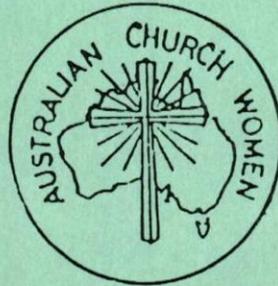


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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1989.

- Welcome: The National President, Rev. Lee Edwards welcomed Delegates Observers and Visitors from interstate and four visitors from Indonesia to the Conference.
- Opening
Devotions: Led by Lee Edwards. A reading from Acts 15 - the first Council of the Church, a meditation 'I can't relax' and the reading of three verses from a hymn.
- Welcome: Rev. Colin Honey, The Master of Kingswood, welcomed participants to the College and wished members a happy and successful Conference.
- Apologies: Mrs. Evonne Sullivan, Mrs. Stella Taber, Mrs. Helen Lloyd (A.C.T.) Mrs. Dorothy Lumb (N.S.W.) Mrs. Joyce Cumming, Mrs. Phyl Sharman, Mrs. Marie Price, Miss Tricia Price (Tas) Mrs. Joan Stott, Mrs. Barbara Lacy, Mrs. Eunice Reidy, Mrs. Marion Dodds, Mrs. Myra Dixon (Vic) Mrs. Yvonne Harrison (World Day of Prayer) Mrs. Lucelle King, Miss Doris Mitchell (Incoming National) All these ladies had registered for Conference but were unable to attend due to travel difficulties. Mrs. Rachel Cocks (Life Member) Mrs. Dorothy Haensel (W.K.S. Trustee).
- Roll Call: Margaret Napier (Nat. Ex.) moved, seconded Joan Miller (W.A.) 89/1 that the list of participants as amended be accepted. This motion was approved.
- In Memoriam A tribute was paid by the President to Mrs. Stolz (Life Member N.S.W.) Margaret Carpenter, Myrtle Briscoe (S.A.) and Molly Webb (Tas.) and to others who have passed away since last Conference. A prayer of thanksgiving for their lives and service was offered.
- Greetings: were received from Sir Ronald Wilson (President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia) Mrs. Rachel Cocks (Life Member) Mrs. Marion Dodds (Vic) Mrs. Marie Price (Tas) Mrs. Dorothy Haensel (W.K.S. Trustee), Mrs. Pauline Crosby (S.A.) Mrs. May Mortlock (W.A.) Mrs. Claudia Bowmer (Aust. Baptist Women's Fellowship) Mrs. Janelle Babare (Aust. Fed. Conf. Churches of Christ) Miss Pat Mahar (Catholic Women's League of S.A.) Mrs. Jenny Newton (Church Women United in Aotearoa/New Zealand) Mrs. Joan Puzey (Inter Church Women's Committee Bunbury) Mrs. June Laszlo (National Council of Women of A.C.T.) Mrs. Eunice Kim (.A.C.W.C.) Revd. Dr. Ray Williamson (N.S.W. Ecumenical Council)

BUSINESS SESSION 1

Procedural
Arrangements:
89/2

1. Voting Cards have been placed in satchels for all delegates.
2. Moved Margaret Napier (Nat.Ex) seconded Shirley Birch (S.A.) that as the A.C.T. unit has only one delegate due to non-attendance of their other delegate due to travel difficulties, that their delegate be given the right to have a proxy vote for her unit i.e. two votes.
The motion was approved.
3. Sections 4 and 5 - Moved Margaret Napier (Nat.Ex.) seconded Lynette Green (Nat.Ex.) that Conference appoint Marie McCann (N.S.W.) Margaret Pittman (U.C.Nat.) and Joan Miller (W.A.) as a Reference Committee and Olive Ackland and Dorothy Wright as Returning Officers.
The motion was approved.
4. Section 9
 - a. Moved Margaret Napier (Nat.Ex.) seconded Janet Watts (Nat.Ex.) that "10 from" be deleted before National Executive because according to the Constitution National Executive has the power to co-opt up to three additional persons and the A.C.W.C. Rep. is also a member ex-officio.
The motion was approved.
 - b. Moved Margaret Napier (Nat.Ex.) seconded Barbara Bourhill (Nat.Ex.) that voting be by secret ballot for
 - (a) the A.C.W.C. delegation of 4 delegates for the A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly in Indonesia in 1990, and then for the National Representative from the 4 elected delegates.
 - (b) Life membership.All other motions to be voted on by show of voting cards.
The motion was approved.
Moved Margaret Napier (Nat.Ex.) seconded Marie McCann (In. Nat,Ex.) that all other procedural arrangements be approved, as printed in the Working Papers.

Report on Opening Service - Monday evening 8.00 p.m.

The Opening Service of the 1989 Conference, attended by 170 people, commenced with a processional of banners, National Executive and Service participants. Rev. Lee Edwards conducted us through the worship at St. Thomas More College Chapel in Nedlands.

Miss Beryl Grant O.B.E. was the speaker - the theme being 'Come Holy Spirit, Come - in Love'. The Julian Singers and a liturgical dance by Miss Shannon Bott were features. Others taking part were the W.K. Scholar, Failautusi Teb'ati Mrs. Vera Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Napier and Mrs. Major Lynette Green.

At the conclusion of the Service the C.W.L. ladies provided us with a sumptuous supper. Welcomes were expressed by Dr. Geoff Gallop M.L.A. and Sir Ronald Wilson. Mrs. Janet Watts passed a vote of thanks to all and as it was Miss Grant's birthday presented her with a cake complete with candles whilst the assembled group sang "Happy Birthday".

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 12

MORNING DEVOTIONS

Led by the South Australian Unit

BIBLE STUDY

Sister Mary Berry led the first of the Bible Studies, the subject being 'Come in Peace.'

We heard a tape of Psalm 139 sung by Paul Gurr, "Quiet and Still". Mary then led us in quiet, relaxing contemplation of Jesus speaking with us as if we were at the Last Supper. He is saying to us: Peace I leave with you.

We then had questions for reflection which we shared in buzz groups of 2's and 3's.

A fitting conclusion to this helpful time of study was the playing of a song by Carey Landry: 'People of Peace.'

BUSINESS SESSION 2:

Amendments to Agenda:

- Session 6 to commence at 4.00 p.m.
Session 7 F.L.C. Report
Incorporation plus Notice of Motion 6
Life Membership
Amendments to ACW aims - Notices of motion 5 & 9
Session 8 NSW suggestions for discussion (page 47)
Session 9 Archivist Report
Notices of Motion 2, 3 & 4.
Session 10 Notice of motion 7.

Minutes of Last Conference:

- Adelaide - September 12-18, 1987
The following alterations were noted:
87/1 page 1 - replace Ruth Burmester with Audrey Sherwin (ACT) as Ruth was an observer.
87/15 page 6- and 87/58 page 16 - replace Ruth Burmester with Audrey Sherwin (ACT)

89/3

- Moved Ailsa Skippen (Qld) seconded Vera Wilson (NatEx) that Conference confirm the minutes including the alterations as set out above.
The motion was approved.

Business Arising:

1. 87/10 re Deductions from Special Days and F.L.C.
Moved Margaret Pittman (UCF) seconded Joan Miller (WA) that the Conference continues the deductions for the past two years of 5% from F.L.C., Fellowship Day and World-Community Day accounts and for the purpose of a gift to ACWC that 2% be deducted from these accounts for the next two years when the matter should be reviewed again.
An amendment was moved Barbara Grealy (ACWC) seconded Vera Wilson (NatEx) that 5% be deducted from FLC, Fellowship Day and WCD accounts for the purpose of administration and that we delete the words "2% deduction from these same accounts for the purpose of a gift to ACWC".
The amendment was put to the meeting and approved and became the motion.
The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 2: (cont)

89/4

2. 87/37, 87/49, 87/39 and 87/58 were deferred for discussion in Business Session 3 under Winifred Kiek Scholarship and Deed of Trust.
3. 87/45 Incorporation - deferred to Business Session 7.
4. 87/48 This has been considered and equipment will be provided for the Kiribati Protestant Church for its work with the women's groups with half the offering from the 1989 World Community Day Service.
A request has also been received from a previous scholar in Sri Lanka for support for her work with the church there.
5. 87/56. Moved Margaret Napier (NatEx) seconded Olive Dell (NatEx) that the matter of petty cash imprests for National Executive members, ACWC representative and WKS Trustees be considered by the Incoming National Executive and referred to Units if considered necessary.
The motion was approved.
6. 87/59 re ACWC contribution.
Six units agreed and one unit opposed this suggestion so National Executive approved a motion at their meeting on March 28, 1988 "that 50% of Special Project collections after deduction of 5% for General and Administration expenses should be allocated to Asian Church Women's Conference Funds".
7. Remote Areas of Australia - page 15.
Leila Wilson reported that she had the opportunity to speak to a number of Padres' wives when with her husband she attended a Frontier Services Conference in Alice Springs. From the point of view of FLC involvement she was informed that this would be difficult to do because (1) many of the outback women were not Christian and (2) they felt too remote from city or town activities. It was felt that this could not just be thrust at them. Janet Watts, FLC Convener, reported she had also sent out letters and pamphlets to a number of people but had only one reply. Vera Wilson reported that a Fellowship Day Service had been organised in Port Hedland by a former ACW member from Tasmania which had been a great success and a Community Day Service will also be organised.

Correspondence:

89 /4

1. From ACT unit re Life Membership nomination.
2. From ACT unit advising that they were unable to undertake responsibility for National Committee 1991-93.
3. From Tasmanian Unit advising acceptance of National Committee responsibilities 1991-93.
4. From NSW nominating Elizabeth Walker as delegate to ACC.

Moved Margaret Napier (NatEx) seconded Margaret Pittman (UCF) that correspondence be received.
The motion was approved.

Business arising from Correspondence;

4. Edith Ridge (NSW) reported that Elizabeth Walker is now unable to represent ACW on the ACC Executive Committee as she is now employed by ACC and feels this would not be advisable. NSW were asked to consider a further nomination and to bring a recommendation to the Business Session 9 on Thursday.

BUSINESS SESSION 2: (cont)

Reports:
89/5

Moved Margaret Pittman (HCF) seconded Olive Dell (NatEx) that reports be taken as read.
The motion was approved.

Secretary's Report:

Margaret Napier presented her report as printed on page 8. Margaret expressed a sincere vote of thanks to Leila Wilson for undertaking additional secretarial responsibilities and to Lynette Green for accepting responsibility for co-ordinating Conference matters during the last two months following her move to Darwin.

Treasurer's Report:

Flora Hunt presented her report as printed on pages 9 - 17. Queries regarding the Report which were raised by Elizabeth Walker (In.Nat) and Shirley Birch (SA) will be looked into and answered in a business session at a time to be nominated.

89/6

Moved Shirley Birch (SA) seconded Janet Watts (NatEx) that the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports be accepted.
The motion was approved.

89/7

Auditor Moved Flora Hunt (NatEx) seconded Vera Wilson (NatEx) that appreciation for the work and time of the auditor, Mr. Frank Banyard be placed on record and that a book voucher to the value of \$50 be presented to him in recognition of our sincere appreciation.
The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 3:

Greetings:

From Yvonne Harrison, National Liaison Officer for World Day of Prayer were brought by Lorraine Davis (Tas).

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report:

89/8

Mary Box presented the report as printed on page 19. Mary announced that the 1990 Scholar will be Doreen Tie Chin Bing from Kuching, Sarawak who will be seeking training in special education for mentally retarded children. Mary also advised that the 1988 Scholar, Rashmira Maharjan, would be leaving for Bible School in Singapore next Sunday, September 17. Twelve applications were received this year including one from China. Olive Dell (NatEx) moved, seconded Mabel Ward (InNat) that the Conference receive the report.
The motion was approved.

1989 Scholar:

The President welcomed Failautusi Teb'ati and invited her to address the Conference.

Failautusi brought a greeting from the Christian women in Kiribati and thanked the Conference for the opportunity to come to Australia and further her secretarial studies. She also shared some of the history of the church in Kiribati from 1857 when the first missionaries arrived on the islands and how their wives started the Women's Fellowship.

Failautusi is now secretary of this work and each month visits the islands to teach the ladies home management, child care, handcrafts, bible study and nutrition. A special project approved at the last General Assembly was to provide a centre for the church women to hold meetings.

BUSINESS SESSION 3: (cont.)

Failautusi thanked the Conference for the typewriter presented to her and said it would be very useful and beneficial in her work. It will also serve as a reminder of Australian Church Women and her time spent as the Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1989.

A plaque engraved with the words "Given to The Women's Fellowship of The Kiribati Protestant Church by Australian Church Women 1989" was attached to the typewriter.

Winifred Kiek
Scholarship
Trustee Report
and Financial
Statement:

89/9

Dorothy Wright (WKS Trustee) presented the report as printed on page 23 and financial statements circulated separately. As the trust has been set up since the last National Conference she explained how the Trustees had been selected. The Trustees are two people with Australian Church Women expertise, two with educational expertise and one with financial expertise. The trustees hope that they have been able to give valuable assistance to the current committee and will continue to do so to the incoming National Executive. The Trustees recommended that a close look will have to be taken at the costs of the scholarship in line with the amount available.

Moved Maureen Clark (SA) seconded Barbara Greal (ACWC) that the Conference receive the report.
The motion was approved.

89/10

Moved Ailsa Skippen (Qld) seconded Margaret Florence (Qld) that the duration of the offer of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship should be valid for one (1) year only from the time of acceptance.
After some debate the motion was amended to read "two (2) years" with the permission of the mover and seconder.
The motion was lost.

89/11

Moved Margaret Pittman (UCF) seconded Mary Box (NatEx) that the Conference gives approval to not granting a Scholarship in 1991 if the cost of providing a 1990 Scholarship is such that it requires the income from two years, namely 1988-89 and 1989-90, to meet those costs.
The motion was approved.

89/12

Moved Mary Box (NatEx) seconded Lyn Green (NatEx) that the Conference encourages Units and member Denominations to prayerfully consider ways of increasing their contributions to the Scholarship capital funds so that the interest thus made available will be sufficient to meet, at least, the needs of providing an annual scholarship.
The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 3: (cont)

Alterations to Deed of Trust signed on December 15, 1987.

89/13

Moved Vera Wilson (NatEx) seconded Alison Stewart (NatEx) that section 2. read "The original Trustees shall hold office for a period of 4 years after which 2 positions shall be declared vacant. The two Trustees who retire (either voluntarily or by lot) may be eligible for re-election and thereafter at each National Conference of Australian Church Women 3 and 2 Trustees shall retire alternately, but may be eligible for re-election and re-appointment for one more term of 4 years by resolution of the National Conference of Australian Church Women.
The motion was approved.

89/14

Moved Olive Dell (NatEx) seconded Mary Box (NatEx) that section 4 read "If at any time Australian Church Women or any organisation which succeeds such organisation shall cease to exist, the Trustees shall at the direction of the final National Conference of such organisation wind up the Trust Fund and distribute the capital and any accumulated income to any charitable organisation which has as its object a Christian educational purpose.
The motion was approved.

89/15

Moved Janet Watts (NatEx) seconded Lyn Green (NatEx) that section 5 read "The Trustees shall invest all monies received by them for the purposes of the Trust which is to provide, firstly a scholarship to a recipient selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women and secondly when in the opinion of the Trustees there are surplus trust funds after meeting all expenses associated with the said scholarship, a fellowship to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a recipient selected by the National Executive with the approval of the Trustees to tour Australia to speak to church and community groups.

(c) All applications for any scholarship or fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the National Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and shall include the following information:- ..."

Dorothy Wright (WKS Trustee) reported that in the lawyer's opinion an explanation was necessary as to how the National Convener was appointed. The mover and seconder agreed to amend the wording as follows -

(c) All applications for any scholarship or fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convener who shall be appointed by the National Conference of ACW and shall include the following information:- "

The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 3: (cont)

89/16

Moved Alison Stewart (NatEx) seconded Flora Hunt (NatEx) that section 6 read

- (1) The Trustees shall advise the National Executive of Australian Church Women by the 1st day of June in each year as to ^(an estimate) the total of funds available to award a scholarship for the following year.
- (2) The National Executive of Australian Church Women shall forward all applications received by them for any scholarship or fellowship to the Trustees who shall confer with the National Executive on matters relating to education, visas and permits for possible recipients of scholarships or fellowships.

The mover and seconded agreed to an amendment to replace "the total" in line three (1) with "an estimate". The section to read

- (1) The Trustees shall advise the National Executive of Australian Church Women by the 1st day of June in each year as to an estimate of funds available to award a scholarship for the following year.

The motion as amended was approved.

89/17

Alterations to Guidelines for the Winifred KiekScholarship.
Moved Vera Wilson (NatEx) seconded Mary Box (NatEx) section on page 12 read

"Scholarship (ref. Consitution 3.1.1.)

2nd paragraph - line 1 add 'up to' to read

The Scholarship to be tenable for up to 10 months

- Areas
- Area 1. Delete Indonesia, Malaysia
Add China, Korea
Change Kampuchea to read Cambodia
 - Area 2. Add Indonesia, Malaysia.

An amendment was moved Maureen Clark (SA) seconded Shirley Birch (SA) that Korea be deleted from the recommendation.
The amendment was lost.
The motion was approved.

page 13 - line 1 delete "in triplicate"

An amendment was moved Maureen Clark (SA) seconded Shirley Birch (SA) that "triplicate" be changed to "duplicate".
The amendment was lost.
The motion was approved.

