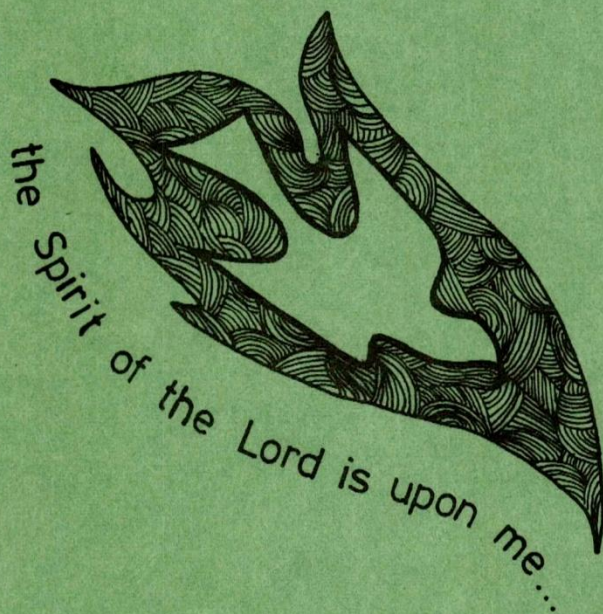


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

National Committee Meeting.



August 1981

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THEME: "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME"

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- 11.00 a.m.) ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
12.30 p.m.)
12.30 p.m. LUNCH
2.00 p.m. OFFICIAL OPENING: Worship Service led by the National President Mrs. Rachel Cocks
Introduction of the Conference Theme by Rev. Chris Mostert.
3.30 p.m. AFTERNOON TEA
4.00 p.m. 1st BUSINESS SESSION:
- Welcome, Roll Call, Apologies
- Business Procedure including adoption of Agenda
- Notices of Motion
- Minutes to be confirmed
- Working Committee Report by Secretary
- Financial Report by Treasurer
- Correspondence
6.30 p.m. DINNER
7.45 p.m. 2nd BUSINESS SESSION:
- State Unit Reports (highlights)
9.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYERS (A.C.T. Unit)
9.30 p.m. SUPPER (N.S.W. and W.A. Units)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 8.00 a.m. BREAKFAST
9.00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY (1) Mrs. Athlea Sansom
10.00 a.m. MORNING TEA
10.30 a.m. 3rd BUSINESS SESSION:
- Structure of Working Committee
- Conveners' Reports: Women at Work
Special Days
12.30 p.m. LUNCH
O U T I N G
6.30 p.m. DINNER
7.45 p.m. 4th BUSINESS SESSION:
- Conveners' Reports : Winifred Kiek Scholarship
- W.K.Scholar 1980 = Dien Sumiyatiningsih
- W.K.Scholar 1981 = Malini Weerasinghe
- W.K.Visiting Scholar Rathi Selveratnam
9.15 p.m. EVENING PRAYERS (Vic. Unit)
9.30 p.m. SUPPER (S.A. and Qld. Units)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8.00 a.m. BREAKFAST
- 9.00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY (2) Mrs. Athlea Sansom
- 10.00 a.m. MORNING TEA
- 10.30 a.m. 5th BUSINESS SESSION:
- Conveners' Reports: Fellowship of the Least Coin
 - A.C.W.C. Report
 - Appointment of delegation to A.C.W.C. quadrennial assembly.
- 12.30 p.m. LUNCH
- ~~1.30 p.m.~~
2.00 p.m. 6th BUSINESS SESSION:
- Reports from A.C.C., denominational and associate bodies.
 - Rev. David Webster - Tasmanian Council of Churches.
- 3.30 p.m. AFTERNOON TEA
- 4.00 p.m. 7th BUSINESS SESSION:
- Matters referred by State Units and Working Committee (incl. A.C.W. resources)
- 6.30 p.m. DINNER
- 7.45 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING
- Discussion in Theme
- Speakers: Mrs. Bev Holland
Miss Judy Warn
Mrs. Rathi Selveratnam
Miss Malini Weerasinghe
- 9.30 p.m. SUPPER (Church of Christ)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- 8.00 a.m. BREAKFAST
- 9.00 a.m. BIBLE STUDY (3) Mrs. Athlea Sansom *vacate room by 10 am (luggage in bags)*
- 10.00 a.m. MORNING TEA
- 10.30 a.m. 8th BUSINESS SESSION:
- Unfinished Business
 - Appointments to A.C.C. and new Working Committee.
- 12.00 noon HANDING-OVER CEREMONY Message from incoming President.
- 12.30 p.m. LUNCH

PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice-Presidents during the National Committee Meeting,
25 - 28 August 1981.

The Agenda as set out in the Conference Programme, will be followed unless the meeting otherwise determines.

Resolutions must be presented in writing on the forms provided and signed by the mover and seconder.

Recommendations and suggestions from State Units, if they become resolutions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.

Debating. Up to five minutes will be allowed for each speaker. No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply.

On receiving recognition from the Chairman, speakers will please stand and state their name and Unit or organisation.

At the beginning of a reports session it shall be moved,

"THAT all reports be taken as read".

Speakers will speak to each report and at the end of the session the reports shall all be "received or adopted" together.

VOTING ENTITLEMENTS

Delegates only:

- 2 from each State Unit
- 1 from each denomination
- 1 from federal organisation of any special interest group
- 2 appointed by Executive Committee of A.C.C.

Delegates and Observers are asked to bring copies of the 1979 National Committee Meeting Minutes.

Please bring your Bible.

The address of Jane Franklin University College is

6 Elboden Street - South Hobart (Tas.) 7000

and the phone number is: 23 2811

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1981

PARTICIPANTS

Life Member

Working Committee

State Units

A.C.T.

New South Wales

Northern Territory

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

West Australia

Federal Organisations

Anglican

Churches of Christ

Salvation Army

Uniting Church

A.C.C.

Invited Federal Observers

Catholic Women's League

Consultants

W.W.D.P. - Nat.Liaison Officer

National Council of Women of Tas.

Andrews, Head Deaconess Mary

Cocks, Mrs. R.

Hartam, Mrs. D.

Dobber, Mrs. T.

Nairn, Miss D.

Dodds, Mrs. M. *Marion*

Price, Mrs. M.

Hickman, Mrs. R.

Goldsmith, Mrs. L.

Thomas, Mrs. R. *Ruth*

Green, Mrs. L. *Lyn*

Delegates

Ridge, Mrs. E. *Edith*

Sullivan, Mrs. E. *yvonne*

West, Mrs. G.

Ward, Brigadier M.

Johnson, Mrs. D.

Greentree, Mrs. J.

Meadows, Mrs. L. *Lena*

Crosby, Mrs. P.

Middleton, Mrs. J. *Jean*

Easther, Mrs. J.

Nibbs, Mrs. D.

Gordon, Mrs. D. *Doreen*

Fry, Miss D. *Dorothy*

Wilson, Lady Leila

Dean, Miss V.

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

W.K.S. Convener

F.L.C. Convener

Special Days Convener

"Women at Work" Convener

Ass. "Women at Work"

Co-opted member

Observers

Gray, Mrs. E.

Mitchell, Miss D.

McCann, Mrs. M.

Haensel, Mrs. D.

Greal, Mrs. B.

Brooks, Mrs. S.

McCormack, Mrs. E.

Ackland, Mrs. O. *Oliver*

Morris, Mrs. F. *Freida*

Watts, Mrs. J.

Scurlock, Mrs. M.

Stevenson, Mrs. J.

Burt, Mrs. G.

Curtis, Mrs. M.

Rayner, Mrs. I.

Andrews, Head Deaconess M.

Mitchell, Miss N.

PARTICIPANTS (cont'd)

Tasmanian Invited Observers

Catholic Women's League
W.W.D.P.
Anglican
Presbyterian
Baptist

Bryan, Mrs. B.
Ducrow, Mrs. J.
Sansom, Mrs. A.
Skalicky, Mrs. R.
Webb, Mrs. A.

Incoming Working Committee

Alfred, Deaconess E.
Ackland, Mrs. O. *Olive*
Callander, Mrs. Brig. E.
Dixon, Mrs. M.
Macintyre, Mrs. Lt. Coll. I.
Morris, Mrs. F.
Strack, Mrs. D. *Doreen*

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS

Dien Sumiyatiningsih (1980)
Malini Weerasinghe (1981)

W.K. VISITING SCHOLAR

Rathi Selveratnam

AUGUST 25 - 28th, 1981

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is my privilege, on behalf of the Working Committee, to present this report, which covers our activities during the past bi-ennial period. Only the knowledge that God would bless our efforts if we but tried our hardest, has helped us through the initial difficult period of getting our Committee working smoothly.

Regular meetings were held every month, under the firm leadership of our President, Mrs. Rachel Cocks. The work done by the Conveners for Winifred Kiek Scholarship, Special Days, Fellowship of the Least Coin and "Women at Work" is covered in their reports. The Financial Report can not give full appreciation of the work involved in keeping the books in order. I can only say here that it was tremendous to see how every member of the Committee took to the work, especially when you consider that some of them had no previous experience in A.C.W. work.

A spirit of warm friendship and co-operation has grown within the Committee, which made our work a source of joy and satisfaction.

STRUCTURE OF WORKING COMMITTEE

As instructed at the National Committee Meeting in Sydney 1979, the Working Committee appointed a small sub-committee to study possible changes in the Structure of the Working Committee and the suggested alterations were circulated among State Units.

The Working Committee hopes that any changes which will be discussed and eventually decided upon at this National Committee Meeting, will be in the best interest for the future growth of Australian Church Women.

VISITING SCHOLARSHIP

The Working Committee was instructed to look at the possibility of having a Visiting Scholar during its term of office.

After consultation with the State Units, it was decided by the majority of States to offer this scholarship to Mrs. Rathi Selveratnam.

We are happy that Rathi is attending this meeting and look forward to hearing her speak.

BURMA PRAYER PARTNER

It was good to at last make contact with Burma - which country is our prayer partner. Letters sent during our term of office had not been acknowledged but Marie Price and Rachel Cocks met Mrs. Esther Galstin from Burma in Manila and meaningful discussion took place.

Mrs. Price has written again on behalf of the Working Committee and suggested that State Units in rotation write once a month. In this way A.C.W. Australia can share in this relationship.

INTERNATIONAL

Our President - Mrs. Rachel Cocks - and our F.L.C. Convener - Mrs. Marie Price - attended the Silver Jubilee celebrations in Manila and I had the privilege of attending the Church Women's United Assembly in Los Angeles in 1980.

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all State Units - especially the State Secretaries - for their co-operation and for their patience. I feel as though I have made many friends. And this is what A.C.W. is all about working together in fellowship under the guidance of God, to bring about this unity of purpose which we all long for.

I also thank my fellow workers in the Working Committee. It has been a most rewarding experience to work with them.

My best wishes go to the incoming Working Committee.

"May God be glorified in all we do"

Tine Dobber, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1981

A. BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 1981

1/7/1980	Balance brought forward	\$	4,774.36
	<u>Add</u> RECEIPTS		<u>29,164.28</u>
			33,938.64
	<u>Less</u> PAYMENTS		<u>30,169.89</u>
30/6/80	Balance as Bank Statement C/f	\$	<u>3,768.75</u>
			=====

B. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENT AND INTEREST RECEIVED during year ended 30/6/81

	PRINCIPAL INVESTED;	INTEREST RECEIVED:
<u>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS:</u>		
Australian Government Bonds - Series 2C,) 2E, 2F, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 14)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 114.47
	<u>1/9/80 REDEEMED</u>	
Replaced by: 3/9/80 Series 17	2,300.00	
<u>Additions:</u> 3/9/80 " 17	300.00	
8/10/80 " 17	<u>200.00</u>	
	2,800.00	194.91
	<u>11/5/81 REDEEMED</u>	
Replaced by: 13/5/81 Series 19	2,800.00	
<u>Additions:</u> 13/5/81 " 19	200.00	
Treasury Bonds	<u>2,400.00</u>	<u>204.00</u>
<u>SUB-TOTAL - SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>513.38</u>

OTHER INVESTMENTS AND BANK ACCOUNT

Australian Government Bonds - Series 16	5,000.00	594.35
C.S.B. Savings Investment A/c A5000888	12,046.91	1,064.03
C.S.B. Cheque A/c 911-221 (Hobart, Tas.)	3,768.75	192.32
Petty Cash Imprest	<u>50.00</u>	
<u>TOTAL INVESTMENTS, CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>		
(AS K)	\$ 26,265.66	
	=====	
<u>TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED during the year ended 30 June 1981</u>		<u>\$ 2,364.08</u>
		=====

C. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,250.53
Memorial Bursary	114.08
National Travel Fund	297.18
Overseas Conferences	297.17
Administration and General	<u>405.12</u>
	\$ 2,364.08
	=====

D. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance at 1/7/80		\$ 240.73
RECEIPTS: Offerings		<u>12,720.41</u>
		12,961.14
PAYMENTS: F.L.C. International	\$ 12,200.00	
Refund to Tasmanian Unit		
(previously paid in		
year ended 30/6/80)	140.00	
Transfer to Admin. & General	<u>621.14</u>	<u>12,961.14</u>
BALANCE at 30/6/81		<u>NIL</u>

E. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNTS

	E1 Memorial Bursary	E2 Fellow- ship Day	E3 Scholarship
Balances at 1/7/80	\$ 154.55	Nil	\$ 15,144.25
RECEIPTS:			
Offerings: Canberra		\$ 260.00	
Northern Territory		39.70	
Western Australia		196.00	
South Australia		1,000.00	
Tasmania		190.00	
New South Wales		900.00	
Victoria		1,800.00	
Queensland		349.18	
Donation: Memory J. Pope	60.00		
Specific Invest. Bonds Inter.	114.08		399.30
Investment Account Interest			851.23
Transfer from Fellowship Day			4,498.00
Donations - Sundry			303.26
	<u>328.63</u>	<u>4,734.88</u>	<u>\$21,196.04</u>
Less PAYMENTS:			
Book Bursary: Malini			
Weerasinghe	100.00		
Expenses: Dien Sumiyatiningsih			1,913.40
Malini Weerasinghe			3,659.40
Rathi Selveratnam			1,307.60
Duplicating leaflets			154.87
Purchase Government Bonds	200.00		500.00
Transfer to W.K.S. Fund		4,498.00	
Transfer to Admin. & General		236.88	
			<u>7,535.27</u>
Balances at 30/6/81	<u>\$28.63</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>\$13,660.77</u>

F. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Balance at 1/7/80		\$ 103.00
RECEIPTS: Offerings: Northern Terr.	\$ 110.25	
Canberra	110.00	
Victoria	1,040.00	
Sth Australia	278.15	
Queensland	165.68	
West Australia	168.00	
Tasmania	240.00	
New South Wales	<u>800.00</u>	<u>2,912.08</u>
		3,015.08
Less PAYMENTS: A.C.W.C.	1,430.00	
A.C.C.(M.E.Chr.Educ.Prog.)	1,430.00	
Transf. to Admin. & General	<u>155.08</u>	<u>3,015.08</u>
Balance at 30/6/81		<u>NIL</u>

G. NATIONAL TRAVEL FUND

Balance at 1/7/80		\$ 351.60
RECEIPTS: Investment interest		<u>297.18</u>
	Balance at 30/6/81	\$ 648.78
		=====

H. OVERSEAS CONFERENCES

Balance at 1/7/80		\$ 991.53
RECEIPTS: Investment interest	\$ 297.17	
Donation	<u>100.00</u>	<u>397.17</u>
		\$1,388.70
		=====

I. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Balance at 1/7/80		NIL
RECEIPTS: Conference fees	\$ 530.00	
Travel Pool	<u>461.90</u>	
		991.90
Less PAYMENTS: Stationary and printing	<u>37.73</u>	
		\$ 954.17
		=====

J. ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL

Balance at 1/7/80		\$3,821.58
RECEIPTS: Investment interest	405.12	
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	156.00	
Small Beginnings	6.80	
Circle of Prayer	643.40	
Refund sub. 3rd World News	2.50	
F.L.C. teaspoons	57.50	
Transfers from F.L.C.	621.14	
Fellowship Day	236.88	
World Community Day	<u>155.08</u>	
		6,106.00

Less PAYMENTS:

A.C.W.C. Bulletins	\$ 156.00	
Bank charges for drafts	3.40	
Postage and telephone	467.43	
Stationery and Printing	105.42	
Sundries	55.40	
Women at Work	401.04	
Fees - A.C.C. General Meeting	25.50	
Circle of Prayer	590.90	
F.L.C. teaspoons	103.00	
Small Beginnings	<u>13.30</u>	
		<u>1,921.39</u>

Balance at 30/6/1981	\$ 4,184.61
	=====

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1981

K.

BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS:

Fellowship of the Least Coin		NIL
Winifred Kiek Accounts:		
Memorial Bursary (as Ledger)	\$ 28.63	
Specific Investment	1,200.00	\$1,228.63
Fellowship Day		NIL
Scholarship (as Ledger)	\$13,660.77	
Specific Investments	<u>4,200.00</u>	17,860.77
World Community Day		NIL
National Travel Fund		648.78
Overseas Conferences		1,388.70
National Committee Meeting		954.17
Administration and General		<u>4,184.61</u>
		\$ 26,265.66

ABOVE BALANCES ARE REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

Specific Investments	\$ 5,400.00	
Government Bonds Series 16	5,000.00	
C.S.B. Investment A/c	12,046.91	
C.S.B. Cheque A/c	3,768.75	
Petty Cash Imprest A/c	50.00	
(Cash and vouchers)	<u> </u>	
		\$ 26,265.66

Auditor's Report to the Members of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

I have examined the books, records and vouchers of the Australian Church Women. The attached Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 1981 gives a true summary of receipts and payments, and Investment movements during the year, and shows the correct balances in various accounts as at 30 June, 1981.

Hobart, 13 July 1981.

signed: A.G.THURSTON
Honorary Auditor

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the Financial Report of Australian Church Women for the financial year ending June, 1981, and in doing so I would like to express my deep appreciation for the co-operation I have received from the Working Committee, the State Units and the Hon. Auditor, Mr. Arthur Thurston, and his wife, without which I would have found the task very difficult.

The four year comparison which follows might serve to illustrate the ongoing financial position:

	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80	1980/1
F.L.C.	8,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	12,200.00
World Comm. Day	2,300.00	2,900.00	2,880.00	2,860.00
Fell. Day	4,850.00	4,000.00	3,890.00	4,498.00

From this it may be seen that F.L.C. offerings are keeping pace with the inflation rate, but the other two funds are tending to fall behind.

During the two year period 1979/81, the Winifred Kiek Specific Investments were increased by \$ 300 from Fellowship Day funds and \$ 200 from the Queensland Unit; Memorial Bursary Specific Investments were increased by \$ 200 given in memory of Joyce Pope, \$ 60 from the Queensland Unit and the rest from funds already held. All the Specific Investments held in Government Savings Bonds are now in Series 19 @ 12.25%, and this means that the Bursary interest exceeds \$ 100 in a full year, making it self-supporting.

The balance held in the Winifred Kiek Scholarshi½ Fund remains high, in spite of the extra expenditure on the Visiting Scholarship this year.

At the end of the 1979/80 financial year a substantial reorganisation of the bookkeeping system was made by the Hon. Auditor and his wife, and we are very indebted to them for the many hours they worked at this on our behalf.

Deirdre Nairn, Treasurer.

MOTION

That appreciation for the work of the Hon. Auditor be placed on record and that a small gift be presented to him.

Marion Dodds

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

During the past two years we have had three Winifred Kiek Scholars. The Rev. Mary Au of Hong Kong spent time in New Zealand studying theology, psychology and counselling. Her enthusiasm, integrity and humour were greatly appreciated and she made a fine contribution to the work she took part in. Mary has returned to her work at the Kindly Light Church in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Miss Dien Sumiyatiningsih from Indonesia studied Clinical Pastoral Education at the Cancer Institute in Melbourne under the supervision of the Rev. John Paver. During vacations she was able to visit various States, gaining experience in speaking to women's groups and learning more about the Australian way of life. Although no longer the Winifred Kiek Scholar, Dien has been able to stay in Australia to complete her Master of Divinity degree which makes her Australian experience even more worthwhile.

At the moment Miss Malini Weerasinghe is studying Christian Education at Deaconess House in Sydney. She was able to visit Western Australia, South Australia and attend the N.C.M. in Hobart. On her return to Sri Lanka, Malini will be able to establish training courses for Sunday School teachers as well as giving guidance and encouragement to Christian Education Teachers in government schools.

During July 1980, we were greatly saddened by the sudden passing of Mrs. Joyce Pope. Mrs. Pope had been a valuable member of A.C.W. for some years and during 1971-72 had been W.K.S. Convener. Her interest in the scholars was not only whilst they were in Australia, but as they returned to their homes, Mrs. Pope kept in contact with them and was indeed a great friend to them. Mrs. Pope has been remembered by a gift to the Memorial Bursary Fund.

There were three resolutions from the 1979 N.C.M. referring to the W.K.S. Firstly it was resolved that a W.K. Visiting Scholar be appointed. After due consideration it was decided that Mrs. Rathie Selveratnam be appointed, and at time of writing this report, she is about to embark on the major section of her tour before attending the N.C.M.

In regard to the second resolution that the "sponsoring body" of the scholar be encouraged to supply some financial support, we found that this was impractical during our term.

Finally we have investigated various alternatives to the present application form and include a new form for the consideration of the N.C.M. in our resolutions.

NEW RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1.(a) That neither the sponsoring organization nor the related group in Australia should be asked to supply financial support towards the personal expenses of scholars. *unanimous* ✓
- 1.(b) That an allowance be made from the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund to cover the personal, incidental expenses of the scholar, ~~i.e.~~ toiletries, postage stamps, bus fares etc., the amount to be determined by the Working Committee. *in consultation w. the schol*
- 1.(c) That personal gifts made to the scholar remain in her possession. *in wh. the scholar is resident*
2. That a clothing allowance be granted for the purchase of necessary clothing for the scholar (maximum \$ 100) ~~as all come from much warmer climates than ours and extra clothing is essential.~~ *more in consulta. w. Nat Com.*
3. That the revised application form for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be adopted.

(to be cont'd)

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (cont'd)

For clarification: N.C.M. 1975 page 9 Paragraph 2

states "Funds shall be available triennially or at the discretion of the National Working Committee to provide fares, honoraria and accommodation costs for a Winifred Kiek Visiting Scholarship".

Funds being available at the end of each triennium, the question of granting both scholarships does not arise.

In the event that funds are insufficient to support both scholarships, it is necessary to determine which of the two scholarships takes precedence.

Marion Dodds, W.K.S. Convener

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

APPLICATION FORM - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Australian Church Women are now calling for applications for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. The Scholarship is available to a Christian Woman from a country outside Australia, who has given leadership in Church life in her own country, and would benefit from further training and experience.

No age limit is set, but it is preferred that applicants be between 25 and 35 years, and be proficient in English.

The Scholarship is tenable for up to ten months. It covers the provision of return air fare to the selected place of study, and financial assistance with tuition fees, books and accommodation.

The sponsoring bodies may suggest to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee, a suitable training programme for the applicant, and are invited to give considered guidance to the choice of venue - within Australia or the Asia-Pacific area - to ensure that the most relevant course of study is undertaken.

The scholar should be ready to start an approved course at the beginning of

In the first instance, the Scholarship committee needs the following details:

NAME:

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH:.....

ADDRESS:.....

MARITAL STATUS: Single Engaged Married Divorced Widowed
(Please circle)

CHILDREN: (Names and ages)

OCCUPATION:.....

LANGUAGES:.....

ACADEMIC RECORD:.....

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:.....

EXPERIENCE:.....

OBJECT OF TRAINING:.....

.....

COURSE DESIRED:.....

DURATION OF COURSE:.....

COUNTRY IN WHICH TRAINING DESIRED:.....

HOW WILL KNOWLEDGE GAINED BE APPLIED ON RETURN TO PLACE OF RESIDENCE ?

.....

.....

CHURCH AFFILIATION:.....

HEALTH: (Please circle) Poor Fair Good Excellent

ANY HEALTH CONDITION WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ?

HAVE YOU ANY OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS APART FROM YOUR WORK AND
CHURCH INVOLVEMENT ?

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(Convener)

Loyce Goldsmith

WOMEN AT WORK

As my predecessor, Jan Curtin, stated in her report, guide-lines were laid down in Perth in 1977 for "Women at Work" and we endeavoured to carry them out faithfully. This is a comparatively new magazine within the A.C.W. movement and like all similar publications it will continue to grow and perhaps change from time to time as people with different personalities become conveners. This responsibility for me within the Working Committee in Tasmania during our term 1979-1981 has been a great challenge, through which I have made many friends and gained much spiritual satisfaction.

On reflection, however, I feel that perhaps I had not been involved long enough with Australian Church Women before taking this position on the Working Committee and in the beginning, allowed my own thoughts and personality to come through too much in the publication. Ruth Thomas joined me on Women at Work in March 1980 and through her access to a "photostat" machine, we were then able to present our draft copy to the Working Committee for discussion before printing. I would here like to thank Ruth for her untiring work and help to me.

Of course, like any publication we rely on you, our readers, for material of interest to all Australian Church Women and to those who contributed so generously, I say thank you. To those Units who, for some reason, have not done so in the past, I urge you to reflect on this matter. It is by sharing with each other that we learn from each other and so grow as Christians.

To those of you who not only sent articles for printing but personal letters of love and encouragement to me, I say "thank you". My term of working for you with your Committee in Tasmania has been one of great joy and learning. I wish to my successor all the blessings of Him for whom we work. May "Women at Work" go on to better and bigger things in the future.

Loyce Goldsmith, Editor

SPECIAL DAYS

Roma Hickman

It is with pleasure that I present the report of the Special Days Convener for 1980-81.

Preparations for Fellowship Day 1980 were nearing completion when I took over from Mrs. Heather Stevens in September 1979. The Service was prepared by the South Australian Unit on the theme
"The People of the Kingdom".

The 1980 Community Day Service was prepared by the Tasmanian Unit. The theme for this service was "With Hope in Our Hearts".

The theme "Creative for Christ" was chosen and prepared by the Northern Territory Unit for Fellowship Day 1981.

"Prayer Partnership Peace" the theme for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Fellowship of the Least Coin was chosen for Community Day 1981 and was prepared by the Catholic Women's League Tasmania.

Mrs. Commissioner Linnett of the Salvation Army in Victoria has agreed to form a small committee to prepare the order of service for Fellowship Day 1982 on the theme "Co-Workers in Christ for Renewal". ✓

The Rev. Beverley Bellinger has been approached to prepare a Service of Worship on the theme "Women Dare, Women Care and Act", for World Community Day 1982. ✓

In closing I would like to express my thanks to those who so willingly accepted the task of preparing the Orders of Service during my term of office.

Roma Hickman, Convener

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

There have been two distinct high points of interest during the term 1979/1981. Firstly, the ACWC Executive Committee decision of late 1979 to separate the Committees of ACWC and FLC., due to the world-wide expansion of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Secondly, the achievement of twenty-five continuous years of growth of F.L.C. since the inaugural dedication of least coins by women in the Philippines in the year 1956.

To mark this important milestone, almost 200 delegates from 35 countries met in Manila to thank God for past blessings and to pray and plan together for the years ahead. Twelve Australians were privileged to travel to the Philippines to share in the joyful occasion and to meet with personalities associated with F.L.C. since its inception, including Mrs. Shanti Solomon of India and Dr. Margaret Shannon-Myers of U.S.A.

Carrying the especially prepared Banner depicting Australian flora and fauna and the Celebration Theme of Prayer - Partnership - Peace, members proudly entered the Ellinwood Church for the opening ceremony. This was the very Church in which Shanti had been inspired by the Word of God through her meditation on a passage in St. Mark's Gospel, to form a Fellowship which would join together the hearts and hands of the women of the world in reconciliation, prayer and giving.

During the later celebrations, Jubilee songs were presented from several countries. Australians were delighted to sing in chorus their submission entitled "SO SMALL A COIN". The words were written by South Australian Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase (daughter of the late Reverend Winifred Kiek) and the music was composed by Mrs. Joan McKercher of Tasmania. These two ladies are to be commended for their generous cultural contribution from our country.

The delegation from Korea imparted to participants the tragic story of their people and descendants who are yet suffering from the horrifying effects of the Atomic bombs which ended World War II. We were asked by members of Korean Church Women United to take home the sad knowledge, each to our separate countries. In an endeavour to comply with the request, an article was printed in the Brisbane Catholic LEADER which has a wide circulation. Some A.C.W. members kindly assisted in disseminating the facts by writing follow-up letters regarding the article, to the Editor of the LEADER.

Also from Manila, acting on a recommendation of the F.L.C. Asian Committee a Jubilee Service was prepared to facilitate State Units in their desire to involve others in the continuation of thanksgiving and celebration. My sincere congratulations to the Units who were able to organise Services for this purpose. These were planned where possible to coincide with the scheduled visit of Mrs. Rathi Selveratnam who in accepting the Winifred Kiek Visiting Scholarship, will in this Jubilee Year promote the Fellowship of the Least Coin and A.C.W. A former chairperson of ACWC, Rathi is a woman of rare quality and talents and therefore has much to offer those fortunate enough to hear her inspiring addresses.

A special Jubilee issue of Circle of Prayer, Volume 8, prepared on the celebration theme, has sold readily and a second order has been requested. Papers presented in Manila by members respectively from Egypt, Uruguay and Africa, developing Prayer - Partnership - Peace, have been reprinted in "Women at Work" so that a greater number of members could share in the Theme. Jubilee mementoes of teaspoons and bookmarks have been prepared for sale, by two separate State Units. A substantial sum of money has been forwarded to Geneva from our Least Coin contributions. An application for a F.L.C. grant was requested by the St. John of God Brothers of ASHGROVE, Queensland.

To be actively associated with Fellowship of the Least Coin is indeed an honour, particularly so in this historic Silver Jubilee Year. I express my gratitude to God's Holy Spirit for constant guidance and to my associates for their confidence in me, through Him. Through our continuous prayer may He reconcile the people of our world in His True Peace.

Marie Price, F.L.C. Convener

STATE UNIT REPORTSAUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The work of the A.C.T. Unit continues to grow and to be more widely known. Under the capable Presidency of Mrs. Edith Ridge, the Unit is composed of delegates representing thirty-one church women's groups. Members of the affiliated groups willingly undertake, in turn, the responsibility of arranging and hostessing the services for the various Special Days each year.

The fast growing, far-flung residential suburbs of Canberra present a real challenge to the A.C.T. Unit. We endeavour, where possible, to organise Special Day services in the new areas, and in this regard we are giving consideration to the establishment of districts within the Unit. For instance, Special Day services in the vast Tuggeranong Valley area are presently organised by a small committee of representatives of the various church groups in the area. The committee operates under the guidance of the A.C.T. Unit, and the arrangement is working most satisfactorily.

