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Phone 295 6912

26th February, 1974

Rev. Bruce Reddrop,
Chairman,
Committee on Co-operation of Men and
Women in Church, Family and Society,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Reddrop,

At the session dealing with reports from the Australian Council of Churches at our recent National Committee Meeting, the following resolution was passed concerning the report from the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society:-

"That the report of the Committee should not be received because our representative does not believe the report was authorised by the Committee".

The working document "Legal Love" was duplicated and given to each member of the National Committee, and, to say the least, caused some consternation. It will doubtless be talked about and it may be that you will hear some of the comments which may be useful if more work is being done on the subject.

Mrs. Olive Ackland resigned as Secretary at the above Meeting, so would you please address any future correspondence to me. Thank you.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)



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23rd April, 1974.

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

Thank you for the report of the National Committee meeting of the A.C.W. which we were glad to have. We duplicated this and made it available to the members of our Executive.

The A.C.C. Executive committee ratified the alterations to your constitution.

We have noted that the relationship to the Committee on the Co-operation of Men & Women has been discontinued, and that we should seek to put something in its place. We are raising with our Commission on Christian Education, your request for relationship with them. On the other hand, we do not wish to finalise this matter until we receive the results of an enquiry being made by the Status of Women Commission of the N.S.W. State Council., so that we might have the benefit of any information coming from that enquiry before settling the patterns of relationship.

We expect that this will be completed about August, when a National Conference on the Status of Women is being held.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

FRANK G. ENGEL
General Secretary

Mrs. J.B. Murchland.
33 Wilson Terrace,
Glenelg East,
S.A. 5045.

33 Wilson Tee.,
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8th May, 1974.

Miss Thelma Skiller,
Division of World Christian Action,
Box 111J, P.O.,
BRICKFIELD HILL, N.S.W. 3000

Dear Miss Skiller,

When talking with Miss Jean Skuse when we were in Melbourne recently, she suggested that I should write to you. I understand from her that you have had a close liaison with A.C.W. in the past and we would welcome you back here.

We wrote recently to Mr. Engel suggesting that A.C.C. might help in future with travel arrangements for our Winifred Kiek Scholar... and he has replied that he considers this idea a good one. He may already have spoken to you, but we felt that as you had previous experience with our work, it would be good if you could help in this matter, and we would be grateful if you could encourage this suggestion in any way possible.

It did seem to the Working Committee that if A.C.C. makes arrangements for overseas students to come to Australia from time to time, it might be much simpler all round if our Scholar's travel arrangements were handled by the same person rather than the variety of Convenors who will be appointed from time to time in the various States.

We would appreciate any comments you would like to make.

In Christian service,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

33 Wilson Terrace,
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8th May, 1974

Rev. Cliff Wright,
Commission on Christian Education,
100 Flinders Street,
MELB. URBNE. VIC. 3000

Dear Dr. Wright,

I am writing to advise that I have taken over the duties of Secretary of the Working Committee of A.C.W. from Mrs. Ackland and any literature etc. addressed to Australian Church Women should now be forwarded to the above address.

At the recent National Committee Meeting, a resolution was passed that we should seek to obtain representation on the Commission on Christian Education and we understand that Mr. Engel will be discussing this with you if he has not already done so.

We see such an appointment as an avenue through which your work could be channelled through to women's groups throughout Australia, and we would be pleased to encourage women's groups to study literature which you have prepared.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murehland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)



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May 16, 1974

Mrs. J. B. Murchland
33 Wilson Terrace
GLENELG EAST S. A. 5045

Dear Mrs. Murchland

Thank you very much for your letter of May 8.

I'll bring the issue to the next meeting of the Commission. I personally am very keen on the proposal that A. C. W. should belong in the A. C. C. Commission on Christian Education. I don't think there will be any obstacle.

Shalom,

Clifford J. Wright
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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33 Wilson Tce.,
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21st June, 1974.

Mrs. D. Martin,
89 Cheltenham Street,
CHELTENHAM. N.S.W. 2119

Dear Mrs. Martin,

At the National Committee Meeting in February, the N.S.W. State Unit was asked to find a suitable representative who would correspond with the Working Committee, for the Commission on Faith and Order. We would be glad if you could let us know if you have been successful in finding someone to be responsible for this task.

With warm Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

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P.O. Box J111, Brickfield Hill, Sydney, 2000

May 31, 1974.

