

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

55 Burns Road,
WAHROONGA, N. S. W..

December 3, 1962.

Rev. Harvey Perkins,
General Secretary,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

I am enclosing a copy of the resolution which was passed at our Council meeting last Friday, ^{Nov}~~October~~ 30.

Thank you for all your trouble and time. I feel it has been most stimulating to the work of the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mary J. Verco.

(Mrs. D. J. A. Verco) President.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED by N. S. W. W. I. C. C. 30th October, 1962.

The members of the N. S. W. W. I. C. C. have given serious consideration to the plan put forward by representatives of the Australian Council of Churches for the formation of a Federal Women's Organisation. Since some of the denominations represented on the Council are not affiliated with the A. C. C., we feel that the W. I. C. C. can give most valuable service as an independent body in sympathy, but not affiliated with the Australian Council of Churches. We wish, instead, to contact the Women's Inter-Church Councils in other States, in order to form a Federal link between the various State Women's Inter-Church Councils. If this motion is approved by Council, a copy of the resolution to be sent to each constituent organisation for approval.

Personal

55 Burns Rd.
Wahroonga.
3rd Dec. 1962.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

Personally, I am somewhat disappointed at the line which has been taken, but can understand the reasons, partly, in the minds of some.

I think it best for the time being to encourage such a modest but safe beginning in the hope that it will develop into something bigger.

We might have an opportunity of discussing this personally at some other time.

Yours sincerely,
Fayery Velea.

70 Shirley Road
Roseville

July 1st 1963

Dear Mr. Wylie

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of our Roseville-Lindfield Branch of the A.C.C. there was much interest expressed in the newly-formed "Organization" of Australian Church Women. There was immediately a request for more information regarding eventual affiliation to be passed on to the eight churches represented in our Branch. May we anticipate that there will be further material available before very long?

I am indebted to my friend Mr. McPhee for such knowledge as I was fortunate enough to gain at your very enthusiastic meeting at the Wesley College - and for your circular letter which I took to our meeting.

Kindest regards to you and your husband from Tom and myself,

yours sincerely

Anne-Marie Haslett.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

July 5, 1963

Mrs. A.M. Haslett,
70 Shirley Road,
ROSEVILLE.
N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Haslett,

Thank you for your letter telling of the interest of the Executive Committee of the Roseville-Lindfield Branch of the ACC in Australian Church Women.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the first statement which was sent out by the Interim-committee and also the recent statement on "Suggestions for a more formal structure of ACW."

I am also enclosing an invitation to the meeting to be held on July 10 at the YWCA. We would be very happy to welcome you as a representative of the Roseville-Lindfield Branch of the ACC. I do hope that you can come.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel G. Wyllie (Mrs)
Convener.

encl.

July 8, 1963.

The Secretary,
Women's Inter-Church Council of NSW,
C/- GNM, 139 Castlereagh Street,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Mrs Lilley,

You will remember that in May of this year the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women sent out a statement of its purpose and aims to all Federal and State denominational women's groups and the Women's Inter-Church Councils in all States where they existed.. There has been considerable discussion of this project and many groups have replied expressing their interest in this movement and asking for more information regarding the basis of Australian Church Women, and concerning the next steps which they can take to become part of ACW.

At its meeting on July 3 the Interim Committee resolved to invite the existing women's ecumenical organisations which operate on a State basis to become the State Councils of Australian Church Women. There is a copy of the document "Suggestions for a more formal structure of Australian Church Women" enclosed with this letter. This document sets out the basis on which this invitation is extended.

I am writing to you now to extend the invitation to the Women's Inter-Church Council of NSW to become the State Council of Australian Church Women for NSW.

The Interim Committee is convinced that ACW is needed to promote ecumenical thought and action amongst the church women of Australia and that existing women's inter-church groups are the best channels for this ecumenical promotion. This opinion has also been expressed by inter-church groups and individual women in NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

It is the earnest hope of the Interim Committee that your Council will accept this invitation and will become an integral part of this movement to draw together the women of the Australian churches and to link them with Christian women throughout the world.

There are still many questions to be resolved, for example:

- . the time and manner ^{of the election} ~~and the location~~ of a permanent national council
- . the financial requirements of ACW
- . the location of a national headquarters of ACW
- . the nature of the relationship of ACW and the Department of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches.

It is felt that these issues can be faced when once this more formal structure has been established. The calling together of representatives of Women's Inter-Church Councils who are prepared to act as State Councils of Australian Church Women would be the immediate next step.

Yours very sincerely,

Mabel Nyllie.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

206 Eastern Valley Way

Willoughby

4th August 1963

The Convenor

Interim Committee of Aust. Church Women.

Dear Mrs Wyllie,

In reply to your letter of July I am pleased to inform you that the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council have agreed to accept your invitation to become the body through which Australian Church Women will operate in N.S.W.

Enclosed please find a copy of our Constitution for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Lilly
Hon. Sec

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

11th May, 1965

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary, Australian Church Women,
140 Elizabeth Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Colonel Cross,

The N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council has appointed
the following alternates for Lt. Col. Cross and Mrs. Lilley respectively:

Mrs. A. A. Adam, 16 Mepunga St. Concord West 73-3598, and
Mrs. A. G. Ralph, 22 Skenes Ave. Eastwood 85-6507

It is understood that all four may attend the meetings
of the Working Committee, but the alternates may only take part if the
person they are alternate for is **not** present.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ralph.
Acting Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

18th May, 1965.

Mrs. A.A. Adam,
16 Mepunga Street,
CONCORD WEST.

Dear Mrs. Adam,

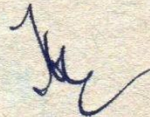
We have been happy to receive word from the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council that you have been appointed as alternate for Lieut. Colonel H. Cross.

Meetings of the Working Committee for the National Committee of Australian Church Women are held each fourth Tuesday of the month at 2p.m. in the meeting room of the Australian Council of Churches, third floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney. Thus the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25th May. We trust it will be convenient for you to be with us.

Alternates may attend all meetings of the Working Committee and may participate in discussion. When the original representative is present, ^{the} alternate does not vote, but in her absence she may do so.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lieut. Colonel H. Cross
Honorary Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

18th May, 1965.

Mrs. A.G. Ralph,
22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

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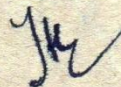
We have been happy to receive your letter on behalf of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, indicating that Mrs. A.A. Adam has been appointed as alternate for Lt. Colonel H. Cross, and yourself as such for Mrs. H.J. Lilley.

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With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Honorary Secretary

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

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22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

21st March, 1966

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Colonel Cross,

Your letter of 29th November 1965, enclosing a letter from Mrs. A. G. Ogston of the Canberra Council of Churches, is acknowledged.

