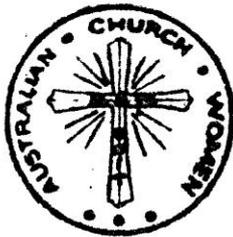


NEWSLETTE

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. UNIT.



A.C.W. seeks:

- to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
- to provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Easter has gone! but we have to realize that Christ is risen and is living in each one of us and that as the trees lose their leaves in Autumn and come alive again in Spring, Christ comes alive in us as we accept Him as our Saviour and Lord. How gracious our heavenly Father is. He forgives us and forgets the hurt we have given Him.

Jesus told us in John's Gospel "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid". What assurance we have when we are His! He had told His disciples that they would have peace not as the world regards peace but His peace - that peace which transcends all understanding.

Easter reaffirms God's love for each one of us. He cares that we might have life and have that life and that peace now and forever. We must cast our cares - our worries - on Him for we know that God is in control and that all things work together for good for those who love the Lord. We may not understand but we do have Christ's reassurance not to be afraid

for He is with us. We must be faithful in our prayer and in our study of His Word for He will guide and direct us as we learn more of him.

Let us ask God to strengthen our faith in Him, so that we may face each day with its joys and worries secure in the knowledge that the risen Christ will sustain and support us and that the Holy Spirit will guide us with His power through the most difficult and trying times. Let us share and show concern for those less fortunate than ourselves, so that we may show Christ's love for us to them.

June Graham.
President.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS.

- 6.3.87 Women's World Day of Prayer, Uniting Church, Killara
President.
- 10.3.87 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Penshurst,
Mission Day - President.
- 25.3.87 Australian Board of Missions Annual Service -
President.
- 27.3.87 Mothers' Union Festival Service - President and
Secretary.
- 30.3.87 Uniting Church Mission, Parramatta -
President.

ANNUAL SERVICE

Wesley Chapel - 139 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Monday 18th May 1987 at 10.30 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dame Monica Gallagher, O.B.E.

Theme: "Rejoice and share"

Refreshments & fellowship afterwards in
Meeting room - 1st Floor.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

3.

With the Annual Meeting in April, we bring to a close another year of service and I again extend sincere thanks to all supporters of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Not only can we look back with thanksgiving but we look forward in faith knowing that our Lord doeth all things well.

Fellowships continue to seek information about F.L.C. which is encouraging for the future, and I hope to have 1987 grants to hand soon so that all may have them. Our new Audio-Visual has already travelled many miles to country and suburban Fellowships, all of whom have expressed their appreciation. No charge is made for the loan of this Audio but Fellowships have covered the cost of mailing to and from each destination.

Volume 10 of "Circle of Prayer" with its theme "Anybody Listening?" is also proving popular and may be obtained by sending \$1.50 to your Convener who will mail it promptly. This is a very challenging edition and should be ideal in this International Year of 'Shelter for the Homeless'. F.L.C. badges and spoons are also on sale in support of the Fellowship.

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

Glad West - Convener
8 Stewart Street,
Artarmon. 2064.



4.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS.

There is still no definite news from Burma as to when Stella Min may arrive. We must be faithful in our prayers for Stella that the necessary visa will be granted so that she may come to Australia in the near future.

Our prayers are sought by the Selection Committee as they decide on the scholar for 1988 - applications have been received from India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Brigadier Mabel Ward will be visiting the Philippines shortly and will be making contact with our 'sisters in Christ' there and we will look forward to hearing of her experiences on her return.

I will be visiting Fiji with my husband during May and am looking forward to meeting the W.K.S. scholars of past years and hearing of their work and witness.

Yvonne Davis
Convener.

NALAG - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LOSS AND GRIEF.

At our April meeting we were privileged to have Mrs. Prue Gregory (the daughter of our President, Mrs. June Graham) speak on the work of NALAG and its aims, two of which are:

1. To encourage and promote professional and community education in the areas of loss and grief.
2. To encourage investigation, study and research of the human experiences of loss and grief.

Prue gave a very comprehensive and informative address, followed by a question time, which was interesting and enlightening and all felt that we were much better informed about this very sensitive area.

Information available from NALAG (N.S.W.) Inc.
P.O. Box 79, Turramurra, 2074.
Tel. 449 5279.

A.C.W. CONFERENCE 1987.

5.

ADELAIDE September 12-19, 1987.

FORMAT - This will be a different format of Conference and we invite anyone who is interested to come and join us - not just our delegates and observers - but husbands and friends too.

VENUE - will be "Del Monte" on the sea front at Henley Beach - 20 minutes to the City Centre.

PROGRAMME - The programme will commence with Registration on Saturday 12th and the Official Opening Service on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. There will be two Country Trips where we will share sessions after lunch with local groups in the Victor Harbour and Barossa Valley areas. On Wednesday evening we will see the beginning of a Seminar geared to challenge and inform on the role of "Tourism". The Conference will officially close with a Service at 7.30 p.m. on Friday and you will be taken then to a host family for the weekend.

