



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

11th October, 1989.

TO ALL STATE & TERRITORY UNITS

CIRCULAR NO. 1

Greetings to you all from the new National Executive in New South Wales.

Please note the names and addresses of the new office bearers and contact the appropriate person as necessary. Names and addresses are printed on page 3 of the enclosed National Executive Minutes.

At our first Executive meeting it was decided that the ACW News would be produced bi-monthly - the next issue being November/December, then five issues a year - March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October, November/December. Please send items and articles for inclusion in future issues to reach the Editor, Mavis Burtenshaw, by the 7th of February, April, June, August. and October.

The National Conference in Perth agreed to some changes in the Constitution and these will be sent to you in due course.

Enclosed in this mailing are minutes of the National Conference for those who were not there and the last three pages (21-23) for those who were there and received the first 20 pages. If you don't end up with a full set of minutes, please let me know.

How does a Unit with the responsibility of nominating a National Committee go about the task? This was discussed at the National Conference, but no decision was reached. It was decided that Units consider this matter and send any ideas or suggestions to the National Committee. We're waiting to hear from you!

Best wishes to you all,

Helen Richardson
Secretary National Committee.



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8th November, 1989.

TO ALL STATE & TERRITORY UNITS

CIRCULAR NO. 2

This is a reminder to check that these resolutions and other matters from the National Conference minutes have been attended to as necessary by your Unit.

Please note Barbara Grealy's request that ACW State Units should try to supply informative articles of anything of interest for inclusion in the ACWC Bulletin.

Also for each Unit to try and get copies of Circle of Prayer into every FLC group and denomination in their branches.

89/12 That the Conference encourages Units and member denominations to prayerfully consider ways of increasing their contributions to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship capital funds so that the interest thus made available will be sufficient to meet, at least, the needs of providing an annual scholarship.

Please check your National Conference Minutes and make the necessary amendments to the ACW Constitution and Guidelines - 89/52, 89/53, 89/54, 89/57. Also 89/17, 89/27, 89/29

89/47 'Because of the 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 of Consumer Affairs, stating that finance is too easy to obtain, and legislation to rectify the matter should be instituted as soon as possible.'

It was suggested that the National body write to Federal Government and State Units write to their own State Governments.

89/48 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.

89/50 That ACW 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.

Members are encouraged to be involved in the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity With Women.

Best wishes to you all,

Helen Richardson

Helen Richardson
National Secretary.



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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

7th December, 1989.

TO ALL STATE & TERRITORY UNITS

CIRCULAR NO. 3

1. Enquiries have been received from two State Units asking whether Units are permitted to retain some money from offerings for expenses and if so, how much. At the 1989 National Conference (Business Arising: 87/10 page 3) the following motion was approved:
that 5% be deducted from FLC, Fellowship Day and World Community Day accounts for the purpose of administration.

A recommendation was brought by the FLC Convener in her report (1989 National Conference Papers, page-22) and was approved by the Conference, but not recorded in the minutes:

that units retain 5% of FLC funds with the proviso that if this was insufficient to cover expenses it may be up to 10%.

Hope this answers the questions.

2. We still need to appoint two more observers to the ACWC Conference in Jakarta 1-6 November, 1990, one to be an Aboriginal. Observers are responsible for their own expenses (fares, conference fees, living expenses, etc.) although expenses for an Aboriginal woman will be provided from 1988 World Community Day Offerings. Please let me know if you have a nomination to make for either of these observers. The National Executive believes they should be familiar with ACW aims and objectives.

3. A letter from Senator the Hon. Margaret ^{Reynolds} Evans encourages us to nominate women for two awards - The Order of Australia and The Winston Churchill Fellowship. If you know of a woman you would like to nominate for The Order of Australia, who is an Australian citizen, and who has made an unrecognised contribution to Australia you can obtain a nomination form from:

The Secretary
Order of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Winston Churchill Fellowship is an award often overlooked by women. It provides fellowships for an overseas study project that will enhance participants usefulness to the Australian Community. No proscribed qualifications are required merit being the primary focus. Further information and application forms can be obtained from:

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust
218 Northbourne Avenue
BRADDON ACT 2601

Applications for the 1991 round of fellowships close on 28th February, 1990.