At this point the meeting was adjourned and all unfinished business carried over to a time to be advised.

BUSINESS SESSION 4

Vice President Vera Wilson chaired the session.

Special Days
Report

Olive Dell presented the report as printed on page 20.

89/18

It was moved Olive Dell (Nat. Exec.) seconded Ailsa Skippen (Qld) that the incoming National Executive consider as the World Community Day project for 1990, assistance in publishing simple Bible stories for children through the Church of Ceylon Board of Christian Education (as suggested by Malini Devananda(Weerasinghe)) The motion was approved.

Publications
Report

Barbara Bourhill presented the report as printed on page 18. Special thanks were expressed for assistance given by the printer.

Margaret Pittman expressed appreciation for the many interesting articles included in the publication.

89/19

Moved Lee Edwards (Nat. Ex.) seconded Edith Ridge (NSW) that the reports be received. The motion was approved.

Unit Reports

Australian Capital Territory

Averil Whybird presented the report as printed on page 25. She added that they had had two excellent services for Fellowship Day and pleased to say both speakers were women ministers. Thank you for sending Muriel and Lee to visit us. They left a lasting impression of two fine women who liked and respected each other, and who were devoted to bringing out the best in other people. Our sincere good wishes go with them.

New South Wales

Marjory Baker presented the report as printed on page 26. She commented that the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of ACW in NSW coincided with the 1988 Bi-centennial celebrations and for this purpose, a history of ACW in NSW was published. Copies of the booklet are available from Mary Andrews, the author, at a cost of \$3. Another interesting aspect of the celebration was the procession of Banners.

South Australia

Mrs. Shirley Birch presented the report as printed on page 27. Spoons produced for the Jubilee 150 Trust are available at \$3 each.

Tasmania

Lorraine Davis presented the report as printed on page 28. Appreciation was expressed of the visit in July of Lee and Muriel.

Victoria

Dorothy Clack presented the report as printed on page 23. Appreciation was expressed of the visit by Muriel and Lee. Media coverage of the visit was excellent.

Western Australia

Joan Miller presented the report as printed on page 30. Joan expressed appreciation of the support and co-operation of National Executive members especially Vera Wilson and Leila Wilson.

BUSINESS SESSION 4: (cont)

Queensland

Margaret Florence presented the report as printed on page 30. Enquiries have been received from non-member churches seeking information re services.

89/21

Moved Janet Watts, (NatEx) seconded Joan Miller (WA) that unit reports as presented be accepted. The motion was approved.

Rev. Lee Edwards resumed the Chair.

89/22

Moved Shirley Birch (SA) seconded Olive Dell (NatEx) that Business Session 5 be brought forward to Business Session 4. The motion was approved.

Denominational Reports:

89/23

Moved Margaret Florence (Qld) seconded Joan Miller (WA) that the following reports be taken as read. Motion was approved.

Australian Baptist Women's Fellowship were unable to be represented and therefore did not have a representative to speak to their report, as printed on page 32.

Catholic Women's League, Australia

Joan Quinlan (W.A. President, CWL) presented the report as printed on page 33.

Uniting Church in Australia National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups.

Margaret Pittman (National Secretary) presented the report as printed on page 34. She commented that for the first time Russian delegates attended the World Alliance of Reformed Churches meeting in Korea earlier in the year.

Australian Christian Women's Fellowship - Federal Conference Churches of Christ.

Norma Ellement presented the report as printed on page 35.

The Australian Board of Missions Auxiliary

Marjorie Maughan presented the report on behalf of the three Anglican organisations the other two being The Mothers' Union and Anglican Women of Australia, as printed on page 36.

The Salvation Army

Isabel Macintyre presented two reports as printed on pages 37 and 38.

National Interest

World Day of Prayer Australia

Marjorie Scurlock presented the report as printed on page 40. World Day of Prayer Services are being held in schools in some areas. It was noted that 2000 attended a Melbourne Rally. NSW have a Youth Officer for World Day of Prayer and provide service sheets and encourage services for young people.

Australian Council of Churches

Report printed on page 41. As there was no representative present Lee Edwards commented on the report and Elizabeth Walker drew attention to the World Council to be held in Canberra in 1991. Vera Wilson commented that the W.A. Council of Churches has now become Conference of Churches of W.A. Members were encouraged to be involved in the Decade of Solidarity with Women.

BUSINESS SESSION 4: (cont)

89/24 Moved Edith Ridge (NSW) seconded Marjorie Maughan (MU) that reports be received.
The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 5:

Business deferred from Session 3.

89/17 (cont)

Alterations to Guidelines for Winifred Kiek Scholarship

page 13 - 2nd last paragraph - delete "July 31" and replace with "June 1".

page 20 - 1st paragraph line 3 - delete "tertiary"
2nd paragraph line - add "up to" so that the sentence reads "The Scholarship to be tenable for up to 10 months"

Areas - Area 1 Delete Indonesia, Malaysia
Add China, Korea

Change Kampuchea to read Cambodia

Area 2 Add Indonesia, Malaysia

The motion was approved.

page 21 - 2nd paragraph line 1 - delete "in triplicate"
last paragraph line 3 - delete "July 31" and replace with "June 1".
add to 1st paragraph - "The Trustees shall be responsible for providing up to date lists of names and addresses of these organisations.

The motion was approved.

page 22 - 1st paragraph line 5 - delete "s" after country and add "or countries" concerned.

The motion was approved.

89/25

Moved Mary Box (NatEx) seconded Isabel Macintyre (Sal.A) that a complete revision of the "Terms of Reference" on the Application Form for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be made by the National Winifred Kiek Convenor and the Trustees.

The motion was carried.

89/26

Moved Mary Box, (NatEx) seconded Olive Dell (NatEx) that the following clause be added to the Constitution - page 5.
6.1.1. (a) add (v) One member of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of ACW.

After some debate re the definition of a "member" it was agreed that the intent was there and no alteration was made.
The motion was approved.

89/27

page 48 - Guidelines
NATIONAL CONFERENCE FUND - last paragraph after incoming National Executive delete "and the" - add "and one member of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of ACW" The whole paragraph will now read -
"A proportion of the cost of travel will be provided for five of the members of the incoming National Executive, the ACWC Representative and one member of the Winifred Kiek

BUSINESS SESSION 5: (cont)

Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of ACW (to the National Conference)."
The motion was approved.

89/28

Auditor

Moved Margaret Pittman (UCF) seconded Barbara Grealy (ACWC) that the Conference elect Mr. G.R. Butler as Honorary Auditor of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust for the period July 1989 to June 1991, and a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Butler for services rendered during the period April 1988 to June 1989.
The motion was approved.

Finance

While discussing funds from World Community Day 1988 that were not used for the project that came to be known as 'Operation Understanding' concern was expressed that we do not have an aboriginal woman at this Conference.

89/29

Moved Shirley Birch (SA) seconded Shirley Brooks (Tas) that

(a) money from World Community Day funds 1988 - \$3445.30 as shown on page 14, be used to send an Aboriginal woman as an observer to the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly to be held in Jakarta in 1990. X

(b) the balance to be placed into the Winifred Kiek Fellowship account.

The motion was voted on in two parts.

Section (a) was approved.

Section (b) was transferred to unfinished business and possibly an amendment will be put.

Forum Discussion -- "COME IN PEACE"

Sister Veronica Brady addressed the topic from the aspect of Peace at the Cosmic Level - emphasizing the fragility of our planet in the vastness of space. Western civilization has tended to assume a right to everything in God's creation and in doing so has inflicted pain on others - but God's love is greater than our sinfulness.

Rev. Theo Mackaay spoke about Peace at the Community level. The gift of peace (Shalom) gives a quality of life that enables one to live with good relationships. Repentance is necessary within our communities. Peace will elude our grasp if we think it will come of itself; it is something which we must work for with great sacrifice and commitment.

Mrs Cheri Yavu Kama-Harathunian introduced her topic of Peace at a personal level by referring to Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" and spoke from her own personal experience of peace in a variety of situations. She also stressed the need of forgiveness between the Aboriginal and white people of Australia.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1989.

MORNING DEVOTIONS

Led by the Australian Capital Territory Unit.

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Joyce Polson led the second Bible Study, the subject being "Come in Relationships". Joyce read through the text of John's Gospel, Chapter 4 pausing to relate the various highlights of that passage as interpreted in our lives today.

ACTIVITIES

Conference participants and visitors attended a Civic Reception where Acting Lord Mayor, Cr. Joan Watters, welcomed the guests to the City of Perth. This was followed by a bus trip to Hilarys Marina and then a drive along the coast to Floreat Uniting Church where their ladies provided Conference members with a lovely lunch. The return trip to the College via Kings Park completed a relaxing time for all.

BUSINESS SESSION 6

Lee Edwards welcomed Arlene Murry, a visitor from Port Hedland, to the meeting.

Reports: Moved Marjory Baker (NSW) seconded Janet Watts (NatEx) that reports be taken as read.
89/30 The motion was approved.

Asian Church
Women's
Conference:

89/31

Barbara Grealy presented the report as printed on page 39. In speaking to the report she pointed out that the highlight of the two years since last Conference had been the visit to China during October 1988. A request was also made that ACW State Units should try to supply informative articles of anything of interest for inclusion in the ACWC Bulletin. Barbara also appealed to each Unit to try and get copies of Circle of Prayer into every FLC group and denomination in their branches. She asked all ACW members to particularly pray for the ICFLC meetings to be held in Jamaica in November; and also for ACWC President, Maya Michael, who is seriously ill at the present time.

Rathie Selvaratnum (VicOb) congratulated Barbara on the report and for all the effort she has put into her task as ACWC representative. Moved Lyn Green (NatEx) seconded Ailsa Skippen (Qld) that the report be adopted.
The motion was approved.

89/32

Guidelines for ACWC Representative

Moved Ailsa Skippen (Qld) seconded Barbara Bourhill (NatEx) that the Guidelines for the position of Australian Church Women's Representative to the Asian Church Women's Conference as printed on pages 48 and 49 should be accepted, subject to the words in parenthesis in 4. being deleted.

BUSINESS SESSION 6: (cont)

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE

According to the Bye-Laws of the Asian Church Women's Conference:-

6. THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE shall -
 - 6.1 receive all correspondence from A.C.W.C. Executive Secretary and ensure that this information is disseminated to church women throughout her country.
 - 6.2 act on all matters related to ACWC during the quadrennium she is in office.
 - 6.3 be responsible for promoting ACWC and FLC and ensuring that an annual contribution is made to these organisations.
 - 6.4 be responsible for supplying -
 - 6.4.1 an annual report to the Executive Secretary on work done in her country among church women.
 - 6.4.2 materials suitable for publication in the ACWC Bulletin
 - 6.5 promote the ACWC Bulletin and encourage subscription.
 - 6.6 ensure that ACWC is promoted at national and local gatherings of church women.

In view of the above, the Australian Representative to ACWC (who is an Ex-officio member of the National Executive) shall -

1. Promote ACWC and FLC particularly within the Units of ACW.
2. Receive all correspondence from ACWC and forward appropriate information to the National Executive of ACW for dispersal to State and Territory Units.
3. Encourage contributions to the ACWC Quarterly Bulletin
4. Prepare an annual report for National Executive.
5. Receive from ACW Executive members details of correspondence sent to or received from Officers of ACWC and ICFLC.
6. Maintain a file of all correspondence for duration of office and hand on to successor, together with any financial records and other appropriate material.
7. Prepare a Report of approximately one A4 page size to be included in the Working Papers for ACW National Conference.
8. Prior to the National Conference before an ACWC Quadrennial Assembly, ensure that nominations have been sought for Delegates and Observers. (Refer ACW Constitution, Clause 6.1.5 (b) and Guidelines on page 19). Remind National Executive and State Units of the responsibilities of Delegation members.
9. Prepare, in conjunction with the National Secretary of ACW, a report of ACW activities for the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly.
10. Prior to the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly, inform Delegates and Observers of any personal offerings they may be expected to make (and the currency in which it should be made) during the Opening Service of the Assembly (e.g. they may be asked to make a small offering for a Birthday Tree).
11. Be aware of the need to respond on behalf of ACW when annual donations are called for at ACWC Quadrennial Assembly. This may be done by handing in an envelope containing a statement informing ACWC that ACW's annual contribution will be forwarded, as usual, by its National Treasurer before the end of the following December.
12. Submit regular articles to ACW News.

BUSINESS SESSION 6: (cont)

Guidelines - ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

At the afore-mentioned alternate Biennial National Conference of Australian Church Women, four delegates will be elected to represent Australian Church Women at the following ACWC Quadrennial Assembly, the two receiving the highest number of votes will be the two voting Delegates and the remaining two will be the two non-voting Delegates.

At that same Biennial National Conference of Australian Church Women a ballot will be held to decide who of the four such Delegates will become Australia's National Representative on the General Committee of ACWC for the four years following the next ACWC Quadrennial Assembly.

The motion was approved.

In the discussion on the guidelines a question was raised by Margaret Napier (NatEx) as to why Minutes of Executive Meetings and Annual Financial Statements are not sent regularly to the affiliated countries. Barbara Grealy pointed out that Executive Minutes are just that and would not be circulated other than to Executive members, and the same applied to financial statements. Conference members felt that countries who contributed to ACWC funds should be entitled to receive a financial statement each year.

Margaret Napier foreshadowed a motion on this that will be put at another session.

Correspondence:

Lee Edwards (Nat Ex) reported that in a letter to her Barbara Grealy had included recommendations made by participants from 15 member countries of ACWC at the Seminar on "Hope in the Families - An Asian Perspective" held in Hong Kong from July 19-23, 1989. These recommendations are

1. Organisation and Education that will empower women to encourage:
 - a) The Hong Kong and Pakistan Christian Councils to initiate the organisation of Ecumenical Women's Committees.
 - b) National Christian Councils to establish Resource Centres to co-ordinate and supply information regarding Family Life and Women's Issues.
 - c) ACWC to provide and promote conferences, seminar-workshops and leadership training both on the regional and national level, for women and men on the following:
 1. Family Life (Parenting Skills)
 2. Feminist Theology
 3. Changing Roles and the Status of Women
 4. Ageing
 5. Family Clustering
 - d) Theological Schools and Seminaries to include Pastoral Care and Counselling and Feminist Theology as required courses in their curriculum.
2. Services - Request Churches to provide Pre-marital Courses Marriage and Family Life Counselling.
3. Development -
 - a) Request ACWC to sponsor a Regional Consultation for Women Theologians on Feminist Theology and Family Life Education.

BUSINESS SESSION 6: (cont)

- b) Request Churches to urgently consider ordination of Theologically trained women.

ACWC Representation to 9th Assembly

A letter has been received from Eunice Kim inviting ACW to send 4 delegates and 3 observers to the 9th ACWC Quadrennial Assembly to be held in Jakarta from November 1 - 6, 1990. Theme for Conference is "IN CHRIST - FREEDOM, GROWTH & HOPE"

Voting for Delegates

Names of women submitted to Conference for consideration for Delegates were: Barbara Bourhill (WA) Eileen Hogg (ACT) Margaret Napier (WA) Eunice Reidy (Vic) Joan Tong (NSW) Marion Dodds name was submitted for observer status only. The four delegates, elected by secret ballot were Barbara Bourhill, Margaret Napier, Eunice Reidy, Joan Tong. A further vote elected Margaret Napier and Barbara Bourhill as the two voting delegates and Margaret Napier as ACWC Representative to take over from Barbara Grealy when her term of office expires in November 1990.

89/33

Moved Helen Banks (Vic) seconded Joan Miller (WA) that we confirm those elected as above, and that Incoming National Executive approach Eileen Hogg asking her to indicate if she would be an observer. If she is unable to do so Incoming National Executive should endeavour to find a woman under 35. The third observer to be an aboriginal woman. The motion was approved.

Y.W.C.A. Report:

The report was circulated separately to the Conference members. In presenting the report Mary Box (NatEx) drew attention to the little poem on the front cover, also Y.W.C.A. Guidelines. She conveyed greetings from the YWCA National Conference which is to meet in Perth on Friday, September 15, 1989.

Report of ACW delegate to ACC:

Edith Ridge presented the report as printed on page 24.

89/34

Moved Marjory Baker seconded Mary Box that the reports be accepted. The motion was approved.

89/35

Appointment of ACW Representative to ACC

Moved Glad West (InNat) seconded Marjory Baker (NSW) that Joan Tong be appointed ACW Representative on ACC. The motion was approved.

EVENING DEVOTIONS

The Tasmanian Unit led devotions on today's theme.

Multi-Cultural Concert

Many visitors joined us at Hollywood Village Auditorium for a multi-cultural Concert. Items were provided by Irish dancers, a Tongan singing group, Thai student Association folk dancing group, Aboriginal singing and dancing. Winifred Kiek Scholar, Failautusi Teb'ati was interviewed and our Indonesian guests sang. Dr. Heather Jenkins gave an inspiring talk on Radical Relationships. The Salvation Army timbrellists completed an exciting and diverse programme. Supper was served by the Salvation Army ladies.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 1989

MORNING DEVOTIONS

Led by the Queensland Unit.

BIBLE STUDY

Lt. Col. Charm Craig led the third Bible Study, the subject being 'Come in Service'.

The study began with laughter and on this joyous note Charm painted for us a very refreshing, personal and meaningful "Picture of Servanthood" based on John 13: 1-17.