As suggested by you, we shall see that information concerning Special Days, etc. is sent to Goulburn and the other N.S.W. portions of the Diocese through "The Churchwomen's Union".

This matter raises the whole question of communication to the Anglican women outside the Diocese of Sydney and we have asked our Anglican representatives if they have any suggestions which might be of assistance in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ralph.

Hon. Secretary.

PROJECTS INCLUDE - 'WYBALENA' GIRLS HOSTEL, FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN,
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE COMMITTEE of the AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

(associated with the World Council of Churches)

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Rt. Rev. J.F. McKay
O.B.E., M.A., B.D.

15th Sept., 1966.

HON. TREASURER
Mr. J.McE. King
59 Shirley Road,
Roseville
46.4304

Lt. Col. H. Cross,
Secretary of Australian Church Women,
Flat 13
171A Woollongong Rd.,
ARNCLIFF. N.S.W.

Dear Col. Cross,

Thank you for keeping me posted with the minutes of the
working Committee of Australian Church Women.

There are however some points that I would like to mention.
It is always very vague as to when your Fellowship days and
World Community days are being held. No date is indicated any-
where and no indication is given as to how they are being
publicised. I am concerned because I feel that the State Committee
ought to be giving you more support in some of the things you
are undertaking. Also with the experience of the Church and Life
Movement and the regional structure that has been set up through-
out the State we should I feel be able to feed your information
through to quite a number of groups of women who ought to be
interested.

STATE SECRETARY
Rev. Clive H. Norton
M.A.
(res. 46.2231)

INTER-CHURCH AID
SECRETARY
Rev. C. Robert Sprackett
M.A.
(res. 46.2609)

Along the lines of this need for closer collaboration I
think it would be most desirable for yourself or other
representative of the A.C.W. working committee to be present
when the A.C.C. National and associated State staff meet
before or after the Annual Meeting in February next year.

OFFICE SECRETARY
Mrs. J. Wood
(res. 40 9133)

I notice from your minutes mention of a study book, what
circulation is going to be given to this? How and when is it
going to be published? We are in process of reorganising the
work of the State Committee in three broad areas, (1) studies
and education (2) Mission and Evangelism (3) Service and World
Order, each with a Divisional Committee of church representatives
and people particularly involved in the area. This is really
a matter for the N.S.W. Womens' Inter-Church Council but if
A.C.W. is actively encouraging the development of study programmes,
I think it would be very good for the W.I.C.C. and or A.C.W. to

MEMBER CHURCHES:

Anglican, Antioch Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Congregational, Greek Orthodox,
Methodist, Presbyterian, The Salvation Army, Serbian Orthodox, Society of Friends



be represented on our new Division of Studies and Education.

I enclose notices about the inaugural meeting of this
division on Thursday, September 29th at 5.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Clive H. Norton

Clive H. Norton.

RE N.S.W. CHURCHES' DIVISION OF STUDIES AND EDUCATION.

At the 1965 Annual Meeting of the State Committee it was decided to forge a "N.S.W. Division of Studies and Education" so that there can be a more integrated approach to some of the educational and theological questions facing the Church today. A copy of the interim constitutions setting out the provisional aims of the Division is enclosed.

In this field as you know there are many agencies at work in specialised areas, but to some there seems to be a need for a point where the different concerns can be focussed. Often one body does not know what another is doing and the result of this piecemeal approach is that good efforts do not have their full effect and there is a danger of failing to meet the challenge and opportunities of the day. To give four examples:

- (i) How are the Churches applying new knowledge of educational processes and practice to their work with adults and young people?
- (ii) What study research ought to be undertaken in Church and community in N.S.W.?
- (iii) What is the relationship and contribution of different bodies (Theological Colleges, Christian education departments, Australian Frontier, the proposed Ecumenical Institute at Scots Church, Sydney, counselling training schemes etc.) in the equipping of lay men and women for their ministry?
- (iv) Or again, how can we make the best strategic use of eminent overseas or interstate visitors? (e.g. Bishop Gnanadason of the Church of South India in June-July, 1967)

The N.S.W. Division of Studies and Education is conceived of as a forum in which the broader issues of policy and priorities can be thrashed out by the representatives of churches and agencies concerned with this field.

Mr. D.J.A. Verco, a senior educationalist in the State of N.S.W., and a past-president of the Churches of Christ Conference has accepted the invitation of the State Committee to convene this new N.S.W. Churches' Division of Studies and Education.

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE COMMITTEE
of AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL of CHURCHES

N.S.W. STUDIES AND EDUCATION DIVISION

Provisional Agenda for Inaugural Meeting

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~~on Friday~~ ^{THURS. 29} Sept. 1966 at 5.30 p.m. in the A.C.C. Meeting Room,
3rd Floor 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

Welcome.

Prayer.

Attendance and apologies.

1. Introduction: background and intention of proposal for a Studies and Education Division.
-- Rev. C.H. Norton.
2. Dialogue-Discussion (a) What various groups represented (and not represented) are doing and are planning to do -- in broad policy.
(b) Is more coordination of effort feasible in spheres of prayer, study, research and education? Ways and Means.
3. Constituting the Divisional Committee; appointment of executive officers, membership, alterations to interim Constitution.
4. Matters referred:
 - (i) from National Christian Strategy Consultation February 1965 (see overleaf)
 - (ii) from Executive of State Committee:
 - (a) that the N.S.W. Studies and Education Division be responsible for the follow-up programme of the Church and Life Movement.
 - (b) Australian Ecumenical Hymnbook proposal.
 - (c) "On the Ecumenical Way" document in preparation for 1968 Assembly of W.C.C.
 - (d) Studies on "The Local Church in the New Reformation".
 - (e) Forthcoming Overseas Visitors. e.g. Bishop Granadason of Church of South India - June-July 1967.
 - (iii) from A.C.C.'s Divisions of Mission and of Studies
 - (a) "The Healing Church"
 - (b) Vatican Council II - decrees and constitutions.
 - (c) The Pentecostal Movement.
5. Date and place of next meeting of Division.

Recommendations from -
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN STRATEGY CONSULTATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. That the Christian Education departments of the N.S.W. Churches and the A.C.C.E. (N.S.W. Branch) investigate a method of undertaking ecumenical work in Christian Education which supplements the employment of ecumenical staff by a procedure in which denominational boards and departments of Christian Education lend staff for brief periods to tackle under ecumenical direction urgent assignments, e.g. publishing, surveys, training, lab training, Audio-Visuals.
2. That the churches should act to meet the need for increased planned programmes of "in-service" training in Christian Education for ministers and wherever possible these be conducted on an ecumenical basis.
3. That action be taken by the churches in N.S.W. to facilitate the establishment of an Australian Advanced Institute of Theological Studies in the National capital.
4. That the N.S.W. churches pursue the study and reorientation of the curricula of Theological Colleges in the light of the new understanding of the Church and its task.
5. That the N.S.W. churches examine the motivation, aims, and programmes of lay training, and through the A.C.C.E. (N.S.W. Branch) share information and experience.
6. That the N.S.W. churches should work to establish united church centres and chaplaincies in Universities and other tertiary institutions.