4. Enclosed is a copy of the Guidelines for ACWC Representative to be included in copies of ACW Constitution and Guidelines. Please arrange for a copy for each person in your Unit who needs one.
5. The Tasmanian Unit has written to the National Executive regarding the constitution of Units which are all different. They feel that having access to copies of constitutions of other Units could be helpful. If you would like to exchange constitutions with the Tasmanian Unit send a copy of your constitution to the
State Secretary
Nancy Bransden
3/41 Avon Street
BURNIE TAS 7320
6. The National Executive sends you our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Holy Christmas and a good rest in January so that we may all come back refreshed to continue our work for our Lord in 1990.

With best wishes,

Helen Richardson
National Secretary.



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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

19th February, 1990

TO ALL STATE & TERRITORY UNITS

CIRCULAR NO. 4

1. Welcome to another year of work with Australian Church Women.
2. It has been brought to my attention that the three new pages of Guidelines sent to you in November (pages 49,50,51) were incorrectly numbered and should have been numbered 50,51,52. During the term of South Australia as National Executive (1985-7) the Guidelines were reviewed, printed and distributed to Units. Some alterations were necessary and new pages for 47 and 48 were prepared and page 49 'National Conference Fund' added. Therefore the new pages should follow on and become 50,51,52. It would be a good idea to check your Constitution and Guidelines to make sure they are up to date and complete. There were also new paragraphs added to pages 43 and 46.
3. The Overseas Conference Fund (Guidelines page 49) is used to provide financial assistance to Overseas Conferences and all Units are urged to support this fund annually. \$1,000 must be maintained as a capital fund, which leaves just over \$1,000 to be divided between our appointed delegates and observers who will represent us at the ACWC Assembly in Jakarta in November. Our Treasurer is looking forward to receiving an annual contribution from each Unit to help build up this fund.
4. The National Executive is still wrestling with the problem of 'Fellowship Day' when the Winifred Kiek Scholarship offering is taken and World Community Day when Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings are dedicated and the confusion some people experience between Fellowship Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin. It has been suggested that Fellowship day could be given another name, more in keeping with the idea of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. What do you think? I'm waiting to hear your suggestions.
5. Women around Australia are urged to consider applying for grants under the National Agenda for Women Grants Program. The program was designed to assist women's organisations to focus on the priorities set in the National Agenda by over 25,000 women. Local groups can apply for grants to improve the status of women through activities or research in the following categories: education and training, women in the paid workforce, women at home, child care, income security, women's health, violence against women and children, dignity of women. Let me know if you need more information and I will try and supply it.
6. The National Executive usually meets on the first Monday of the month, although on a couple of occasion it will be necessary to meet on the second Monday. So if you write about anything that needs to be considered by the Executive, this is when it will be considered.

Best wishes for now,

Stelen Richardson

National Secretary



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

12th March, 1990.

TO ALL STATE & TERRITORY UNITS

CIRCULAR NO. 5

1. As you can see from the minutes it was decided at the last National Executive minutes to prepare a new National banner. This will have a removable panel so that the theme, venue and year of the Conference to which it is taken can be changed to suit the occasion.
2. A letter was received from Marie Price of Tasmania, who with many other people in Australia is concerned about X-rated videos being readily available in the ACT. Marie feels that it is necessary to keep pressuring politicians about this, and she will be sending a circular to each Unit Secretary setting out ways in which individuals can be involved. The National Executive supports Marie in the stand she is taking and encourages each member of each Unit to send letters to the members of the ACT Legislative Assembly which Marie suggests in her circular.
3. We have had a request for the themes of Special Day services to be announced as early as possible so that when speakers are arranged they will know what the theme is. We hope to be able to do this in the near future.
4. Our four delegates and three observers to attend the ACWC Assembly in Jakarta in November 1990 will be:
Barbara Bourhill (WA), Margaret Napier (NT), Eunice Reidy (Vic), Joan Tong (NSW), Marion Dodds (Vic), Muriel Olsson (SA), Shirley Brooks (Tas).
Barbara Grealy has received advice from Eunice Kin, Executive Secretary of ACWC to say that because some poor countries cannot take up their quota of observers (who pay their own expenses) there are still some places available, and Australia can include more observers. Please let me know if there is anyone in your Unit willing to go as an observer. Besides the fare, there is a cost of \$250 for delegates and \$150 for observers to cover board and lodgings and Assembly fees. Delegates fares are paid by ACWC, but observers pay their own.
5. Please keep in mind the ACW Memorial Bursary. Contributions are invited to this fund as a memorial for Christian women. The contribution is to be accompanied by a brief outline of the life, and a photo of the person so honoured. The funds are invested by the Trustees of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the interest used to provide books for the current scholarship holder. All contributions should be sent to the National Treasurer.
6. As one of the 16 members of ACWC, Australian Church Women have been set a target of \$5,000 per year towards ACWC running expenses. It has been agreed that half the offering from World Community Day (after expenses) be used for this purpose. But that only covers part of the amount required. Several years ago 'Partners With ACWC' was initiated to raise the money required. Individuals people were invited to pledge \$1 per year and with 5000 people giving \$1 there was our \$5000. This was partly successful, but didn't raise the amount required, so then it was resolved to use half the World Community Day Offering to make up the difference. But there is still not enough money to make the \$5000. This reminder is to encourage individuals in Units and denominational groups to become 'Partners with ACWC' by contributing \$1 per year. Enclosed is a copy of a leaflet for you to copy and distribute to your Unit and friends. In a number of fellowship groups I know of, one person collects \$1 each year from members and sends it on to the Unit Treasurer. Or perhaps you could have a special function with the proceeds going to 'Partners with ACWC'.