In our picture the disciples were sitting round the table at the last Supper, preoccupied with their own importance. Jesus took the water and the towel and washed their feet. He showed by example the extent of His love for them. "A picture of service personified in Jesus Christ."

We then looked at service in five different ways, with time for reflection and responses, closing with the chorus -

"Holy Spirit come, make my ears to hear
Make my eyes to see, make my mouth to speak;
Make my heart to seek, and my hands to reach out
and touch the world with your love."

BUSINESS SESSION 7:

Correspondence: A letter has been received from Applecross-Mt. Pleasant Christian Council sending best wishes for the success of the National Conference.

WKS 1987 Scholar National Executive reports complete failure at establishing any contact with the Burma Church let alone the Burmese National Ecumenical Women's Group. As recorded in the 1987 Minutes 87/49 on page 14, we do not believe it is advisable or possible to grant the Scholarship money to this group. In accordance with the 1987 minute we make the following recommendation:-

Moved Mary Box (NatEx) seconded Alison Stewart (NatEx) that National Conference accepts that because the 1987 WKS money cannot be used in Burma, the money shall be set aside by the Trustees to be used for one or more Winifred Kiek Fellowships to be arranged by the Incoming National Executive in conjunction with the WCC Assembly, Canberra 1991. The motion was approved.

re 1988 and 1989 Winifred Kiek Scholarships

National Executive Minutes of 21/8/89 show that the 1988 fund has a credit balance of \$3087.31 (of which \$1500 has to be held as a bond for the Singapore Government against Rashmira's return to Nepal). There is a further credit balance in the Trust of \$3156.53. However the 1989 Fund is in debit already,

BUSINESS SESSION 7: (cont)

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BUSINESS SESSION 9:

Vice President Lynette Green Chaired the session.

Archivist Report: Moved Lee Edwards, seconded Barbara Bourhill that the report be taken as read.
89/43 The motion was approved.

Edith Ridge (NSW) presented the report as printed on page 22. Edith advised that the archives at present comprise written records (minutes, account books, etc.) and asked the Conference to consider whether photographic records, copies of services, tapes etc. should be added. The question of permanency of the archives was also raised.

89/44 Moved Lee Edwards, seconded Isabel Macintyre that the Incoming National Executive and the Archivist look at including photographic and audio records of archival material and investigate the possibility of using microfiche technology. The motion was approved.

89/45 Moved Edith Ridge (NSW) seconded Lee Edwards that the report be received. The motion was approved.

89/46 Edith was thanked for her work as Archivist and Margaret Napier (NatEx) moved, seconded Leila Wilson (NatEx) that Edith be elected Archivist for the next two years. The motion was approved.

89/47 Moved Lorraine Davis (Tas) seconded Shirley Brooks (Tas) that we call upon members of Australian Church Women to write to the Federal and State Treasurers and Ministers for Consumer Affairs, stating that finance is too easy to obtain, and legislation to rectify the matter should be instituted as soon as possible. Also that letters be written to State and Federal Ministers for Education asking that Consumer and Credit Education be introduced into Secondary School curricula to assist youth in financial management.

(part i) It was agreed that the motion be debated in two sections. Following discussion and with the agreement of the mover and seconder the wording of the motion was altered to read "Because of problems caused by easy access to credit, particularly 18 to 25 year olds, we call upon members of ACW to write to the Federal and State Treasurers and Ministers for Consumer Affairs, stating that..... possible." The motion was approved.

(part ii) Speaking to the motion Margaret Napier advised that while on National Executive she had realised that it would be better if the National body wrote to the Federal Government and State units wrote to their own State Governments in matters such as this.

89/48 After some discussion the motion from "Also through to management" was withdrawn and the following motion was put by Lorraine Davis (Tas) seconded Shirley Brooks (Tas) that Units be encouraged to research the situation regarding Consumer and Credit Education in their schools and take the issue up with their respective Education Ministries to encourage changes to curricula to better educate children to cope with credit facilities. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS SESSION 9: (cont)

89/49 Moved Lorraine Davis (Tas) seconded Shirley Brooks (Tas) that we call upon all Australians to actively work to improve the conditions of children in Australia. To bring this about let us promote education for marriage and parenting. We deplore the use of abortion as a means of Family Planning and experimentation on human embryos. Similarly we deplore the movement towards active euthanasia of the elderly.
An amendment was moved by Marjorie Maughan (MU) seconded Lee Edwards (NatEx) that we call upon ACW members to actively work to improve the conditions of children in Australia by promoting education for marriage and parenting.
The amendment was approved and became the motion.
The motion was approved.

89/50 Moved Lorraine Davis (Tas) seconded Shirley Brooks (Tas) that Australian Church Women meeting in conference urges every member to pray daily for her local member for divine guidance in carrying out parliamentary duties and for grace to act with Christian morality.

89/51 After some discussion it was moved Marjorie Maughan (MU) seconded Shirley Birch (SA) that the motion be put.
The motion was approved.

Motion 89/50 was approved.

Amendments to ACW Constitution

AIMS page 2.

89/52 2.2 Moved Dorothy Clack (Vic) seconded Helen Banks (Vic) that this be altered to read -
To promote co-operation, understanding and RECONCILIATION between men and women in Church, family and society;
The motion was approved.

89/53 2.5 Moved Dorothy Clack (Vic) seconded Helen Banks (Vic) that "and international" be inserted between national boundaries.
The wording was discussed and with the approval of the mover and seconder was altered to read -
To encourage fellowship and service nationally and internationally.
The motion was approved.

89/54 3.3.page 3. Moved Dorothy Clack (Vic) seconded Helen Banks (Vic) that the word "Women's" be deleted from line 3.
The motion was approved.

Amendments to ACW Guidelines

89/55 Page 13 - ref. Const. 3.1.1. - Moved Helen Banks (Vic) seconded Dorothy Clack (Vic) as recorded under Notice of Motion 9 - First paragraph.
Several members spoke against the motion as it was considered that the matter was covered in general terms on page 12 of the Guidelines.
The motion was put and lost.

BUSINESS SESSION 9: (cont)

- 89/56 Page 17 - ref. Constitution 3.3
In moving the motion as recorded, Helen Banks (Vic) asked leave to have the motion debated in two sections.
Seconded Dorothy Clack (Vic.)
part i. "Offerings made at this day to be divided equally with half of the offering to go to Asian Church Women's Conference" to be inserted in section on World Community Day after the word 'October'
The motion was approved.
part ii. Delete all the words after Conference in last paragraph on page 18 Guidelines namely 'and individuals are invited to become a "Partner with ACWC" by contributing \$1.00 annually through State Units. The target is 5,000 Partners.'
The motion was lost.

Notice of motion page 43 of Working papers re addition to last paragraph on page 18 was withdrawn by Victorian unit.

- 89/57 Moved Helen Banks (Vic) seconded Dorothy Clack (Vic) that on page 24 of the Guidelines WKS, second paragraph the words "pocket money" be deleted and "living allowance" inserted. Discussion as to the wording followed and with the approval of the mover and seconder the motion was altered to read - "A personal allowance to be available for the duration of the Scholarship." to replace the first sentence. "Amount is.....directive." to remain the same.
The motion was approved.

As time for the conclusion of the session had passed it was moved Lee Edwards (NEx) seconded Shirley Birch (SA) that the Session be extended to 5.15 p.m.
The motion was approved.

The three other notices of motion on page 44 referring to page 32 National Executive, page 46 Finance and page 48 Finance were withdrawn by the Victorian unit.

- 89/58 Moved Margaret Napier (NatEx) seconded Leila Wilson (NatEx) that a motion go to the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly 1990 in Jakarta from the members of the National Conference of Australian Church Women meeting in Perth, Western Australia in September 1989, requesting that copies of ACWC's annual financial statements be forwarded to affiliated organisations.
The motion was approved.

FORUM

Come in Service. Four of Perth's caring services spoke of their work.

Message Home Doreen Kyme and Barbara St. Quentin spoke of this scheme which provides a means for runaways to contact home anonymously.

Trinity Learning Services Leonie Read. Provides a caring supportive service to young unmarried mothers with a way of improving the quality of their lives and that of their children.

Lone Father's Support Group Dawn Townsend spoke of the work of her group which gives ongoing support to fathers who suddenly find themselves left alone to care for their children.

Inner City Youth Support Services Rev. George Davis spoke of the many problems and frustrations faced by this Service and the way perhaps some of them could be solved.

EVENING DEVOTIONS LED BY THE Western Australian Unit.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 1989

MORNING DEVOTIONS:

Led by the Victorian Unit.

Rev. Margaret Tyrer led the last of our Bible Studies - "Come in Wholeness of Life"

When we ask the Holy Spirit to come - we are asking for suffering - and for glory!

The Scripture chosen was Romans 8: 17-25.

God did not just come to save the Church - he came to save the world.

The Spirit is concerned with the renewal of the whole creation.

BUSINESS SESSION 10

Questions to Treasurer from her Report

The Treasurer advised that \$700 from the 1987 Conference was used for donations to venues and for equipment used and gifts. (page 11)

Administration and General Partners with ACWC. The money was paid out in December but the financial statement is made up to the end of June therefore this amount will never balance. (page 12)

\$1926.99 Special Project was for the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal (page 12)

Fellowship of the Least Coin (page 13) typographical error \$21295.90 should read \$26295.90.

89/29 page 12 Minutes - deferred

Part (b) of motion was debated. An amendment was moved Margaret Napier (NatEx) seconded Margaret Pittman (UCF) that (b) the balance of funds available be kept for a future opportunity to build on 'Operation Understanding' or a further aboriginal related project.

The amendment was approved and became the motion.

The motion was approved.

Shirley Birch (SA) and Maureen Clark (SA) requested that it be recorded that they voted against this motion.

There was some general discussion on ways and means of nominating members of National Executive and it was suggested that Units consider this and send any recommendations to National Executive.

Incoming National Executive

89/59

Moved Lyn Green (NatEx) seconded Marjory Baker (NSW) that

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| Mrs. Marie McCann | President |
| Miss Doris Mitchell | Vice President |
| Brig. Mabel Ward | Vice President |
| Mrs. Helen Richardson | Secretary |
| Mrs. Beryl McLaughlin | Minute Secretary |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Walker | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Mavis Burtenshaw | Publications |
| Mrs. Lucelle King | Winifred KiekScholarship |
| Mrs. Glad West | Fellowship of the Least Coin |
| Mrs. Yvonne Davis | Special Days |

be the National Executive.

The motion was approved.

Appointment of Auditor

89/60

Moved Marjory Baker (NSW) seconded Elizabeth Walker (InNat) that Prudence Honey be appointed Auditor for the ensuing term 1989-91.

The motion was approved.

Amendment
to
Minutes

Shirley Birch (SA) moved and Maureen Clark (SA) seconded that the wording on page six line five under "Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee Report and Financial Statement" should read: The Trustees are two people with Australian Church Women expertise (one of whom has financial expertise also).

COURTESIES

Marie McCann thanked the National Executive on behalf of the Conference for the magnificent organisation and smooth running of this conference, and for their work over the past two years.

The incoming National Executive then presented the outgoing executive with a small gift.

Ailsa Maley spoke thanks on behalf of the visitors and Vi Bache thanked the WA State for the gifts in the rooms when they arrived.

Leila Wilson thanked President Lee, on behalf of the executive, for her leadership over the past two years and wished her well in her new appointment in the United Kingdom.

Lee Edwards thanked all who had spoken words of appreciation, and officially closed the business sessions.

CLOSING
SERVICE

A Worship Service was held in St. Paul's Uniting Church Nedlands, when the outgoing National Executive handed over their badges of office to the Incoming National Executive who dedicated themselves to the cause of ACW. A feature of the service was the presenting of prayer partners, symbolised through a praying hand bookmark, made by women prisoners at the Perth Bandyup Prison. A singing group of some Conference participants also took part. Afternoon tea was served by the St. Paul's evening Fellowship group, at which Lee took the opportunity to wish everyone God's speed.

Chairman

Date

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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P R O G R A M M E

MONDAY - September 11 'COME IN LOVE'

- From 10.00 a.m. Registration - Kingswood College
Free day until
3.30 p.m. Orientation and Business Session 1.
Welcome, Apologies, Roll Call, Greetings,
Procedural Arrangements, Appointment Reference
Committee and Returning Officers, Adoption of
Agenda.
4.30 p.m. Official Photograph
5.30 p.m. Dinner
8.00 p.m. OPENING SERVICE at St. Thomas More Chapel, Crawley.
Guest preacher: Miss Beryl Grant
Supper served by members of Catholic Womens League.

TUESDAY - September 12 'COME IN PEACE'

- 7.45 a.m. Breakfast
8.45 a.m. Devotions - South Australian Unit
9.15 a.m. Bible Study with Sr. Mary Berry
10.15 a.m. Morning Tea
10.45 a.m. Business Session 2.
Minutes, Business Arising, Correspondence.
Reports - Secretary, Treasurer.
12.00 noon Lunch
1.15 p.m. Business Session 3.
Reports - Winifred Kiek Scholarship, W.K.S. Trustees.
Deed of Trust and W.K.S. recommendations.
3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea
3.30 p.m. Business Session 4.
Reports - Special Days, Publications, Units
5.30 p.m. Dinner
6.30 p.m. Business Session 5.
Reports - Denominational, National Interest groups.
8.00 p.m. FORUM DISCUSSION with
Sr. Veronica Brady, Rev. Theo Mackaay, Ms. Cherie Vanu-Kama.
9.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - New South Wales Unit.
9.45 p.m. Supper.

WEDNESDAY - September 13 'COME IN RELATIONSHIPS'

- 7.45 a.m. Breakfast
8.45 a.m. Devotions - Australian Capital Territory Unit
9.15 a.m. Bible Study with Deaconess Joyce Polson

Wednesday September 13 (cont)

- 10.30 a.m. Bus departs for Council House
- 11.00 a.m. Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Mayor^{of} Perth, Charles Hopkins.
- 12.00 noon Bus departs for outing along northern beaches with brief stop at Hillarys Boat Harbour. Continue on to
- 1.45 p.m. Lunch at Floreat Park Uniting Church.
- 2.45 p.m. Bus returns to Kingswood College.
- 3.15 p.m. Business Session 6.
Reports - Fellowship of the Least Coin, Asian Church Women's Conference and voting for representatives for Assembly 1990. A.C.W.C. Guidelines Incorporation.
- 5.00 p.m. Devotions - Tasmanian Unit
- 5.30 p.m. Dinner
- 7.30 p.m. Bus departs for Hollywood Village.
- 8.00 p.m. MULTI-CULTURAL CONCERT - Speaker Dr. Heather Jenkins, Interview with Failautusi Teb'ati and other entertainment.
- 9.45 p.m. Supper served by Salvation Army Home League
- 10.15 p.m. Bus returns to Kingswood College.

THURSDAY - September 14 'COME IN SERVICE'

- 7.45 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.45 a.m. Devotions - Queensland Unit
- 9.15 a.m. Bible Study with Lt. Col. Charm Craig
- 10.15 a.m. Morning Tea
- 10.45 a.m. Business Session 7.
- 12.00 noon Lunch
- 1.15 p.m. Business Session 8.
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- 3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea
- 3.30 p.m. Business Session 9.
- 5.30 p.m. Dinner
- 8.00 p.m. FOCUS ON SERVICES with Inner City Yout Services, Message Home Scheme, Trinity Learning Centre, Lone Fathers Home Support Scheme.
- 9.30 p.m. Evening Prayer - Western Australian Unit
- 9.45 p.m. Supper.

FRIDAY - September 15 'COME IN WHOLENESS OF LIFE'

- 7.45 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.45 a.m. Devotions - Victorian Unit.
- 9.15 a.m. Bible Study with Rev. Margaret Tyrer
- 10.15 a.m. Morning Tea
- 10.45 a.m. Closing Business Session 10
Appointment of National Executive 1989-1991
Unfinished Business
- 12.00 noon Lunch
- 1.30 p.m. Bus departs for St. Paul's Church, Nedlands.
- 2.00 p.m. CLOSING SERVICE AND COMMISSIONING of Incoming
National Executive
- 3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea served by St. Paul's Ladies.
Time to say farewell.

PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice-Presidents during the National Conference, September 11-15, 1989.

1. Agenda as set out in the Conference Programme, will be followed unless the meeting otherwise determines.
Any business not included in the Agenda is to be referred to the National Executive by no later than noon Tuesday, September 12 for consideration and presented for debate if and when considered appropriate.
2. Resolutions must be presented in writing on the forms provided and signed by the mover and seconder.
3. Recommendations and suggestions from Units, if they become Resolutions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.
4. Reference Committee of three shall be appointed by Conference.
5. Two Returning Officers shall be appointed by Conference.
6. Debating. Up to 3 minutes will be allowed for each speaker unless permission is granted for extension of time (for a maximum of 2 mins.). No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply.
7. All members are asked to please state their name, Unit/Organisation represented, before beginning to speak.
8. At the beginning of a "Reports Session" it shall be moved "that all reports be taken as read".
Times will be allocated for speaking to reports and all members are asked to keep within set period.
National Executive and Unit Reports - 5 minutes.
Denominational and other Organisation Reports - 3 minutes.
This does not include time for comments or questions.
9. Voting
 - a. Entitlement
 - 2 from each State or Territory Unit
 - 1 from each denomination
 - 5 from Incoming National Executive
 - 10 from National Executive
 - b. Method
Will be by display of Voting Card unless otherwise decided by vote at the Conference.