TRAINING OF LAITY AND CLERGY FOR ACTION IN COMMUNITY.

14. That the churches in N.S.W. establish a lay training institute on an inter-church basis.
15. That the churches in N.S.W. examine as an urgent task methods of training and re-orientation of outlook of parish clergy for the task of local cooperation.

STUDIES AND COMMUNICATION.

25. That the churches in N.S.W. should give attention to in-service training (a) refresher courses (b) ecumenical conferences.
26. That the students in theological colleges should be confronted with the ecumenical vision.
27. That the churches should encourage "faith and order" studies in the local congregation.

17th October, 1966

Rev. Clive H. Norton,
N.S.W. State Committee of the Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Norton,

Thank you for your letter of 15th ult., which was considered at the meeting of the Working Committee held on 28th September. Please pardon delay in a reply to your letter reaching you. This is accounted for by a period in which there seems to have been what one might term 'business pressure', and the realisation I had made some oral comments to you following the meeting.

The Working Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation concerning the prospect of additional support in the special activities of Australian Church Women on the part of the State Committee.

We can understand that the printed programmes for Special Days may appear vague in the matter of dates. Fellowship Day is observed during the last week in July, and World Community Day during the last week in October - on whatever day of the week the various States decide upon. In N.S.W. it is the fourth Friday in the month in each case.

Actually, the State Unit of ACW is responsible for the publicising of these days within the State. Thus the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council should keep you fully informed.

With the assurance your letter gives of support (and we agree with you that the State Committee could doubtless help a good deal) we are sure this will encourage the W.I.C.C. to confer more with you than has been done. We are writing them along this line, and asking that they give you information well ahead. We may say that Mrs. A.G. Ralph, who is Secretary of the W.I.C.C., is also a member of the Working Committee of ACW.

We thank you for your suggestion that a member of the ACW Working Committee be present when the AOC National and associated State staff meet before or after the Annual Meeting in February next year. The Working Committee agreed that this is desirable, and we are writing to the General Secretary of the AOC requesting such representation.

Your comments concerning the Study Book were noted. It is hoped that this Study Book will be produced by the end of December of this year. It is expected that the circulation will be Australia-wide. Whilst we primarily have Women's Groups in mind, it is expected that, as in the case of 'Saints Alive' the study book may be used by mixed groups as well.

Your suggestion that ACW should have representation on your new Division of Studies and Education was noted. It was felt that this should be covered satisfactorily by the W.I.C.C. representative also being a member of the Working Committee. We understand that such was to be the arrangement for the meeting held on September 29th.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

17th October, 1966

Rev. Harvey L. Perkins,
Australian Council of Churches,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.

Dear Mr. Perkins,

We have before us a letter from the Rev. Clive H. Norton having to do with collaboration on the part of the State Committee and Australian Church Women. Through this it is expected we would be better informed of what each group is doing, and doubtless the State Committee would be able to support further the special activities of ACW.

It is recognised by us both that in most matters the medium of imparting information to the State Committee should be the Women's Inter-Church Council, which has representation on the Working Committee and is the State Unit of ACW.

However, Mr. Norton's letter contained the suggestion that he thought it desirable that a representative of the ACW Working Committee be present when the AOC National and associated State staff meet before or after the Annual Meeting in February next year. This, along with other points of Mr. Norton's letter, was considered at our last meeting of the Working Committee, and it was agreed that this would be helpful.

It would be appreciated if an invitation could be extended to a representative of the Working Committee of ACW to attend the meeting referred to by Mr. Norton.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

17th October, 1966

Mrs. A.G. Ralph,
22 Skene Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

Dear Mrs. Ralph,

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Working Committee a letter from the Rev. Clive H. Norton was discussed.

Copy of our reply is enclosed, as this further collaboration suggested by Mr. Norton between the State Committee and Australian Church Women is really a matter for the Women's Inter-Church Council.

You haven't Mr. Norton's letter in full, but I quote the opening part of his letter.

"Thank you for keeping me posted with the minutes of the working committee of Australian Church Women.

There are, however, some points that I would like to mention. It is always very vague as to when your Fellowship Days and World Community Days are being held. No date is indicated anywhere and no indication is given as to how they are being publicised. I am concerned because I feel that the State Committee ought to be giving you more support in some of the things you are undertaking. Also with the experience of the Church and Life Movement and the regional structure that has been set up throughout the State we should I feel be able to feed your information through to quite a number of groups of women who ought to be interested."

We won't repeat what you can read in our letter to Mr. Norton, as this is all self-explanatory. However, this will we feel sure be very welcome news to the W.I.C.C., and we feel sure you will (help in' to this situation. If you could make an opportunity yourself of talking over the matter with Mr. Norton would be a good idea, thus furthering the matter from the State angle.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

22 Skenes Ave. Eastwood
20th September, 1966

Hon. Secretary, A.C.W.

Dear Colonel Cross,

Thank you for passing on to me the letter from Mrs. Jones of Young. You might have noticed that she asked for material that might be helpful for group discussions. I have replied indicating that A.C.W. is preparing a study book and that "Saints Alive" is still available.

I have to write again with more information about a few of the answers to her questions and wondered if A.C.W. has a list of study material that I could send her. I will let her know about the material Mrs. Coates has available.

The State Units should be able to supply such a list to local branches and I feel that this could reasonably be a function of A.C.W., perhaps arising out of the sharing of the various denominational publications.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Rieple.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn E.3.,
Victoria.

1st. April 1967.

Mrs. E.V. Newman,
~~Secretary~~,
Federation of Methodist Women in Australia,
4 Roslyn Avenue,
Roseville, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Newman,

On behalf of the Working Committee of the Australian Church Women, I am writing to ask you if the Federation of Methodist Women in Australia will prepare the Order of Service and Questions for Group Discussion for the World Community Day 1967.

The subject for World Community Day 1967 will be "World Community through The United Nations", and the project "Vietnam, to assist Inter-Church Aid Team Work already in operation".

I note from the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting in February that Mrs. Gribble was present when it was decided to ask the Methodist Women, so that you probably have been forewarned. You may also know the resolutions that were passed concerning Community Day, which were:-

"It is suggested that the prepared material for the Worship Service be approx. 30 minutes".