With best wishes, *Helen Richardson*



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

CIRCULAR NO. 6

15th August, 1990.

Dear Friends,

It is some time since I produced a circular, but there are a number of items to bring to your attention.

Our Special Days convener, Yvonne Davis, would like to know how many orders of service for Fellowship Day and World Community Day each Unit produces. This information is needed if we have to apply for permission to print hymns, etc, which are covered by copyright. Please let me have your numbers.

Mavis Burtenshaw, the Editor of ACW News, asks you to note the deadlines for contributions (which she needs you to send her) is the 7th day of February, April, June, August and October. Please see that all articles reach her by the due date.

I have received a copy of Asian Church Women's Conference Day (November 15, 1990) Worship Service. It will be held close to our World Community Day Services, but if any Unit would like to use it, let me know and I'll send you a copy.

On Saturday morning 21st July, 1990 five members of the National Executive went to Sydney Airport to welcome our Winifred Kiek Scholar, Doreen Tie, when she arrived to take up the Scholarship. I am sure you will all be delighted with her quiet sense of humour and her good English, when you meet her. She will be staying at a hostel at Petersham and travelling to Lidcombe where her studies will relate to handicapped children. She will also be doing practical work in schools which cater for children with disabilities.

At our last National Executive meeting we were pleased to accept the recommendation of the Winifred Kiek Trustees that next year's Winifred Kiek Scholar be Rachel Sobana from India, a double certificated nurse who will study hospital administration. She is 26, single and a member of the Salvation Army.

Our last year's WKS scholar, Failautusi Teb'ati, is well and working in the Education Department of the Kiribati Protestant Church as head of the Home Economic Section on another island. Her address is: Kiribati Protestant Church, Junior Secondary School, Morikao, Abaiang, Republic of Kiribati. Bob Jakes, Associate Secretary World Mission, of The Unting Church in Australia recently visited Kiribati and brought back some photos he took of Failautusi and her students, as well as one of 'the typewriter' being used by the women. Failautusi looks well and happy.

A good suggestion was received from Barbara Lacy of the Victorian Unit on the subject of Peace Ribbons. Instead of making a ribbon to send to America for the Peace March, why not make a 'peace patch' to be given to a delegate of the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra next year. A copy of the directions for making a 'patch' is included. We would also like to encourage as many members of ACW as possible to attend the Assembly in Canberra, February 7-20, 1991 either as an accredited visitor or a daily visitor.

I have written to Jean Skuse about inviting one or more women who will be attending the WCC Assembly in Canberra to take up the Winifred Kiek Fellowship/s as was resolved in Perth at the last National Conference. We hope to have someone visit each Unit after the Assembly in February.

Enclosed is a brochure about the Collaroy Conference Centre where the National Conference will be held next year, for you to use in your publicity. Besides voting delegates, we would also like to have lots of visitors attend. As you can see there will be plenty of room for everyone. Planning is going well and we expect to have registration forms available early next year, so start saving your money. We value your prayers and need your comments.

Best wishes to you all.



Helen Richardson
National Secretary



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

22nd November, 1990

CIRCULAR NO. 7

Dear Friends,

Time is flying so fast and I fear I am being left behind. I don't know where the year has gone. Following the National Executive meeting last week there are a few things to pass on to the Units.