In the period under review details of the services held are as follows:

Fellowship Day

1979: Reid (Canberra City) Uniting Church (morning)

Padua College (Tuggeranong Valley) (night)

Miss Doris Mitchell, then Hon. Secretary of Australian Church Women was guest speaker on both occasions.

1980: St. Columba Uniting Church, Braddon (Canberra City) morning, guest speaker Mrs. Major Young (Salvation Army).

Kambah-Wanniassa (Tuggeranong Valley) (night), guest speaker Mrs. Captain Middleton (Salvation Army).

Soup and sandwich luncheon, and supper at night service, on Fellowship Days added greatly to the feeling of fellowship among those present, and enabled us to make additional contributions to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

World Community Day

1979: St. Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka (Canberra City) (morning)

Padua College (Tuggeranong Valley) (night)

Mrs. Kathleen Bourke, A.M., was guest speaker at both services. *Travel fund started by Cath. Ladies*

1980: St. Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka (morning)

Padua College (Tuggeranong Valley) (night)

Miss Dorothy Knight (a Uniting Church missionary on furlough from Korea) was guest speaker at both services. Fellowship of the Least Coin monies were collected and dedicated.

Women's World Day of Prayer

1980: Church of the Good Shepherd, Curtin (morning)

St. John's Catholic Church (Belconnen) (night)

Guest speakers were Dr. Jenny Lawrence and Mrs. Shannon.

1981: O'Connor Uniting Church (Canberra City) (morning)

(1) Wanniassa (Tuggeranong Valley) (night)

(2) Belconnen Churches Centre (night).

On each occasion we were privileged to have as our special guests a group from the Presbytery of the Uniting Church of Papua/New Guinea. Bishop Gasika spoke, and other members lead with special singing in their own language. Attendance at 1981 services excelled all expectations as numbers were more than double those of previous years.

In conclusion we wish to acknowledge with thanks the co-operation and inspiration of the National Committee and our members appreciate the regular arrival of 'Women at Work' so full of interest.

At time of going to press the A.C.T. Unit is looking forward to the visit of Mrs. Rathi Selveratnam during July.

Mid year fourday long weekend

Mr Neil Gilmore. A.B.C. a potter, brought his wheel

made a pot & gave sermon

Display of creativity - things people have made, embroiders quilt, wood sculpture of face of of wood in paddock

Soup & Sandwich at Burmeister 30 came.

Evonne Sullivan A.M.
Hon. Secretary

NEW SOUTH WALES

Many Sydney members were privileged to attend the National Meetings and Consultation with members from Church Women United U.S.A. and New Zealand Council of Churches Women's Committee in Sydney in 1979. This "Causeway" initiated a return visit to U.S.A. to the Ecumenical Assembly in Los Angeles in June 1980 when five ladies from N.S.W. attended. Five members also attended the F.L.C. Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Manila, Philippines in Nov/Dec 1980, and an ecumenical tour to New Zealand churches was arranged for March 1981. These interchanges promote fellowship across national boundaries.

To implement the three recommendations the National Meeting asked the States to pursue - in March 1980 a special day was held when three speakers from the Y.W.C.A. gave useful information to assist women to take their place in the decision making structures of the Church, and in the afternoon session we heard an informative talk on how to cope when "Speaking Under Stress". Appropriate representatives from the denominations reported about the leadership training their churches give to those interested. At another time we were addressed by a Catholic Sister whose topic was "Women in the Bible" thinking of the legal and social status of women from the Old and New Testaments. This stimulated much interest and followed through the request "to initiate wide discussion regarding the Bible and the role of women". Another recommendation that we "gather resources relating to current community issues" is being fulfilled by the committee that was formed to co-ordinate thinking on issues of social responsibility.

Representatives of each of our seven denominations in turn have given a five minute segment telling of the structures and various areas of women's work in the various churches, and also the three affiliated organisations informed us of their work. We heard about the 100 years of work of the Y.W.C.A. in Sydney, the W.C.T.U. which is 100 years old next year and interesting information about the Girls Brigade. Several members attended the series "Speaking Out" organized by the W.C.T.U. and purchased their 'leadership training' book.

Various Conferences were attended re the United Nations Mid-Decade for Women and Mrs. Heather Stevens was invited by the Government to be one of the twenty-two Australian women to attend the Forum in Copenhagen.

A new emblem has been adopted for the State Unit. Reports from Branch representatives are presented in the State Unit's paper "Newsette" along with other news of interest ecumenically. This is posted to about 120 subscribers quarterly, a new venture in reaching out beyond Council members.

An Audio Visual was made in 1980 by the Secretary with slides accompanied by commentary on tape, with background music recorded at A.C.W. events. This has been used to promote new branches in city and country, as more people become aware of this ecumenical expression of Christian witness.

We have been pleased to confer Life Membership on two members for long and distinguished service - Deaconess Mary Andrews and Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope.

A number attended the Ecumenical Service in St. Andrew's Cathedral and each year several attend the Ecumenical Reflection Day. Interesting reports have been brought to meetings of overseas conferences. In May 1980 Mrs. Marie McCann handed the President's Bible to Mrs. Glad West at the Installation Service at Northside Baptist Church for a two year term. We are grateful for their leadership.

Several met the Rev. Mary Au on her way home to Hong Kong from New Zealand. We were delighted to meet Miss Dien Sumiyatiningsih, the 1980 Winifred Kiek Scholar and feel privileged to have Miss Malini Weerasinghe in Sydney for her studies. We endeavour to give every opportunity to the first Winifred Kiek Visiting Scholarship Holder, Mrs. Rathi Selveratnam in her promotion tour of Australia.

Bookmarks have been printed with a photograph of the Australian Banner to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Our Annual Service in May 1981 incorporated the Special Service prepared for this significant occasion. This was followed by a luncheon and two speakers to recognise the International Year of Disabled Persons. Altogether two years of much activity in the cause of Christian Unity.

Retiring Secretary
Incoming Secretary

Dorothy Woodhouse
Mabel Ward

Di Johnson

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Darwin is the base for the A.C.W. Committee in the N.T. and it is in fact a committee consisting of two representatives of each Church within this city. Although it is a gathering of busy women, meeting under pressure of time, we always enjoy each other's friendship and spiritual support and have many laughs between our busy planning sessions.

We seek to contact and, in small ways, co-ordinate the A.C.W. worship events in other centres within the Territory, but we have no possible means of meeting with women 'down the Track', in Arnhem Land, or out in the Gulf. In Darwin, where we are closer to Bali than we are to Alice Springs and where our nearest shopping metropolis is Singapore rather than Sydney, distance is a tyranny which rules our lives.

Nevertheless we sent out to other centres, a fellowship letter, a paper on the purpose and origin of women's world day of Prayer and Orders of Service for the three main acumenical women's worship events for the year.

It is very difficult to get feedback from centres but we know that services have been held at Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Nhulunbuy and Goulburn Island and have received Fellowship of the Least Coin money from Goulburn Is., Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

During the last two years the committee has met principally to organise the three yearly services but our other occasions have been worthwhile in fellowship and worship.

*Robert & W. WCE team tremendous isolation
dreadfully lonely - plane ride.*

GARDEN PARTY

An A.C.W. Garden Party was held in the Darwin Uniting Church Manse to which we invited three representatives from all the Churches plus significant church women in the city. About 30 women attended and during a happy fellowship occasion we took time to inform people about A.C.W.

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL SERVICE JUNE 1980

The A.C.W. Committee was approached by the Women's Festival Committee to present a women's service to commence the Women's Festival Week. Under leadership of Di Johnson a committee including Peg Goodluck, Judy Cooper, Sister Xaveria and Margaret Thompson, prepared an exciting order of service.

The service held on June 8 in the Darwin Uniting Church was well attended though there was a demonstration outside by a feminist anti-church group. In a community such as ours, which is small in comparison with major centres, we work at a personal level rather than through big meetings and grand events. The preparation of this service demonstrates this admirably. During its preparation a communication and trust was built between our co-ordinator and the secular women's groups. Since this service she has maintained a contact and trust with some members which reveals the true essence of our Christian faith and work.

The N.T. Unit was asked by A.C.W. Executive to prepare the order of service for World Fellowship Day 1981. Our committee commissioned the same work group plus Jo Brandt to prepare the order of service. We hope that it has brought joy and inspiration to women around Australia.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 1981

At the 1981 Women's World Day of Prayer service held in the evening at the Anglican Cathedral, the Sacred Dance Group from Dallas U.S.A. offered three dance segments to illustrate the theme. A well attended lunchtime service was held at the Catholic Cathedral for business women. There was feed back from some N.T. women about the non-Christian nature of parts of the service. The Committee itself felt that as Christian women in a multicultural society we must be open to the faith express through other cultures and using other than 'western' terms and symbols.

CONFERENCE OF ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN 1982 Our committee has put forward as one of the nominees Mrs. Dianne Bos, a Darwin Christian woman of great capacity and ecumenical experience for a position to this Conference.

The N.T. continues to struggle with the enormous pressures of cost in getting delegates to conferences. The A.C.W. travel pool enables us to send one delegate to the National Conference but there is no way that we could send a second delegate, which we would dearly love to do.

Betty Vawser, President

QUEENSLAND

Joyce Greentree

Membership: Women from 7 denominations, plus Y.W.C.A., Girls Friendly Society and Girls Brigade, make up the Queensland Unit, with branches in Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg. During the year we welcomed Mrs. Grindrod, the wife of the Church of England Archbishop. Our attendances have been very good over the past months with our meetings averaging twenty.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS for the year have been:

President	-	Mrs. Joyce Greentree (Major)
Secretary	-	Mrs. Margaret Wright
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Lyn Richardson
Ass. Treasurer	-	Mrs. Ruth Potter

VISITORS:

We welcomed the Winifred Kiek Scholar, Miss Dien Sumiyatin Sumiyatiningsih. From all reports this was a very successful and rewarding visit that was enjoyed both by Dien and those who had the opportunity of meeting with her.

We were greatly saddened by the sudden death of our Treasurer Mrs. Joyce Pope. Our Committee felt this loss very much as Joyce applied efficiency and enthusiasm to her work with A.C.W. She was also a lovely Christian lady and her influence is greatly missed.

SPECIAL DAYS:

Fellowship Day. Our Annual Fellowship Day Service was held in the Salvation Army Temple, Ann Street, City and also in many other venues throughout the Suburbs. All these services were well attended and the order of service was well written and accepted by all who attended. We would like to see this Day more widely advertised in our Churches as it certainly brings Christian women together for Worship and Fellowship.

Next year nautical but nice Jesus savours pilot me.
Warana. *in Sun* Our 1980 Warana Service was held in the Salvation Army Temple City. The theme for this year being "AUSTRALIANA". Guests for this occasion were Lady Ramsay and Mrs. Flo Bjelke-Petersen. The Guest Speaker was Mr. Peter Johnson M.P. *Mrs Shirley Little - mother of handicapped chd. Joy of Lord Testimony typically Aust. flowers array*

World Community Day. Our service this year was held in the Uniting Church, Albert Street, City, on Monday 27.10.1980. The theme for this service being "WITH HOPE IN OUR HEARTS". This again was well attended. Dr. Laurel Macintosh accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker for this occasion. Her address centered around her recent visit to Copenhagen. Dr. Macintosh conveyed to us that we not only need to have hope in our hearts for our own country but made it known to us that other countries are suffering more than our minds can comprehend. We would have liked to have given the Doctor more time to speak as we feel she had so much more to tell and had to conclude just as we were becoming interested.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. Mrs. Lena Meadows continues to do a wonderful job in this regard and the interest in this work is growing all the time in Queensland. Mrs. Meadows travels to many places in the State and gives willingly of her time to do so.

GENERAL Many invitations have been received during the year to attend functions at various Churches and Organisations. These have been mostly accepted by the President or Secretary, or other members on behalf of A.C.W.

Mrs. Major Greentree joins me in thanks for your interest in our Unit and for your help and understanding and we pray that God shall continue to bless you each one and bless Australian Church Women in Queensland.

President	-	Mrs. Major Greentree
Secretary	-	Mrs. Margaret Wright

Travelling fund - dinner

Pauline Crosby

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In the period 1979-81 this Unit has been ably and graciously led by Mrs. Nell Kain, Catholic Women's League, and Mrs. Pauline Crosby, Churches of Christ. Meetings have been held at Pilgrim Centre, Flinders St., Adelaide. At the Annual Meetings in November 1979 the following motion was passed:

"The President-Elect shall be appointed bi-ennially by each denomination or Inter-Church body. The President shall hold office for two years".

Our President-Elect, Mrs. Dorothy Haensal (Uniting Church) will take office in November this year.

Executive spent many hours reviewing and updating our Constitution and the amended constitution was passed at the Annual Meeting in 1979.

BRANCHES. It is encouraging to report new branches having been formed at Quorn, Christies Beach, Islington and the Hill's Area.

MEETINGS AND CONTACTS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS. Contacts have been kept with the Women's World Day of Prayer, National Council of Women, S.A. Council of Churches, Y.W.C.A., Status of Women Committee, Women's Switchboard, Dept. Community Welfare, Bible Society, S.A. Christian Education for Mental Health and the International Year for Disabled Persons.

FORUMS. Have again proved valuable. These have been "The Decade for Women" led by Mrs. Judith Roberts, of the National Advisory Council, and Mrs. Gene Wenham. Rev. Dorothy Wacker led discussions on "Spirituality - What does it mean to us?"

The Year of Disabled Persons discussion was led by Mrs. Barbara Worley (Sport) Miss Judy-Anne Lambert (Education) Miss Margaret Wellington (Industry) and Mrs. Ruth Edge, the mother of a disabled person. Other speakers have been Mrs. Robin Croydon, a lawyer from the Family Court; Mr. Ted Heard "The growing crisis in S.E. Asia, and the cry of the poor". Mrs. Barbara Grealy "F.L.C. Celebrations in Manila".

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP DAY. These have been convened by Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase. 1980 Fellowship Day was observed in 15 suburban and country centres, and were well attended. A shared luncheon followed the services. This year's city service will be held in Scot's Church, N. Terrace. We were delighted to have Malini Weerasinghe with us in May. A special Unit meeting and luncheon was arranged for May 21st. Other visits included a luncheon and meeting at Victor Harbou, a Youth Camp in the Hills, and a Vacation Bible School.

Amounts raised for the Scholarship Fund exceeded those raised in other years.

HONG KONG HANDWORK. Sales of this are handled by Mrs. Dorothy Haensal and profits are given to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. After five years as F.L.C. Convener, Mrs. Barbara Grealy finished her term of office in 1980. Mrs. Judy Newham (C.W.L.) has now accepted this office. We were proud that Mrs. Grealy was able to go to Manila as one of the Australian delegates to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in November last. We look forward to the visit of Rathi Selveratnam in August when special celebrations will be held in the city and in the northern area of the State. Souvenir teaspoons have been produced to commemorate these occasions. World Community Day has been successfully celebrated each year.

COMMUNITY CONCERN. ^{50 yrs since} The format of our fundraising for non-church organisations was changed during this period, and luncheons in three suburban areas replaced the central musical At Home. The success of this new venture can be measured by the fact that in 1980 \$ 1.000 was donated to Service to Youth. This is comparison to \$ 250 - \$ 300 raised over previous years. Seven luncheons in different areas have been arranged for 1981, and the proceeds will assist P.A.C.E. (People for Alcoholic Concern and Education).

Following a resolution passed at the National Committee Meeting in Sydney, encouraging Units to prepare training programmes, we have prepared a programme of Leadership Training for the benefit of women in our churches. Conveners and executive have visited fellowship groups to tell of the work of Australian Church Women and we look with confidence to the future in South Australia.