"There was discussion concerning the use of an address or the use of discussion groups. It was agreed that the prepared Order of Service should provide for both, but that the choice should be made at the local level as to which of the two should be used. It was generally agreed that it should be only one or the other. There was strong feeling that for World Community Day there should be extra space given in the meeting to Group Discussions; also adequate time for the receiving of offerings for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The meeting also favoured the inclusion of men wherever possible for this to be arranged, having in mind the possibility of evening services".

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. F.R. Ashton)
Secretary,
Working Committee, A.C.W.

NB. Mrs Newman rang me, 3/4/67. before she reached her. She will get going now.



Rev. 22.2.

President : Mrs. C. F. GRIBBLE

Australasian Federation of Methodist Women

(AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN)

4 Roslyn Avenue,

Roseville,

New South Wales.

April, 24th, 1967.

Dear Mrs Ashton,

Thank you for your letter with the required information about World Community Day. It followed hard upon our telephone conversation.

I want now to report to your Working Committee that, after consultation, our Executive Committee approached The Rev. and Mrs Allan Loy - The Rev. Allan Loy is Assistant Principal at Leigh College, Enfield. They have agreed to arrange the Service of Worship and the Questions and Material for Discussion. I managed to secure copies of services for former years and have drawn their attention to the points in the minutes as to required length and so on.

Would you please ask your Committee to let me know the date by which you will need the completed work in your hands for consideration and for the subsequent printing and distribution.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Yolande M. E. Newman

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(Hon. Sec. A.F.M.W.)

*as soon as possible
not later than July 1st.*

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn E.3.,
Victoria.
22nd. May 1967.

Dear Mrs. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of April 24th, I am very sorry that you have had to wait so long for an answer.

I took your letter to our Working Committee meeting on May 12th. and we discussed when we should need the completed work. The answer is as soon as possible. and if possible, at the latest by July 1st. I knew that sounds very early for an October meeting, but we have learnt by experience with Fellowship Day Service, that it takes some time to get these things through the printer, and groups do like to get advance copies early. I have just had a phone call asking when will the Fellowship day services be ready, as groups in Melbourne are thirsting for them. So if you can, without hounding them, get it done by Mr. & Mrs. Loy by the end of June, we shall be very grateful.

We are grateful to Rev. & Mrs. Allan Loy for agreeing to arrange the Service of Worship and Questions and Material for Discussion for the World Community Day, and look forward to receiving what they prepare.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

rs. F.R. Ashton,
Secretary,
A.C.W. Working Committee.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD N. S. W.

25th May, 1967

Mrs. Ashton,
Hon. Sec. A.C.W.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Mrs. Verco enquired this morning about the Fellowship Day material. We are having a Promotion Committee meeting at her home next Wednesday and it would be good if we could make up the orders so far received and despatch them, because Mrs. Verco hasn't been well and we could help her. If the orders of service are ready and have not yet been despatched, could you please send them to her address: Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, 56 Bundarra Ave. Wahroonga, N.S.W. If they are not yet ready, would you please send them to Mrs. Verco when they are.

Miss Eastaway planned to have the text of the tape printed to come out in July, however, the copy for her current issue was lost, or we hope just delayed, in the post and she had to hurriedly prepare new stuff. This meant that she has used the text in the issue that is due to be posted to-day, so we will have the extras a lot earlier than expected.

I will let you know as soon as I am able what the cost of the 1,000 is. If you let me know the numbers for the other states and the addresses to which they should be sent, it would save double postage. Please let me know too, if more than 1,000 are required. Miss Eastaway tells me that the printer only charges them \$13 I think for 3,000 copies of her little paper (which is a foolscap sheet, folded to make four pages). This includes the type setting, so the extra copies should not amount to much.

It is our Annual Rally tomorrow and I am rushing to get things in order. I am very pleased that our new president has found a secretary to take my place, but we cannot appoint her until our June meeting.

To-day I received a letter from Mrs. Strack about the number of Circle of Prayer III we require. I have no idea and will have to make enquiries from the State Committee bookroom and from Mrs. Verco. I am in a whirl at the moment, but will get on to this as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Raepe
Acting Hon. Sec.

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn E.3.,
Victoria.

22nd. May 1967.

Mr. Val Brown,
Australian Council of Churches,
Third Floor, 511 Kent Street,
Sydney.

Dear Val,

It was good to have you for even part of our Working Committee meeting on 12th. May. We do hope the planes are more co-operative next time you come.

This is to confirm the conversations we had that morning, that we should like all Literature freighted to us C/- Victorian Council of Churches, except for such quantity as you wish to keep for local use. We do not know if A.C.C. had paid for it, or A.C.W., you will have to let us know what we owe. The A.C.W. files that you are holding for us we shall be grateful if you can hold a bit longer till the V.C.C. Office moves, and we see if they can store them there. It seems that they will be able to do this for us then.

I had a letter from Rev. John Neal written 26th. April saying that 50 copies of Circle of Prayer had been ordered from Bangkok, and asking for our comments on whether you should handle the general supply for Australia, or whether we should like to purchase extra copies direct to handle ourselves. We agree with him that two distribution points would be better than one. We should like to have 25 of these copies if we may, when they arrive, for immediate sale. I am sure the women will want to have many more than 50. I have just written to the State Unit Secretaries asking how many each state is likely to need, and when I get the answers I shall let you know. It is of course much easier for us, if your Literature Section would order them for us. I do not know how long it takes for an order to come from Bangkok. Women in Melbourne have been asking for some time for Vol III.,

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Mrs. F. R. Ashton
Secretary,
A.C.W. Working Committee.



Australian Council of Churches

THIRD FLOOR, 511 KENT STREET, SYDNEY

TELEPHONE: 61 4766

TELEGRAMS: "ECUMENICAL", SYDNEY.

26th May, 1967.

Mrs F.R. Ashton,
Secretary,
Working Committee A.C.W.,
14 Lingwell Road,
AUBURN E.3 Victoria.

Dear Betty,

Thank you for your letter. I hope to be at
the next meeting of the A.C.W.

We shall freight the literature to you care of
the Victorian Council of Churches, keeping 50 copies for
distribution here. You ask about what you might owe the
A.C.C., the amount is - nil!

We shall hold the A.C.W. files here until the
V.C.C. office moves. Please let us know when you are ready
to receive them.

Circle of Prayer

50 copies of "Circle of Prayer" have not yet arrived.
We shall send you 25 copies immediately they do arrive. Con-
cerning further orders, would you please let me know the result
of your questionnaire to State Unit Secretaries - in the light
of this we will know what to Order. Our Literature Section would
be delighted to do the ordering. We shall do what we can to
expedite the order.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vm.

V.K. Brown
General Secretary

VKB/vc

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn E.3.,
Victoria.

4th. June 1967.