At the last National Conference it was agreed that we arrange for two or three overseas visitors to the WCC Assembly in February 1991 to be invited to take up Winifred Kiek Fellowships following the Assembly. After much time and effort to get names and plan travel, the invitations have been sent to three women, suggested by the World Council of Churches office in Geneva. The following is the suggested travel plans:

Woman No. 1: Thurs. 21st Feb. Canberra to Melbourne - domestic flight Thursday morning.
Fri. 22nd Feb. Speak at Victorian Unit meeting.
Sun. 24th Feb. Melbourne to Hobart - domestic flight.
Mon. or Tues. 25 or 26th. Speak at Tasmanian Unit meeting.
Wed. 27th Feb. Hobart to Melbourne - domestic flight in afternoon. Melbourne to Geneva - Qantas flight 6.00 p.m.

Woman No. 2: Thurs. 21st Feb. Canberra to Sydney - domestic flight.
Sat. 23rd Feb. Sydney to Adelaide - Qantas flight 12.45 p.m.
Mon. or Tues. 25 or 26th. Speak at South Australian Unit meeting.
Tues. 26th Feb. Adelaide to Perth - Qantas flight 3.15 p.m.
Wed. or Thurs. 27 or 28th. Speak at Western Australian Unit meeting.
Thurs. 28th Feb. Qantas flight Perth to Singapore 5.00 p.m.

Woman No. 3: Thurs. 21st Feb. Guest of Canberra Unit.
Fri. 22nd Feb. Speak at Canberra Unit meeting.
Sat. 23rd Feb. Canberra to Sydney - domestic flight.
Mon. 25th Feb. Speak at New South Wales Unit meeting.
Tues. 26th Feb. Sydney to Brisbane - Qantas flight 12.30 p.m.
Wed. 27th Feb. Speak at Queensland Unit meeting.
Thurs. 28th Feb. Brisbane to Singapore 3.00 p.m.

I am sorry that this information could not be made available to you sooner, as I realise some Units will have had their last meeting for the year, but it was not possible to have it ready any earlier. I hope, if the date suggested for a visit to your Unit is not your regular meeting day, that you will be able to arrange a special meeting. As soon as those invited are confirmed I will let you know names.

There are a number of Government grants that can be applied for and one of them is Australian Women's Grants. One suggestion was that we apply for a grant to conduct a Seminar for Theologically trained women, but it is too late for this year, so the suggestion will be passed on to the incoming National Executive.

We received a booklet from Senator Margaret Reynolds, 'Women and the Order of Australia'. This has been produced to encourage the community to increase its recognition of women's contribution to our society. Men are three times more likely to be nominated than women. Senator Reynolds believes that 'women's organisations have a unique responsibility to alert their members and encourage them to increase the nomination rate. Australian women's participation in all areas of community life is extensive and the value of their service warrants recognition on a more equitable basis.' Only a quarter of the nominations received are for women. The Order was instituted in 1975 as a means of recognising the achievements or 'meritorious service' of 'Australian citizens and other persons.'

There are four categories of the award. Companion of the Order (AC). Appointment may be made 'for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large.' No more than 25 awarded in one year. Officer of the Order (AO). Appointment may be made 'for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large.' No more than 100 awarded each year. Member of the Order (AM). Appointment may be made 'for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group. No more than 225 awarded in a year. Medal of the Order (OAM). May be awarded 'for service worthy of particular recognition.' No limit. Recipients are announced twice a year, on Australia Day and the Queen's Birthday.

Any person or representative of an organisation can submit a nomination for an award to the Secretary of the Order, provided that the nominee is an Australian citizen. The service of non-Australians can be acknowledged by honorary awards processed through the Federal Department of Administrative Services. Nomination forms and guidelines are available from: The Secretary, Order of Australia, Government House, Canberra, ACT, 2600.

In the 1990 Queen's Birthday Honours list one woman received a Medal of the Order 'for service to children, particularly as a foster-mother.' This kind of service would have been taken for granted and very unlikely to merit an honour until recent times. In non-traditional areas of women's endeavour, unless we discover and claim the contribution of women in well-supported nominations, our implied absence will continue to be apparent.

The National Treasurer, Elizabeth Walker, invites all Units to forward the following monies to her, which are due in November and December as per our Guidelines: Fellowship of the Least Coin, World Community Day Offerings, Fellowship Day Offerings and Winifred Kiek donations. Please distinguish between Fellowship Day Offerings and Winifred Kiek donations. Subscriptions (\$7.50) for ACWC Bulletins, Donations to ACWC Partners and to the National and Overseas Conference Fund should also be forwarded at the same time. Elizabeth's address is 6 Findlay Avenue, Roseville, NSW, 2069.