Dear Member of Faith and Order,

As you know, the activities of the Commission on Faith and Order have been somewhat curtailed this year owing to the resignation of the full time secretary and the fact that I am only able to help for one day a week. However, it seems worthwhile to continue the project which Dr. Wood began, the investigation of the matter of inter-communion at the local level. This matter was passed on to the Commission from the 26th General Meeting of the A.C.C.

Accordingly, I have arranged a meeting for Friday, June 28th at 3 p.m. in the A.C.C. meeting room, at which reports received from the different church bodies will be presented, and at which two speakers, one from the Roman Catholic Church and one from the Anglican Church will explain procedures and enter into dialogue on the matter. Father C. Tierney of St. Patrick's College, Manly, and Rev. C. Harcourt-Norton have agreed to be the speakers.

We hope to prepare a report following the meeting which will be available to local churches. I do hope to see you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr.) Barbara Thiering
Secretary

33 Wilson Tee.,
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

9th July, 1974

Secretary,
Victorian Council of Churches,
100 Flinders Street,
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3000

Dear Mr. Dargaville,

At a recent meeting of the Working Committee of A.C.W. promotion material on "Christians One" was received and I was asked to write to you reminding you that the Women's Inter-Church Council is an avenue through which much of this material can be promoted. I am aware that you may already be using this group, but links between State Councils and the State Unit of A.C.W. are not always strong and we see this as an opportunity to strengthen the ties and perhaps open up further avenues for promotion.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

9th July, 1974.

Secretary,
Canberra Interchurch Council,
37 McCawley Street,
WATSON. A.C.T. 2602

Dear Mrs. Dodds,

At a recent meeting of the Working Committee of A.C.W., promotion material on "Christians One" was received, and I was asked to write to you reminding you that the Canberra Unit of A.C.W. is an avenue through which much of this material can be promoted. I am aware that you may already be using this group, but links between State Councils and A.C.W. State Units are not always strong and we see this as an opportunity to strengthen the ties and perhaps open up further avenues for promotion. The Secretary of the Canberra Unit is Mrs. R. Burmester of 37 Macleay Street, Turner, 2601.

With Christian greetings,

9th July, 1974

Miss Jean Skuse,
Box J111, P.O.,
BRICKFIELD HILL. N.S.W. 2000

Dear Jean,

At a recent meeting of the Working Committee, promotion material on "Christians One" was received and I was asked to write to you reminding you that the Women's Inter-Church Council is an avenue through which much of this material can be promoted. I am aware that you may already be using this group, but we felt this to be a good opportunity for co-operation between State Councils and State Units and wanted to make certain it was not overlooked.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

33 Wilson Tee.,
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9th July, 1974

To All State Secretaries.

The Working Committee recently had a report on the conference on "The Family To-day and Tomorrow" which was run by the Commission on Christian Education of the Australian Council of Churches. We feel that many of the issues raised at this conference are ones which Christian women throughout Australia ought to be thinking about.

Should unmarried mothers be encouraged to keep their children?
Do we know why marriages break down?
Could we do more to enrich marriages?
What is our attitude to divorce?
Is pre-marital chastity an out-dated ideal?
Is the nuclear family a narrow, limiting thing - "the source of all our discontent"?
Is a commune a viable alternative to the nuclear family?
Can we accept homosexuals?
Do we think there is something wrong with couples who choose not to have children?
Should town-planners be encouraged to provide more cluster housing?
How can we overcome the loneliness of old people living in flats, and isolated young mothers?

These are just a few of the questions we could be asking ourselves. Very often it is so-called "Christian" attitudes to marriage, sexuality and the family which are being attacked or questioned. It is important that we know what we think, and why we think it. This may best be done, not just by talking amongst ourselves, but by meeting people who have some experience of these things. We ought to try to talk with homosexuals, single parents, widows, town-planners, creche supervisors, mothers of young children, teenagers, people in communes, family planning advisers, marriage guidance counsellors, educationists and so on.

Do you know of ways in which your State Unit could encourage local church women's groups to do some thinking about these issues?

The report of the conference, "The Family Today and Tomorrow" is now available, and is a valuable resource book. It is available for \$1.50 (plus postage) from the Australian Council of Churches, Commission on Christian Education, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Postage for one copy is 30 cents.

Also available from there is a booklet, "Marriage To-day and Tomorrow" by Ronald Fletcher, for 30 cents, which looks at many of the criticisms of the family. The key emphasis is on "the marriage of good friends".

The green leaflet prepared for National Marriage and Family Week contains some very useful discussion starters, and activities that can be used in meetings. You received a copy of this with your February Working Committee minutes.