Trading Tables continue to be an important source of revenue for the ^{Jubilee 150 - 1986} ~~committee for~~ ^{services for women} Travel Fund.

7 soup + sandwich luncheons. Jean Middleton, Secretary
\$1500 cost \$200.

Tell Day + luncheons have fellowship w. Lutherans

Sept - a day of dialogue - leaders of
denom + women's groups.

- 23 -

F.L.C. celeb. dinner then it.

Jan Easter

TASMANIA

State Executive have met quarterly at St. John's Church, Launceston. Attendance has been good despite the distance some ladies have to travel. There always is a happy atmosphere and Mrs. Capt. Green has kept business flowing. Working together is valuable in helping to understand each other and share our Christian love.

A challenge to see whether we do fulfill our aims, led us to arrange several successful activities:

- 1) Sharing of National Committee Meeting experiences, understanding A.C.W. and projects (Mrs. Capt Green).
- 2) Guest Speaker Mrs. Dawn Rhodes - Chairmanship, meeting procedure and guide to more effective speaking.
- 3) Sharing with Burnie ladies their first World Community Day (1980) by State Executive. Morning session included discussion on:
 - Understanding ACW Structure and Projects
 - Bible study
 - Gathering of resources
 - Role of women in the decisionmaking of the church.

A highlight was the visit of 1980 Winifred Kiek Scholar Miss Dien Sumiyatiningsih. She captured all our hearts and we certainly benefitted to hear of her life and work and the culture of Indonesia. Dien visited Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Scottsdale and functions were held at all centres for ladies to meet her.

The visit of the first Winifred Kiek Visiting Scholar, Mrs. R. Selveratnam must be marked too as another highlight. The opportunity to hear and meet such a woman as Rathi really opens our hearts and minds to an experience and understanding which truly crosses international boundaries.

The Special Celebration Service for F.L.C. Silver Jubilee was a most meaningful and colourful service in which ladies of different nationalities played their part. The Fellowship of the Least Coin was certainly promoted as a prayer fellowship which has such strength because of its participants.

Special Day Services have been held in Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, Queenstown, Ulverstone and this year Scottsdale has requested Fellowship Day services.

It was a joy and experience for our Unit to prepare the 1980 World Community Day Order of Service on the theme "With Hope in our Hearts". Many Tasmanian groups are sharing in Fellowship of the Least Coin. Branch support has been excellent and will be strengthened by a "Resource Kit" prepared by Mrs. Capt. Green. This will provide a starting point for various activities and will enrich fellowship.

At the State Annual Meeting a change of leadership and executive members took place. We were sad to lose our outgoing members, and happy to welcome new ones as this spreads A.C.W. a little further.

We were very sorry that Presbyterian Women of Australia (Tas.) are not to affiliate this year but hope and pray that later they may rejoin.

We give thanks to the Lord for His guidance and we look forward to the next two years of service under the leadership of Mrs. Dawn Nibbs.

Jan Easter, Secretary

Mrs Dorothy Fry.

VICTORIA

PROGRAM Our program during these last two years has been influenced by a variety of events in our State.

Since Melbourne was the venue for WORLD MISSION - MAY 1980, we were involved in some of the program areas: assistance in a resource centre; participating in 'Festival of Faith' - the section enabling those interested to be more aware of the Ecumenical stress - and also to meet with some of the overseas delegates; the opening service at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral; the closing session at Melbourne Festival Hall - where the 7000 seats were quickly filled - and various church displays, drama, theatre and such like.

The visit of Dr. Letty Russell - sponsored by the theologically trained women - was reported on by Rev. Ann Gowers B.A., B.A. - a Uniting Church minister working in a predominantly migrant area of inner city Brunswick.

With so much uncertainty and doubt regarding the recently approved Human Relationships Syllabus in State Secondary Schools, we were more than blessed with a talk from Rev. Ed. Ots, Chaplain at the Blackburn Highschool. We felt it a pity that not more people could have heard him.

We did have a Reports Day from some of our suburban ACW groups - each works independently - concerning their Fellowship and Community Day Services. This proved most interesting.

Since two of our members had travelled to Manila for the Jubilee Celebrations for F.L.C., we were pleased to have their reports concerning this exciting occasion.

Most church groups have established Marriage Encounter groups, and we were introduced to the Roman Catholic program by one of their couples, who plan their weekend happenings.

Although there has not been a very definite plan to the above program - we have benefitted by the diversity of the subject matter.

During our meetings we have reports from National Council of Women, Victorian Family Council, Victorian Council of Churches and Women's World Day of Prayer to each of which group we have representatives. It is from these reports that we plan our program.

We continue with our 'Areas of Concern', enabling our six church groups to bring before our members their specific concerns and prayer requests. As the years continue, this becomes more important to the Unit as a whole.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

During 1980 our special interest was to have the Winifred Kiek Scholar - Miss Dien Sumiyatiningsih - working at Peter McCallum Hospital, doing a Clinical Pastoral Course. We have been able to visit a number of our centres with her, and it has been very satisfying that Dien was able to complete the 9 months course satisfactorily. We do wish her well in her studies at Ridley College, Melbourne, where she continues her study for B.D. It is pleasing to know she has been invited to share in the National Committee Meeting in Hobart.

In 1980 we did participate in the United Nations Mid-Decade for Women. A special card on "Love Be In It" was prepared for distribution and some of our members marched to an assembly point, the day concluding with a dinner at the Dallas Brooks Hall, which ten of our members attended. We did look at the 1981 program, but the few who gathered in the City Square felt that they could not participate in the group which had assembled. This decision has led to much prayer and concern for a possible solution where we can make people aware of the presence of Christian women.

SPECIAL DAYS

Because of Mrs. Selveratnam's visits we have had extra interest shown in Fellowship Day Services. 3500 Orders of Service for "Creative for Christ" have been printed and distributed to 50 centres. About 30 centres hold Community Day Services. A State Newsletter is also sent out twice a year when the Services are distributed, and this enables local groups throughout the State to be aware of the work of the Central Committee.

Printing and mailing costs continue to be quite a problem - so it is essential that the Orders of Service be kept to the two foolscap sheet lengths.

VICTORIA (cont'd)

During the presidency of Mrs. Joan Smith, we had the blessed experience of welcoming our Winifred Kiek Scholar, and because Mrs. Smith's son had worked in Indonesia, Mrs. Smith was more able to understand the problems which Dien met in our culture. The task was then taken over by Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, who has led us most capably during her term of office, especially during preparations for Victoria to be the venue for the Working Committee.

It would not be appropriate for us in this report to omit our thanks to the Working Committee in Tasmania during these last two years. With such small numbers of women to call upon, we have had more than ample satisfaction in all our dealings, especially relevant to Winifred Kiek Scholar concerns, and each committee member with her liaison committee member. For this we record our humble thanks, and may we in Victoria be sufficiently blessed to carry on committee matters in as confident and able a manner as over the last two years.

Dorothy Fry, Secretary

WEST AUSTRALIA

Leila Wilson Pres.

g. Orthodox

Since the last National Committee Meeting, Mrs. Jean Vincent has retired as President and Mrs. Beatrice Phillips as Treasurer. We are very appreciative of Jean's leadership during her term of office, and Bea's efforts as treasurer.

During 1980, we endeavoured to study the subjects suggested by the National Committee. Our first Forum explored "the improving and deepening of our own individual spiritual life" whilst a second Forum dealt with "Christian women at work in the community". The provision of a creche at these functions encouraged younger women to attend, and we were particularly happy to welcome some of the younger women from the Greek Orthodox Church. One of our vice-presidents, Mrs. Leonie Liveris, represents the Greek Orthodox Church and is gradually encouraging the women of her church to become involved in our activities.

One of the special times during 1980 was the visit of Head Deaconess Mary Andrews A.M. Although Mary's visit was mainly in connection with the World Day of Prayer Committee, we, in A.C.W. managed to meet with her on several occasions.

Early in 1980, we made a submission through the National Council of Women to the W.A. State Premier regarding the aboriginal community at Cundeclee in the north of W.A. This community was desperately short of water and we expressed our deep concern at their plight caused by the delay of the Government in having water supplied to them. This submission was followed up by further letters to the Minister concerned and finally in March of this year we were advised that electricity had been turned on at Cundeclee and that four bore holes for water were being put down.

Submissions have also been sent to the Government re the appalling problems of "drinking and driving" and supporting the introduction of "random breath testing" and "blood testing for alcohol of all accident victims on arrival at the hospital". We sought and gained the support of the National Council of Women and the W.A. Council of Churches in these submissions. We have all received encouraging replies from the Minister for Police with regard to this problem.

This year we have become members of the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, something we have hoped for for some time. We also have representatives on the National Council of Women.

Our president for 1980/81 is Lady Wilson (Leila) ably supported by vice-presidents Mrs. Leonie Liveris and Mrs. Margaret Napier, and past president, Mrs. Jean Vincent. Miss Vera Dean continues as secretary, with Mrs. Janet Watts doubling as assistant secretary and convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs. Jean Banyard who was treasurer when W.A. held office as the National Committee has rejoined us as treasurer. We are happy to have Mrs. Vera Wilson as convener of Special Days as we have been without a convener for that committee for the past twelve months.

Pilbara - exphdy. popln. extreme heat, isolated in homes, few grandmothers in Pil. A.C.W. into the area - even just - 26 clergy wives.

WEST AUSTRALIA (cont'd)

We are happy to report though that despite the lack of a convener for Special Days, both Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services for 1980 were very successful thanks to the efforts of all members of the committee.

We plan to focus our Forums for 1981 round the Year for Disabled Persons.

During the second week in May we were delighted to welcome Malini Weerasinghe to W.A. Those of us who were privileged to meet her found her a very lovable ambassadress for Sri Lanka. A varied programme was arranged for her, the weather on the whole showed her W.A. at its best, and not only did Malini seem very happy with her week spent in W.A., but her visit helped to give us renewed interest in the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. It is vital that the more distant States have this personal contact from time to time, to maintain active interest.

We are gradually getting some young women interested in the work of A.C.W. and we on the State Unit have appreciated the love and support of each other.

May God use each one of us as we allow Him to.

Vera Dean, Secretary

REPORTS

FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ANGLICAN ACTIVITIES:

The Australian Board of Missions - Women's Auxiliary Central Council

As we are an Auxiliary to the Australian Board of Missions, which is set up and elected by the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia, we are not a national body in our own right. As such we are not eligible to send a delegate or an observer to the bi-annual Conference of the Australian Church Women. However we are very interested and supportive of the work done by them and are grateful for the opportunity to give a report of our work.

1. The Women's Auxiliary is:

A fellowship of groups of Anglican women banded together to assist the Australian Board of Missions in its task of promoting the missionary work of the church by stimulating interest in mission and efforts in the support of mission and by fostering the missionary spirit among members of the Anglican Church in Australia.

2. Women's Auxiliary members undertake

- To learn about Mission.
- To pray for Mission.
- To work for Mission.

Last year we celebrated our 70th Anniversary, and at our 70th Annual Meeting held in April this year, attended by representatives from dioceses all over Australia, we learnt of the wide variety of work done by our members. Over \$ 80,000 was raised to support the work of our partner Churches overseas.

Each year we have a special project which is over and above our contribution to the General Funds of Australian Board of Missions. Last year's project was to raise \$ 15,000 for the support of the Pacific Theological College, and also to help set up a Women's Centre in Melanesia.

This year we have undertaken to raise \$ 15,000 to support students, both men and women, attending the Seminari Theologi Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, an ecumenical college. This appeal is a response to one of the priorities for the Church in East Asia set at the Partner in Mission Consultation in 1980.

Margot Sanders Fed. Pres. Marjorie A.M. Green, President
The Mothers' Union - Australian Commonwealth Council. *Mrs Roberts spoke for (Reryl)*

In July 1979 over four hundred members from around the world gathered within the University of Queensland for a World Conference on the Family arranged by the Mothers' Union in Australia. It was a most exciting and wonderful time for members of many nationalities to meet and live together and discuss common areas of concern. As well as the residential participants there were many who came to open sessions. From the Conference the following recommendations were made to participating Provincial Councils of The Mothers' Union around the world for their consideration. These were subsequently considered and carried by The Mothers' Union in Australia at its triennial Council last October (1980).

** That this Conference re-affirms its belief in the paramount importance of Christian family life in the creation of a stable society. It calls on members of the world-wide Mothers' Union to impress on Church and State (or Government) in their own countries, the necessity of providing for the proper development of future generations and the consequent enrichment of humanity.

The Mothers' Union (cont'd)

- ** That this Conference re-affirms the crucial importance of the family as the basic unit of society.
- ** That this Conference recognises the need for the Church to provide a caring network for otherwise unsupported lone parent families.
- ** That this Conference recognises the need for the Mothers' Union to establish effective networks to encourage the good and counteract the undesirable media element.

At the present time in Australia we are researching from the northern Bishops a specific need situation among aboriginal women. It is envisaged that a person, preferably an aboriginal, be sought and if necessary trained, to put a trial programme into operation. The members around Australia will be asked to finance the project. The matter is complex, but hopefully the project will be a reality in the not too far distant future.

One Diocese has commenced a "Message Home" scheme. Through this parents whose children have left home without giving any indication of their whereabouts can send a message saying how they are. The source of the call is not disclosed unless the caller requests it. An "Answerphone" machine is used so that the caller does not speak to a person. Cards have been distributed widely in the region where the telephone has been installed (within a radius of 500 kilometres). The project has been funded solely by the Mothers' Union in the Diocese concerned. It is probable that other dioceses will become involved in "The Message Home" scheme also. *a place to phone in?*

We have appointed a Liaison Officer for the South Pacific area whose concern is to have contact with members in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Melanesia, Tonga and Sabah and the Overseas Department of the Mothers' Union in England. As representatives from some of these areas will be attending Jubilee celebrations of the organisation in the Solomons in June, a meeting will be held for the South Pacific Area of The Mothers' Union at that time. *Olwen Jull*

The Chairman of our Department of Social Responsibility attended a Television Awareness Programme in Melbourne recently and she hopes to be able to encourage selective and discerning use of this form of the media among members and their families.

Council expressed its alarm at the world-wide problem of drugs including alcohol. It appreciates the work done by Governments in this field and urges increase in education and advertising campaigns in schools and communities in an effort to combat the problem. Believing that a complete education should include the wise use of leisure, the Council urged members and all parents to encourage the introduction of courses in schools for this purpose.

Members of the Mothers' Union in Australia appreciate the opportunity to share with our sisters through this gathering of Australian Church Women.

Betty Slack,
Commonwealth Secretary.

Margot E. Sanders
Commonwealth President.

Mrs Pollard Fed Pres^t. Margaret spoke.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP = FED'L COMM'TEE

Christian Women's Fellowship aims to develop a deeper understanding of Christ's love and salvation for ourselves and others; and to provide channels of service to the Church, the community and the world.

It operates at State, Federal and World level, and it aims to co-ordinate women's work at each of these levels.

We support the different departments of mission and education. These cover Overseas Missions, Home Missions, Aboriginal Missions, Christian Education, Social Welfare, Hospitals and Hospital Chaplaincy.

We are also involved in work with Homes for the Aged, Children's Homes and Hostels, Meals on Wheels, Play groups and Friendship Centres.

Women's camps and Study Days are also held each year to provide further avenues for fellowship and study.