At the next National Executive meeting we will decide which of the four suggested projects will receive the World Community Day offering in 1991.

As this will probably be the last Circular for this year I would like to wish you, on behalf of the National Executive, a happy and holy Christmas. May the love of the Christ-child reach out to us all.

With best wishes,



Helen Richardson
National Secretary.



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15th April, 1991

CIRCULAR NO. 8

Dear Friends,

Our National Conference is fast approaching and enclosed are registration forms. Please ask for more if you need them.

If you wish to bring to the National Conference any notices of motions which relate to changes to the Constitution, I should receive them four months before the Conference, that is by 9th May, 1991. Any other notices of motion you wish to have presented to the National Conference should reach me at least two months before, that is by 9th July, 1991. Any other agenda items should also be received by this date.

Membership of the National Conference Shall consist of:

Voting members: The members of the current National Executive;
Two members appointed by each State and Territory Unit of Australian Church Women;
One member from the National organisation of each denomination participating in ACW through its State and Territory Units;
Up to five members from the incoming National Executive nominees;
One member of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees who shall be a member of ACW.

Observers (who shall have the right to speak but not to vote):
Two members from each State and Territory Unit of ACW;
Two members from the National organisation of each denomination participating in ACW through its State and Territory Units;
Life Members;
Up to five members from the incoming National Executive nominees;
One member from National special interest groups participating in ACW through its State and Territory Units.

Please let me have the names, etc. of the voting members and observers and visitors from each Unit as soon as possible.

Reports: Each Unit is asked to prepare a Report covering activities since the last National Conference in September 1989. These Reports should be no longer than one A4 page. I would appreciate it if you could send them to me early in June as I will be overseas from June 26 to July 28th.

I will be in touch as soon as possible with more details.

Best wishes,

Helen Richardson
National Secretary



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10th June, 1991

CIRCULAR No. 9

Dear Friends,

I am so glad our Queen is celebrating her birthday in New South Wales today (and a cold, wet, blustery day it is), as it gives me a chance to catch up on my ACW correspondence. For a number of reasons it has not been possible to reply to your letters for some time, and I am sorry about that. Hope all replies will go out today (post tomorrow).

Enclosed are your copies of the National Executive minutes for April. Because Marie and I were both overseas (not together) in May we cancelled the May meeting, so there will be no minutes for May. Our June meeting was held last week and you will receive the minutes after they have been confirmed in July. I am pleased to advise you that at our June meeting we appointed Miss Shirley Wells (FLC Convener, NSW Unit) as our minute secretary. Although she will only have the position for three more meetings it will make life easier for me during that time. We hope all Units will ratify this appointment.

It seems that the new Women's Centre in Kiribati is finally completed and was to have been officially opened last Saturday (8th June). The money we have been holding for women's work in Kiribati has been invested to mature on 17.6.91 so that is good timing by our Treasurer. It has been suggested to us that the money could be used for furnishings or office equipment and we have decided to send a small plaque with the names of the denominations involved in ACW when we send the money.

Plans are going well for the Conference. Our Treasurer, Elizabeth Walker will contact each Unit regarding the Travel Pool. Day visitors will be welcome on Wednesday 11th September, our Seminar Day when we will have three good speakers. Cost for day visitors will be \$20 (includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch). This is what the Conference Centre will charge us.

A number of Notices of Motion have been received, most regarding changes to the Guidelines, but one received from the New South Wales Unit seeks to amend the Constitution. It is on page 4 of the Constitution, 6.1 Administration: That the term of the National Committee of ACW be extended to three years.

Rationale: Our observation over a number of years, is that during the first year in office, the National Committee learns the job. During the second year, new ideas and promotion of ACW are able to be done, up to the point where the Committee has to begin to plan for the Conference which finishes its term of office. A third year would enable this Committee to give more time to the work of ACW. It would also be a means of saving money for all the State Units; if the Conference happened each three years rather than each two years.

The Units which have had a visit from Rachel Sobana have enjoyed having her and she is enjoying the work experience in the various hospitals she has spent time with. Those who have not yet met Rachel can anticipate an enjoyable time with her. Rachel will be coming to the Conference.