Mrs. A.G. Ralph,
22 Skenes Avenue,
Eastwood, N.S.W.

Dear Mrs. Ralph,

Thank you for your letter of 25th. May. I am sorry that I did not reply at once, however I did get on to Mrs. Norman Anderson who was in the middle of despatching the Orders of Service for Fellowship Day. She said she would send a few advance copies, and get the bulk off as soon as she could.

Thank you for keeping me up-to-date with the news of the printing of the script of Mrs. Solomon's talk. None of the States have been definite in their replies on this point. When the 1,000 are ready could you, as you kindly suggest sending straight to the states, send 50 copies (fifty) to Tasmania, to

Mrs. D. Hartam,
12 Doatta Road, Lindisfarne, Tasmania.

She asked for 40 or 50, so I think we shall send her the bigger amount. Then take what you want for N.S.W. and send the balance to me. I am not sure if Mrs. Strack will be dealing with it as part of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, or Mrs. Anderson as Publications. I can easily pass it on to the right person when I get them.

I was interested to note that you say the new President has found a new Secretary to take your place. I shall be glad to have her name and address after the June meeting.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. F.R. Ashton)
Hon. Secretary,
A.C.W. Working Committee.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

22 Skenes Ave.
EASTWOOD.

14th June, 1967

Mrs. F. R. Ashton,
14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn E.3. Vic.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for your letter of 4th June. Thank you too for arranging for the orders of service to be sent to Mrs. Verco. They arrived about thirty minutes before the committee did and we did appreciate the fact that they were there.

Just in passing, I notice that on the back page in the paragraph about A.C.W. there is a slight error which might cause some confusion to our N.S.W. women. We have Fellowship Day where possible on the fourth Friday of July. If I remember rightly, the decision at the 1966 National Committee Meeting was as stated in the A.C.W. Brochure "observed during the last week in July". It is just a small point, but unfortunately it is such things which people pick on when you are trying to convince them that local inter-church groups are worthwhile. Apart from that the order of service looks pretty good.

Miss Eastaway's printer received the lost copy as she was on her way to him with the second lot. He therefore printed the Voice as originally intended, but took the text of Mrs. Solomon's talk so that he can start work on it. It is possible that it will be ready before the last week in July, when the next Voice is due to be posted. I will send the 50 copies to Mrs. Hartam and the remainder, less N.S.W.'s, to you as suggested.

Our new secretary will be Mrs. R. H. Dougherty, 56 Mabel Street, Willoughby, N.S.W. I will be passing over to Mrs. Dougherty the W.I.C.C. copy of A.C.W. minutes, and if you are sending copies to members of the last National Committee, I would be pleased to have the minutes so far issued, if you have a spare copy of them left (including the National Committee Meeting itself), also future ones, if possible.

If Mrs. Coates has spare copies of Mrs. Wilmhurst's report I would be glad to have three - one for the W.I.C.C. files and two in connection with a conference of N.S.W. Presbyterian women on 5th August called as a result of the recent Assembly's decision to raise again the place of women in the Church. Enclosed is a donation of \$1 towards the publication of the report, for the supply of these two copies.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ralph

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22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD.

8th July, 1967

Mrs. F. R. Ashton,
Hon. Sec. A.C.W.,
14 Lingwell Road,
Auburn. Vic. 3122.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Your letter of 22nd May was received at the Executive Meeting on 16th June and I am sorry that it has taken me so long to let you know how we are handling the matters raised by you.

(I) National Committee Group Discussions & Recommendations

I distributed the copies of pages 17-18 amongst the Executive members so that they can become familiar with the material to discuss at the next Executive Meeting on 21st July, how we can make best use of it. I have asked the members to return the copies, but I think you had better send us another ten copies for distribution to the denominations.

Any suggestions as to how the material might be used by us and the denominations would be helpful. Is it the Working Committee's intention that we should discuss how effectively we think A.C.W. has achieved its aim, or how much we (W.I.C.C. and denominations) have done in this regard? (I passed out all copies, leaving myself without one to refer to, so please excuse me if I sound more vague than usual.)

(II) Travel Fund. Our Treasurer is preparing a budget for the Executive, so that it can make recommendations to the W.I.C.C. about the Travel Fund. (When the National Committee met in Melbourne, the W.I.C.C. paid its representatives' fares out of the 40% retained from the Special Days that year. We know this is not the answer for the other States, but the Travel Fund might be established from a percentage of the overall collections. I cannot imagine collecting 5c from every member in N.S.W. Few of the denominational women's groups have effective means of communication with members, so that it would be the informed groups who might respond and bear the burden. The Salvation Army collected a voluntary 5c from members for the Tokyo Travel Fund but even they do not feel that the new travel fund would have the same appeal for support.) The suggestions of the W.I.C.C. will be passed on to you after their meeting on 25th August. (We have Fellowship Day instead of a Council Meeting on fourth Friday of July.)

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Methodist Church of Australasia

LEIGH COLLEGE

New South Wales Conference

Office Secretary: Phone 642-1461

LIVERPOOL ROAD, ENFIELD, N.S.W.

26th June, 1967.

Mrs. F.R. Ashton,
Secretary,
Working Committee, A.C.W.
14 Lingwell Road,
AUBURN. E.3. VICTORIA.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

I am forwarding herewith the order of service which my husband has prepared for World Community Day 1967, as requested by the Methodist Women's Federation. I am not quite sure what provision you wish to make for the receiving of offerings for the Fellowship of the Least Coin - but you will know best how that should be included.

I had hoped to also include the questions, but I feel these need a little more work and as there have been some extra commitments this week it has not been possible for us to spend the time required on these. I will get them away to you within the next couple of days. Please let us know if these are not what you want.

Yours sincerely,

Norma Loy.

(Mrs. A.W. Loy)

5th thanked for order of service

This is hardly an official letter, so I didn't use letterhead. Please consider it as you would a conversation - quote me as you wish.

22 Skene Ave.
EASTWOOD.

Tues. 11/7/67

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for your letter which arrived this morning. I am answering it straight away, in case my reply is helpful at the meeting on Friday.

I didn't mean to ask for anything special or extra with regard to the minutes. I thought that all members of the last National Committee received them as well as State Unit secretaries. Until now, I have been one person in two capacities, but I have only been getting one copy and this should go with the State Unit files.

When I was a member of the Working Committee, I kept a separate set of papers. I didn't ask for the usual two copies of everything when the Working Committee went to Melbourne, because it was only a matter of interest and information and I could get this from the reading of the one copy. However, with Mrs. Dougherty taking over as secretary, I would be glad of my own personal copy. I am remaining as secretary of the W.L.C.C. Promotion Committee and will make good use (I hope) of items of interest to all members.