Federal Conference was held at Stanwell Tops in New South Wales in October 1980, when about 550 women representing all States, including Darwin, attended. Highlights of the Conference included:

1. Messages on the Theme "Growing in the Lord Jesus Christ".
2. An interview with Edna Lincoln who has completed 25 years of nursing and "mothering" boys, and is now superintending the office at Carnarvon Mission.
3. Joan Fewster's report on the "Commission on World Mission and Development" set up by the World Council of Churches.
4. A missionary focus featuring May Reuba of Vanuata, and Ranj Rabera of India.
5. Introduction of Alice Saunders of South Australia, the newly appointed World Christian Women's Fellowship representative.
6. Electives on "C.W.F. - Where to from here?"
Three talks were given on different aspects of C.W.F. existing in our churches today. Each presented a particular viewpoint.

The present Federal Executive is resident in South Australia and the officers are:

President:	Margaret Pollard
Vice-President:	Jean Middleton
Secretary:	Mavis Searle
Treasurer:	Verna Glastonbury

The theme for the 1982 Conference to be held in Adelaide is, "Count it all Joy".

The World Convention of Churches of Christ was held in Honolulu in 1980.

1600 women were at the World C.W.F. 25th Anniversary Breakfast at 8.30 a.m. on July 19th. The chosen theme was "Go - Share the Word" and the guest speaker was the president of the Asian Church Women's Conference - Gloria Santos of Manila.

Among the many highlights was the presence of Jessie Trout - the founder of World C.W.F.

The new World Christian Women's Fellowship Project - Land and Food for the Carribean will operate until the next convention in Jamaica in 1984, and the new World President is Freda Reid of Jamaica.

It is the sincere wish of C.W.F. members all round the world that the Holy Spirit will guide us in many channels of service - that we will be known as women who care and share with others - that loving concern is fundamental in our groups, and our prayer is that the love of God will make us more caring - the grace of Jesus make us more gracious, and that the fellowship of the Holy Spirit will permeate in our hearts and in our groups.

Alice Saunders Nat/Rep

Jean Middleton, Vice-President

Mrs Skutitzki

St John's Ch. Hobart Husband Chaplain

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

The Presbyterian Women's Association, which represents Presbyterian women in five States - New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia - has since our last National Meeting continued its varied, supportive roles in the Presbyterian Church outreach.

Over this period it has been W.Australia's turn to hold office as Federal Executive of P.W.A. Through the minutes of its bi-monthly meetings - to which all State Councils send minutes and newsletters - Executive keeps States in touch with each other. It is also responsible for Federal Conference planning. In addition to the Minutes, a news sheet is now circulated. This includes news of each State's doings - mission notes - news of affiliated organisations and a Prayer and Praise section. To facilitate contact, each State has recently formed a Federal sub-committee to deal with Interstate and Federal matters. With regard to activities and programme planning each State is, of course, autonomous.

P.W.A. activities are many and varied.

Important is the organising or supporting of projects concerned with Spiritual Renewal Days - Study Camps - Thanksgiving Services and Prayer support for the many facets of the work of the Church.

Mission. All States in various ways continue to help and encourage the Church's Mission programme. In particular, we help support missionaries working under the Vanuata Presbyterian Church and also some 97 Presbyterians working under the auspices of Inter and Non-Denominational groups throughout the world. There is also our support of the Presbyterian Inland Mission - P.I.M. - with its patrol in South Australia and another planned for Queensland.

Mission support also includes Home Mission and Church Extension involvement in helping and providing books, equipment or other needs of Home Missionaries, Theological students or newly established churches. We have caring and fundraising committees also for our Homes for the Aged and Children's Homes.

P.W.A. groups are affiliated with other Associations including the National Council of Women, Australian Church Women, World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Branches co-operate too with Red Cross, Traveller's Aid, Hospital Visitation, etc.

Interesting P.W.A. projects include:

Support in establishing a new Home for the Aged in Launceston; a Christian Education Standing Committee project 'Letter-box' which makes contact and sends lessons to isolated children in remote areas; a weekly prayer chain of members who each Tuesday receive by telephone a list of individual and group needs and problems for prayer during the week; a scheme to help migrant women to speak 'conversation' English.

Many of these activities necessitate fundraising. Methods are many and varied. They include Garden Parties, Morning Teas, Fetes. One group has its members raise a metre of cents, another follows the parable of the Talents and gives each member a dollar to multiply. New South Wales, our largest group numerically, holds a combined Market Day. All parishes, city and country, co-operate. From the 1980 and 1981 Days, a combined total of \$ 59.000 was realised for use in their P.W.A. commitments.

Jean Kent, Secretary Fed. Executive

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THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY

Mrs Callender

This report is but a brief summary of the wide range of activities of the women of The Salvation Army, Eastern Australia Territory.

The Salvation Army has, from its beginnings, admitted the equality of women. Consequently, apart from those areas specifically designed for women, we have many women who accept the heavy demands of managing a Corps with its responsibilities of pastoral care and evangelical thrust; or who bring special skills to the task of alleviating need in the community.

We have a woman officer as assistant departmental head working for prisoner rehabilitation; another is in charge of work with and for refugees who are reaching our shores from the Asian countries, particularly the boat people.

The Women's Home League is the largest and best known of the women's groups in The Salvation Army. Today it continues to grow and flourish; with a membership of 10,000 in this Territory, it is a strong fellowship. As the Home League is non-sectarian, and has as its aim the betterment of women, it is easy to understand its popularity.

At present in the Home League the emphasis is on training leaders. A correspondence course is available on leadership of Home League groups, and it is becoming increasingly popular. Regular conferences are held on a regional basis and during this year a live-in training conference was held for Home League leaders from all over the Territory. It was very well attended with leaders from as far afield as Rockhampton and Ayr in North Queensland. Currently it is planned to have special training seminars to develop local leaders in the Leagues.

The Territorial Home League project this year raised in excess of \$ 28,000 to build a multi-purpose hall at the children's home in Paranagua, Brazil. This was in addition to many local projects.

At present in the Salvation Army Training College we have forty-two women undergoing theological training. Twenty are single women, twenty-two are married, both receive the same type of training. Also receiving further theological training at the Training College is Lieutenant Lydia Simatupang from Indonesia - so we endeavour to reach out to women in other areas as well.

The Salvation Army League of Mercy, as its name implies, works towards cheering, counselling, and offering spiritual and practical help to those in hospital or ill at home. 75% of the members who undertake this ministry are women. Many undertake training courses to help them in their labour of love. Their second mile service concentrates on practical expressions of help.

In January 1980, Lt-Colonel Peggy Stephens was appointed to take charge of all Social Services in the Territory; the first time a woman has held this appointment in this Territory. This appointment also means that Lt-Colonel Stephens is a member of what is The Salvation Army's Board of Management. In addition Lt-Colonel Stephens is the only woman on three other major decision boards.

A number of women Officers serving in the Social Services Department have been given the opportunity for advanced studies in specialised fields, including university and the Australian Administrative Staff College. One woman Officer is presently in London on a special course for those engaged in Social Services work. Of special interest is the fact that just on 50% of Social Institutions are managed by women Officers.

The three leading women Officers in this Territory, Lt-Colonel Stephens, Major J. Venables and Major M. Bruton were able to attend an executive management course conducted by the management consultants, W.D. Scott & Co.

Also in January 1980, Major Leah Davids was appointed to the position of Divisional Commander for Central and North Queensland. This important appointment gives the Major the leadership of all The Salvation Army work in this area. The Position would equate that of a Bishop.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY (cont'd)

Salvation Army women are rising to meet the challenge of the age. Traditionally women in The Salvation Army have always had the right to exercise their ministry, and today's woman in The Salvation Army both appreciates and appropriates that right. She brings to her task both heart and mind, so that the cause of Christ might continue to advance.

Patricia Egan, Assistant Territorial
Home League Secretary

THE SALVATION ARMY - SOUTHERN TERRITORY

The highlight of the past two years for women of The Salvation Army was participation in the great Centenary congress gatherings held in Adelaide in September 1980. Opened in the Botanic Park by the Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowan, the congress proved to be a "once-in-a-lifetime" event, with Salvationists from all over Australia and many from overseas, participating.

Following the opening ceremony, Lady Cowan examined with great interest displays of work done by women of the different women's organisations in the Army. High-quality handcraft was on display, much of it with an Australian theme, and judges of an Australia-wide competition of handcrafts were experts from C.W.A. The most outstanding exhibit was a giant tapestry of "place" pieces, symbolising life in each centre where The Salvation Army operates in West Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. Other displays concerned work being carried out by various branches of the women's services. These include The League of Mercy, with almost 1000 members who regularly visit hospitals and homes. During the past year 144,000 patients were visited in hospitals, some women becoming recognised chaplains of large city hospitals.

This year The Home League, the largest of the Army's women's organisations, celebrates its 70th anniversary, and in each of the state capitals inspiring thanksgiving gatherings were held. Having as its slogan "The Home on the Bible", it is found that the four-fold ideals of the League,

Worship - Fellowship - Service - Education
are as relevant today as they were when the League commenced in 1911, and 7000 women meet weekly throughout the Territory to pursue these aims.

At Helping Hand fetes throughout the Territory, women of The Home League last year raised \$ 30,000 which money is used to support missionaries overseas, engaged largely in medical and educational work. In addition to this amount, Leagues raised \$ 20,000 to build an adventure playground for the use of children of cadets in training at the Army's Training College in Royal Parade, Melbourne. This facility is proving of great value.

There are currently 38 women (many of them married) in full-time training for Salvation Army officership at Royal Parade. Next January a number of these will be commissioned as full-time officers of the Army in a special ceremony at Dallas Brookes Hall, Melbourne, and appointed to pastoral and social work throughout the Territory.

In the different branches of women's activities, opportunity has been taken to highlight the "Year of Disabled Persons", and in conferences and seminars trained social workers have given challenging addresses which we are confident will lead to more practical and effective involvement amongst disabled people.

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA - FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Heather Stevens

Report to the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women - 1981

Prior to the Union of Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Australia, each denomination had a national women's fellowship organisation.

From the inauguration of the Uniting Church in June 1977, the concept of FELLOWSHIP has embraced the total church family and therefore no structure at National level has either been desired or required by the majority of the members. A small working group responsible to the Assembly is used as a facilitator and co-ordinator, assisting when nominations to National and International meetings are required (such appointments being made by the church and not a division of it), and maintaining contacts with International and National organisations and Synod Uniting Church Fellowships.

The main thrust of fellowship is at Parish (local), Presbytery (district) and Synod (state) levels. In each area of responsibility the organisation is different - but in all areas the encouragement is for groups to be both men and women, reflecting the true theme of Fellowship.

The aim of the Uniting Church Fellowship is to encourage and promote fellowship, and to promote and publicise the total mission of the Church through prayer, finance and service. Presbyteries have diverse, open and flexible structures in order to arrange Presbytery and Regional gatherings and to facilitate communications.

Focus of programming both at Parish and Synod levels although organised through different channels meets much the same needs. Programmes involve leadership training, decision making, goal setting, pre-marriage/marriage/parenting courses, and ministry to Singles who are single by choice or circumstances of separation, divorce or widowed. A variety of activities and publications are planned by the various Synods; these include Synod Fellowship Day, Thanksgiving Day, Celebration of Union Luncheon, Rallies, Camps and Seminars, Handbook, Yearbook, Monthly Magazines, Worship and Study Resources, a column in the Synod Journal.

The Uniting Church Fellowship is a channel for the flow of information and ideas between Synods, Presbyteries and Parishes, involving the whole Church in Fellowship and Mission.

Prepared by Robin Dyer,
Rev. Jim Mathers and Heather Stevens,
Working Group appointed to assist the
Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

Julia Paynor Nat. Treas. unable to come, here tonight.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - AUSTRALIA

Greetings to the Australian Church Women from Catholic Women's League, Australia. May the Lord send you many blessings and the Holy Spirit guide you during your bi-ennial meeting in Hobart.

At the beginning of the past two-year period, the National Conference was held in Perth, W.A., and attended by approx. 500 members from all over Australia. The theme "The Wealth of the Nation - It's Children" was inspired by the International Year of the Child.

After the Conference, National Office of the C.W.L. Australia, passed from W.A. to Tasmania. Membership of C.W.L.A. is between 18000 and 19000.

All branches have a strong spiritual base for their activities with prayer and bible study an integral part of branch meetings. As well as the works normally carried out by members, such as visiting the sick, the lonely, the bereaved and community work with other organisations, all affiliates have reported widespread support of programmes initiated for the Year of Disabled Persons. For example: in Brisbane, members are helping to finance the purchase of two small buses to transport wheelchair people; in Adelaide, members are assisting with a project to produce a special prayer book for both priests and people for use at Mass for the deaf so the different signs and symbols used will be uniform throughout Australia.

In all States and Territories, south-east Asian refugees have been welcomed and helped to settle into the community. A special prayer aimed at helping us understand and love our refugees was composed at the Perth Conference and has been said at branch meetings since then.

All affiliates to C.W.L.A. have reported good participation in ecumenical activities such as Women's World Day of Prayer, Fellowship Day and World Community Day as well as other local programmes. Many contribute to the Fellowship of the Least Coin. We were delighted that C.W.L.A. members were in the Australian delegation which attended the Jubilee celebrations of the Fellowship in Manila last November.

It is sad that an organisation such as ours, which should be able to concentrate on the spiritual formation of its members and on works of Christian love in the community, must spend much of its time and energy on social issues. Our concern is for the welfare of the family. Easy divorce laws, permissiveness condoned in the media, advertising which emphasises consumerism and materialism, unemployment, pressures to force mothers into the workforce, moves to make society rather than parents responsible for children, all serve to undermine and break up the family. We consider it imperative that governments must be told what Christian women think on these issues, so at National and State level, well-considered submissions have been made by the Catholic Women's League.

In preparation for the World Conference in Copenhagen for the Mid-Decade of Women, members all over Australia studied the "Australian Draft Plan of Action" prepared by the N.W.A.C. They attempted to have Christian views presented at the National Conference in Canberra, held to decide on the Australian Plan, but - along with other Christian women - were outnumbered by members of the Women's Movement. Members are now studying the Copenhagen World Plan of Action which may affect future legislation in Australia.

Because of this concern for the future of the family, we have made our theme for the National Conference soon to be held in Hobart, "Marriage and the Family - the Cornerstone of Society". May we ask your prayers for the success of the Conference and that its results may be fruitful.

We give thanks to God for the devotion and dedication manifested through the members of A.C.W. and are grateful to our members who are active in its work, particularly those on the National Committee, because through them we can participate more fully in the glory given to our Creator by Australian Church Women.

Betty Picot, National President

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) is an ecumenical organisation of Protestant women of Asia, Australia and New Zealand. It maintains close working relationship with the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and fraternal relations with other regional ecumenical women's organizations and women's organizations of world confessional bodies.

REASON FOR BEING:

Believing that the purpose of God for the churches in Asia is life together in a common obedience to Him for the doing of His will in the world, the ACWC is constituted so that women sharing a common faith in our Lord and Saviour may unite to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by -

- a. demonstrating His love in all areas of life through programmes of development, social justice and witness;
- b. declaring oneness with all Christians everywhere;
- c. expressing Christian faith and responsibility through ecumenical fellowship and action.

HOW THE NEED WAS FELT:

The Second World War brought radical changes to Asia and her relationships. As the nations were regaining their political independence, the Asian churches were also emerging with renewed faith in God and a new sense of identity in their own nations and cultures.

The Christians in the region were confronted with social and national upheavals and the churches in Asia were anxious to compare notes with those in similar situations in the neighbouring countries. For the first time the Christian women in Asia realized that they knew more about the West than about neighbours in Asia. They felt the need to discover together the nature and style of Christian life and action in the changing times. They were amazed to discover that there were more similarities than differences in their culture, traditions, attitudes and problems. Such were the theological, historical and ecumenical motivations in the background of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

The ACWC Conference consists of a representative from each of the member nations of the Christian Conference of Asia, plus a Consultant member of CCA. Of this number, seven (7) form an Executive Committee, the remainder forming the General Committee.