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P A R T I C I P A N T S

Guests

Miss Beryl Grant
 Sister Mary Berry
 Sister Veronica Brady
 Rev. Theo Mackaay
 Ms Cheri Yavu-Kama
 Deaconess Joyce Polson
 Dr. Heather Jenkins
 Lieut. Colonel Charm Craig
 Rev. George Davies
 Mrs. Audrey Francis
 Mrs. Dawn Townsend
 Mrs. Doreen Kyme
 Rev. Margaret Tyrer

Life Members

Head Deaconess Mary Andrews

National Executive

Mrs. Olive Ackland
 Rev. Lee Edwards President
 Mrs. Vera Wilson Vice President
 Mrs. Major Lynette Green Vice President
 Mrs. Margaret Napier Secretary
 Mrs. Flora Hunt Treasurer
 Lady Leila Wilson Minute Secretary
 Mrs. Janet Watts FLC Convenor
 Mrs. Mary Box WKS Convenor
 Mrs. Barbara Bourhill Publications
 Mrs. Major Olive Dell Special Days Convenor
 Mrs. Alison Stewart Co-opted member

State Units

A.C.T.

Mrs. Major Averil Whybird Delegate
 Mrs. Evonne Sullivan Delegate
 Mrs. Stella Taber Observer

N.S.W.

Mrs. Marjory Baker Delegate
 Mrs. Edith Ridge Delegate
 Miss Dorothy Lumb Observer
 Mrs. Major Joan Tong Observer
 Miss Shirley Wells Visitor
 Mrs. Mina Whybourne Visitor
 Miss Gwen Morris Visitor

QLD.

Mrs. Margaret Florence Delegate
 Mrs. Ailsa Skippen Delegate

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Shirley Birch Delegate
 Mrs. Maureen Clark Delegate
 Mrs. Sheila Hart Observer
 Miss Norma Bishop Observer

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Miss Joan Miller Delegate
 Mrs. Joan Joyce Delegate
 Mrs. Marjorie Skurlock Observer
 Mrs. Christina Lovegrove Observer
 Mrs. Mollie Smith Visitor
 Ms Ailsa Maley Visitor

TASMANIA	Mrs. Lorraine Davis	Delegate
	Mrs. Shirley Brooks	Delegate
	Mrs. Joyce Cumming	Observer
	Mrs. Phyll Sharman	Observer
	Mrs. Marie Price	Visitor
	Miss Tricia Price	Visitor
VICTORIA	Mrs. Joan Stott	Delegate
	Mrs. Barbara Lacy	Delegate
	Mrs. Eunice Reidy	Observer
	Mrs. Marion Dodds	Observer
	Mrs. Myra Dixon	Visitor
	Mrs. Con Watson	Visitor
	Miss Dorothy Clack	Visitor
	Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnum	Visitor
ACWC REPRESENTATIVE	Mrs. Barbara Grealy	
WKS TRUSTEES	Mrs. Dorothy Wright	
<u>National Denominational Representatives</u>		
Catholic Womens League	Mrs. Alice Gee	
	Mrs. Joan Quinlan	
Anglican Mother's Union	Mrs. Marjorie Maughan	Delegate
Salvation Army	Mrs. Lieut. Colonel Isabel Macintyre	Delegate
	Mrs. Major Daphne Jeffrey	Observer
Uniting Church	Miss Margaret Pittman	Delegate
	Mrs. Phyllis Dolling	Observer
	Mrs. Dorothy Hunter	Observer
<u>National Interest Groups</u>		
World Day of Prayer	Mrs. Yvonne Harrison	Observer
<u>Overseas Visitors</u>	Mrs. Anthonina Haddade	
	Mrs. Sanurati Kasau	
	Mrs. Antje Ondja	
	Mrs. Juliana Tengken	
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholar</u>	Miss Failautusi Tebati	
<u>Incoming National Executive</u>		
	Mrs. Marie McCann	
	Mrs. Lucelle King	
	Miss Doris Mitchell	
	Mrs. Helen Richardson	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Walker	
	Brigadier Mabel Ward	
	Mrs. Glad West	
	Mrs. Yvonne Davis	

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's role is one of bringing together all the things that are happening and making sure that each unit is informed of what's going on. I have endeavoured to do this.

Several motions passed at National Conference were followed up.

- .. The Winifred Kiek Deed of Trust was duly signed and trustees appointed by S.A. unit and they have met regularly.
- .. Units agreed to the recommendation that 50% of the offering from World Community Day after expenses be given to A.C.W.C. funds.
- .. Requests for incorporation information were referred to A.C.T. and they have set out the pros and cons of incorporating as a national body. This will be discussed at Conference. We sincerely thank the A.C.T. people who worked on this.
- .. After being advised that no funds were available through the Winifred Kiek Fellowship for an aboriginal woman to visit each Unit, grant applications were made to the National Agenda for Women Grants Program(2) and Fellowship of the Least Coin for financial assistance. The Govt. applications were unsuccessful however money was allocated from the International Committee of the F.L.C. and included an amount for a white woman to accompany the aboriginal person. Money was also available from World Community Day 1988. This project "Operation Understanding" was planned for 3 weeks in July when Muriel Olsson from Alice Springs and Lee Edwards visited each Unit. The project aimed to promote solidarity between both races and to give members an opportunity to share ideas and ways in which we can liaise more closely with aboriginal women.
- .. The issue of video classifications was taken up with Federal and State parliamentarians and several units took the issue up as well.
- .. Statements on tourism that came out of the Seminar were forwarded to appropriate departments but no feedback has been received on these.

Bookmarks were produced during the Bicentenary year and a new supply of A.C.W. leaflets were printed.

Venues for our meetings have been ecumenical too. We started off meeting in the Uniting Church meeting room in Perth, then moved to the Salvation Army premises in Subiaco and in 1989 our meetings were held in the Anglican church hall in Como. We appreciated the support at all these centres which we were able to use free of charge.

Some difficulties were experienced due to overseas holidays -

- .. Lee Edwards appreciated the back-up of Vice-Presidents Vera Wilson and Doreen Gibson,
- .. Janet Watts had Meryon Goode fill in very ably for her,
- .. Mary Box found an experienced helper in Alison Stewart and she was co-opted to the Executive in 1989 for the valuable assistance she has been able to give Mary.
- .. The secretary's job was done very capably by Olive Dell.

It was a real disappointment when Doreen Gibson found it necessary to resign due to family commitments in November 1988 but we were overjoyed when Lynette Green accepted an invitation to be co-opted as a Vice President. The transfer of my husband to Darwin and our move there late in June threw additional responsibilities onto the shoulders of other Executive members and I sincerely thank Leila Wilson and Lynette Green for offering to assist.

Over the past 2 years members of the National Executive have worked well together and have become firm friends. I believe this has been a special time for us all.

Thank you to all Executive members and State Units for their support and co-operation and I extend prayerful good wishes to N.S.W. for a happy and fulfilling two years.

Margaret Napier
National Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting this financial report covering the two years of my term as Treasurer.

The support from the States still continues to increase except for contributions to WKS which has taken a downturn, as shown by the following -

	<u>1985/86</u>	<u>1986/87</u>	<u>1987/88</u>	<u>1988/89</u>
Fellowship Least Coin	19,448	21,240	25,116	26,395
World Community Day	5,248	6,956	6,990	7,101
Fellowship Day	7,218	8,585	8,791	9,207
Donations to WKS	1,039	1,140	1,760	227

I would like to express my thanks to the Auditor, Mr Frank Banyard, for giving his time to audit our books. Also my thanks to the Executive members and State Treasurers for their help and support during my term of office.

I extend to the incoming Executive the very best wishes for their coming term.

Flora Hunt
Treasurer

MOTION

That appreciation for the work and time of the auditor, Mr. Frank Banyard, be placed on record and that a book voucher to the value of \$50.00 be presented to him in recognition of our sincere appreciation.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting this financial report for the period
ast July 1987 to 30th June, 1988.

I wish to thank all those who have helped and encouraged me over this
period

(Signed) Flora Hunt
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts and records of the Australian Church Women
National Executive for the year ended 30th June, 1988 and have obtained
all the information and explanation s required. My examination included
such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures
as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, based on those tests and procedures, the attached
statements have been properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books
and records of the Executive.

(Signed) Frank Banyard
Auditor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1988

A. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance at 1.7.1987		2,886.77
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	Offerings & Donations	25,116.22
		<u>28,002.99</u>
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>	International Committee F.L.C.	22,742.72
	Asian Church Women's Conference	454.85
	Administration & General	1,137.14
		<u>24,334.71</u>
	BALANCE AS AT 30.6.88	<u>\$3,668.28</u>

B. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNTS

	Mem. Bursary	Schol. Fund
Balance at 1.7.1987	3,367.70	54,207.05
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Interest	1,462.32
	<u>106.37</u>	<u>1,462.32</u>
	\$3,474.07	\$55,669.37

These amounts were transferred to a Trust Account in South Australia.

Balance at 1.10.1987		Nil
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
	S.A. Unit	1,575.00
	Queensland Unit	500.00
	Victoria Unit	2,500.00
	N.S.W. Unit	85.31
<u>PAYMENT:</u>	W.R.S. Trustees	<u>4,660.31</u>
		<u>4,652.71</u>
	BALANCE AS AT 30.6.1988	<u>\$ 7.60</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1988

C. OVERSEAS CONFERENCE

Balance at 1.7.1987		1,298.86
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Interest	53.97	
Donations	<u>300.00</u>	353.97
	BALANCE AS AT 30.6.1988	<u>\$1,652.83</u>

D. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Balance at 1.7.1987		12,612.42
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Conference Fees	13,636.40	
Donations	166.75	
Travel Pool	436.50	
Interest	<u>70.34</u>	14,309.99
		\$26,922.41
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>		
Del Monte Lodge	17,310.00	
Travel Re-imbursments	228.50	
Postage & Stationery	649.73	
Printing	207.42	
Catering	100.00	
Desk Supplies	50.00	
Air Fare - R. Selvaratnum	210.00	
Heater Hire	82.50	
Photo Copier Hire	100.00	
Donations	700.00	
Sundries	<u>588.04</u>	20,226.19
	BALANCE AS AT 30.6.1988	<u>\$6,696.22</u>

E. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Balance at 1.7.1987		NIL
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
<u>Offerings</u>		
A.C.T. Unit	200.00	
S.A. Unit	573.39	
Queensland Unit	516.00	
Tasmania Unit	399.00	
Victoria Unit	2,050.00	
W.A. Unit	361.76	
N.S.W. Unit	<u>2,890.11</u>	6,990.26
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>		
A.C.C. Vanuata Appeal	6,359.81	
A.C.W.C. Contributions	136.80	
Admin. & General	<u>341.93</u>	6,838.54
	BALANCE AS AT 30.6.1988	<u>\$151.72</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1988

F. ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Balance at 1.7.1987		6,792.77
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	660.00	
A.C.W.C. Partners	1,517.00	
Donations	253.20	
A.C.W. Badges	165.00	
Guidelines Sales	132.00	
Circle of Prayers	361.30	
Bookmarks	80.00	
Transfer from F.L.C.	1,137.14	
Transfer from World Comm.Day	341.93	
Transfer from Fellowship Day	248.24	
Interest	1,139.37	6,035.18
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		\$12,827.95
<u>PAYMENTS:</u>		
Special Project	1,926.99	
General Printing	264.42	
Printing A.C.W. News	731.00	
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	607.50	
A.C.W.C. Contributions	958.00	
Bank Draft	10.00	
Postage	198.30	
State Govt. Tax	5.06	
Petty Cash	985.33	
Sundries	175.75	5,862.35
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		BALANCE AS AT 30.6.1988
		\$6,965.60

G. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	2,818.90	6,534.12	1,462.32
A.C.W. Memorial Bursary	335.51	426.25	106.37
National Travel Fund	520.37	552.31	70.34
Overseas Conference Fund	455.99	133.68	53.97
Administration & General	772.96	1,648.04	1,139.37
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	\$4,903.73	\$9,294.40	\$2,832.37

H. BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS

		<u>AS AT 30TH JUNE 1987</u>	<u>AS AT 30th June 1988</u>
A.	Fellowship of the Lease Coin	2,886.77	3,668.28
B.	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	54,207.05	7.60
B2.	Memorial Bursary	3,367.70	Nil
C.	Overseas Conference	1,298.86	1,652.83
D.	National Conference	12,612.42	6,696.22
E.	World Community Day	Nil	151.72
F.	Administration & General	6,792.77	6,965.60
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		\$81,165.57	\$19,142.25

I. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS

<u>RURAL & INDUSTRIES BANK TERM DEPOSITS</u>	
National Conference	6,000.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin	3,000.00
Overseas Conference	1,000.00
Cheque Account	9,142.25
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	\$19,142.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1989

A. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance as at 1.7.1988		3,668.28
RECEIPTS:		
Offerings and Donations.	21,295.90	
Interest	210.00	
		<u>26,505.90</u>
		30,174.18
PAYMENTS:		
International Committee FLC	26,360.29	
Asian Church Women's Conference	567.32	
Administration & General	1,418.30	
		<u>28,365.91</u>
Balance as at 30th June 1989		1,808.27

B. WINIFRED KEIK ACCOUNTS

	<u>B1 Fellowship Day</u>	<u>B2 Scholarship Fund</u>
Balance as at 1.7.1988		7.60
RECEIPTS:		
Offerings - ACT Unit	200.00	
SA	1,478.00	
Queensland	688.00	
Vic	2,700.00	
Tas	481.07	
NSW	3,061.34	
WA	599.30	
Donations- Queensland		50.00
NSW		169.89
		<u>169.89</u>
	9,207.71	227.49
PAYMENTS:		
Transfer to Admin. & General	460.38	
ACWC	174.96	
WKS	8,572.37	
		<u>227.49</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989	Nil	Nil

C. OVERSEAS CONFERENCE

Balance as at 1.7.1988	1,652.83
RECEIPTS:	
Interest	<u>107.30</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989	1,760.13

Financial statement for year ended 30.6.1989 cont.

D. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Balance as at 1.7.1988		6,696.22
RECEIPTS:		
Donation to Travel Pool	783.86	
Conference Registrations & Accommod.	3,592.00	
Interest	643.80	
		<u>5,019.66</u>
		11,715.88
PAYMENTS:		
Printing Conference Brochures		<u>108.00</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>11,607.88</u>

E. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Balance as at 1.7.1988		151.72
RECEIPTS:		
Offerings - W.A.		
S.A.	567.43	
A.C.T.	422.79	
Queensland	200.00	
Vic.	488.00	
Tas.	2,000.00	
N.S.W.	407.90	
	<u>3,015.37</u>	<u>7,101.49</u>
		7,253.21
PAYMENTS:		
Transfer to Admin & General A.C.W.C.	362.66	
	<u>3,445.25</u>	<u>3,807.91</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>3,445.30</u>

F. WKS 1989 SCHOLAR

RECEIPTS:		
Received from WKS Trust		6,595.74
Interest		<u>85.04</u>
		6,680.78
PAYMENTS:		
Edwards Secretarial College	2,500.00	
Security Travel - Air Fares	1,144.00	
Girls Friendly Society - Board	2,365.00	
Living away from home allowance	640.00	
Financial Duty	1.32	
		<u>6,650.32</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>30.46</u>
<u>BOOK ALLOWANCE</u>		
Received		250.00
Payments - Books		<u>166.50</u>
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>83.50</u>

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1989 cont.

G. ABCRIGINAL FELLOWSHIP.

RECEIVED		6,250.78
PAYMENTS:		
Air Fares	2,298.00	
Honorariums - M. Olson	250.00	
Gosnells Parish Uniting Church	1,116.00	
Phone Calls	40.00	3,704.00
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>2,546.78</u>

H. W.K.S. 1988 SCHOLAR

RECEIVED	5,000.00
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I. ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL

Balance as at 1.7.1988	6,965.60
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RECEIPTS:

ACWC Bulletins	592.50	
ACWC Partners	5,353.13	
Donation	5.00	
Circle of Prayer	51.00	
Bookmarks	200.00	
Transfer from FLC	1,418.30	
World Community Day	362.66	
Fellowship Day	460.38	
Interest	1,018.73	9,461.70
		<u>16,427.30</u>

PAYMENTS:

ACWC Contributions	5,341.73	
ACWC Bulletins	635.00	
Printing - ACW News	710.00	
ACW Leaflets	193.00	
WKS Brochures	440.00	
WKS Trust Letterheads	32.90	
Petty Cash	1,195.44	
Sundries	248.33	
Financial Duty	.80	8,797.20
Balance as at 30.6.1989		<u>7,630.10</u>

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June 1989 cont.

J. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST.