Your remarks about pruning the mailing list has rather answered a suggestion I was thinking about making with regard to copies of the minutes for all of our executive. If Mesdames Cowled, Badger, Verco and Dougherty and Deaconess Andrews are on the mailing list, this leaves seven members of the executive, most of whom have only had second-hand experience of A.C.W. I was thinking that if they were handed a copy of the minutes at the executive meeting, those who were interested would be glad of the closer contact and those who have never been convinced about the idea of A.C.W. might be persuaded to think again. So far I haven't mentioned the idea to anyone else - I will see what the Promotion Committee think about it and if we decide to press on, we would see that the cost was met.

Thank you for arranging for the copies of Mrs. Wilburst's report. I am glad Mrs. Duke didn't run them off specially, it was just that I thought there might be a couple of spares available. No doubt I could have borrowed one from Mrs. Cowled or Colonel Cross at a pinch, but I appreciate having my own and thank you and Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Duke for arranging this for me.

I was delighted to have the news about Anna. We will be able to pass it on to Fellowship Day meetings. Thanks for everything.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Ralph.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, 2068, N.S.W.
9th January, 1968.

Mrs. G. I. Duke,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Since the arrival of your letter to me last week I have been valiantly trying the contact some of our senior executive members, so that the opinions I give you regarding the invitation to the Australian Christian Women's Convention would not be my impression alone. Unfortunately, neither Mrs. Cowled or Mrs. Verco seem available and Margaret Ralph and Olga Badger are away.

This then is my impression of the discussion we had at a recent Executive Meeting, plus my own experience.

Firstly, our Promotions Committee has found that each time one of our special days falls due, the Convention folk have organised one of their rallies in the same areas either just prior to or immediately following our date. Then too, when Olga Badger spoke in Tasmania after the last Asian Women's Convention trip, these folk held a rally the night before her meetings in both Launceston and Hobart.

We just feel that, unless some unity in women's work can be achieved, the women of the protestant denominations in this State, at any rate, will quite soon be split down the middle.

In my own experience as a member of the Methodist Women's Federation Executive I find that many of our Ministers' wives are most concerned at the dividing trend - in some areas already there is building up (and I hate using this word as a definition of belief) of 'fundamental' versus 'liberal' type tension. This to us is both heartbreaking and ridiculous in an age when Christianity itself is being so severely tested.

In Wollongong, which is one of our exploding cities, our Chairman's wife is most concerned. The type of position facing her is that on the Wednesday after Community Day was held there, the whole available room and hall space of Wollongong Town Hall was booked for a Convention rally.

It seems to me that the real value of the Protestant faith is that the Gospel is for all men, and there is room in our churches and denominations for Christians of both fundamental and liberal conviction.

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This then, would seem to be our point of concern as an Executive - not that the meeting dates conflict so consistently as much as the division that is becoming a real thing within denominations. We did not air this in a Council Meeting because it is concern and not jockeying for numbers or personal successes in local areas. We sent on the suggestion to you so that, if other States have this same problem, maybe it would have been helpful for, say, the President of the Australian Christian Women's Convention to be an observer and at least learn what Australian Church Women is all about. To all our advances State-wise we have been rebuffed and we thought you might have succeeded where we failed, hoping with knowledge could come understanding.

If the picture I have painted seems a dismal one, I should hasten to say that both Deaconess Andrews and Mrs. Verco are still making every effort to find a way through this so that we may eventually work and walk together.

On reading this through I find that I have seemed to dwell on the conflict of meeting dates, which is only one facet and not the main point at issue. However, it is very hard to convey by letter the whole portent. The way I write a thing is not necessarily, of course, the way you read it - so I hope you will bear with me.

I close the subject with one more experience we had at Northbridge Community Day discussion group period when a leader of one of our groups spent more than half the time in an attempt to persuade her members to forget 'this surface religion' and come with her to the rally at Forestville on the following Wednesday. Unfortunately one of our much valued contacts with the Armenian Church was one of the group.

We are hoping that quite a number of our members will be with you on the 'Nomad' and I have circularised them so that they can plan in good time to join either or both of the open evening sessions.

As I have been pondering over this letter to you, the Postman has just returned to me the package containing the comments from the denominations re Questions 1 and 2, and a covering letter which I posted to you in late November. Unhappily the envelope was mangled in our new sorting machine according to the covering information. I am reposting it to you now, but I guess it will be far too late to be of use.

Looking forward to meeting you here in Sydney next month and with every good wish for a very successful and enriching National Committee Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dougherty

C O P Y

150 Donnelly Street,
Armidale, N.S.W. 2350.

21st February, 1968,

Dear Mrs. Verco,

I write on behalf of the Armidale Inter-Church
Womens' Fellowship.

We are sorry not to be represented at your W.I.C.C.
meeting on Friday. We had hoped Mrs. Kerle might be attending
and so able to speak for us - but as we now find she is not to
be there, I shall pass on to you the matter which has disturbed
us.

It concerns the Order of Service sent out for the 1967
Community Day observance. We feel rather strongly that some of
the matters set out for discussion in this Service were not really
suitable for a Group of this kind. In this Inter-Church body of
women, we are endeavouring to foster a feeling of fellowship and
unity. Discussion of such matters as the acceptance of China into
the U.N.O. - though undoubtedly a matter which must be of concern
to all Christians - is still not only a political matter, but one
on which Christian thinking is often divided.

We had two unfortunate repercussions from this
discussion - one was an attempt to use our Fellowship as a forum
for the debating of the Communist issue - and the other for the
withdrawal (before the meeting) of our Baptist members who had
received the Order of Service and disliked the "political" nature
of the questions.

We were grateful to you, as Chairman, for handling the
discussion so well. Under less experienced leadership it might
easily have got out of hand. In view of all this my Committee was
unanimous in thinking we should let you know our reaction to any
explicit centring of these discussions on controversial "political"
matters in future programmes.

With all good wishes for your meeting and hoping we will
see you in Armidale again,

Sincerely,

A. Ellis,

President Armidale I.C.W.F.

(COPY)

56 Bundarra Avenue,
Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076.

18th March, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Ellis,

Thank you for your letter. It arrived the morning of 23rd February, just prior to the special meeting of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. We were sorry that you were not able to send a representative, however, we understand that distance made this difficult. You will be pleased to know that Mrs. Udy was able to be present and so we invited her to tell us something about your Fellowship.

Altogether, it was a most informative and profitable meeting. The Promotion Committee formed a panel and each member presented a particular feature, then there was time for reporting and discussion.

It was helpful to have your criticism of the questions set out for discussion for W.C.D. and this was mentioned during discussion.