Since its inception, and until December 1980, the ACWC has held responsibility for the stewardship of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. This movement of Prayer and Reconciliation has now outgrown its Asian beginnings. Over the years it has developed into a world-wide fellowship, and is now the responsibility of an International Committee whose members are:

- The 4 Officers of ACWC (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer;
- the Executive Secretary of F.L.C.;
- a Representative of the World Council of Churches Women's Programme;
- regional representatives of the All Africa Conference of Churches, Pacific Conference of Churches, and the International Committee of the World Day of Prayer.

Regional representation will change at intervals on a rotating basis, to enable all participating countries involved in the Fellowship to share in its administration.

The separation of these two Committees (F.L.C. & A.C.W.C.) means that ACWC will now have to establish the funding for its ongoing programmes. This places the responsibility for building up the fund upon its member countries. An appeal has been made to each country for an annual contribution. A.C.W. has made an initial contribution but the future policy is to be determined by this National Committee.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (cont'd)

1981 marks the 25th Anniversary of the F.L.G. The Silver Jubilee Celebrations held in Manila in December of last year, introduced the Anniversary with its theme of 'Prayer, Partnership and Peace'. This was a joyful occasion of praises and thanksgiving for the participants. Each National Representative was issued with celebration guide-lines to enable them to lead similar celebrations in their own countries.

A grant of U.S. \$ 6000 was made to be shared among the member countries, mainly to enable women from rural areas and outlying districts to be brought to central points for celebration. On behalf of A.C.W. I declined to accept the U.S. \$ 360 which was our share. This sum will be used to enhance the celebration in areas where its value will make a considerable difference to the participants. The shining eyes of the Pakistani and Bangladeshi members in particular assured me of their appreciation of this gesture.

The Assembly programme drawn up in Tokyo 1978 continues, with emphasis at present being placed on the Programme for empowerment of Rural Women for Development, and the visits of Fellowship Teams to Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal in 1981. Team members will come from Malaysia and Thailand for Pakistan; Philippines and Taiwan for Bangladesh and Burma; and from Hong Kong for Nepal.

It is difficult I think, for 'Westerners' to realise what the Asian Church Women's Conference means to its members. Our political and cultural situation allows us freedom, independence, the right to speak and the right to be heard. May the day hasten when these privileges will belong to all our Asian sisters. May we use our privileges thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with open minds and hearts.

Rachel Cocks, National Representative

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT 1979-81

The expansion of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement in Australia and overseas has been evident from reports received.

The World Day of Prayer service for 1980 written by our sisters in Thailand on "Responsible Freedom" was a timely subject, making the participants more aware of our oneness in Christ.

The 1981 service was prepared by Indian American Christian Women on the subject of "The Earth is the Lord's". The International President Mrs. Mary Fadel asked "How many of us are conscious of the fact that there is a silent war going on everywhere in our world today as a result of civilization? How many are aware that the victims of this war are millions of people who suffer from disease, hunger and death? Psalm 24 'The Earth is the Lord's' renews hope in our hearts".

In June 1980 it was a privilege to participate in the International Happening and the 15th Triannual Assembly of Church Women United, held in Los Angeles, U.S.A. The Women's World Day of Prayer leaders Mrs. Mary Fadel (President), Miss Dorothy Wagner (Executive Secretary), played important parts in the programme. It was good to renew fellowship with leaders of WWDP from other countries whom I had met at the International Meetings in Zambia in 1978.

In August I found very enthusiastic committees of WWDP when I visited Tasmania. It was a privilege to present Dame Marjorie Parker and Mrs. P. McPhail with life membership awards in Launceston. While in Tasmania I was guest of Mrs. R. Cocks and had the privilege of meeting ACW Committees and members.

In West Australia under the leadership of Mrs. Marjorie Maughn and Mrs. Scurlock I found many opportunities for sharing experiences of WWDP and ACW with different groups in Perth, Bunbury and Bussleton.

In the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in Manila, leaders of WWDP played leading parts in the programme. In October 1980, the NSW - WWDP Committee arranged a morning in the Bible House to which conveners and friends of WWDP were invited. I showed slides and shared experiences of the Causeway to Alaska and the west coast of USA and the International Happening in Los Angeles.

It has been encouraging to see the response of the State Committees to the challenge to give more support to the International Committee, especially to help the WWDP Movement in under-developed countries. With the vision of the whole world being encircled by prayer, it is the responsibility of the supporters in the most affluent countries to assist those in less fortunate ones, to promote the work of this movement.

It is gratifying to see the increasing support that is being given to the Bible Society by the WWDP Committees. In 1980 almost \$ 50,000 was given to the Bible Society. The total offertories were \$ 77,000 (approx.)

For the development of spiritual life and the extension of the Kingdom of God, Bible Study and prayer go hand in hand.

It has been encouraging too to witness the growing co-operation between ACW and WWDP in the different states.

It is in prayer that battles for our service will be won. May many victories be won in the coming days for God's glory.

Mary Andrews,

National Liaison Officer.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The ACC exists to draw churches closer together to further the renewal of Christ's Church, to engage in common mission, and to facilitate a more effective Christian presence in the nation and in the world.

Member churches of the ACC now include:

Anglican, Antiochian Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Churches of Christ, Coptic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, Salvation Army, Serbian Orthodox, Society of Friends, Syrian Orthodox and Uniting Church in Australia.

Over the last couple of years, member churches have been considering proposals for a Covenant as a way of identifying present doctrinal differences and as a means of establishing continuing growth towards visible unity. Responses have been sought from every level of the life of the church. A progress report will be prepared for the Enlarged ACC Executive in September 1981. The Joint Working Group meets with representatives of the Australian Episcopal Conference and has produced a joint statement on "Common Witness and Evangelisation".

A discussion paper - "The Church, the Churches and the Australian Council of Churches" was produced by a South Australian Committee in 1979 and circulated widely to member churches and committees on ecumenism. The document is being revised in the light of the numerous responses received. The paper affirms the importance of the role of the ACC as a visible witness of the unity of faith in spite of differences. It emphasises the mutual accountability and commitment of churches to work together, pray together, worship together, the strong churches helping the weak, each dependent on and responsible to the other. The Council is recognised as an expression of the universality of the church.

The ACC General Meeting in Sydney in July 1980 proposes that an ecumenical consultation be held in 1982 to discuss the relationship between the Australian Episcopal Conference (AEC) and the ACC. A meeting of delegates from the AEC and the ACC Executive was held on March 30 and plans are in hand for a consultation of church leadership in 1982 to discuss the future of ecumenical relationships in Australia.

Perhaps the most significant ecumenical event ever to be held in Australia was the WCC Conference on Mission and Evangelism "Your Kingdom Come", in Melbourne in May 1980. Five hundred participants from over 80 countries attended. Apart from those lucky enough to be delegates to the Conference, it is estimated that over 30,000 Australians benefited from the associated events and study groups. The conference called for the churches to enter into a new relationship with the poor; to encourage Christians to return to and renew the hope they have in Jesus Christ instead of succumbing to despair and passivity; to be witnessing, living and sharing fellowship as a sign of the kingdom; and to identify with the crucified Christ in a world of injustice and suffering. Full reports of the conference are available from the ACC.

Each year the ACC prepares a series of Biblical studies for use by ecumenical groups in Lent or at other times in the year. In 1982, the study will be entitled "That to which we move - toward the church of the poor", taking up the themes of the Melbourne Conference. In 1983, the studies will centre on "Jesus Christ, the Life of the World", the theme of the next WCC Assembly.

Following a consultation of the churches on racism in Australia in April 1980, the ACC General Meeting in June 1980 affirmed the justice of Aboriginal claims to Land Rights and agreed to give priority to Aboriginal concerns in the next two years. An invitation was extended to the WCC Central Committee to send an International team to assess the situation of Aboriginal Australians and to draw international attention to their struggles for Land Rights. The ACC has set up an Aboriginal Advisory Group to advise the Executive and to administer the Aboriginal and Islander Development Fund. A joint education programme has been launched in the churches in conjunction with the Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace. Member churches have been asked to consider seriously the implications for Aborigines of the proposed Bicentennial Celebrations in 1988 and to consider taking part in those celebrations only if satisfactory land rights legislation has been enacted in each state.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (cont'd)

Continuing support for the Christmas Bowl Appeal and Force 10 by ACC member churches has enabled the Division of World Christian Action to increase its development assistance and emergency aid for disasters overseas, and the resettlement of refugees and development education in Australia. The Division has also provided assistance to the newly arrived Lao, Khmer and Vietnamese communities within Australia. (A full report of the distribution of Christmas Bowl funds is available from the ACC). In 1980, the first One World Week sponsored by the ACC and AEC proved a successful means of encouraging congregational participation in considering issues of justice, development and human rights.

The Churches Commission on International Affairs, located in Canberra, provides informed opinion on international issues and maintains contact with relevant Australian Government Departments. Issues in the Pacific such as independence movements, Australian trade and nuclear issues receive priority. In February 1981 representatives visited the Soviet Embassy to protest the violation of human rights in the USSR.

The Melbourne based Church and Society Commission has commissioned a study on "Inequality and Inequity in Australian Society" and is also examining the discriminatory delivery of health services. It has facilitated joint meetings of the national social responsibility commission of the churches and plans a consultation on the churches' response to poverty in July 1981. Several churches have agreed to observe Social Justice Sunday on a common date in September each year.

Jean Skuse.

Win A.C.C. letter: Melb Patmos of Oath + R.C. wonders
of the dialogue, lively & twinning report Arch. Stephenson.
Sam Cheney - frank & informative

APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming Working Committee.
Individual profiles appear below:

President	Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred	Anglican
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Lt.-Col. Isabel McIntyre	Salvation Army
	Mrs. Doreen Strack	Church of Christ
Secretary	Mrs. Freda Morris	Church of Christ
Treasurer	Mrs. Myra Dixon	Roman Catholic
W.K.S. Convener	Mrs. Jean Hughes	Baptist
F.L.C. Convener	Mrs. Fran Downes	Uniting Church
Special Days Convener	Mrs. Olive Ackland	Uniting Church
Women at Work Convener	Mrs. Brig. Rita Callander	Salvation Army

Elizabeth Alfred

Deaconess in the Anglican Church. Retired. Honorary Parish Assistant St. James, Dandenong.
Past President Australian Church Women - Victoria Unit
Member of Soroptimist International Club of Bruce.

Isabel McIntyre

Salvation Army Officer. Present Territorial Secretary for Nurses Fellowship of the Salvation Army and Counsellor to Staff at Bethesda Hospital, Melbourne.
Former Vice-President and Acting President of National Committee of A.C.W. Western Australia and Director of Women's Services for the Salvation Army in Western Australia. An Australian Representative to A.C.W.C. Japan in 1979. Former President Victoria Unit of A.C.W.
Been on Executive of A.C.W. Vic.

Doreen Strack

Former: Member of Victoria A.C.W. Working Committee.
National Convener F.L.C.
President of Victoria A.C.W.
State Convener F.L.C.
Australian Delegate to A.C.W.C. Indonesia
National Liaison Officer World Day of Prayer
State President C.W.F. Churches of Christ
Federal " A.C.W.F. " " "
Present: Member of Victoria A.C.W.
Member of Victoria World Day of Prayer Committee
President of local " " " " "
President of local C.W.F.

Freda Morris

Member of Churches of Christ
Three years on Victorian Executive Committee of A.C.W. as assistant Secretary
Past President Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship
Past Secretary " " " " " "

Myra Dixon

Roman Catholic (no profile supplied)

APPOINTMENTS

(profiles cont'd)

Fran Downes

Promotions Committee Convener for 10 years, which included being F.L.C. Convener. Wrote history of F.L.C. called "Small Beginnings". A.C.W. delegate to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Manila. Attended a number of National Committee Meetings held in various States. Past President of A.C.W. Victoria Unit. Uniting Church representative on Victorian Council of Churches and also on the committee of World Christian Action. Life member of Victoria Unit of A.C.W.

Olive Ackland

Convener for Special Days and Promotion on A.C.W. Victoria Unit. Also held position of Secretary, President, etc. Represent Uniting Church on A.C.W. Victoria Unit and Victorian Council of Churches. Member of Assembly Outreach Committee of Uniting Church Fellowship. Convener Fawcett Merlynston Inter-Church Women's Fellowship. Elder of Merlynstone Uniting Church. Volunteer worker at Coburg's Citizens Advice Bureau, also treasurer. Home Tutor.

Rita Callander

Salvation Army Officer. Active service for 40 years and retired for 5 years. In Pastoral Work for 13 years and 27 years administrative work. Salvation Army representative on A.C.W. for 16 years, including 11 years on Executive. Held position of Assistant Treasurer and convener for notelets and pens (the latter at present). Trade Table Convener.



These members of the incoming committee of Australian Church Women attended their national conference in Hobart from August 25-28.

Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred (fourth from left) said ACW is an ecumenical organisation working in close co-operation with the Australian Council of Churches and is also linked with the Asian Women's Conference.

Aims of ACW include promoting co-operation of men and women in Church, family, and society and helping Christian women "take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church."

Pictured (left to right): Mrs Isabel Macintyre, Mrs Fran Downes, Mrs Freda Morris, Deaconess Alfred, Mrs Rita Callander and Mrs Myra Dixon.

Mrs. Mabel WYLLIE -

Mabel Wyllie, M.A., Dip. Ed., was for many years a member of the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches, and also of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, to which latter body she was elected at the Third Assembly of the W.C.C. in New Delhi, India, in 1961. Mrs. Wyllie has held a number of lectureships in Social Anthropology, including one at the Australian School of Pacific Administration in Sydney. For twelve years she was the President of the Women's Auxiliary to Overseas Missions of the Methodist Church in New South Wales. She is the wife of the Rev. B.R. Wyllie, sometime Master of Wesley College in the University of Sydney. For several years Mr. Wyllie was Deputy Chancellor of that University.

At the request of the Working Committee, Mrs. Wyllie prepared the accompanying account of the conception and establishment of the ecumenical body of women, known as Australian Church Women. At Adelaide in 1973, the National Committee Meeting conferred Life Membership of A.C.W. upon Mabel Wyllie.

It is important that we, as members of A.C.W. should recognise and remember "the rock from which we were hewn, and the pit from which we were digged".

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MRS. MABEL WYLLIE

RECOLLECTIONS of the

BEGINNINGS of AUSTRALIAN
CHURCH WOMEN.

1962 - At its annual meeting in February, 1962, the Australian Council of Churches resolved to appoint a commission to examine the possibilities of establishing some kind of relationship between Women's Inter-church Councils in the various States and with women's denominational Commonwealth-wide federations.

The commission was also asked to review the constitution and activity of United Church Women in the United States, and its relation to the National Christian Council of U.S.A. The commission was to function as a committee of the Australian Council of Churches. It consisted of four women, four men with the power to co-opt. I had moved this resolution and was glad to have the support of the A.C.C. for a proposal which I felt was important for the life of the church.

For me the need for some kind of planned ecumenical interest and activity for the women of the churches in Australia had been underlined by my own ecumenical experience at the Samoan Conference of Pacific Churches in May, 1961, A World Council of Churches Conference in Madras and the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi in December, 1961. These had been tremendous occasions for me and I came back with a determination to share this ecumenical adventure with church women in Australia.

There were a few privileged women who like myself had shared in the fellowship of the A.C.C. but for the majority of keen and faithful women working within their own churches there was little opportunity to meet and know women of other churches and countries. I had worked for years within the framework of the Methodist Women's organisations and had felt the need for a wider and indeed ecumenical basis for women's work. I therefore joined this committee of the A.C.C. with the hope that we could link the women of the Australian churches to each other and to the world wide fellowship of the ecumenical movement.

