 1952 she represented Australia at a Consultation arranged by the World Council of Churches' Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Churches, held in Oxford, England.

In 1953 an Australian Commission on Co-operation between Men and Women in the Churches was set up and Mrs. Kiek was appointed convener.

From 1948 onwards efforts were made to form a Federation of Women's Inter-Church Councils but this was never achieved.

Mrs. Kiek resigned as convener of the Commission in 1956.

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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.

PURPOSE OF THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

To offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training. The scholarship is intended for those who give leadership in church life and for those who need strengthening as Christians for their work in the world.

It is anticipated that the scholarship will be tenable for 10 months (one academic year) and that part of the year will be spent in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutions, and part in speaking to women's groups and church groups.

THE FIRST WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER

Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa,
Social Worker from Djakarta,
Indonesia who will be in Australia
from May until December, 1965
for post-graduate studies on
child care.



★ Miss Tan Kwie Hwa tells her own story:

"I spent the early years of my life in Semarang, the capital of central Java and attended primary school there until my mother's death, when I was nine years old (June 1941). After her death I moved to Salatiga to live with my grandmother, aunt and uncle. I attended primary school there for only six months, when my education was interrupted because of the Second World War. Under the Japanese occupation and during the first years of the revolution I was unable to continue my schooling. In 1947 Salatiga was set on fire and most of the inhabitants lost their homes. We moved to Semarang, where I entered again the primary school completing this in six months. Because of my age I was also able to complete Junior secondary school in two years instead of the usual four years and the Teacher's Training School in two years.

In 1952 the minister of my local church, called Ds. Tan Ik Hay, offered me a position as a teacher in the Christian primary school and after two years, in addition to this work, I was asked to open their Junior Secondary School. During this time I was also studying for a certificate in education and in 1959 obtained my Bachelor of Education from F.K.I.P. (Faculty of teacher's Training and Education).

It was in 1959 on the request of one of my examiners, that I came to Djakarta where in addition to undertaking post-graduate study I lectured at the Christian University of Indonesia and the University of Indonesia.

My grandmother and aunt are closely associated with the church and my uncle has been an elder of the church in Salatiga. In the past I worked with the Sunday School in Salatiga and also

was secretary for one year of the Association for Sunday School teachers in the province for central Java. I was also secretary of the Christian Youth Group in Central Java for a period and so received opportunities to attend Youth conferences in Java.

My special interests are singing and reading.

I have read widely about the services provided for dependent children overseas and am familiar with the situation in children's homes in Java. I am aware of the limitations in services provided here and anxious to see the actual work being done in institutions in Australia. I hope also to learn something of the methods being used to improve services (staff education, intake of new children, arrangements within the home and follow up on discharge) in the hope that on my return I can both apply these in Dorcas and share my experiences with other Indonesian colleagues.

I am interested too in the further development of services to delinquent children in Indonesia as they are not yet well developed. I would therefore like to have the opportunity to see child welfare services in this field - including the children's court, institutional and after-care of children, as well as the operation of the probation services.

Dorcas is closely tied with the Christian Church of Indonesia at Kwitang (Djakarta) and I am hoping to use my experience to improve services provided by the church for dependent children. In addition I am hoping to continue teaching students in the field of education and psychology at the Christian University of Indonesia and possibly at other Christian Educational Institutions."



★ YOU CAN SHARE

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are urgently needed. Send your donations to the Women's Inter-Church Council in your State or Australian Church Women, c/o Room 2, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.