I think I told you that at the two other W.C.D. services I attended in Sydney - Padstow and Turramurra - I purposely omitted the question on Red China, for the reason you mentioned. Your experience and my own impression will be passed on to the Working Committee of A.C.W. in Melbourne, who are responsible for the editing of this material. I was only sorry that I did not receive your letter a few days earlier as the National Committee of A.C.W. met in Sydney from 13th to 16th February, and I feel your comments would have supported similar criticism introduced at this Conference. We are very sorry to have caused you any embarrassment and can only say we are still learning from this new venture of bringing Church women together for an experience of inter-church study, which we consider is so vital to their effective witness in the community.

We were certainly sad to learn that the Baptist ladies are no longer part of your Fellowship. As you probably know, they have problems regarding co-operation with other Denominational

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, 2068, N.S.W.
18th September, 1968.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Thank you for your letter and the copy of the Order of Service for Community Day enclosed with it. We were very happy to have an advance copy as we are planning what we hope will be a large city service this year and as the committee of city church women are most enthusiastic and meeting regularly, we were able to let them see the order of the service and already they have the folks chosen who are taking part! To get the women of the city churches to talk together we consider quite an achievement, and that, under the persuasive personality of Mrs. Buschmeyer they should undertake a combined service of this nature is well nigh thrilling!

Mrs. Ralph has been in touch with Mrs. Anderson in regard to the numbers we would like sent over and we are receiving orders from about the same number of centres as last year, I would say, who will be holding meetings.

Following on evaluations of Fellowship Day by both the Promotions Committee and our Council, it has now been resolved that New South Wales will in future hold Fellowship and World Community Days on the fourth Fridays of July and October respectively in each year and this will bring about greater uniformity and less confusion, particularly as Women's World Day of Prayer is to be the 1st Friday in March of each year as from 1969.

World Community Day. Under this heading in the A.C.W. Working Committee Minutes, 5th July, this year we noted the resolution passed in connection with questions attached to orders of service on special days. Council felt I should pass on to you our feelings regarding Fellowship Day questions for this year. We are most appreciative of the fact that when we are joined throughout the Commonwealth with Christian women in an order of service we experience a depth of fellowship which binds us into one body of Christian women and so we feel that in discussion too, we are encouraged when we know that throughout all our country women have a common challenge to service as well as problems and solutions we can work through together.

Our plea would therefore be, in regard to the questions, that they be simply phrased questions which unite rather than divide and that they stimulate practical application. By using the

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New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

17 Woonona Road,
NORTHBRIDGE. N.S.W. 2063
18th September, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Strack,

I have just been talking to Mrs. Ralph on the telephone. Apparently the Promotions Committee has been travelling around, publicising our projects and she has asked me for more Fellowship of the Least Coin pamphlets and labels.

With this request and World Community Day at the end of next month, we feel that we could use 500 each of labels and brochures, and would be most grateful if you could forward them to me. I will arrange to re-imburse the postage, and trust that you have already received postage to cover previous parcels, which was passed at our last meeting.

I wonder if you can assist me in another matter too Mrs. Strack. The Presbyterian Women's Association would like to feature the Winifred Kiek Scholarship in their magazine "Span". Our Editor, Mrs. Thorburn, was very impressed with the circular telling about Jackie Kini (as enclosed) and asked if it would be possible to have a loan of the block of Jackie (as marked). Would I need to contact any special person in Melbourne with this request?

At our monthly meeting of the Women's Inter-Church Council next week we are to hear Archdeacon Delbridge speak about the W.C.C. at Uppsala. I am looking forward to his address and also hope to obtain a loan of a tape of Barbara Ward's extempore address "Rich and Poor Nations" to which my eldest daughter has access through a Young Adult Group.

There are so many tremendous issues in the world, aren't there? Somehow, when I think of them, I always come back to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and realize that this is the means of reconciliation in which everyone can participate.

I do hope that you and your family are keeping well.
With very best wishes from Sydney,

Yours sincerely,

Clarice Butler

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N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, N.S.W. 2068.
14th January, 1969.

Dear Council Member,

At the outset may I crave your patience at the volume of reading both in this letter and by way of the attached sheets, but each of the subjects raised are important and need to be said - and read!

You will remember that Council resolved that each February our year would begin with what we now call "BRANCHES' DAY". This gives us opportunity to outline our plans for the further outreach of the work of the Council, as well as giving time for discussion, introspection and challenge as we enter another year.

This is the one meeting we are able to devote to really informing members of our work, and most particularly the aims of the Promotions Committee and, indeed, its reason for existence. Because this is intended to encourage and enthuse Branch members we would ask that you do your utmost to bring along as many folk from your local area as you possibly can, so that this year may be a memorable one--each of us making every effort to involve the Christian women of our community in fellowship together.

Following the meeting a cup of tea is served and we enjoy a basket lunch together. This is a wonderful time for cementing the friendships we don't have much time to do anything about at the ordinary monthly meetings - so PLEASE stay and enjoy this brief time with us - A N D - don't forget to bring your sandwich (or lettuce leaf, if you're a weight watcher like I should be!) Miss Read and Mesdames Savage and Fishburn have again offered to act as hostesses at lunch and we are very grateful indeed to them.

New members to Council may care to note the dates of Council Meetings for 1969, held in the Social Hall, Bible House, 95 Bathurst Street, City, at 10.30 a.m. on:

Friday, 28th February

28th March

N.B. 18th April (Annual Meeting and Election of Officers)

23rd May - ANNUAL RALLY - Church to be announced

27th June

July - No meeting. Members are asked to attend Fellowship Day Service most convenient to them.

22nd August

26th September

October - No meeting. Members are asked to attend World Community Day most convenient to them.

28th November - final meeting of year. Reports from delegates to other organisations, etc.

Enclosed are precis of two proposed projects in which Wybalena monies could be used, together with the ways in which the monies may be used under the terms of the Trusteeship. Each member of Council is asked to read these three papers carefully and to bring them to the March meeting, when it is hoped a final decision will be reached. There will be opportunity for you to raise any queries you may have with a representative from each group.

Denominational delegates are reminded that it is only through their personal enthusiasm and effort that the word can get through to

their particular women's groups concerning the nature and work of the Council and the particular role they are asked to play if it is to move forward. A denomination can only be as enthusiastic and informed as its delegates to Council.

Because of its concern in this area, you will recall that Council resolved that delegates should take back to their denomination the following resolution:

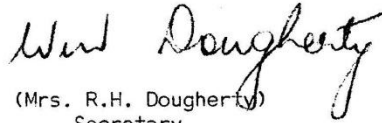
1. "That each denomination be asked to appoint (as some already do) a particular representative out of the eight, and a deputy, to be responsible for reporting to that denomination and to be the official liaison officer or Inter-Church Convenor.
2. It is felt that at the same time the suggestion could be made to the denominations that they consider the availability and present responsibilities of those they appoint to represent them. It would increase the effectiveness of the Council if each denomination, where possible, included in its eight representatives -
 - 2 who hold positions on their State executive;
 - 2 who would be their Convenor and deputy;
 - These 4 (2 who would be available to hold office on the Council
 - need not (or its committees or to represent the Council on
 - be members (other bodies;
 - of State (2 who are able to help the establishment of local
 - body. branches of the Council."