Lucelle King, our WKS Convener has received a number of applications for the 1992 Scholar from the Pacific area and she has sent them on to the WKS Trustees for their comment. Lucelle had a very frustrating time arranging Rachel's Visa to come to Australia, hence her delayed arrival.

I am pleased to report that Glad West, our FLC Convener, is recovering well from her double by-pass operation and we look forward to having her back at our next meeting. Meanwhile she has been working away at home as she has been able. We were very concerned about the plight of refugees in the Middle East after the Gulf War and enquired if FLC had provision for emergency disaster relief, but the reply Glad received from Shirin Samuel was not very encouraging. She wrote: 'To your question of enlarging the emergency grant for the situation of Iraq and Kuwait, I would like to side your sympathies and concern but how to do it is a big question. I would say if your country women show their concern and express it enlarging their contribution will be splendid.' The Australian Council of Churches has an appeal for Refugees in the Middle East which we can support as we are able.

Thank you to the Units who have sent me the names of their voting delegates and observers, also their reports. Your early replies are much appreciated. I will be overseas for most of July as one of a group of 25 Uniting Church women from Australia who will be making a return visit to the United States of America following the visit of 28 American Presbyterian women to Australia last year. This Global Exchange is in response to the WCC Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. As well as some sight-seeing, we will divide into small groups to be entertained by the American women in a number of States. We will all meet up again for the Triennial Presbyterian Women's Assembly in Ames, Iowa (4000 women expected) for a week as guests of the Assembly before we head for home.

My best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,



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National Secretary.



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26th June, 1991

CIRCULAR NO. 10

Dear Friends,

I hope you have all made your bookings to come to our National Conference. This letter will be posted by our Minute Secretary while I am overseas. It was prepared on the above date so I hope I have not forgotten anything this time.

Two things I should have mentioned in the last Circular. The items for the concert on Thursday evening, 12th September, will be provided by the Units. The title of the evening is Fellowship and Fun so please come provided with a suitable item from your Unit of 10-15 minutes. There will be time for rehearsal on Monday and Tuesday, 9th and 10th at the Conference.

The other thing is to ask everyone coming who plays a musical instrument to bring it with them (if it is portable).

It is important that voting delegates have a copy of the minutes of the 1989 National Conference as they will be confirmed at the 1991 National Conference. Please bring your copies with you.

It has been suggested that an exchange be made of State and Territory Unit Constitutions. So please bring 7 copies of your Unit's Constitution to exchange with other Units.

The Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1992 will be prepared by Western Australian Unit with the theme 'Christ our example'. The 1992 World Community Day Service will be prepared by Victorian Unit on the theme 'Forgive us, as we forgive'. There will be some recommendations regarding preparation of Special Days services presented at the Conference.

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes as we prepare for the Conference. We look forward to a happy time together.

With best wishes,

Helen Richardson
National Secretary.



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Circular No. 11

12th August, 1991

Dear Friends,

The National Agenda for Women sets out the policy framework to advance the status of women. It is the Australian Government's response to the challenge of the 1985 UN World Conference on women which was held in Nairobi, Kenya. The Federal Government recognises that the advancement of Australian women does not depend solely on Government action. Consequently, the National Agenda for Women Grants Program has been established to assist organisations and individuals to carry out activities and research which will aid the implementation of the National Agenda for Women. The closing date for applications this year is 13th September, 1991, but please keep in mind for next year. More information is available from: National Agenda for Women Grants Program, Office of the Status of Women, Dept. of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT, 2600. Telephone (06) 271 5748, Fax (06) 271 5751.

We have received a letter from Dr. L.H. Brockway, Principal of Nungalinga College, Darwin, seeking financial help for administration and building needs (contributions to the building fund are tax deductible). They would be happy to supply an article about the College for any publication or newsletter. Please contact them direct: Nungalinga College, PO Box 40371, Casuarina, NT, 0811.

As I am still waiting on a few reports, the Conference papers will only go to the printer this week. They will then be sent to all people registered for the Conference. Because they will go out later than we had hoped, I am including a copy of the Notices of Motion which will be debated at the Conference in this mail so that your Unit will have the opportunity to discuss them before the Conference.

The plans for the Conference are going well and we look forward to welcoming over eighty people who have registered.

Thank you for sending your minutes so regularly and for your letters which are much appreciated. Thanks to all who have sent their good wishes. We appreciate your prayers, especially during the next few weeks as we tidy up the loose ends.

Our best wishes to all Units.

Helen Richardson
National Secretary