If you visit the offices of the Departments of Christian Education in your state, and also the Marriage Guidance Council and Family Life Movement, you will find some helpful literature.

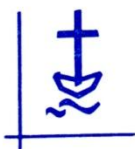
The Working Committee would be very pleased if you would report back to us on any activities you were able to encourage. Ideas of things that were helpful and thought-provoking could then be shared with other church women in Australia.

We commend this to you as something deserving your immediate attention.

With christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)



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16th July, 1974.

Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
33 Wilson Terrace,
GLENELG EAST, S.AUST. 5045

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

Thank you for your letter about the Women's Inter Church Council as an avenue for promotion of Christians One. I was able to speak at the Victorian Women's Inter Church Council Annual Meeting about this and as a result they have agreed to appoint Mrs. M. Petrie as a "Women's I.C.C. Zone Leader" for Christians One. She has been most active in promoting this venture.

Yours sincerely,

(The Rev.) A. D. Dargaville,

Secretary.

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MISS JEAN SKUSE

19 July 1974

Mrs. J.B. Murchland
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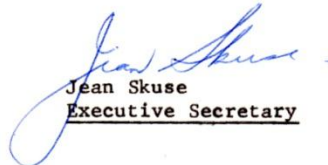
Dear Gwenda,

Thank you for your letter of 9 July regarding the avenue of Women's Inter Church Councils for the promotion of Christians One.

I am glad to be reminded of this and am taking steps to see that in N.S.W. we do seek the co-operation of the Inter-Church Councils.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Jean Skuse
Executive Secretary

Recd. 22/7

22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD 2122

5th August, 1974

Hon. Sec. A.C.W.
Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
33 Wilson Tce.,
GLENEILG EAST 5045

Dear Gwenda,

You will have heard from the N.S.W. State Unit that they have asked me to continue as the A.C.W. representative on the A.C.C. Commission on Faith and Order.

The meetings are held from 3pm to 5pm and not many of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. members are free to attend at such a time. Without a full-time Secretary, the Commission has only had one meeting this year. I have been waiting for the Minutes to arrive before writing to you, but to-date they haven't, so I won't delay any longer.

I am sending you all the papers I have associated with the meeting on 28th June.

The meeting was interesting, especially when the two guests talked about inter-communion. It is not easy, however, to report briefly on such a discussion - especially as I was rather depending on the minutes and listened rather than take notes myself.

If and when minutes are received, I will send them on to you, perhaps with a little report that might be suitable for "Women at Work".

The Commission did not make any plans to meet again, but will do so when called together by Dr. Thiering.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret (Rae)

Canberra Interchurch Council

37 Mc Carley Av

Wetson.

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Dear Mrs Burdell,

Thank-you so much for your letter of 9th July, suggesting that Canberra I.C.C. use A.C.W. as an avenue to promote Christian Ove. I am sorry that I have taken so long to answer.

As a matter of fact Mrs Burdell usually attends I.C.C. meetings & I usually go to A.C.W. functions but neither of us had thought to actively promote Christian Ove in that way. Thank-you for your reminder.

With Christian Greetings

(Mrs) Kay Dadds.

Hon. Sec.

Canberra I.C.C.

33 Wilson Tee.,
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2nd December, 1974

Mrs. L. O. Ackland,
23 Kingsford Ave.,
NORTH COBURG. VIC. 3058

Dear Olive,

Thank you for your letter of 24th November. We had not actually intended that the State Units should write direct to Canberra concerning our suggestion regarding International Women's Year. We felt that this was the only avenue open to the Working Committee, but had hoped that the State Units would be involved in International Women's Year Committees in their own States and make their recommendations through them. Our real concern was that any allocation of funds should be for projects which would benefit women right around Australia, rather than having each State vying for its own share. We also felt that there was a tremendous need for people to be educated to think differently of the role(s) of women and our recommendation was made with these thoughts in mind. I do hope this helps your State 'W.I.C.G.'s thinking on this subject.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. E. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

P.S. I have forwarded your nominations for A.C.W. representatives on the Commission of Christian Education and will advise you and them as soon as the appointment is ratified.

33 Wilson Tce.,
GLENELG EAST. S.A. 5045

2nd December, 1974

Rev. C. J. Wright,
Executive Secretary,
Commission on Christian Education,
100 Flinders Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC. 3000

Dear Dr. Wright,

With reference to previous correspondence concerning the proposal that A.C.W. be represented on the Commission on Christian Education, we received advice from Rev. Frank Engel several months ago that on submission of nominations our representation would be approved.

The Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council has at our request, submitted the following nominations:-

Mrs. Marie Petrie 16 Coleridge St., <u>KEW. VIC. 3101</u>	Member W.I.C.C. Victoria Interested in the education of the family Roman Catholic
Mrs. Mary Robinson 11 Neville St., <u>EAST KEILOR. VIC. 3042</u>	A Deaconess before marriage Works with Presbyterian Education Body. Presbyterian.

The Working Committee has pleasure in endorsing these nominations and awaits your advice as to their appointment.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. D. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

Bq Challenor Rd
Challenor
2119
19.12.74

Dear Brenda,

Thank you for your letter 2.12.74.
regarding the Fellowship Day orders of service, my
husband could probably pick them up in the
New Year if you forward the address and telephone
no if possible, I've had correspondence from
Sue Rawston regarding the parcel and have suggested
that she contact you. before making any other arrangements
The I.C. pamphlets, I think 100 would be sufficient
~~also so we could collect more at N.C.M.~~

Regarding the Kuukrasai matter there has
been no further progress but when I forward the freight
notice I will ring them.

not included in
parcel.

Yours sincerely

Donalby Martin (Mrs)



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December 18, 1974

Mrs. J. B. Murchland
Secretary, Working Committee
Australian Church Women
33 Wilson Terrace
GLENELG EAST S.A. 5045

Dear Mrs. Murchland

Thank you very much indeed for your letter containing the nominations of Mrs. Marie Petrie and Mrs. Mary Robinson as official observers on the A.C.C. Commission on Christian Education.

Enclosed is a copy of the last minutes for your information. You will see that the matter has now been confirmed by our Commission, and that we plan to take steps to alter our Constitution so that your nominations may be full members of the Commission.

Shalom to you and yours for Christmas and onwards,

Cliff Wright

Clifford J. Wright
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Encl:

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Advised Vic
State Unit of
above.*

33 Wilson Tce.,
GLEBE EAST, S.A. 5045

31st December, 1974

Rev. Dr. C. J. Wright,
Commission on Christian Education,
100 Flinders Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC. 3000

Dear Dr. Wright,

Thank you for your letter advising of the appointment of Mrs. Marie Petrie and Mrs. Mary Robinson as official observers on the A.C.C. Commission on Christian Education. We look forward to their appointment as full members.

We have recently received a letter advising us of a Seminar on Family Life Education to be held in Penang in Malaysia from 21st-25th April, 1975. This is being organised by the Asian Church Women's Conference and Australia has been invited to send one representative whose expenses will be paid by that Conference. We have been asked to nominate someone "who will really do something on her return to help the Christian Home movement". We would be pleased to receive any nominations you would care to submit. They would need to reach me before 10th February together with a brief profile of each nominee. It is considered that it would be an advantage if the selected person has had some experience of the Asian situation. We are also seeking nominations from each of the State Units of A.C.W. with a view to selecting the most able person possible.

Please note that as from 12th January, 1975 my address will be 5 Wycombe Road, Aldgate, S.A. 5154. I would be grateful if C.O.C.E. mailing lists could be amended accordingly.

With kind regards and greetings for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. D. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.E.)

33 Wilson Tee.,

GLASCOW ROAD, S.A. 5049.

31st December, 1974

To all State Secretaries.

Two matters have come to hand in the past couple of weeks which unfortunately cannot wait for attention until resumption of activities by State Units. However, before making final arrangements we would appreciate any comments and suggestions you would care to make.

Rev. Frank Engel has advised that a session on "Women in the Church" has been planned during the A.C.W. General Meeting from 5th-11th February and has asked A.C.W. to present a half-hour report on its activities and plans. Joy has not yet returned from her overseas trip, but in order that she and Hozah may have some data with which to work, I am writing to ask whether you could please send within the next couple of weeks details of any plans you have for your State Unit's work for 1975. If you should know of any work being done or being planned by any groups affiliated with your Unit which may be of special interest, we would be pleased to hear about it. It is unfortunate that there will not be more time to develop this segment, but it would seem to be an excellent opportunity to make the work of A.C.W. known, and we would hope that an informative, interesting and challenging session can be prepared.