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
National Conference	552.31	70.34	643.80
Overseas Conference	133.68	53.97	107.30
Administration & General	1,648.04	1,139.37	1,018.73
WKS 1989 Scholar Account			85.04
Fellowship of Least Coin			210.00
	<u>2,334.03</u>	<u>1,263.68</u>	<u>2,064.87</u>

K. BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS

	<u>As at 30.6.88</u>	<u>As at 30.6.89</u>
A. Fellowship of the Least Coin	3,668.28	1,808.27
B1. Fellowship Day	Nil	Nil
B2. Winifred Keik Scholarship	7.60	Nil
C. Overseas Conference	1,652.83	1,760.13
D. National Conference	6,696.22	11,607.88
E. World Community Day	151.72	3,445.30
F1. WKS 1989 Scholar Account	Nil	30.46
F2. WKS 1989 Scholar Book Account	Nil	83.50
G. Aboriginal Fellowship	Nil	2,546.78
H. WKS 1988 Scholar Account	Nil	5,000.00
I. Administration & General	6,965.60	7,630.10
	<u>19,142.25</u>	<u>33,912.42</u>

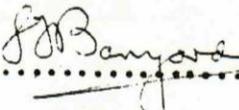
L. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, BANK ACCOUNTS AND INTEREST RECEIVED FOR YEAR ENDED 30.6.1989.

	<u>Balance in Accounts at 30.6.1989</u>	<u>Interest Received</u>
Rural & Industries Bank -		
Cheque Account	22,408.83	981.10
Golden Account	4,025.83	26.63
Term Deposit	6,000.00	643.80
Term Deposit	1,107.30	107.30
Term Deposit	Nil	210.00
Challenge Bank	370.46	85.04
	<u>33,912.42</u>	<u>2,053.87</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts and records of the Australian Church Women National Executive for the year ended 30th June, 1989 and Have obtained all the information and explanations required. My examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, based on these tests and procedures, the attached statements have been properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Executive.


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L.F. Banyard
28.7.1989

PUBLICATIONS

The past two years have been very interesting and exciting for me as Publications Editor. I present this report with a tinge of sadness as well as a sigh of relief - the relief because I've actually completed something which had seemed impossibly difficult to me in Adealide two years ago; and sadness because I'll miss the wonderful contact I had with you all through the monthly flow of news, letters and articles.

Apart from the change in paper colour from white to green, and the reduction in size of sheets (for economic reasons), I have endeavoured to keep to the high standard set by Alice Saunders before me.

Each month, from the 15th when articles were due in, I read, chose, edited, assembled, gathered the art work to suit, then typed the eight pages on my rickety, old portable. I then took this draft to one of my four friends who have at different times done the professional typing for me. After the final type and printing, I picked up the copies, which increased from 550 to 630, folded, counted, packed and posted out to State Units. As the cost of postage has risen considerably in my time of duty, I experimented with parcel sizes to find the most economical way to post. Hence the parcels of 20-25, which almost halved the original cost!

I am greatly indebted to our National Secretary, Margaret Napier, who gave me such help with the first issues and often did the final type for me. I must also thank my other typistes; Annette Howes from my home Parish, my daughter-in-law Edwina, and for the last copies, Lynette Green. Without their professional work, the success of the "News" would have been in doubt!

The problem I had initially expected was finding enough news to fill the pages, but soon I found it was in deciding what, from all that came in from the units and individual members, would give the widest variety of news items and appeal to the widest range of readers. Hence it was often necessary to take perhaps just a few paragraphs from a 3 paged letter, or a brief snippet from a fascinating article which I would have loved to include in full. I apologise to all those who regularly sent items which may have suffered this treatment.

Many thanks to all contributors, but especially to our President, Lee Edwards, for her monthly letter and to Barbara Grealy for the A.C.W.C. News each month.

Thanks be to God, and to you all, for the wonderful opportunity I have had to grow in faith and understanding through this work done in the Lord's name. It was made possible by the support and tolerance of my husband (who often had to fold and count in front of his favourite TV programme!) and the encouragement of our members, both here in W.A. and those others who read and enjoyed the "News". I hope my successor receives the same support and I wish her every success and enjoyment during the next 2 years.

Barbara Bourhill
Publications Officer.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

There is a very emotive word which describes the last two years in the life of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship - "frustration" BUT not without "hope" and not without "faith" as our report will demonstrate.

Initially we carried with us the continuing prayers of ACW members from our last Conference on behalf of Miss Stella Min of Burma the 1987 Scholar and for Mrs. Rashmira Maharjan of Nepal, our Scholar for 1988.

Also God's hand was on the future of the Scholarship, when, in having to find a person to fill the Convener's role while I was absent from Australia for 5 months, Mrs. Alison Stewart was approached, without any knowledge that she herself, was Chairwoman of a Scholarship Committee in another field of interest.

At this point I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work of Alison and thank her for continuing that excellence in the position of Assistant Convener.

As at the time of preparing this Report the positions of the 1987 and 1988 Scholars are as follows:-

MISS STELLA MIN. The situation in Burma seems to have eased a little but so far a contact through the Archbishop of Rangoon has brought no results.

MRS. RASHMIRA MAHARJAN has nominated a study centre in Singapore - the Tung Ling Bible School. Contact has been made with this School through our A.C.W.C. Representative in Singapore. We await word from Rashmira re arrival dates and hope and pray that she may be able to get to Singapore without delay.

Since February of this year we have had the 1989 Scholar, MS. FAILAUTUSI TEB'ATI from Kiribati (formerly the Gilbert Islands) training here in Perth, W.A. at Edwards International Secretarial College. She has gained, already, many additional skills to benefit her work as Secretary of the Women's Fellowship of the Kiribati Protestant Church.

Plans for her visits to all units after our Conference have been made already and I know her presence among us will further inspire us to contribute ourselves, and inspire others to support this Scholarship.

We were very touched by the commendatory remarks in letters accompanying applications for the 1990 scholarship, many writers urging us to continue such valuable work.

I regret, as W.K.S. Convener, that I have been unable to make greater contact with W.K.S. personnel throughout Australia but, I assure you that our small Committee Alison Stewart, Vera Wilson and the Convener with added help from our efficient National Executive Secretary have been constantly occupied in dealing with the concerns of four scholars. We do thank you all for your prayerful support and understanding.

I wish to record my appreciation also of the help and understanding of Mrs. Dorothy Haensel, as our contact with the W.K.S. Trustees. This developing relationship will be, not only of mutual benefit, but will overcome some of the disadvantages of a biennial change of administration.

It has been a privilege to serve A.C.W. in the capacity of W.K.S. Convener and with some words by and of its great founder I close

"Faith is surer than knowledge" she said, and in that faith she lived and died, always enquiring and never afraid of what she would find.'
(Quote from "Winifred")

May God go with you.

Mary Box
W.K.S. Convener.

SPECIAL DAYS

Two special days - Fellowship Day and World Community Day offer women of Australia the opportunity to come together in worship and fellowship. It also gives occasion for women to contribute in a practical way, assisting various projects.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

The Australian Bicentennial, in 1988, gave opportunity for us to consider "Our Heritage" as prepared by the Tasmanian Unit, whilst in 1989 the Victorian Unit challenged us to "Reach out in Love".

The offerings from Fellowship Day go to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Once again, in 1988, the Australian Bicentennial gave us reason to give praise to God for our country and it's great beauty and wealth, and New South Wales Unit prepared the service using the theme "Sharing our Harvest".

Fellowship of the Least Coin gifts are received on this day. The offerings are divided with one half going to Asian Church Womens Conference, of which Australian Church Women is an affiliate. The other half of the money went to "Operation Understanding", a travelling fellowship enabling an Aboriginal woman to share with ACW groups throughout Australia.

The 1989 service has been prepared by the South Australian Unit, using the theme "Bridging the Gap". A special feature of the service is the hymns, the words of which were especially written by Margaret Knauerhase. The half offerings from that day will go to assist our 1989 Winifred Kiek scholar with equipment for the Kiribati Protestant Church.

The preparation for the services for 1990 are in hand with the Queensland Unit preparing the Fellowship Day service and the A.C.T. Unit preparing World Community Day service.

I have found researching themes for services challenging and have appreciated the co-operation of those Units involved in preparation of these services.

A roster showing the order in which Units will be invited to prepare services has now been compiled.

A satisfying outcome of these Special Days is the number of groups using these days as a means of further fellowship by sharing a meal together. Surely this offers another opportunity to further the aims of Australian Church Women and increase understanding between women of the churches.

Olive Dell
SPECIAL DAYS CONVENOR

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

It has been a privilege and joy for me to share in promoting the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

On behalf of all F.L.C. members in Australia, congratulations were sent to our founder, SHANTI SOLOMON, on her receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in Madras, India.

We welcomed Shirin Samuel in 1987 to be the new Executive Secretary of the International Committee of F.L.C. Shirin has had a very busy time relating to Conveners in over sixty countries and providing promotional material and encouragement. At no cost to us the I.C.F.L.C. provide prayer cards, pamphlets, boxes and stickers which have been gladly received and distributed to the States as soon as the parcels have arrived. As at the end of June not all of the material ordered has arrived. This is most frustrating. 1500 Circle of Prayer booklets Volume XI have been ordered but as yet only a limited quantity have been received from New York which is disappointing.

A copy of the list of F.L.C. grants and allocations was received late in 1988 and distributed to State Conveners so they were aware and could publicise where F.L.C. money was spent. An amount of \$217,000 was distributed to Grants and Projects around the world in 1988. The International Committee has allocated US\$5000 to the National Committee of ACW for the Project "Operation Understanding". Mrs. Muriel Olsson and Rev. Lee Edwards are to undertake this project in July.

World Community Day continues to be an F.L.C. highlight, and an F.L.C. segment is observed at all State Unit meetings during the year. With the publication of Prayer Cards, encouragement has been given for PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP of F.L.C. as well as on a group basis. In June letters and promotional material were sent to wives of Outback Padres and Christian workers of several denominations.

The following is a precis of Reports received from Unit Conveners:

NEW SOUTH WALES. (from Glad West - new Convenor Patricia Burke)

There is a wide network of fellowships. A yearly letter is sent out with the offer of Audio or Video available. Convenor printed a pamphlet which carries her name and address and visited both city and country branches. Badges and spoons are available.

TASMANIA. (Shirley Brooks) There are three Regional Conveners:- North West Coast, Launceston and Hobart. She is glad of promotional material and has been able to promote F.L.C. at a State Primary School.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. (Joan Joyce) 10 new groups joined last year making 91 groups in all including 15 country groups. Audio Visual is available.

A.C.T. (Ruth Burmester) F.L.C. continued to maintain interest in the various groups. One of our Executive has spoken to groups during the year.

QUEENSLAND (Anne Green) F.L.C. work is progressing with enthusiasm and excitement. Have an average of three speaking engagements a month. Travel wherever possible by train as recipient of free train pass, but mostly go by car. Thank God for Lena Meadows and husband Bill for 10 years service.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. (Barbara Bannigan) World Community Day in city and metropolitan areas well attended. 192 groups.

VICTORIA. (Margaret Wall) F.L.C. continues to be promoted individually and in groups. Speakers provided - an Audio Visual available and most groups have seen it by now. Up to date information is sent to groups and promotional material is used widely.

NORTHERN TERRITORY (Joyce Deering - Darwin) No A.C.W. Unit at present.
F.L.C. material is distributed to several groups.

My thanks to Meryon Goode who acted in my stead for 4 months while I was absent overseas.

It has been helpful for us that our Australian Representative to ACWC, Barbara Grealy, is also a member of the International Committee of F.L.C. and my thanks go to Barbara for her support.

I have especially enjoyed corresponding with unit F.L.C. Conveners, and thank all of you for your dedicated promotion of this Fellowship. The support given in your letters has been an encouragement to me.

I wish the incoming convener every blessing as she commences her two years of office, and hope she enjoys the task as much as I have.

Janet Watts
National Convener F.L.C.

RECOMMENDATION: That Units retain 5% of FLC funds with the proviso that if this was insufficient for numerically smaller Units to cover expenses it may be up to 10%.

ARCHIVIST

During the past two years I have filed the Minutes of the National Executive meetings and collated the Conference papers of the National Committee held in Adelaide in 1987.

Books and papers loaned to the Committee based in South Australia were returned after the Conference in 1987 and other items handed over at that time were placed with the other records.

The filing cabinet containing the records is still in NSW as it is needed for filing papers as they are finished with.

Should the National Committee decide at some time to remove the archives out of NSW it will be necessary to appoint an archivist who has ready access to the filing cabinet.

Miss Jane Mitta of Adelaide requested information concerning ACW for Post Graduate work on the topic "Australian Church Women; History of the South Australian Unit".

I understand that State Units also received this request, and I trust that the information she received was helpful to her in her research.

A History of ACW NSW Unit was written for the Golden Jubilee of that Unit in 1988. If other State Units produce such documents, I would be pleased to receive them for inclusion in the National Archives.

I present this report with great pleasure.

Edith Ridge
ACW ARCHIVIST

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

It is a privilege to present the first report of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust.

The Deed of Trust was signed in December 1987 and the Trustees appointed in March 1988. The first meeting was held on 8 April 1988 and we have held a further 7 meetings.

Much of our time has been spent dealing with financial matters and arranging investments. Our thanks go to the Treasurer, Mrs. D. Wright for the time she spends gathering the necessary information and documents and compiling Financial statements.

We have also spent time considering courses and places of study available to meet the likely needs of students. We have begun to gather names of places within Australia and also in Asia and the Pacific that may be suitable. The change in the availability and cost of courses for Overseas students within Australia is currently being studied. It would appear these changes may make it more difficult to offer the scholarship on an annual basis at this time.

WKS Fellowship - It would appear unlikely from the present viewpoint that there will be money available for a Fellowship in the foreseeable future.

This period has been a time of learning for all of us, together with the National Executive. We believe we are gaining expertise and should be able to be a better resource for future Executives.

May God continue to bless us all as we work together for Him.

Joan Brewer, Jan Gifford, June Morrow
Dorothy Wright Dorothy Haensel
Trustees.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN REPRESENTATION TO AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In presenting this report I would like to say thank you to ACW for the opportunity to represent our organisation at these most interesting meetings.

I have been warmly welcomed by the members of ACC and made to feel that my contribution is as welcome as those of people who are voting members. There is a deal of interest in our organisation and it is freely acknowledged that Australian Church Women is achieving progress in ecumenism sometimes denied to ACC.

There have been few occasions when I was unable to be present at the meeting of the Executive but unfortunately, neither my proxy nor I were able to attend the Annual Meeting held last year.

The work of the committees of ACC brings a challenge to us in what they strive to achieve in areas of peace and justice, in relationships with similar councils in other parts of the world, in particular, our solidarity with our Asian Christian brothers and sisters.

Two significant developments are reported this year. Conversations with the Lutheran Church of Australia are continuing and the Australian Bishop's Conference has approved talks with ACC to explore issues relating to the Roman Catholic Church taking membership with ACC.

At a recent Executive meeting an observer from the Seventh Day Adventist Church was welcomed as a first step in ecumenical relations.

There would be few people unaware that the World Council of Churches Assembly will be held in Canberra in 1991. ACC is working hard at planning this historic assembly and one of the committees is looking at the way that women can help in the celebration of this time.

A time of intercessory prayer concludes the morning sessions of each Executive meeting. We benefit from praying for each other and for the work of ACC and WCC.

A new facet of the ACC's work has been the funding of an Aboriginal and Islander Commission, with the subsequent appointment to staff of Anne Gray.

I would urge all our members to take every opportunity to learn what ACC is doing. There are Ecumenical Councils or State Councils of Churches in every State. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year gives us another opportunity to worship God with our friends of the Christian way. We can help people unable to help themselves by contributing to Force Ten and by sharing in the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

I present this report with pleasure.

Edith Ridge
ACW REPRESENTATIVE TO AUSTRALIAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Our Biennial Report finds us perhaps not greatly increased in number and all a little older, but with undiminished enthusiasm and a loyal following.

We held four Unit meetings a year with an average attendance of 22, representing 16 groups. We have thirty paid-up member groups. We sent out three newsletters a year to a mailing list of 100.

Our Special Days services are successful and well-attended. We find an enthusiastic response to these occasions - partly no doubt because it offers an opportunity for the Church women of our scattered town to meet together and partly because the services are organised with such care and hospitality and provide an inspiring speaker. These Special Days also provide us with a welcome addition to the Travel Fund as a Soup and Sandwich lunch is usually provided by mutual arrangement between the hostesses and Unit membership.

World Day of Prayer services are organised by our Unit and they are also very well attended by the same group of women, as well as others.

Incorporation of A.C.W. - A.C.T. Unit had been asked to make a survey of incorporation in the member States. This involved a sub-committee and our friendly lawyer in a good deal of study. A report was sent off in October 1988 to the National Executive.

Life Membership. - At the Annual General Meeting 1988, Life Membership was bestowed on MRS. RUTH BURMESTER, O.A.M., for her contribution to the A.C.T. Unit. Ruth has been a valued member since 1965 when the unit was formed. She has held office for over 20 years and served as Secretary and/or Treasurer for fifteen years. She is now our F.L.C. Convener.

Group Organization - Several of our members gave an outline of the programme and activities of their particular Church group.

Representation - Members attended numerous gatherings, including the Churches of Christ Conference in January 1989 and the 50th Anniversary Dinner of the National Council of Women in A.C.T. in May this year. The opening in May 1988 of the new Parliament House was a great occasion. Executive members were asked to speak a number of times about A.C.W., F.L.C. or A.C.W.C. to various Church groups.

A.C.T. Unit is a member of National Council of Women of A.C.T. and of the A.C.T. Council of Churches.

Visitors - We were pleased to have a brief meeting with Rev. Lee Edwards when she was visiting here privately in September 1987, and also with Lady Wilson when she attended our Unit meeting in November 1988. We all regret that no Winifred Kiek Scholar was able to come during the period but are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from Failautusi later.