Very early in our work as a committee we discovered that the N.S.W. Women's Inter-church Council was also keen to develop relationships with inter-church councils in other States and to encourage the formation of women's inter-church councils in local areas. In October of that year, the A.C.C. Commission (usually referred to as the committee) met with representatives of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. and drew up a tentative programme. To the aims of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. were added the aims of the A.C.C., namely

- (a) to widen the horizons of women in local churches, i.e. toward the whole Christian church and the whole world,
- (b) to relate denominational women's organisations at the federal level.

In November, 1962, another consultation was called. This comprised denominational women's organisations (including the Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox) and the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee. Mrs. Faichney of the Victorian W.I.C.C. and a Y.W.C.A. representative also attended. At this meeting some words of caution were spoken - Would the men in the A.C.C. want to dominate any new organisation? - Surely it was wiser to hasten slowly:- It would be unwise to develop a complex national organisation. - The committee listened and recorded these warnings but persevered.

By early 1963, the committee was able to present a report to the Annual Meeting of the A.C.C. As I have re-read this report I am amazed to discover how much had been accomplished in one year. In the report there were suggestions for Community Day, Fellowship Day, a Scholarship, the Fellowship of the Least Coin and Study Material. At this annual meeting the A.C.C., after strenuous debate authorised the establishment of A.C.W. With the addition of a number of names, the original committee on women's work became the Interim Committee of A.C.W.; the following are names of persons comprising the committee - Mrs. B.R. Wyllie (Convenor), Mrs. L.N. Williams, Mrs. F. McKay (Presbyterian), Deaconess Andrews (Church of England), Mrs. S.M. Barrett (Methodist), Mrs. J.F. Day (Congregationalist), Mrs. Doratis (Greek Orthodox), Mrs. S. McPhee (Y.W.C.A.), Revs. B.R. Wyllie, E.H. Parker, H.L. Parkins. Mrs. M. Verco, from N.S.W. W.I.C.C., joined the committee.

During the two years in which the Interim Committee functioned, we were all conscious of a growing fellowship and a joyous working together. I am sure that I speak for all members when I say that planning together was a privilege for which we will always be grateful. Thelma Skiller, the administrative secretary of the A.C.C., gave us wonderful assistance; she took a personal interest in the Committee from the beginning. We could never have done our work without her expert secretarial skill. The Rev. Harvey Perkins also gave us wise guidance particularly on constitutional matters.

There was much to be done in 1963. The Committee

- (a) informed all the heads of the member churches of the A.C.C. and their federal women's organisations of the plan for the establishment of A.C.W.
- (b) arranged for speakers in each State to introduce A.C.W. at denominational and inter-church meetings,
- (c) planned the itineraries of overseas visitors - Madeline Barot and Janet Lacey. These women of wide international experience and with many years of responsible leadership in the World Council of Churches, quickened our sense of direction and emphasised the goals to be achieved.

The Interim Committee then began to wrestle with suggestions for a more formal structure of A.C.W. An attempt was made to define relationships between all the groups involved in A.C.W. There were problems and complications here: there were some States e.g. W.A. and Tasmania which had no W.I.C.C.; there were some denominations which had no federal women's organisation e.g. Church of England. The Interim Committee received with regret the notification that

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the Baptist Women's Board could take no part in A.C.W. because of its association with the A.C.C. The Women's World Day of Prayer Committee had earlier indicated that it could not for various reasons co-operate with A.C.W. This was a great disappointment to us as we had known from the beginning that the W.W.D. of P. was a major activity of Church Women United in the U.S.A.

Members of the Interim Committee travelled to S. Australia, Victoria and Queensland to speak at Women's groups and explain the aims and programme of A.C.W. By December, 1963, the Study Book, "Saints Alive", was published. This study was the product of the concerted efforts of a group of Victorian women and a small group from the Interim Committee in Sydney. The study was very well received and soon went into a second edition.

1964 - In March, 1964, another consultation was held. This consultation was widely representative. The State Councils of N.S.W., South Australia, and Queensland sent representatives; the federal denominational women's groups of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Orthodox churches were represented; the Y.W.C.A. was also represented and Deaconess Andrews represented the women of the Church of England in Australia.

1. This consultation in 1964, though a brief one, was characterised by stimulating fellowship and the growth of mutual understanding between women of different churches and different States. From it there emerged the conviction that A.C.W. was a strategic force in the life of the Australian churches. It was agreed that there was a need for ecumenical dialogue between the women of Australian churches. Most women were interested in/impatient for Christian unity and A.C.W. would foster this interest and deepen this sense of urgency. The renewal, the mission and unity of the church was the concern of A.C.W. It was hoped to achieve this not by building up a large national organisation, but by working through existing women's groups - both denominational and inter-church. A.C.W. would be a link between Australian women and the church in the world. It was never the aim of A.C.W. to segment church organisations into sex groups, but to encourage the full co-operation of men and women in the church.
2. This consultation made recommendations to the Interim Committee on constitution and programme. The decision of the consultation was reported to the A.C.C. Executive which authorised the Interim Committee to proceed with the drawing up of a constitution in line with the report.

And so we began the second year's work of the Interim Committee. It was a year of preparation for the first National Committee of A.C.W. The aims and objectives were defined, the programme of special days, Winifred Kiek Scholarship, Fellowship of the Least Coin were planned and a constitution was drawn up.

By the end of the year, Councils in all States had become the State Units of A.C.W., and all denominations except the Baptist had asked for representation at the first National Committee meeting held on February, 1965. It was a remarkable achievement. Within three short years, what had been an enthusiastic dream had become a reality.

MABEL G. WYLLIE

THE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

National Committee Meeting, Sydney, 10 - 14 Sep. 1979:

MOTION: To request the incoming Working Committee, in consultation with the State Units, to look at the structure and composition of the Working Committee, including the practice of the States in rotation providing the personnel, and to bring a recommendation to the next National Committee Meeting

A paper was prepared during 1980 setting out three possible structures and some possible advantages and disadvantages of each. These were forwarded to the State Units with a request for their consideration, comment and alternate suggestions.

Following are the replies received to this request.

A.C.T. "Our discussion on the structures led to many interesting thoughts - and, if we had to vote on those suggested, would elect No.1 - stay as we are. However, as an alternative, could we propose that it might be possible for two States, a big and a small, eg Vic. & Tas; WA & SA; etc., to work together for a four year period with the NCM in alternate State each biennium. Possible sharing of tasks would enable greater expertise to be available, the longer time could certainly enable a person to become better acquainted with the job. We feel, however, that involvement of all States is necessary to maintain maximum interest, but also appreciate that the person asked to retain the job for longer than four years is asking too much. We also feel that it should be possible for extra details of how a task is handled, and the pitfalls to avoid could be documented and passed on to the incoming incumbent."

VICTORIA: "We looked at the possible structures presented by your Committee. No. 2 apparently works well with the Churches of Christ, but we felt it would take quite some time to become accustomed to that routine. No. 3 would be too restrictive, which leaves No.1 as our choice. We did discuss the length of time, feeling that a maximum of three years would be sufficient. We felt that you had been working on job prescriptions, calendar, etc., which we felt was most necessary for such a handing-over process as is involved."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: "First of all we decided to give you notice that we intend to submit yet another motion to NCM. - "That, in future, all NCMs be held tri-ennially, or every three years" - whichever phrasing you prefer."

We did not accept either "package deal" as you will have gathered, but we have defined those points we feel are of especial value.

1. "Winifred Kiek" could be in one State for two "terms".
2. FLC could rotate to all States each 3 years separate from National Committee.
3. All States should have the opportunity to have (or to be) the National Committee.
4. Special Days and W at W could rotate to all States with the National Committee. If the 3 yearly NCM is adopted, a yearly telephone "hook-up" arranged with Telecom (similar to that now used by YWCA) could be arranged between National figures and their State counterparts."

N.S.W. "The NSW Unit, in consultation with former Working Committee members, and in view of their experience, have carefully considered the paper presented by the Working Committee with three alternatives. It is felt that suggestions given regarding division of responsibility would not be in the best interests of the continuing work and growth of ACW. To separate the work between States would, in our opinion, be too difficult for the Working Committee to handle, and create problems in finance matters and cause extensive mailing.

We feel each member of the Working Committee needs to be vitally interested in all aspects of the work, thus enriching one another and offering help and constructive criticism, which improves the output.

NSW State Unit offer the following suggestions which it feels could strengthen the Working Committee in its present form:

1. That the term of office be extended to 3 or 4 years, with a possible mid-term meeting of 1 or 2 members from each State Unit forming an executive group. Some changes of personnel may occur over this period.
2. No State need feel obliged to accept the responsibility of having the Working Committee.
3. Travelling costs may limit the number of venues available for National Committee Meetings. These need not necessarily be held in State where Working Committee is situated.
4. That the Unit in State where Winifred Kiek Scholar will study be given authority to act on behalf of and in co-operation with the Working Committee to manage her overall programme, full information and necessary finance to be made available to the Unit.
5. It is an advantage if the Working Committee conveners are aware of the conveners in the States so the corresponding convener can be contacted direct, rather than through the secretary.
6. It is desirable to continue the different States and groups being asked to prepare the Special Days services.
7. Definite provision should be made in the National Committee Meeting programmes for outgoing and incoming Working Committees to spend adequate time re exchange of information."

NORTHERN TERRITORY: "Our executive has studied your paper re structure of Working Committees of ACW and has noted the three possible changes.

Structure 1 ... We feel that there needs to be a change from the present Structure and the two year period is too short to accomplish anything of meaning. The new Committee takes up office, struggles through two years and hands over again with relief. Their two years ~~xxx~~ having been spent in learning, there is, therefore, insufficient time for all this gained knowledge to be used in a profitable way.

Structure 3 ... We do not feel that there would be anything gained in having the Committee with all its sub-committees located permanently in one State. We agree that this would be the death of ACW nationally. As it is, by each State taking part, at whatever the involvement, is the only way to keep interest alive.

Structure 2 ... This is the one that we felt, with our following modifications, would have more possibilities. Again we emphasise that to locate any one area of work in a State on a permanent basis would give the same outcome as that in our comments on Structure 3.

N.T. (Cont'd)

1. We suggest that ACW Committee work be divided among four States as a four year rotation system:
 - State 1 - Executive plus Women at Work and planning for NCM
 - State 2 - Fellowship of the Least Coin
 - State 3 - Winifred Kiek Scholarship
 - State 4 - Special Days

- That these Committees are elected at the next biennial conference
- That Executive and one Committee be elected for four years and the other two Committees be elected for two years initially (and then for four years) so that there is a continuity of members' experience on the National Committee through any changeover period.
- At each biennial conference there will be an election of 2 of these areas of work.

We feel very strongly that "Women at Work", as the organ of the National Committee, should always be part of the Executive.

- That copies of Minutes of each Committee meeting be sent to the Executive body
- An executive of each of these Committees meet with the National Executive at or after the biennial conference

Under this suggested structure, the Conference at the end of the first two years be held within the State where this Executive resides. The following conference (which would coincide with the election of a new Executive) could then be planned by the Executive in office, but held in another State if they wish, (the two States working together in this). This would mean that we, in Northern Territory, could hold a conference here in conjunction with the Executive of another State, whereas we would never be in the position to become a National Executive. eg the conference thus could be in Alice Springs, which would be central for many.

By changing these sections from State to State every four years will keep each State involved, will encourage new initiatives, and will stimulate a national perspective, and thus avoid the possibility of too great a burden falling on any one State, together with the inevitable loss of interest on the part of non-participating States.

The four year period would give more time for a Committee to become accustomed to its task. The Committee during the second two year period would have opportunity to communicate where necessary with the incoming State so that information flow should be improved."

Structures (Cont'd)

TASMANIA: "After discussion, our members decided that our Unit is in favour of the National Working Committee remaining as it is, located in one State (and each State taking turn for its responsibility), but for the National Committee Meeting to be held tri-ennially.

This would allow the National Working Committee a longer time in efficient administration, as much of the existing two years is taken in getting to know what to do, and, of course, planning for NCM. It is important that there is good communication between NWC and States.

It is important that, when handing over occurs, as much help and expertise as possible is passed on to the incoming Committee.

A tri-ennial conference will lift the financial strain, particularly for the smaller States. If the committees were located in the different States, conveners would still have to meet at regular intervals, and more financial expense would occur."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Verbal report by telephone)---

Favour triennial term for Working Committee and National Committee Meeting - interested in "No. 2" of the suggested Structures submitted.

re STRUCTURE OF WORKING COMMITTEE OF ACW

(Ref. National Committee Meeting Minutes 1979 P.5 Par 2)

Following are three possible structures and some possible advantages and disadvantages of each.

STRUCTURE No. 1

As at present, with entire committee changing from State to State every two years, moving to the State which is to host the next National Committee Meeting. In this Structure, the Working Committee is responsible for Administration, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship, "Women at Work", Special Days, anything to do with ACWC, arranging National Committee meetings, and any other matters that arise.

Advantages: There is no doubt that the State (or responsible persons within the State) gain a knowledge of and interest in the whole work of ACW far greater than would occur if they did not have to do all the work necessary for the two years. There is merit in members of each State sharing this responsibility, and privilege.

Disadvantages: a. As has been agreed in former years, a good deal of the two years is spent in getting to "know the ropes", as it seems that much information and experience gained during each biennium is not passed on with the files etc. Every two years a new and, possibly inexperienced committee undertakes this ever increasing administrative responsibility.

b. Most States must find, and certainly the smaller ones do, that it is extremely difficult to get together a sufficient number of dedicated women (with adequate facilities with which to work) to carry out, completely satisfactorily, the work of all the committees, viz. Executive, FLC, WKS, Special Days, Women at Work, not to mention other possible areas of service, such as promotion at a national level, aid to migrant women, a great variety of social concerns - such as those referred from the NCM in Perth in 1977. At that same meeting Fran Bailey shared with us something of her great concern for the women of Burma. We believe these and many other areas need more attention and coordination than at present.

STRUCTURE no. 2

Each State could be responsible for one area of service permanently, or for a number of years, - eg, State No. 1 - Executive (administration) requiring a chairman, national secretary, national treasurer. This committee would be located permanently in one State (or until such time as members felt it desirable for a change). State No. 2 - say FLC - all work concerned with this project would be carried out by a committee permanently in one State and channelled through FLC State conveners. Similarly with other States and other committees - WKS, Special Days, Women at Work, etc.

It may be found desirable for all committees to come up for review each quadrennium (ie whilst working under the present system of biennial NCMs).

An alternative to this system could be for administration to remain in one State, but project committees to rotate between States.

If this structure was adopted, the National Committee Meetings could still be held biennially in different States, with the National President resident in the State which would next host the NCM. This State would also need to have a local 'Arrangements Committee' for the purpose of arranging everything to do with the NCM.

Structures (Cont'd)

Advantages: As each State undertakes the work of its particular committee, it would achieve certain expertise in handling various aspects of its responsibilities - invaluable expertise, and, as time went on, would thus be able to disseminate news etc. much more effectively to the States, and achieve more in the way of promotion.

A further advantage would be that a greater number of women across Australia would be involved and contributing according to their particular abilities.

Disadvantages: The opposite of the Advantage in Structure No.1 - ie that, by not sharing the whole work around the States (and under the present structure each State has a 'turn' only every ten or more years!), fewer women have the privilege and experience of sharing in the responsibility and work involved in all programmes and projects.