The other matter concerns a letter received from Mrs. Shanti Solomon advising that a Seminar on Family Life Education will be held at Penang in Malaysia from 21-25th April and inviting Australia to send one representative. We would be pleased to receive name(s) of any person(s) you consider interested and able to represent Australia in this way. Mrs. Solomon advises that all expenses will be paid and adds "Could you please send the name and address of a person from your country who will really do something on her return to help the Christian Home movement." It is considered that it would be an advantage if the selected person has had some experience of the Asian situation. Could you please send a brief profile of any nominations you submit no later than 10th February.

Please note that as from 12th January my address will be 5 Wycombe Road, Aldgate, S.A. 5154.

With kind regards and greetings for the New Year,

Sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Marchland,
Sec. A.C.W. Working Committee)

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

89 Chatterbox Rd
Chatterbox
8.1.75

Dear Lysander,

Thank you for your letter of 31st Dec 1974
regarding 1) A.C.C. General Meeting 5-18th February 1975
2) Request for name of nominee to attend
Family Life Education Seminar 21st 25th April.
Miss Mitchell & I will be meeting on 24th January to
organise a programme for the new year and we will
deal with these matters in detail & forward our
views. In the meantime I will contact the various
denominations to find what plans they have for 1975

Hoping you find these arrangements satisfactory
I remain

Yours sincerely

Donnelly Martin (M^{rs})

Hon Sec

Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria

PRESIDENT:
Mrs. H. Downes

TREASURER:
Mrs. P. Krutli

SECRETARY:
Mrs. L. Ackland.
23 Kingsford Ave.,
NORTH COBURG. 3058
29th January, 1975

Dear Mrs Marchland,

I have contacted Mrs Mary Robinson, regarding the nomination for the Seminar on Family Life Education to be held in Penang, Malaysia, from 21st to 25th of April, 1975.

Mrs. Robinson is very interested in being nominated and has given me permission to nominate her. As she is representing Australian Church Women on the Commission of Christian Education, I would hope that the Working Committee would support this nomination as I would think the subject of the Seminar is related to work done by this Commission.

Mrs Robinson works in the field of Christian Education with the Presbyterian Church. She was a Presbyterian Deaconess before her marriage to a Presbyterian minister so is very much involved in the life and work of the Church. In her position as observer on the C.O.C.E she will be involved in Christian Education within the home and on a wider level.

MRS. E. ROBINSON.
11 Neville Street
EAST KEILOR. 3042

Phone: 337 9557.

If you have any further details of the Seminar it may be better for you to make direct contact with Mrs. Robinson.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Olivia Ackland.

Mrs. L. Ackland.
Hon Secretary.

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12th inst.*

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New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

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Cheltenham 2119
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Dear Luenda, Please find enclosed profile regarding the New South Wales W.I.C.C. candidate to the Seminar on Family Life Education in Penang Malaysia April 21-25 1975

Mrs Heather Stevens 8/24 Bridge St, Epping 2121 N.S.W.
Age 52 years Family - Daughter and Son Husband Rev Barn Stevens

Active in Church and community and Family concerns Youth and Women's work continuously for more than 30 years. Participated in "The Family Today and Tomorrow", Decennial Conference of the Australian Council of Churches Commission on Christian Education, November 1973.

Participated in Family '74 World Assembly on the Family, Tanzania June 1974, conducted by the World Council of Churches Office of Family Education and the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements.

Currently a Staff member of the Marriage Enrichment and Parent Effectiveness programmes of the Department of Christian Education, Congregational Methodist & Presbyterian Churches in New South Wales.

Women's Resource & Liaison Officer of the Department of Christian Education relating with all Women's groups of the Congregational Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in New South Wales.

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New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

Participated in National Staff Training for Human Relations Programmes of the Australian Council of Churches. Commission on Christian Education November 1974

You may have met Heather at the Seminar at Coogee in August as she was present for some of the sessions and I caught up with her on the Saturday. As you can see from her experience she does seem well qualified but she has had the benefit of Overseas conference experience, I'm sorry for the delay but the holiday time lapse did make it difficult to have the contact with people, however we did work at it here in Sydney many thanks for the time.
sincerely

Will close for now

Yours sincerely

Donally Martin

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

5 Wycombe Road,
ALDGETE. S.A. 5154

21st February, 1975

Mrs. Shanti Solomon,
C/- St. Stephen's Home,
4 Rajpur Road,
DELHI. 110054
India.

Dear Mrs. Solomon,

I must apologise for the delay in submitting the name of an Australian representative to the Seminar on Family Life Education to be held from 21-25th April at Penang in Malaysia. Most of our work is in recess in the December-January period, and we have only just received nominations.