Executive Members - In the past two years several changes were made in our Executive Committee. Joan Adcock handed over the Presidency to Averil Whybird. Helen Lloyd replaced Ruth Burmester as Treasurer. Eina Moir served one term as Vice President and Micheline Bramley accepted office at the last Annual Meeting, Stella Taber took over as W.K.S. Convener from Ruth Potter, and Ruth Burmester followed Chris Hillbrick as F.L.C. Convener.

Our best wishes for the future of an organization which is dear to our hearts, and our thanks to the present National Executive for a term they can look back on with pride and satisfaction.

Audrey Sherwin
Hon. Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

During the two years under review, the work and fellowship of ACW in NSW has grown and given much pleasure and inspiration to an increasing number of women.

We have been blessed with the leadership of two Presidents, Mrs. June Graham and Mrs. Marjory Baker. Each President brings to the position her own spirituality and leadership and we are grateful for the dedication and love they have given us.

We rejoice that the attendances at our Special Days is growing each year. It was an especial delight for us in NSW to use the service "Sharing our Harvest" in October 1988, as this service had been written by members of the NSW Executive and lovingly illustrated by one of our members.

Our concern for the street children of Asia and Australia resulted in times of prayer for these children at our Council meetings.

Guest speakers at Council meetings have been varied and interesting, adding new dimensions to our experience. The theme of our speakers this year has focused on ethnic and refugee women and our friend and delegate Dorothy Harris shared her life as an Aboriginal woman in a moving address.

The highlight of any year is the Annual Dedication Service and the two Services we have had in this time have been times of inspiration.

From June, 1989 we are operating with a new Executive. It was our pleasure during last year to put our minds to finding people able to form a National Executive. Many of the people so nominated have been drawn from the 'old' Executive of the Unit and they go on to this higher service with our love and the promise of our support.

Collections at Fellowship Day and World Community Day services are increasing, as is the interest in Fellowship of the Least Coin.

The State Constitution was revised in 1988 and guidelines for the positions on the executive were written to help new people understand their jobs.

All members of our Executive have been faithful in their work for ACW and the health of the Unit reflects this dedication.

The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of ACW in NSW was the real high spot of these two years. St. Stephen's Church in Macquarie Street was the venue for the first meeting of the NSW Womens Inter-Church Council, which became ACW, so it was fitting that the service should be held there. Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase was the special speaker and won the hearts of the 700 people there. During the service there was a display of banners made especially for the celebration by Branches of ACW. There were banners from friends of ACW too, YWCA, Ukranian Women, World Day of Prayer, women's groups who are affiliated with ACW and one lovely banner made by members of the Executive. Deaconess Andrews wrote a History of ACW in NSW for us and we were honoured by the presence of the wife of the State Governor, who also read a lesson and stayed to lunch with us. It was an honour to be granted a small amount of money from the Bi-Centennial Authority for this celebration, an acknowledgement that ACW was an official participant in the Bi-Centennial Celebrations during 1988. We thank God for all His Blessings during these two years and go forward in faith, knowing that the 'best is yet to be'.

Edith Ridge
Secretary, NSW Unit

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The highlight of the past two years was the conferring of Honorary Life Membership of the South Australian Unit on MRS. PAULINE CROSBY, B.E.M. at our Unit meeting in July 1988. Mrs. Crosby has been the instigator of many worthwhile activities through ACW, one of the most notable being the founding of the Lavender Lads and Ladies organisation at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Pauline was the driving force behind our Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1986 and was responsible for setting up the Jubilee 150 Trust.

JUBILEE 150 TRUST The first recipient of this award undertook a dressmaking course during 1988.

In 1989, we have two awardees, one participating in a floral art course, the other, dressmaking. It is hoped that these courses will enable the women to improve their lives and the lives of others.

Each year a function has been held to augment the fund.

NEW BRANCH During 1988 a new branch was formed at Mount Barker.

W.K.S. Apart from the City service, five Fellowship Day services were held in metropolitan centres and seven in the country. Donations were received from five other groups.

F.L.C. We were without a convener for 1988, but with a combined effort we managed. Our present convener, Mrs. Barbara Bannigan, organised the City World Community Day Service in October 1988.

Members of the Unit enjoyed preparing the order of service for 1989.

COMMUNITY CONCERN Fifteen morning teas were held during the months of May through to August, resulting in \$3,000 being donated to Australian Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Foundation in 1988. We understand that this project is unique to South Australia.

This year a similar number of functions are being held with the proceeds going to YWCA Big Sister Programme.

CORPORATE WORSHIP We continue to share in corporate worship experiences, with members of the Unit in their home churches.

HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE A committee has been formed to record (in diary form) the history of the South Australian unit.

This year Ms. Jane Mitta, an Honours student at Flinders University, has undertaken the history of our Unit as the subject for her thesis.

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS We continue our affiliation with The Bible Society of S.A., Lavender Lads and Ladies Inc., National Council of Women of S.A., World Day of Prayer Committee, South Australian Council of Children's Films and Television, Women's Information Switchboard Support Group S.A., South Australian Council of Churches, Status of Women.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT We wish to thank the members of the Executive who give their time and expertise to assist others to fulfil the aims of Australian Church Women.

May God bless them all.

Maureen E. Clark
Secretary.

TASMANIA

Meetings for 1987-89 continued in the Salvation Army Citadel Launceston, but are now transferring to a roster of church premises. Bi-monthly State meetings with average attendance of twenty members from six denominations.

Mrs. Joyce Cumming of Hobart has been President for most of this time; Mrs. Lorraine Davis of Burnie has now taken over as President for the next two years. Mrs. Marie Price our retiring secretary has given many years of service to executive of A.C.W. in various capacities. Our treasurer, Mrs. Phyl O'Loughlin was forced to retire due to ill health. Mrs. Jennifer Warburton, Minute Secretary transferred to Western Australia in 1988. Our Vice President, Mrs. Shirley Brooks continues to serve us excellent lunches at a nominal price.

Two delegates and two observers attended the National Conference in Adelaide.

After National Conference a special meeting was held in Hobart, where Mrs. J. Cumming on behalf of the National Executive, presented MRS. RACHEL COCKS a Life Membership Badge.

At our recent Annual General Meeting State Life Membership was presented to MRS. DOROTHY HARTAM of Hobart who had been with A.C.W. since 1965 and MRS. SHIRLEY BROOKS who had been involved since 1975. Both ladies have given outstanding service during these years.

Our major project has been opposition to video violence and pornography Australia wide, as in our motion to Adelaide National Conference. We have been supported in this by Tasmanian Council of Churches who financed the costs. We have also continued our T.V. watch. One success was achieved by a Baptist youth group who disagreed with an advertisement in which a child was portrayed as telling an untruth. The segment was removed from the advertisement.

Eleven centres held well attended services on our special days with a wide variety of speakers. In Bi-Centennial year, both services were held in Hobart Cathedrals with invitations sent to government and community groups with an excellent response.

We will present three motions at conference of concern to us, dealing with homeless youth and problems of easy credit in our community, and we ask you to "Pray for a Poli".

We appreciate the hard work of all executive members for the past two years.

We are making plans for the visit in July of Muriel Olsson and Rev. Lee Edwards and will welcome them to Hobart and Launceston.

The Tasmanian Unit are happy to accept the challenge of responsibility for National Committee in 1991.

Nancy Bransden
Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIA

The biennial period 1987-89 has been one of steady growth and continuing co-operation of our Council in worship, fellowship and service. During her term as President, Mrs. Eunice Reidy, introduced special guests to our council meetings. They shared their practical Christianity working in the areas of food relief; Christian counselling services; support of high school chaplains and homeless youth. We also discussed the recommendations from the National Conference seminar on ethics of tourism.

During the past year our president, Mrs. Myra Dixon, utilised the expertise and wealth of experience of our council members by reviewing the history of our Victorian Unit; and at the February meeting, following a paraliturgy led by Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam our life members shared their dreams for Australian Church Women. A talk by Fr. T. D'Souza, S.D.B. informed us of the life, customs and history of the Christian faith in Burma. Another informative talk was given by Mrs. Arlene D'Mello (Victorian Co-operative on Children's Services) on multiculturalism and working with ethnic communities.

"Focus", a five-minute presentation of projects or areas of concern in our representative denominations, updated our knowledge of services and current undertakings.

The Quiet Day - our day of spiritual refreshment - has been continued and we are grateful to our members who organise this invaluable day. We look forward to our 1989 Fellowship Day Service, prepared by our Unit, and acknowledge the work of Miss Dorothy Clack and committee for their development of the theme "Reach out .. in Love".

Proceeds from our film luncheons have enabled us to contribute to the national travel fund as well as afford a day of social enjoyment for our members and friends.

We acknowledge the work of our delegates/representatives on the Victorian Council of Churches; National Council of Women Victoria; World Day of Prayer committee, and we have recently become an associate member of Churches in Solidarity with Women committee. There has been interest and involvement from some new groups following our Special Days promotion, and no doubt this publicity will make the work of Australian Church Women more widely known in Victoria.

OF NOTE

Special mention is made of Miss Dorothy Fry who has completed her term of office on our executive. Her dedication to A.C.W. as former secretary, executive member and Christian friend has been greatly appreciated. Dorothy will be well known to those who have attended past conferences.

In February, 1988, Mrs. Brig. Rita Callender was farewelled after twenty-two years of service to Australian Church Women. Rita organized the trading table at our film luncheons for many years and we wish her well in Adelaide.

MRS. DOREEN STRACK became a Life Member of the Victorian Unit at the Council meeting in February 1988. Doreen has been involved with the Unit for twenty-five years, and had efficiently held several state and national executive positions.

In May 1989 we were thrilled to be able to congratulate council member, Miss P. Davis, on her appointment as first woman president of Churches of Christ Conference.

Since our last national conference we have applied "being neighbour" wherever we can. We look forward to the 1989 Conference when we will invoke the leading of the Holy Spirit in love, peace, relationships, service and life as members of Australian Church Women. We acknowledge with appreciation the work of our retiring national executive, and welcome with loving support our new national executive in New South Wales.

Barbara Lacy
Hon. Secretary

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Over the past two years the W.A. Unit has been very active carrying out the aims of A.C.W. We now have members as far north as Meekathara and as far south as Busselton. We also welcomed to W.A. two experienced ACW members - Mrs. Major Olive Dell from Tasmania and Mrs. Major Lynette Green from Victoria. Both are serving on the National Executive.

Each year Lee Edwards has led us in a very interesting Lenten study. The Unit has held two Forums the first on "Children in the Church" with speakers from Anglican, Catholic and Uniting churches. The second was held in May 1989 on "Homeless Youth". Speakers were youth workers from the Salvation Army, Uniting and Catholic Churches. Their talks were very informative and generated a lot of questions from those present. A light lunch followed and continued discussion on the subjects made these forums worthwhile. We have also had members giving interesting and comprehensive reports on their church and services, and answering questions from other members.

SPECIAL DAYS Fellowship Day 1987 was held in Trinity Church, Perth. Guest speaker was Lt. Col. Craig from the Salvation Army Welfare Division who gave an excellent address with a little humour included. The 1988 Service was also held at Trinity Church. Guest speaker was Mrs. Nita Pannell, who told us of the pioneer women in W.A., which was most interesting and amusing.

World Community Day 1987 was held at the Salvation Army Fortress with guest speaker Dr. Heather Jenkins, co-ordinator, Refugee and Migrant Service with the W.A. Conference of Churches. The 1988 service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral and the address by National President, Rev. Lee Edwards, was very much appreciated. The singing by school choirs at these services has been a delight to listen to. Attendances have greatly increased over the last two years. The fellowship at the lunches which have followed the services has become a valued time of informal sharing. Services have also been held at suburban and country areas.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP During the 1988 Fellowship Service our President, Mrs. Vera Wilson, presented a life membership badge to MISS GLAD LOCKE, who was the first President of the W.A. Unit and later served several years as Treasurer. Glad made a significant contribution to the development of A.C.W. in W.A. but through ill health is unable to attend unit meetings now.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN is promoted enthusiastically by Joan Joyce.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR. We have been pleased to have the 1989 Scholar Failautusi Teb'ati in our state and have enjoyed meeting with her.

The unit has taken a stand against the introduction of Non-Violent Erotica videos, letters were written to Federal Members of Parliament, and to the ALP Caucus in Canberra. One of our members was a member of a deputation of six who approached the Minister for Arts in W.A. with regards to pornographic publications.

We have affiliation with the World Day of Prayer Committee, The National Council of Women, and as observers to W.A. Conference of Churches. We are also represented at special functions of Church and Women's organisations. We have been kept informed on women's issues through the office of the Dept. of the Premier and Cabinet, and the Women's Advisory Council. The Unit meets at the Women's Information and Referral Exchange, Perth on the second Friday of each month from February to November.

Our thanks go to the Western Australian members of the National Executive for their work and dedication during their term of office, and many thanks for the loyalty they have also shown to the unit.

I conclude this report by saying how much we are going to miss Margaret Napier from the unit, and thank her for all the work she has done over the years. May Margaret and her husband enjoy their time in Darwin.

Joan Miller
Hon. Secretary.

QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Unit is at present chaired by the Uniting Church, having taken over from the Churches of Christ at the Annual Meeting in July 1988.

We have only three outside centres, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, and Mackay. There was a decline in centres for Special Services, but an increase in attendance, and note new interest as enquiries come in re the starting of Services.

Our disappointment at the retirement of Mrs. Lena Meadows as the FLC Convener has been assuaged by the enthusiasm of her replacement, Mrs. Anne Green, who is finding following in paths laid by Lena a pleasant task.

Our annual morning tea in 1988 was given recognition as a Bi-centennial Project, to honour Pioneer Mothers. It was a great success and also helps to promote Australian Church Women in the community. It is still amazing how many people know of 'F.L.C.' and also of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship - but cannot recall what Australian Church Women is and does!

Mollie Jean Hunt
Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Report 1987-1989

The Executive is based in Queensland for a 3 year period, passing on the responsibility to New South Wales in January 1991 at the Australian Baptist Family Convention in Adelaide.

A highlight of 1988 was the 4th General Assembly of the Baptist Women's Union of the South West Pacific, held in Brisbane during July. Over 200 delegates from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya and Australia lived in at the University of Queensland Residential Colleges. Studies were based on -

- "Exploring New Horizons"
- Bible Study
- Worship
- Unity
- Service
- Witness
- Prayer

Following the Assembly, a specially arranged Coach Tour to parts of central and northern Queensland, introduced New Zealanders and some Australians to a great experience.

Each State has its own organisational structure, but as a National Body, we seek to bring the States together through a common goal of training leaders and winning women to Jesus Christ through friendship evangelism. The Bible Study book "Reaching the Heights", written by a Queensland woman, has been effective in teaching the basic principles of commitment to Christ and sharing our faith.

A correspondence Course in Leadership Training has been available for a number of years, and this is being updated to meet the needs of the 1990's. The Course includes - our Baptist Faith; Leadership in the Church; in the Women's Group and preparation and delivery of a Message.

Another method of communication is through our annual Prayer Day. Each State submits a Scripture greeting and 6 points for prayer or praise. These are compiled into a leaflet which is distributed to all of our women's groups. A prayer time is then arranged to suit the local area.

While we formulate our programmes on a Statewide basis, it is apparent that we have a common problem in reaching other women. The working wife, ageing of members who have been faithful workers over many years, and a different attitude of young women in fellowship and outreach, are causing us to look at methods which have been employed in women's ministry. With an increasing number of activities, it is necessary to keep them in touch, yet effective in their own area. This requires some change to structure and thought. Change comes slowly, yet it is encouraging to see some response.

Social problems are addressed as they are brought to our notice - e.g. the availability of violent videos by mail order from the A.C.T., and the emphasis on acceptability of free sex for teenagers, in a booklet sponsored by "Johnson & Johnson", "About Your Body".

We accept our Executive term as God given service, and praise Him for guidance over this period.

Mrs. Ruth Elfverson,
President.

Mrs. Claudia Bowmer,
Secretary.



Catholic Women's League, Australia

Affiliated with World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations PARIS

To write a report of the activities of Catholic Women's League Australia and to do justice to the members of the organization would be a monumental almost impossible, task, especially on one A4 page.

I have decided, therefore, to cheat a little and will commence with a quote from the Biennial Report of our previous National President, Dulcie McDonald, of Queensland.

"The number of charities and welfare projects assisted is 520. These included Child Care Centres, Day Care Centres for Aged, Nursing Homes, Missions in many countries, Education of Priests, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Brown Sisters, Aboriginal Missions, Sisters of Mother Teresa, Australian Catholic Relief, Right to Life, Pregnancy Help, Youth Ministry, Bursaries, Child Welfare, Deaf Society, Red Cross, Street Kids (Bro. Alex), School for Blind and many, many more - these just touch the tip of the iceberg! The total amount of monetary assistance given is \$323,000!! And as one President stated, "the money raised was just part of the charity work, as it does not measure the hours of work, the deeds of kindness or the passing smiles." And she is right, as no one can assess the loving caring response that members of the Catholic Women's League make each and every day. Fund raising is not our primary task. We defend Christian principles and respond to the challenges in our society which tend to denigrate the family and the teachings of Jesus. As members we also respond to His request to care for those in need. Do not underestimate the power of a smile, the patient listening to the memories of our aged in Nursing Homes etc., visiting the sick, helping families of the disabled - especially those with children who have brain damage, making layettes for needy mothers, all these and more are our response daily to His request "to love one another". The friendships gained in our organization cannot be measured. However, whatever we do is in His name; as Jesus said in the Gospels, "when you do these things to the least of My brothers, you do them unto Me".