(NOTE - The Federal Conference of Churches of Christ have used this or a similar structure for many years, seemingly satisfactorily).

STRUCTURE No. 3

That the Committee, with all its sub-committees (or departments) be located permanently (or for a number of years) in one State. In this case, biennial NCMs could still be held in other States, if required, with a local arrangements committee, as suggested under Structure No. 2.

An advantage of this structure would be that the State responsible would certainly achieve expertise in all areas of work.

Disadvantage: Obviously, that other States would have no part to play at a National level and could, in time, lose interest as a result.

There are possibly other structures and other advantages and disadvantages than the ones we have listed.

This paper is submitted for consideration and comment by State Units. The Committee would be pleased to receive replies as soon as possible so that the matter may be further considered at its meeting on 11th February 1981.

10th September, 1980

Working Committee,
Australian Church Women.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1981

RECOMMENDATIONS AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

FROM QUEENSLAND

National Bible Studies for women.

FROM TASMANIA UNIT

A.C.W. Badge

FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

1. That the W.K.S. leaflet each year show the full details of the Scholarship (including the W.K. Visiting Scholarship) and the list of past scholars. For example, the 1978 leaflet included all information.
2. That the full details of the Project for World Community Day be included in the printing of the Order of Service, at the place where the offering is indicated.

FROM WORKING COMMITTEE

Australia's annual financial commitment to A.C.W.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

WEST AUSTRALIA UNIT:

"THAT the National Committee Meetings be held every three years, (triennially)".

WORKING COMMITTEE:

The National Committee Meeting 1979 passed the following Resolution (see page 4 Minutes "General Business" Para 2)

"It was Resolved that the incoming Working Committee make provision for consideration of an amendment to the Constitution to provide that the Australian Representative to ACWC be an ex officio member of the ACW Working Committee".

We, the Working Committee, bring to the NCM 1981 the following Notice of Motion:

"THAT the Constitution be amended as follows - That in Clause 5 (a), following the words "ten members", the words "and the Australian Representative to Asian Church Women's Conference in an ex officio capacity" be added, and that in Clause 5 (b) the first word "these" be deleted and the word "the" be added.

N.C.M. 1979 Resolution (Page 5 Minutes para. 2)

"It was resolved to request the incoming Working Committee, in consultation with the State Units, to look at the structure and composition of the Working Committee, including the practice of the States in rotation providing the personnel, and to bring a recommendation to the next National Committee Meeting."

We, the Working Committee, having consulted with the State Units, bring to the NCM 1981 the following recommendations:

1. That the composition of the Working Committee remain as it is at present (with the addition of the Aust. Rep. to ACWC as an ex officio member - see Notice of Motion No. 1) *agreed*
2. That the term of office of the Working Committee be extended to three years. *13-16*
3. That National Committee Meetings be held triennially. *negated* *(29)*
4. That we retain the practice of the States in rotation providing the personnel for National Working Committee. *agreed*
5. That the Unit in State where the Winifred Kiek Scholar will study be given authority to act on behalf of and in co-operation with the Working Committee to manage her overall programme, full information and necessary finance to be made available to the Unit. *23*

IN THE EVENT of the above recommendations being accepted we would move the following Motion:

"THAT the following amendments be made to the Constitution:
 Clause 4 ii(b) delete "biennially" and add "triennially".
 Clause 4 ii(c) delete "biennial" and add "triennial".
 Clause 5(b)ii delete "biennially" and add "triennially".
 Clause 5(d) delete "four years" and add "six years".

The ea participant delegate to Nat. Com Meetg. linked w a prayer partner in another state. M. Andrews. I was lucky.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PROFILE of those recommended for election as delegates and/or observers to attend A.C.W.C. Conference in Bali 15th - 18th November, 1982
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LEADER OF COMMISSION ON STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES FOR PEACE.

Mrs. DIANE BOS.

She has lived in the far North of this Continent for years, thus has been a member of a truly multi-cultural society. This has the added dimension of having lived with Aboriginal people in an Aboriginal Community setting at Aurukun in Queensland from 1972-75, and she has been at Nungalinya College, Darwin from 1975 to the present time. Her husband is principal of this College. Here she lives on Campus in close community with Aboriginal students and their families.

Academically, Diane graduated as a Physiotherapist from Queensland University in 1971. She spent 12 months with her husband at the McCormack Seminary in Chicago U.S.A. where she began her B.D. studies which she hopes to complete in 1982. She has a special interest in the Theology of Development.

She has been an active member of the local congregation and has been an Elder of the Uniting Church in Darwin since June 1977. She has been Northern Territory honorary secretary for World Christian Action from 1975 - 1980.

Diane has been a member of the Uniting Church Northern Synod Board and Church and Community since its inception in 1979 and for this Board she monitored the uranium issues in the N.T. and wrote a paper on militarism. Finally she was a member of the Force 10 tour of Asia early in 1981.

Diane is a woman in her early thirties with two young children. She has an easy pleasant manner and a natural competence which enables her to grasp issues quickly and deal with them intelligently. She has experience in group leadership and is an able speaker.

Mrs. DOROTHY McMAHON.

Not Rep. Leader, Delegate? - not advised.

I am at present a full-time theological student and expect to have completed the requirements for ordination into the Ministry of the Uniting Church by November 1982.

The main positions I hold in my own church at present are:

- Assembly Commission on Evangelism
- Assembly Commission for World Mission
- Assembly Commission for Ecumenical Affairs
- Synod Standing Committee for N.S.W.

From 1972 - 1980 I was a staff member of the Australian Council of Churches N.S.W. State Council and I am at present a member of the A.C.C. National Executive.

From 1977 - 1981 I was the Australian representative on the General Committee of the Christian Conference of Asia and I have just returned from its Sixth Assembly in Bangalore, India.

In 1977 I co-chaired the first Asia Women's Forum in Penang.

In the area of peace issues:

From 1950 - 1970 I was a member of the international Fellowship of Reconciliation (A Christian Pacifist organisation).

1968 - 1955 member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

1972 - 1979 I was President of 'Mothers and Others for Peace' and edited its Newsletter.

In 1972 I attended a Conference on "A Woman's Role in Peace Education", organised jointly by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, which was held in Nicosia, Cyprus.

DELEGATE and/or OBSERVER.

Mrs. PAULINE CROSEY

Strategy + Resources

Member of Churches of Christ and a Past President of Churches of Christ Women's Conference in South Australia
Leader of Christian Education Department.
Established first Women's Study Camps and Study Days.

Involved with National Council of Women: Vice-President for 2 years.
Member of Executive for 7 years. Convener of Social Committee for several years.

A.C.W. involvement: President S.A. Unit 1979 - 1981.
Former Treasurer. Former W.K.S. Convener. Delegate and member for approx. 20 years.

Girls Brigade: Life member. Former National and S.A. Commissioner. Officer for 20 years.

Lavender ladies: (Volunteers in Royal Adelaide Hospital). Founded this organisation (as a member of A.C.W. S.A. Unit) in 1971. Membership now over 350. President since inception of Management Committee.

Mrs. BARBARA GREALY

Has been a member of the Executive of A.C.W. S.A. Unit (previously Women's Inter-Church Council of S.A.) since early 1973, and for five years was our F.L.C. Convener from 1976 - 1980 inclusive.

Was an observer for the Catholic Women's League at the National Committee Meeting held in Adelaide in early 1974.

Represented the Catholic Women's League Australia at the National Committee Meetings in Adelaide 1975, Perth 1977 and an observer in Sydney 1979.

Was treasurer of the committee of 4 South Australians who arranged the first Australian Consultation of Theologically Trained Women, under the auspices of the Asian Church Women Conference in Adelaide in April 1978.

Was involved in the arranging of the programme for the visit to Adelaide in mid 1978 of the members of the Executive of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

Was one of the Australian delegation to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of F.L.C. in Manila in November 1980.

Is International Secretary for C.W.L. Australia to the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (W.U.C.W.O.)

Mrs. LYNETTE GREEN

Has been an officer of the Salvation Army for 15 years. Was President of A.C.W. Tasmania Unit.

Has been President of Church Women's Groups throughout Western Victoria, Melbourne, Launceston and Hobart. Co-opted member of National Working Committee of A.C.W.

Third generation Salvation Army Officer (Captain).

Mrs. MARIE McCANN

Educated at Presentation Convent Windsor, Melbourne Teachers College, Melbourne University. Member of Newman Society and State Executive of National Catholic Girls Movement. Worked as Secondary School Teacher at Beaufort and Preston High Schools.

Since marriage resided in N.S.W. at Blayney and Chatswood.

Worked as a Catechist Scripture Teacher at Chatswood High for last 16 years, was President of Loreto Kirribilli P. & F.

Currently Club Correspondent of Sydney Inner Wheel, Treasurer of Chatswood Catholic Women's League Night Group, President of N.S.W.

Council for Children's Films and Television, a Director of the Board of the Catholic Weekly, Convener for Promotions A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit and Immediate Past President of this Unit. Recently attended F.L.C. Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Manila. Main aims: personal family commitment, Christian Unity and extension of Christianity.

DELEGATE and/or OBSERVER

Mrs. VERA WILSON

Those of you who were at National Conference in Perth will remember Vera as Convener of F.L.C. when W.A. was the National Committee. Currently Vera is "Special Days" Convener on the W.A. State Unit.

Vera has been a dedicated worker in her Church all her life - firstly in the Presbyterian Church and since inauguration in the Uniting Church - in many areas of the Church's work and mission. She is an Elder in her Church.

Prior to union, Vera was President of the Presbyterian Women's Association in W.A. and was involved in planning for women in the Uniting Church. Apart from these activities, Vera has been an active member of the W.A. Council of Churches and represented the Presbyterian Church at the Australian Council of Churches meetings when they were held in Brisbane some four or five years ago. Vera has been a voluntary worker for Mental Health and at present works for the Christian Welfare Centre.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
2. AIMS: To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
To promote co-operation of men and women in Church, family and society;
To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together, and
To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. RELATIONSHIPS:
 - (a) Through the Australian Council of Churches, Australian Church Women shall be linked with the World Council of Churches and with the regional conferences of churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.
 - (b) Australian Church Women shall be a member of the Asian Church Women's Conference.
4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE:
 - (a) The National Committee shall consist of:
 - i. Representatives:
 - (i) two from each unit of Australian Church Women in the Australian States and Territories;
 - (ii) one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the National Committee to attend;
 - (iii) one from the federal organisation of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee;
 - (iv) two appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.
 - ii. the Working Committee, as set out in para. 5 below.
 - (b) the National Committee shall meet biennially at a time and place to be determined by the National Committee on the recommendation of the Working Committee.
 - (c) The Working Committee shall prepare an Annual Report and audited Financial Statement which shall be circulated annually to all organisations having representation on the National Committee and to the Australian Council of Churches and shall be presented to the biennial National Committee Meeting for endorsement.
 - (d) At least half of the representatives under 4(a) i.(i) and (ii) together with half of the Working Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - (e) Alternates may be appointed for all representatives to the National Committee.
 - (f) Observers and Consultants to be invited to National Committee meetings.
 - i. Non-voting observers with privilege to speak
 - (i) two from each unit of Australian Church Women in the Australian states and territories;
 - (ii) one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the Working Committee to attend;
 - (iii) one from the federal organisation of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee;
 - (iv) up to ten Working Committee nominees from the new state or territory location.
 - ii. Consultants with privilege to speak
 - (i) the Federal Liaison Officer, Women's World Day of Prayer;
 - (ii) the Australian Representative on the General Committee of the Asian Church Women's Conference;
 - (iii) any co-opted members of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women.

4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE (cont.)

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Non-voting observers without privilege to speak
one from each state or territory women's organisation of each denomination or special interest group in the state or territory in which the National Committee meeting is held.

5. WORKING COMMITTEE

✓ (a) The Working Committee shall consist of ten members:

i Officebearers of Australian Church Women

(i) a President

(ii) two Vice-Presidents

(iii) a Secretary

(iv) a Treasurer

ii Five Committee members, one of whom shall be the Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee.

✓ (b) These ten members of the Working Committee shall all be

i Resident in one state or territory;

ii Elected biennially by the National Committee.

(c) The Working Committee shall have power to co-opt:

i Up to three members for special purposes;

ii Any members of the Planning and/or Working Committee of the Asian Church Women's Conference resident in the same state or territory as the Working Committee of Australian Church Women. Such co-opted members shall not be eligible to vote, but shall be eligible to attend the National Committee Meeting as Consultants with privilege to speak.

(d) The location of the Working Committee shall be determined by the National Committee and shall be changed to a different state or territory every two years, and shall not be relocated in any one State or territory until a period of four years has elapsed following the retirement of the previous Working Committee in that state or territory.

(e) The Working Committee shall be responsible to the National Committee for the implementation of the programme of Australian Church Women according to the directions of the National Committee and shall act as an Executive on behalf of the National Committee between its meetings.

(f) A Statement of Accounts shall be presented to each meeting of the Working Committee.

(g) In the event of a vacancy on the Working Committee occurring between National Committee meetings, the Working Committee shall appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy and shall within one month notify in writing those organisations having representation on the National Committee.

6. FINANCE

(a) All monies received by the Treasurer shall be paid as determined each year by the National Committee or by postal ballot by all organisations having representation on the National Committee, on the recommendation of the Working Committee.

(b) Signatories for all Bank accounts and investments shall be any two of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

(c) The Financial Year shall end on 30th June in each year.

7. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the National Committee present and voting. Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary by any organisation having representation on the National Committee or by the Working Committee. All constituent bodies shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendment not less than three months before the meeting of the National Committee at which the proposed amendment will be moved. Amendments shall be operative only upon ratification by the Australian Council of Churches.

8. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of Australian Church Women, its projects and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to the Australian Council of Churches.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROVIDING AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION
TO ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

1. Annual levy on all State Units - amount to be decided by National Working Committee.
2. Portion of World Community Day offering permanently given to A.C.W.C.
or
Separate offering made at World Community Day Services.
3. 5% levy on funds at present transferred to Administration and General account be raised to 6% and divided between ACW and ACWC in the ratio 4:2.

On current figures this would provide ACW with \$770 and ACWC with \$450 (approx.).

This would be adequate to cover Administration & General's requirements.

Another way of putting it!

4% levy to Admin. & General

2% levy to ACWC

from FLC, Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

NOTE: The members of the National Working Committee favour Option No. 3.

NAT. COMMITTEE OF A.C.W. - NAT. WORKING GROUP - Q.

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POINTS FOR DISCUSSION LEADERS:

NAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Set your group at ease. This should be relatively easy after informal introductions before Mass and many present would possibly know each other already.
2. The leader should strive to be relaxed and comfortable himself. This will help others to relax and so participate more. He should aim at being cheerful and courteous and avoid any show of tension.
3. Leader should remember that difficulties in human relationships are difficulties in communication. He/she should do all to stimulate communication and interaction among group members.
4. Leader should try to stimulate the shy or withdrawn person by skilfully drawing that person into the group discussion. e.g. "What do you think of this?" "Could you suggest something different?" (Avoid a question that needs only "Yes" or "No" for an answer).
5. The leader must see that no-one monopolises the conversation and that everyone makes some contribution to the discussion.
6. The leader must gently insist that everyone keeps to the point. e.g. "That's very interesting but we must get back now to....(discussion point)".
7. Watch for the domineering group member and also for the "blocker".
8. The leader is not there to answer all the questions but to stimulate and guide discussion. If some question arises about which leader is in doubt, the group member can be requested to wait for an answer until further information can be obtained.
9. Remember the Spirit of Vatican II - leadership is an opportunity for service.
10. At the conclusion the leader should thank the group in an informal way.

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