I now have much pleasure in advising that

Mrs. B. Robinson,
11 Neville Street,
East Keilor. Vic. 3042

has been chosen as our delegate. Mrs. Robinson is one of A.C.W.'s representatives on the Australian Council of Church's Commission on Christian Education, and will have many avenues open to her to use the information she obtains from the above seminar. Mrs. Robinson works in the field of Christian education with the Presbyterian Church in Victoria and was a Deaconess before her marriage to a Presbyterian minister.

We trust that you will be in touch with Mrs. Robinson in the near future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.W.)

P.S. Please note that I have changed my address. Could you please amend your files accordingly.

5 Wycombe Road,
ALDGATE. S.A. 5154

21st February, 1975

Mrs. Marie Petrie,
16 Coleidge Street,
RD. VIC. 3101

Dear Mrs. Petrie,

Members of the Working Committee were delighted to learn of your appointment as observer to the Commission on Christian Education. We do pray that you will find your association with the Commission rewarding, both personally and to the Church at large.

It is hoped that a close liaison can be maintained with the Working Committee and we would appreciate receiving any information which you consider worthwhile for distribution to members of A.C.E. We hope that through you the work of the Commission may become better known among the women of our Churches.

With warm Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. J. B. Lurchland,
Secretary, Working Committee, A.C.E.)

22 Skenes Avenue,
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June 16, 1975

Mrs. J. B. Murchland,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
5 Wycombe Road,
ALDGATE. S.A. 5154

Dear Mrs. Murchland,

My apologies for taking so long to respond to your letter of 5th May. Since receiving the letter, it has been a particularly busy time for me. While the N.S.W. Presbyterian Assembly was on I was only home to sleep and since then I have been working practically full-time (part-time in the BOEMAR office and part-time for a friend who has been without a woman in the office) as well as being out most nights to meetings.

I was able to attend the meeting of the Commission on Faith and Order on 2nd May (minutes enclosed). These are the first minutes to be sent out since I was re-appointed to represent A.C.W. There was another meeting some months ago and I was relying on the minutes for my report, but none came. As you will see from these minutes, "it was agreed that the Commission meet again in about three months' time".

You will have heard about the financial position of the A.C.C. and this is the reason partly for the Commission's infrequent meetings. Another reason is the difficulty of getting the members together. Although the meetings are very interesting, I (at least) am conscious of the small attendance when people come specially to lead a discussion. The discussions are quite often very technical and not the sort of thing that can be briefly reported upon. If I receive a copy of the paper presented by the Rev. Geoff Barnes, I will send it to you.

Thank you for the invitation and registration form for the next National Committee Meeting, but I'm afraid that I must send my apologies. I am heavily committed with local, state and national committees in connection with the Uniting Church and I just can't contemplate spending the time and money involved this year. Miss Mitchell might be willing to replace me as the representative on the Commission. I fly the flag for A.C.W. at the meetings, but I realise that it is not very satisfactory from your point of view and Miss Mitchell might be able to write a few paragraphs that would make sense to readers of "Women at Work". The nature of the subject matter makes this very difficult for me.

I accepted an invitation to a luncheon to meet Dr. Emilio Castro, the Director of the W.C.C. Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, when he was in Sydney (Monday, 3rd March). A meeting of Presbyterians in connection with Church Union was called at short notice for that morning and so I arrived at the luncheon a little late and breathless. Unfortunately they had taken the opportunity while they were waiting for the food to arrive to hear what Dr. Castro had to say, so I missed the beginning and I took a little while to get used to his accent and therefore to really catch what he was saying. I would have gone to the meeting at Epping that night when he spoke to members of Christians One and others, but I had already undertaken to attend the inauguration of the United Theological College.

Deaconess Andrews, who originally pushed for A.C.W. to be represented on the Commission, might be prepared to write a report for A.C.W. She is a member in her own right and actually represents the Commission on the Division of Faith and Witness and therefore has a much better grasp of things. I could still attend the meetings if nobody else is willing and send you a copy of the minutes.

Please convey my greetings and good wishes to the National Committee Meeting with my apology and remember me to all my pals. I have put much time and effort into A.C.W. in the past but I have been more than amply rewarded by the opportunity to make friends with people from all over Australia and some of them have been very special people indeed.

Once again, my apologies for being late with my reply. I am glad of the public holiday to-day to get to my desk to-day but a heavy head cold has not been exactly helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Margaret'.

M. Ralph