

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, September 9, at 10 o'clock in the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

OPENING: Mrs. Wyllie opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT: Mesdames S. McPhee; L. Lilley, D.J.A. Verco; M.G. Wyllie (in chair) J.F. Dey, Doratis; Colonel H. Cross; Head Deaconess M. Andrews and the Rev. J.R. Neal.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mrs. S.M. Barrett, and the Rev. H.L. Perkins.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:

Reported that the material was being distributed as orders received and that the sub-committee had met with Mr. Hinton. Mr. Hinton had agreed to cover the publicity at national level and state level as far as church press was concerned. Further reported that a statement had been prepared for use in the local observances of World Community Day throughout N.S.W. and it was agreed that this also be circulated to the other States for their interest and use if desired.

The meeting agreed that the States be urged to distribute the Fellowship of the Least Coin publicity at the World Community Day services.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

The meeting had before it a draft of the proposed outline of the scholarship and following discussion it was agreed that:

The scholarship be called the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP and shall be a project of Australian Church Women.

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

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

(3) The co-operation of training schools and universities will be sought to provide for places and facilities.

(4) Finance: the assistance of Inter-Church Aid will be sought for the provision of travelling expenses outside Australia. As a project of Australian Church Women expenses will be met by the National Committee from its share of collections (refer Constitution 9 (i)) and from special donations from groups and individuals, and from State Units where the scholarship holder trains or speaks.

(5) Selection of candidate:

- (a) the application must be endorsed by the church of the applicant
- (b) she must be medically fit
- (c) she must apply on the prescribed form
- (d) the scholarship shall be granted by the National Committee of Australian Church Women in collaboration with the Scholarship Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

Resolved that we write to the State Units forwarding them the above outline of the scholarship and seeking their co-operation in the project during 1965.

Following further discussion it was agreed that we follow up the suggestion received from Miss Greta Nichols for an Indonesian woman to come to Australia to further her studies and gain experience in child guidance work.

NEWSLETTER:

The latest Newsletter was tabled and it was reported that it had been mailed to State Units and denominational women's groups.

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THE A.C.W. CONSTITUTION:

Further amendments were made to the draft which was before the meeting. The amended draft to go to the Australian Council of Churches' Executive meeting is attached.

It was agreed that when the draft Constitution is presented to the Executive Meeting we seek their co-operation through such resolutions as:

- . The Australian Council of Churches' Executive Committee notes that the Constitution is ready and will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council. The Executive Committee authorizes the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women to convene a meeting of the National Committee at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Council in February. Where Federal Denominational women's organizations have not appointed representatives to the National Committee, invitations be extended through the Presidents and that they also be asked to appoint an alternate.
- . That in order to facilitate the appointment of a Working Committee in terms of the draft Constitution, the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches authorizes the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women to choose the location of the first Working Committee of A.C.W.

The meeting agreed that the first Working Committee should be located in Sydney for 1965 and that the churches be advised of this so that they can keep it in mind when appointing their representatives.

Programme of the National Committee meeting in February: Agreed that the period be from Tuesday afternoon (Feb. 16) to Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 17) and that the members of the Interim Committee be asked to forward their suggestions for the sessions to the office. Mrs. McPhee and Mrs. Wyllie to work with Miss Skillier in the arranging of the programme and advise the States and denominational groups before the middle of October. The General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches has indicated that delegates to the National Committee will be welcome to attend the sessions of the Annual Meeting of the A.C.C.

Deaconess Andrews indicated that it would be possible for the meetings to be held at Deaconess House.

NEXT MEETING: Agreed that the following be placed on the agenda for the October meeting:

- . Fellowship Day 1965
- . Study material for 1966
- . Questionnaire on the status of women in the Church.

CLOSING: The Rev. J.R.Neal closed the meeting with prayer.

CONFIRMED: Mabel G. Wyllie  
DATE: 14. 10. 64