Living and sharing with us in the Seminar and holding meetings concurrently with our Conference Sessions will be the Executive Committee of the ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. What a wonderful opportunity to meet Maya Michael from India; Barbara Grealey, Australia; Boonmee Julkiree from Thailand, Kozuka Hayashi from Japan; Wong Sion Ting from Malaysia; Monika Mannan from Bangladesh; Ingrid Pi Ting Hong from Taiwan .. and the Executive Secretary, Eunice Kim from Korea. There will also be a delegation coming from New Zealand. So do not miss out on this opportunity to meet and get to know these ladies from many countries!

THE COST - we hope it will not be more (and we hope it will be less) than -

Registration - \$30 (others incl.husbands \$20.)
Accommodation \$200 for week September 12-19.

If interested, contact Mrs. Marie McCann,
95 Stanhope Rd., Killara.
(467-1343)
State Unit Secretary.

before 31st May, 1987.

6.

A WORLD SISTERHOOD.

'This is the time of times when the women of the world need to come together in a strong and powerful unit.....It is our bounden duty, hand in hand with the men, to better the worldWe will have definite means by which we can uplift the womanhood of the world into the ecstasy of fulfilling its real mission'.

These convincing and fertile words were spoken in 1923 by Korean student Helen Kim, as she challenged the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the U.S.A. Methodist Episcopal Church with her vision of a world fellowship of Christian women.

The book launched at Nairobi in July 1986, "METHODIST WOMEN: A WORLD SISTERHOOD" (see Newsette February issue) traces the history from those small beginnings to the present day World Federation of Methodist Women (WFMW) a movement of Christian fellowship and concern, reaching into great cities and tiny remote villages through the world, and now holding Consultative Status (Category 2) as a Non Government Organisation with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Realising the need for recording the growth of the Federation and the fact that several valuable resource persons had already passed to their reward, the decision was made in 1981 that a history of WFMW be compiled without delay.

Mrs. Myra Pfeiffer, U.S.A. Chairperson of the Editorial Committee confesses in her Preface that the Committee was unable to find anyone who was present at that momentous meeting in 1923 nor at the signing of the original World Charter in 1939. But valuable historical papers had been handed down and it is from these and other documents that Part One of the book 1923-1956 has been recorded.

Part Two is headed "The Federation Becomes Global 1956-1986 and as well as describing the six World Assemblies to 1981 contains chapters of 'Federation History through the Eyes of its Living Presidents' (5). Australia can be proud of the contribution of Mrs. Freer Latham of Sydney, who was the first World President to visit all WFMW Areas, 1961-1966 welding the Federation into a whole real world-wide Fellowship.

Part Three briefly highlights the contribution of thirty-three "Women with World Wide Horizons" - from China, Africa, Asia, Latin America, etc. and lists the Executive and Area Officers from 1939-1986. Australians listed include Freer Latham (World President 1961-1966), Mrs. H. H. Triggs, Mrs. Ralph Sutton, Miss Jean Skuse (World Secretary 1971-1976), Mrs. George Nash, Mrs. Margaret Ayre and Mrs. Betty Davis.

"METHODIST WOMEN, a WORLD SISTERHOOD" is not only interesting as a history but also because it offers some personal glimpses of the women of six continents who are part of that history. It contains 226 pages with 24 photographs and it is hoped that the book may be available soon at the Unichurch Book Shop, Wesley Arcade, Sydney.

Betty Davis.

NEWS FROM A.C.W.C.

Mrs. Eunice Kim has been elected Executive Secretary for a further term of four years - she would value our continued prayers as she carries out this very arduous and exciting work for our Lord.

She is hopeful that a visit may be arranged for the Executive of A.C.W.C. to visit China - to build a bridge - with fellow Christians in the near future.

At the Womens World Day of Prayer Service in Korea which Eunice attended, over 2000 women were present - it was a most inspiring and uplifting Service with much joyful singing.

Eunice is looking forward to visiting Adelaide in September for the A.C.W. Conference.

Mary Andrews,
Life Member.

PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. Our target for this project has not been reached. Will those members who have become PARTNERS WITH A.C.W.C. and have not sent forward their \$1 for 1987 please do so as soon as possible. For those who are not familiar with the project, A.C.W.C. (Asian Church Women's Conference) is an ecumenical organisation of Christian women of Asia, Australia and New Zealand formed in 1958. Each member country (16 in all) has been set a target, the total of which will meet administrative and general expenses. The Australian target is \$5,000 per annum. Please join if you have not already done so - send your name, address and payment of \$1 to our State Unit Treasurer, Mrs. D. Lumb, 69 Myall Street, Concord West. 2138. (Tel.73-3360)

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Mrs. D. Lumb,
69 Myall Street, Concord West. 2138.

All cheques should be made payable to "Australian Church Women".

Affiliation fees are due on 1st March 1987 as follows:

Denominational Groups State level	\$10.00 per annum
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Local Branches of A.C.W.	5.00 " "

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