The works of C.W.L. which Dulcie mentioned, have been continued and they have been increased as society's needs have increased. Also, very important to Catholic Women's League and an activity to which we give a very high priority is our ecumenical involvement. Workshops on "Ecumenism" will be held at our National Bi-ennial Conference, to take place in Sydney in October this year. The leader of these workshops will be none other than Marie McCann, the National President of Australian Church Women. We feel very honoured and are most grateful to Marie for having so graciously accepted this task.

All over Australia our members take part in Women's World Day of Prayer services, the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Fellowship Day as well as joining with our sisters of other faiths for many other celebrations in Churches of all denominations.

On behalf of all members of Catholic Women's League Australia, I send greetings to participants at the A.C.W. Conference. I am sure the Holy Spirit will be with you through all proceedings.

Shalom,

Esther Doyle, A.M.,
National President,



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS
A Committee of the Assembly Committee on Christian Education

REPORT TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PERTH, SEPTEMBER, 1989

The Uniting Church in Australia is now twelve years old and Fellowship Groups at local level continue to provide opportunities for the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual growth of both men and women around Australia. They have been encouraged through the years to reassess their areas of particular need and work towards addressing them. The National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups is now resident in South Australia for the period 1988/91.

Synod (State) Committees and the National Committee have worked hard to co-ordinate the various Committees under their care, and we praise God that growth has taken place in many areas:

- A National network of communication has been established. By November member/s of the National Committee will have personally visited and shared with all Synods since taking office in May 1988.
- Our Travel Equalisation Fund to enable three representatives from each Synod to meet triennially has now been adjusted to allow the more populated Synods to subsidise those less populated.
- A Fund to provide for National/International Conference travel has been set up. Profits from the sale of paper serviettes with the UCA logo go toward this Fund.
- We have continued to send annual letters of greeting to 22 Sister Churches with whom the Uniting Church in Australia is in partnership. In future it is hoped that more detailed news of each other's work will be shared to build understanding.
- We have endeavoured to encourage the promotion of the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. Plans are in hand for a visit to Australia of the dynamic World President of the World Federation of Methodist Women in August 1990 and an imaginative project has been proposed by Presbyterian Women of the USA for a Global friendship exchange of 26 women also in 1990. Links with the Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress are also being encouraged.
- The Uniting Church in Australia has related to the world Church through the World Federation of Methodist Women and the Women's Desk of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. 31 Australians attended the South Pacific Area Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women in Suva, Fiji in February 1989, living and sharing their faith with 359 South Pacific Island women.
- Fellowship members throughout Australia will attend a National Conference to be held at "Nunyara" Belair, SA in March 1990 which will focus on an area of need "Making Devotional Life Relevant" - personal life, group life, community life.

In our "new" Church we feel that it is imperative that the Church fulfils the needs of its people and the wider community e.g. we are concerned that the vision of the World Day of Prayer is often limited to a small section of the Church.

We praise God that He uses people to work His will in the world and thank Him that we as a Committee can all share the great joy of working together in His name.

DOROTHY HUNTER
CHAIRPERSON

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP * - FEDERAL CONFERENCE OF
CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

As a body of Christian women, we are grateful for the work of the Australian Church Women, and we encourage you to remain faithful in this area of serving our Lord.

"God's People, God's World", was the apt theme for the 23rd Federal Conference held in Canberra in January, 1989. The Conference itself broached many social issues - issues which the Church, as God's people, must not choose to ignore (Aids, Aboriginal rights, environmental problems). Our women's celebration, led by Pat Kerr and her executive, was a sensitive day of song, prayer, decisions, and further worship as we shared in the Lord's Supper together.

Our theme for the current term, and for Federal Conference to be held in Brisbane in October 1990, is "Now is the Time to Serve the Lord". As the executive, (based in Brisbane), we are greatly encouraged as we hear from the states of their times of fellowship, (camps, rallies), and their times of Bible study, prayer and worship together. We praise God for the faithful women all over Australia, who are seeking, through much time and personal effort, to "Serve the Lord, Now!!"

Our involvement with World Christian Women's Fellowship continues, with Joy Sansome from Queensland (and Vice-President of the ACWF) as our official representative. We also continue to support the World CWF Project which is to aid the street children of Latin America. The next World Conference of Churches of Christ will be held in Long Beach, California, in August 1992.

The women of our churches, and our Executive, are thinking seriously about the future of our women's fellowships, and, in this regard, have set up a Task Force to investigate the issues involved. The Task Force comprises representatives from most states, and we look forward to hearing its recommendations to be brought to the next Federal Conference in 1990.

As each of us, personally, and as a body of women, consider the future, let us never forget that He gives us all that we need to fulfill our ministries, so let's not delay, for...

"Now is the time to serve the Lord".

Pam Paddick
ACWF President



The Australian Board of Missions AUXILIARY

REPORT TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 1989

The work of the ABM Auxiliary has continued over 80 years to support with enthusiasm the Australian Board of Missions and its original objectives to learn, to pray and to give are just as relevant to-day.

Recently the Auxiliary's desire to include a wider spectrum of support for mission has resulted in a name change and, no longer the Women's Auxiliary, but the title 'the ABM Auxiliary' has enabled men to join our ranks.

The Branches of the Auxiliary and the Affiliated Groups are active in 18 Anglican Dioceses and for 23 years have accepted voluntarily a Special Project over and above their support of the annual budget. In 1989 it is funding for St Paul's Theological College in Carpentaria to give new impetus to the indigenous ministry in that Diocese.

In April of this year a National Auxiliary Conference was held in Morpeth in NSW when the positive and forward-looking theme of 'Mission Towards 2001' attracted a broad range of participants. Men and women both lay people and clergy came from 5 states to hear Bishop Paul Richardson of PNG. He outlined four guidelines for Mission - proclamation of the gospel; nurturing new Christians responding to human needs by loving service and transforming unjust structures of society. He reminded us that the church must be a multi-cultural, multi-racial international church.

It is a pleasure to be able to present this report on our work as part of the mission of Australian Church Women.

Joan Rich

National President

The Salvation Army



AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY

The Salvation Army, with its policy of equal opportunity in leadership and administration, gives ample scope for women of the Southern Territory to ably share in responsibility, as is highlighted in our report for 1987-89.

The Salvation Army believes that the basic unit of society is the home and family, and by their nature women play a vital role in society. Any fellowship of women in which Christian influence is extended, and practical help given toward the attainment of fuller personal and family life, can only contribute to the betterment of society itself.

THE HOME LEAGUE is a women's organisation calling for advancement of ideal home life through Christian fellowship. The aims of the Home League are four-fold - Fellowship, Education, Service and Worship, and all have the same objectives.

In addition to the weekly Home League Meeting, other groups, such as evening Ladies Fellowship (monthly) annual camps for women, Bible Study, prayer, handicraft, aerobics, are all ancilliary groups of the Home League. These groups are growing in number, especially the Bible Study. We are finding that more and more women are becoming aware of their need for accepting the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and are consequently introducing their friends to the Home League.

A Child Sponsorship programme is conducted through the Territorial Home League Department, (Vic. S.A. W.A. Tas. N.T.) with some 500 children from third world countries being sponsored.

Money is raised annually for Missionary work - approximately \$100,000.00 in 1989. In addition to this, the women raised \$146,000.00 for projects within the Territory.

THE OUTER CIRCLE is another arm of the Home League. Approximately 800 circular letters are sent each month to women living in isolated places and 'shut-ins'. In 1989 the women donated \$2,500.00 for medical expenses for a Kenyan baby, born to Salvation Army Officer Cadets, who was found to be suffering from hydrocephalus.

LEAGUE OF MERCY: There are 1044 League of Mercy members in the Territory. Visitation is undertaken at Hospitals, Nursing Homes and private Homes with special recognition on Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas. An initial membership Course is compulsory. Training Seminars are regularly held to equip members and also to share resource materials. The League of Mercy service was greatly appreciated by 65,733 people who are visited monthly.

THE SALVATION ARMY MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP (formerly Nurses Fellowship) is a support group which offers its services to both women and men in the patient care professions. Regular discussion groups and social gatherings are arranged where members are given opportunities to share their joys and frustrations with others in similar type of professions. Funds have been raised for a hospital in Africa and a centre for handicapped children in Taiwan.

TRAINING COLLEGE FOR OFFICERS: The first woman Principal was appointed to the Officers Training College during 1988. There are 29 women and 25 men currently studying at the Territorial Training College.

MISSING PERSONS ENQUIRY SERVICE: This vital department is administered by a woman director. From the 942 enquiries to year ending November 1988 there was a success rate of 72% with a similar result already shown for 1989.

COMPANION CLUB: A woman Officer commenced the first club in Melbourne in 1961 after reading in the Sun newspaper a letter written by a person who was longing for friendship. The letter was signed, "Impossible". There are now almost sixty clubs from Tasmania right across to Western Australia. The number of clubs continues to increase.

Mrs. Commissioner Maude R. Tillsley,
TERRITORIAL PRESIDENT OF WOMENS ORGANISATIONS

AUSTRALIA EASTERN & PAPUA NEW GUINEA TERRITORY

HOME LEAGUE

The Home League continues to attract many women (some men also attend) and is a useful 'bridge' by which people may enter the fellowship of the church. For those women unable to attend by day the ladies Evening Fellowship provides an enriching program of service, education, worship and fellowship. Quite a number of Salvation Army ladies bring neighbours. Special attention has been given this year to leadership training with a seminar weekend being held at the Collaroy Conference Centre. One hundred and seventy women attended, studying such subjects as public speaking and communication. It is reported that one lady came from a small Home League in Western New South Wales. She had never been to Sydney before. Her whole attitude was changed as a result of the seminar experience. Additional activities have been set up under "Women's Ministries" with a noticeable increase in Bible studies and Play Groups.

The Territorial Missionary Project for 1989 is to provide furnishings for officers in Papua New Guinea. Members of the Outer Circle Home League (who are kept in touch by monthly newsletter) are delighted to be sharing in this effort.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Home League in Papua New Guinea is providing basic education in hygiene, health, nutrition and language skills in many isolated villages, as well as fellowship and spiritual support and growth opportunities. This is contributing to a lift in the status of women as well as improving living standards and life expectancy.

The Salvation Army's long-held belief in and practice of equality in ministry and the ordination of women is also elevating the standing of women throughout the whole of the Papua New Guinea community.

LEAGUE OF MERCY

With the changing emphasis in the community of care being given in the home, our League of Mercy members are visiting an increasing number of private homes as well as maintaining their visitation programme in Nursing Homes and Hospitals. The need for ongoing training is being recognised by our members and training days on such subjects as Active Listening, Grief and Loss, and Aids have proved invaluable in the outworking of the commitment to service given by each member.

GIRL GUARDS

1989 is a time for Celebration of 70 years unbroken activity in the Guarding Movement in the Eastern Australia Territory.

This movement has for its objective the building up of strong character in girls and young women, promoting their physical, mental, moral and spiritual development, and training them for the service of others, and offers programmes covering an age range from five to twenty-five years. The Fourfold Fellowship for former Guards was established in 1978.

Mrs. Commissioner Olive Lovatt
TERRITORIAL PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

It gives me pleasure as Australia's National Representative to present this report of our involvement with the Asian Church Women's Conference during the past two years.

A highlight of the beginning of the period under review was the fact that an ACWC Executive Meeting was held in Adelaide in September 1987, to co-incide with our last ACW National Conference. This provided an opportunity for many ACW members to meet these overseas guests, including the President, Maya Michael of India, the Executive Secretary, Eunice Kim of Korea, the Treasurer, Kazuko Hayashi of Japan and the three Committee Members, Wong Siong Ting of Malaysia, Monika Mannan of Bangladesh and Ingrid Pi-Ying Hong of Taiwan. It also afforded the then recently-elected ACWC Assembly Secretary, Dorothy Haensel, and me as their Vice-President, to introduce these women to many local church members and to the customs and nature of the Christian Church in our country.

CONSULTATION ON "MIGRATION - AN ASIAN PROBLEM", MANILA, PHILIPPINES. This Consultation was held during February, 1988 and was attended by representatives of fourteen affiliated countries all of whom reported on the situation concerning migrants in their countries. It was particularly disturbing to hear of the many young Filipino women who, for economic reasons, leave their homeland seeking employment elsewhere, many of whom eventually resort to prostitution. The key-note speaker was Sister Mary John Manansan, OSB, who told of the massive poverty in the Philippines and of the irreparable drain of young nurses, doctors, midwives, dietitians, teachers, etc. who are receiving more money working as domestics in other countries than they would receive working in their professions in Manila.

VISIT TO CHINA. For a number of years, ACWC has been negotiating with the Chinese Government for permission to send a Fellowship Team to visit Christian women and church leaders in China and this eventually happened during October 1988. Five members of the Executive, including Dorothy and me, were accompanied by Rev. (Mrs.) Cao Sheng-Jie on a ten day visit to Nanjing, Shanghai and Beijing, arranged by the China Christian Council. We found that the upsurge of the Christian Church in China since the Cultural Revolution of 1966-75 to be quite remarkable - we were told that there are now 4 million Protestants and 4 million Catholics in a population of one billion. However, the majority of the Christian Church leaders are of a mature age who are eagerly looking forward to an even greater thrust in their work when the many young people, at present being trained in theological seminaries, reach their potential. Sadly, recent events in China may have seriously set back this hope for the future.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. As part of my obligation as an ACWC General Committee Member, I have tried to promote an even greater participation by ACW members in this unique prayer fellowship, the new brochures, prayer cards, brooches, etc. have helped in this. It has also been my privilege to have attended meetings of the FLC International Committee - in Singapore during November 1987, and in Geneva during November 1988. Unfortunately, an unaccountable hold-up in New York has resulted in only about 20% of Volume 11 of the Circle of Prayer having been received in Australia. Its Theme is: "JUSTICE...PEACE...CREATION...LET US ACT."

REGIONAL SEMINAR - "HOPES IN FAMILIES - AN ASIAN PERSPECTIVE." In preparation for this Seminar to be held in Hong Kong during July 1989, all National Representatives were asked by ACWC to distribute a questionnaire highlighting the position of families in their countries. All ACW State Units responded to this for which ACWC is grateful.

The ACWC Quarterly Bulletin continues to contain interesting articles provided by representatives of the sixteen affiliated countries thus providing an insight for Australian women into conditions, etc. in countries so different in many ways from theirs.

Recently three ACWC publications arrived here -

- (1) Migration - an Asian Problem,
- (2) A History of A.C.W.C.
- (3) A.C.W.C.'s Visit to China,

all of which may be purchased by ACW members. ACWC-FLC notelets are also available at a reasonable price.

In conclusion, I appreciate the trust ACW has afforded me during the past 2½ years and hope and pray that I will deserve it during the remaining eighteen months of my term in office.

Barbara Grealy
Australian Representative to ACWC.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER - AUSTRALIA

It is with pleasure that I present this my second and last report for Australian Church Women's National Conference as National Liaison Officer for World Day of Prayer. My four years have been exciting on and have moved along at a steady pace and I now look forward to handing over my position at our own National Conference to be held in Melbourne from 10th-12th October, 1989.

The Women from around the world continue to give us prayerful and meaningful services and the last two years have been no exception -

1988 - "OPEN DOORS" - prepared by the women of Brazil, was one that appealed to many and very beneficial and fulfilling to all who attended. Cyclone Charlie caused much flooding in North Queensland and some areas could not hold a service. Also the economic climate in S.A. has been very down, plus other factors contributing to their drop in numbers attending services but giving continues to grow for which we thank our Heavenly Father.

1989 - "LORD TEACH US TO PRAY" - from the women of Burma was a beautiful prayerful service. One centre had the Lord's Prayer enacted in Deaf Sign Language accompanied by a lovely rendition on tape and all sat in "silence and awe". Many areas used Rhythmic Movement to the singing of the Lord's Prayer.

It's really tremendous to read that a majority of our local and State Committees are involving women from the country that has prepared the service, who are now living in Australia, either as speakers or in some other aspect during the service. Please remember to pray for these countries after the Service, continuing on throughout the year.

More students are being encouraged to take part or hold a service in their schools. And more men are attending services, which is pleasing to note.

As I mentioned in my last report, through the World Day of Prayer Movement we are able to cross cultural, racial and denominational barriers, and we give all thanks and glory to our wonderful Lord and Saviour for this.

Yvonne Harrison
National Liaison Officer

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The most recent General Meeting of the ACC took an initiative which could have far reaching repercussions for ecumenical relationships in this country. It invited non-member churches to enter into conversations with the ACC aimed at exploring "appropriate relationships either within the existing ACC structure or in a new one". It affirmed the Council's willingness to negotiate changes in its goals, style of operation and structure in the interests of an expanded ecumenical body. So far two churches - the Lutheran and the Roman Catholic - have responded positively to the invitation, and talks with both are now underway.

The ACC has seven Commissions: Faith and Order (Melbourne based), Mission (Sydney), World Christian Action (Sydney), Status of Women (Perth), Church and Society (Brisbane), International Affairs (Canberra) and the Aboriginal and Islander Commission (Sydney). Two of the seven have full-time staff.

The Aboriginal and Islander Commission is in process of formation, replacing the former Aboriginal Advisory Group. The new body will be served by a full-time executive secretary, Anne Gray, and is to work closely with Aboriginal and Islander groups within member churches.

The Commission for World Christian Action is not just one more funding agency. Through it, member churches continue to give practical expression to their convictions about the unity and renewal of Christ's Church. By a variety of means - the Christmas Bowl Appeal, services to refugees and migrants, responses to natural and to manmade disasters, carefully nurtured relationships with churches and ecumenical bodies in other countries, and material to help Australian Christians understand the reality of poverty and exploitation as others experience it - CWCA enables our churches to put ecumenism into action. Notwithstanding some media attempts to discredit the churches' efforts in this area, particularly those relating to the Philippines, support remains strong.

Preparations proceed apace for hosting the Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches, in Canberra, 7 - 20 February, 1991. The event will bring together more than 4,000 people, from the WCC's 306 member churches in over 100 countries. The theme: "Come, Holy Spirit - Renew the Whole Creation".

Last year saw major changes in ACC leadership. David Penman, Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, replaced D'Arcy Wood as President. David Gill followed Jean Skuse as General Secretary.

The next General Meeting of the ACC is scheduled for Adelaide, 29 June - 3 July, 1990.

DAVID GILL
General Secretary.

NOTICES OF MOTION

From Queensland Unit:

1. Moved Ailsa Skippen, seconded Lena Meadows that the duration of the offer of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship should be valid for one (1) year only from the time of acceptance. We feel others are missing out with these delays and the value of the Scholarship being eroded.

From Tasmania Unit:

2. THE MOTION DEALS WITH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY EASY ACCESS TO CREDIT, PARTICULARLY 18 TO 25 YEAR OLDS.

"We call upon members of Australian Church Women to write to the Federal and State Treasurers and Ministers for Consumer Affairs, stating that finance is too easy to obtain, and legislation to rectify the matter should be instituted as soon as possible.

Also letters be written to State and Federal Ministers for Education asking that Consumer and Credit Education be introduced into Secondary School curriculums to assist youth in financial management."

3. THIS MOTION DEALS WITH PROBLEMS OF UNWANTED AND HOMELESS CHILDREN, THE RIGHTS OF A CHILD, AND TIED TO IT, THE RIGHTS OF THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY WHO CANNOT FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

"We call upon all Australians to actively work to improve the conditions of children in Australia. To bring this about let us promote education for marriage and parenting. We deplore the use of abortion as a means of Family Planning and experimentation on human embryos. Similarly we deplore the movement towards active euthanasia of the elderly."

4. THIS MOTION DEALS WITH DECISION MAKING IN OUR NATION BY ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AS WRITTEN

"Australian Church Women meeting in conference urges every member to pray daily for her local member for divine guidance in carrying out parliamentary duties and for grace to act with Christian morality."

Slogan suggest - "Pray for a Poli"

From Victoria Unit:

5. Amendments to ACW Aims

- 2.2 Add "and reconciliation" after "understanding"
i.e. To promote co-operation, understanding and reconciliation between men and women in Church, family and society;
- 2.5 After "national" add "and international" boundaries
(our association with A.C.W.C.)
i.e. To encourage fellowship and service across national and international boundaries.
- 3.3 Delete "women's" before World Day of Prayer.

NOTICES OF MOTION

From ACT Unit

6. THAT if the National Conference approves incorporation for the National body we amend the National Constitution to conform with requirements of A.C.T. Corporate Affairs Commission, or of the State selected for incorporation.

From NSW Unit

7. THAT Prudence Honey be appointed Auditor for the ensuing term 1989-91

From WKS TRUSTEES

8. Recommendations:
 1. That the Conference gives approval to not granting a Scholarship in 1991 if the cost of providing a 1990 Scholarship is such that it requires the income from two years, namely 1988-89 and 1989-90, to meet those costs.
 2. That the Conference encourages Units and member Denominations to prayerfully consider ways of increasing their contributions to the Scholarship capital funds so that the interest thus made available will be sufficient to meet, at least, the needs of providing an annual scholarship.

From Victorian Unit

9. Suggested changes to ACW Guidelines

Page 13 - ref Constitution 3.1.1. - WKS

Insert the following paragraph prior to the second last paragraph :-
The processes for selection of a Winifred Kiek Scholar to be initiated by the Australian Church Women National Executive on the advice of the Winifred Kiek Scholar Trustees only when it is mutually agreed by the Australian Church Women National Executive and the Winifred Kiek Scholar Trustees, that there is sufficient interest accrued in that account to enable the appropriate financial support for the next Winifred Kiek Scholar to be chosen.

Page 17 - ref. Constitution 3.3 - Special Days

Insert the following paragraph in the World Community Day section after the word "October":-

"Offerings made at this day to be divided equally, with half of the offering to go to Asian Church Womens Conference. Australia's contribution to the ACWC through the "Partners with ACWC" to cease."

Page 18 - ref. Constitution 5 - Relationships:

delete last paragraph, insert the following:-

"As a member of Asian Church Womens Conference, Australian Church Women's contribution to the funding of this body is derived from half of the annual World Community Day offerings".

NOTICES OF MOTION

Victoria Unit continued

Page 24 - Winifred Kiek Scholarship:

Delete from the second paragraph, the words -
"pocket money" and insert the words "living allowance"

Page 32 - National Executive:

In lines 15 and 16 -

delete "National Conference Fund" and "Overseas Conference Fund" and
insert "National Travel Fund" and "Overseas Travel Fund"

Page 46 - Finance, section 11 -

Delete the words "Partners with ACWC" and insert "ACWC"

Page 48 - Finance:

In lines 7 & 8 -

delete the words "Partners with ACWC" and insert "ACWC"

From National Executive

10. National Executive puts forward the following suggested alterations to the Deed of Trust signed on December 15, 1987.
 2. The original Trustees shall hold office for a period of 4 years after which 2 positions shall be declared vacant. The two Trustees who retire (either voluntarily or by lot) may be eligible for re-election and thereafter at each National Conference of Australian Church Women 3 and 2 Trustees shall retire alternately, but may be eligible for re-election and re-appointment for one more term of 4 years by resolution of the National Conference of Australian Church Women.
 4. If at any time Australian Church Women or any organisation which succeeds such organisation shall cease to exist, the Trustees shall at the direction of the final National Conference of such organisation wind up the Trust Fund and distribute the capital and any accumulated income to any charitable organisation which has as its object a Christian educational purpose.
 5. The Trustees shall invest all monies received by them for the purposes of the Trust which is to provide, firstly a scholarship to a recipient selected by the National Executive of Australian Church Women and secondly when in the opinion of the Trustees there are surplus trust funds after meeting all expenses associated with the said scholarship, a fellowship to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a recipient selected by the National Executive with the approval of the Trustees to tour Australia to speak to church and community groups.
 - (c) All applications for any scholarship or fellowship shall be initially forwarded to the National Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and shall include the following information:-

NOTICES OF MOTION

The W.K.S. Convener will move -

That a complete revision of the "Terms of Reference" on the Application Form for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be made by the National Winifred Kiek Convener and the Trustees.

National Executive member will move that

page 5 - Constitution

6.1.1. (a) add (v) One member ^{of} the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of A.C.W.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE FUND

Last paragraph after "incoming National Executive"

Delete 'and the' and alter to read

"incoming National Executive, A.C.W.C. Representative and one member of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of A.C.W. (to the National Conference)".

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

From NSW Unit

The Council of the NSW State Unit of Australian Church Women requests that the following be considered for the business papers of the National Committee Meetings in September 1989.

It has come to our attention that nowhere in the Constitution or the Guidelines of the National Committee are there provisions for helping State Units as they prepare to nominate people for a National Executive.

We found that there are several ways of doing this and perhaps there is no ideal way, however, it made our task more difficult as we decided between "appointment" by the State Executive and "election" after nominations from the floor of the Council. In the event, we opted for the latter way.

This Council feels that the time has come for this matter to be discussed at a National Conference and we therefore request that time be allotted for this discussion.

From NSW Unit (late entry - for discussion if time permits)

1. Master copies of Fellowship Day to be in State Unit by Feb. 1st, World Community Day by July 1st.
2. WKS leaflets to Units by March 1st
3. All ACW members should be notified that they are welcome to attend the National Conference but that priority for accommodation be given to delegates and observers.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR THE POSITION OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

According to the Bye-Laws of the Asian Church Women's Conference:-

6. THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE shall:-
 - 6.1 receive all correspondence from A.C.W.C. Executive Secretary and ensure that this information is disseminated to church women throughout her country.
 - 6.2 act on all matters related to A.C.W.C. during the quadrennium she is in office,
 - 6.3 be responsible for promoting A.C.W.C. and F.L.C. and ensuring that an annual contribution is made to these organisations.
 - 6.4 be responsible for supplying -
 - 6.4.1 an annual report to the Executive Secretary on work done in her country among church women.
 - 6.4.2 materials suitable for publication in the A.C.W.C. Bulletin.
 - 6.5 promote the A.C.W.C. Bulletin and encourage subscription.
 - 6.6 ensure that A.C.W.C. is promoted at national and local gatherings of church women.

In view of the above, the Australian Representative to A.C.W.C. (who is an Ex-officio member of the National Executive) shall -

1. Promote A.C.W.C. and F.L.C. particularly within the Units of A.C.W.
2. Receive all correspondence from A.C.W.C. and forward appropriate information to the National Executive of A.C.W. for dispersal to State and Territory Units.
3. Encourage contributions to the A.C.W.C. Quarterly Bulletin.
4. Prepare an annual report (including dates and details of correspondence in and out) for National Executive.
5. Receive from A.C.W. Executive members details of correspondence sent to or received from Officers of A.C.W.C. and I.C.F.L.C.
6. Maintain a file of all correspondence for duration of office and hand on to successor, together with any financial records and other appropriate material.
7. Prepare a Report of approximately one A4 page size to be included in the Working Papers for A.C.W. National Conferences.
8. Prior to the National Conference before an A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly, ensure that nominations have been sought for Delegates and Observers. (Refer A.C.W. Constitution, Clause 6.1.5 (b) and Guidelines on Page 19). Remind National Executive and State Units of the responsibilities of Delegation members.
9. Prepare, in conjunction with the National Secretary of A.C.W., a Report of A.C.W. activities for the A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly.
10. Prior to the A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly, inform Delegates and Observers of any personal offerings they may be expected to make (and the currency in which it should be made) during the Opening Service of the Assembly (e.g. they may be asked to make a small offering for a Birthday Tree).

A.C.W.C. REPRESENTATION GUIDELINES (cont)

11. Be aware of need to respond on behalf of A.C.W. when annual donations are called for at A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly. This may be done by handing in an envelope containing a statement informing A.C.W.C. that A.C.W.'s annual contribution will be forwarded, as usual, by its National Treasurer before the end of the following December.
12. Submit regular articles to A.C.W. News.

It was also strongly recommended that the following Guidelines be included in "Guidelines for A.C.W. National Conference" -

At the afore-mentioned alternate Biennial National Conference of Australian Church Women, four delegates will be elected to represent Australian Church Woman at the following A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly, the two receiving the highest number of votes will be the two voting Delegates and the remaining two will be the two non-voting Delegates. Subsequently, at that same Biennial National Conference of Australian Church Women, a ballot will be held to decide who of the four such Delegates will become Australia's National Representative on the General Committee of A.C.W.C. for the four years following the next A.C.W.C. Quadrennial Assembly.

These Guidelines were prepared by the South Australian National Executive and are submitted for consideration and adoption at the 1989 National Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming National Executive 1989-1991:

<u>President</u>	Mrs. Marie McCann 10/51 Upper Pitt Street KIRRIBILLI 2061 (02) 929 6483	Catholic
<u>Vice-Presidents</u>	Miss Doris Mitchell 202 Elizabeth Lodge, 46 Bayswater Road KINGS CROSS 2011 (02) 331 7104	Anglican
	Brigadier Mabel Ward 10/79 Robertson Road BASS HILL 2197 (02) 644 9472	Salvation Army
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. Helen Richardson 33 Lynwood Avenue DEE WHY 2099 (02) 98 0278	Uniting Church
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Phone (02) 412 1647	Uniting Church
<u>Minute Secretary</u>	Mrs. Beryl McLaughlin 31/78 Albert Road STRATHFIELD 2135 (02) 764 2625	Anglican
<u>Publications</u>	Mrs. Mavis Burtenshaw 3 Sundale Avenue TERRIGAL 2260 (043) 84 2413	Uniting Church
<u>WKS Convenor</u>	Mrs. Lucelle King 7/94 Bland Street ASHFIELD 2131 (02) 799 1352	Baptist
<u>FLC Convenor</u>	Mrs. Glad West 8 Stewart Street ARTARMON 2061 (02) 419 8654	Baptist
<u>Special Days</u>	Mrs. Yvonne Davis 2/3 Mackay Street ASHFIELD 2131 (02) 798 7403	Presbyterian

PROFILES

The following people have been nominated by their Unit as an Observer or Delegate representing Australian Church Women at the 1990 Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly:

MRS. MARION DODDS Marion was the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor and member of the National Working Committee in Tasmania during 1980-81 and was State Secretary for the Victorian Unit from 1984-88. She is presently Victorian Vice-President and News Editor. Marion is a member of the Ringwood Corps of The Salvation Army in Melbourne, and is involved in woemn's groups, bible studies and sharing groups. She is married with three children, and works at The Salvation Army's Youth Camp and Conference Centre at the foot of the Dandenongs.

MRS. EUNICE REIDY Eunice was the President of the Victorian ACW Unit in 1987-88, and at present is Assistant Secretary. She is an elder of the Montrose Church of Christ, and a committee member of the local High School Chaplaincy Support Committee. She is also Church of Christ representative on the Victorian World Day of Prayer Committee. Eunice has three children, all married, and grandmother of four. Hobbies are cooking, sewing and tennis.

MRS. MARGARET NAPIER Married with three adult children (one married). Member of Anglican Parish of Como/Manning (23 years). Served as Vestry member, People's Warden, G.F.S. Leader, M.U. Leader, delegate to South Perth Christian Council. Presently a Choir member, Synod representative and delegate to Como High School Chaplaincy Committee. As a member of the Anglican Mother's Union have served as Branch President 7 years, on Diocesan M.U. Executive Committee 12 years as Deanery Representative, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer. Was a delegate to Aust. Commonwealth Council Meeting of M.U. in Adelaide 1977 and Melbourne 1980 and Observer at M.U. World Conference in Brisbane 1979. Presently Editor of Diocesan M.U. Newsletter and delegate to ACW.

Member of ACW, WA Unit and held positions of Secretary, Vice-President and President. Observer to ACWC Assembly in Bangkok in 1986. Secretary on National Executive 1987-89.

Elected local government Councillor of City of South Perth 1983-86 and 1986-89. Served on Building and Town Planning Committee, Retirement Village Committee. Delegate to Local Government Assoc., Manning Senior Citizen's Centre, Karawara Fun Factory (project for disadvantaged children), Voluntary Care Association. Member Royal Perth Golf Club - 17 years. Member of Hensman Park Tennis Club - 33 years. Served as Committee member, Lady Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President. Member of W.A. Lawn Tennis Umpire's Association.

MRS. BARBARA BOURHILL Born in 1929 in Cottesloe, WA. Attended Catholic Schools till matriculation, then attended Claremont Teacher's College and the University of WA. Graduated as Primary School Teacher and taught for 3 years in Cunderdin, a wheat-belt town. From here, married my husband who was farming, and we lived on a farm for 2 years, then moved to Perth. We have 4 married children, and 9 grand children so are busy grandparents! Apart from teaching, I have always been involved with music - in the Church as organist and choir mistress for many years, and also as an accompanist for choirs etc. Also have completed 2 Art Diplomas. Involved with Religious Instruction in the Government schools, having taken classes for about 20 years. Five years ago, I did a 2 year course in Pastoral Care and have worked in our Catholic Parish in Attadale doing visitations, Adult Education Groups, and working as a Co-ordinator for all Parish Women's Groups. Formed a branch of CWL in Parish several years ago and from the CWL was asked to be a representative to ACW. Have very much enjoyed my involvement in this area and have enjoyed the last two years as Publications Editor.

MRS. EILEEN HOGG Eileen is a retired, poetry loving, choral singing school teacher (TPTC), now enjoying her tennis and her little grand-daughter, although still involved in the "now" generation as she serves on the Board of her teenager's school and in the canteen! With her husband, Mick, owns their small business with five shops and thirty employees, and has travelled extensively overseas. She cherishes her Parish work in the Catholic Womens League as Branch Secretary, but extends that effort into a wider sphere, having been re-elected for a second year as Archdiocesan International Secretary, Canberra/Goulburn. Consequently, she is afforded the chance to participate in international discussions and deliberations through the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations with particular leanings towards Ecumenism and Literacy. The happy association with the Canberra Unit of Australian Church Women continues as she fulfils her role as CWL Central Region Delegate.

MRS. MAJOR JOAN TONG Was commissioned as an officer in The Salvation Army in 1965. She has served in New Zealand and Australia. At present her appointment is in the Eastern Territory Headquarters where her husband is in the Finance Department and Joan does voluntary work for 2 days a week in the Staff Department. Joan is the mother of 2 adult children and her special interests are young people's work and women's ministries. Currently she is secretary of the local Home League and is President elect for the NSW Unit of ACW. She undertakes speaking engagements to Service groups, churches and women's groups.