I have taken the space to print this resolution in its full text feeling that some of our members might like to present it in its printed form to the Secretary of their State body and so save themselves a few precious minutes. (Spare copies are available)

This year we begin with a new member, in the person of Mrs. Lt.-Col. Stanley Kingston of the Salvation Army and we bid her welcome. We also have a new Life Member - Mrs C.W. Stolz - whom we honoured in November. You will remember that we have only seven other Life Members (Mesdames Millar, Pearson, A.E. Walker, Knight, Wyper and Hall and Miss Roseby) so you will appreciate that this membership is not conferred lightly.

God has given us a new year and now sends us forth to work. Every day of it comes from Him filled with new opportunities. We know that this year will bring us the opportunity to come closer to each other and nearer to Him. We pray that this year we may so take this opportunity that, at its end, we may be bound more firmly in comradeship to one another, and in love to Him.

Yours sincerely,


(Mrs. R.H. Dougherty)
Secretary

P.S. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS please - first meeting 21st February.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

Brief History

The Council was formed in 1938, foundation members being the representatives of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the Churches of Christ. Later the Baptist, Lutheran, Church of England, Salvation Army and the Society of Friends accepted the invitation to affiliate. Each denomination may appoint eight representatives to the Council and in addition, special interest groups, such as the Y.W.C.A. and the Girls' Brigade, may appoint two each.

The Council established and operated "Wybalena" Hostel at Burwood for students and business girls until December 1966, when changing conditions and needs resulted in the decision to sell. The capital (\$27,000 plus) is invested pending its application to another project.

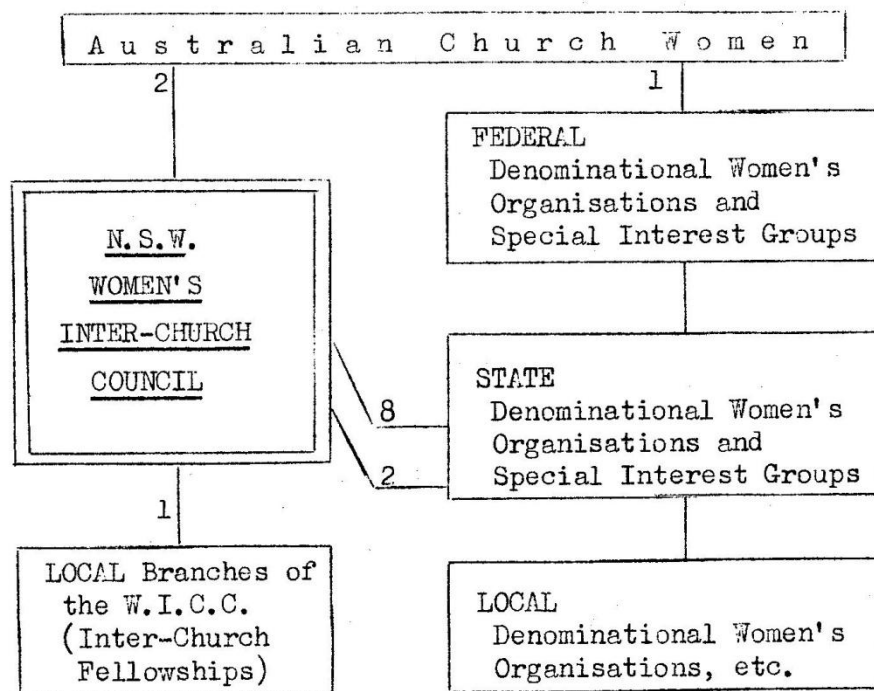
Aim

The aim of the Council is:

1. To promote fellowship and co-operation between women of all branches of the Christian Church, and
2. To provide an avenue whereby Christian women, as directed and used by God, may unitedly strive to establish His Kingdom on earth by the application of the teachings of Christ to Community, National and International relationships.

The W.I.C.C. seeks to fulfil this aim by encouraging the establishment of local Branches or "Fellowships", by maintaining links with other bodies with similar ideals and by promoting the programme and projects of Australian Church Women.

Representatives are sent to A.C.W., the National Council of Women, the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, W.C.T.U., Good Neighbour Council, N.S.W. Council Children's Films and T.V., A.C.C. State Council, N.S.W. Inter-Church Aid Committee and the N.S.W. Division of Studies and Education.



The N.S.W. W.I.C.C. is autonomous, but in being the State Unit of A.C.W., it appoints two representatives to the A.C.W. governing body (National Committee Meeting) and subscribes to the A.C.W. aims, programme and projects.

Although A.C.W. was formed on the initiative of the Australian Council of Churches, the W.I.C.C. is not directed or bound by decisions or policies of the A.C.C. or A.C.W. Recommendations may be sent down by A.C.W. to the various W.I.C.C.'s, which may adopt them or not on their own decisions.

Through A.C.W., the W.I.C.C. is linked with:

- . the Women's Inter-Church Councils in the other States;
- . the Asian Churchwomen's Conference, and
- . the A.C.C. Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family & Society, and through it to the World Council of Churches Committee with a similar name.

A.C.W. Aim - To unite Australian church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to promote co-operation of men and women in the 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 churches to worship, study and serve together and to encourage fellowship across national boundaries.

Programme

Two special days are planned each year - Fellowship Day in July when the accent is on "fellowship" and the local community, and World Community Day in October when a subject of world-wide concern is the theme. In each case a worship service and discussion questions are prepared for A.C.W. and are available to local groups through the W.I.C.C.

The offering on Fellowship Day is for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund and on W.C.D. it is usually related to the theme. In N.S.W., the centres are asked to observe the Days on the fourth Friday (of July and October) when possible.

Projects

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship brings Christian women from other countries to Australia for further study to help them in their work and to foster friendship and understanding between nations.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin originated in Asia and is administered by the Asian Churchwomen's Conference. Women all over the world share when each month they put aside the least coin of their currency to symbolise the prayer they have offered for reconciliation of individuals and nations. The thousands of dollars incidentally raised are used to promote reconciliation and to support worthy projects in all continents. Note the emphasis on Least Coin - all women, rich or poor, share equally.

A.C.W. also produced the study books "Saints Alive" and "Church Worship" and is promoting "Eve, Where Art Thou?", a report and study on the role of women in the Australian Church.

Local Branches

All the endeavours of the W.I.C.C. find real meaning in the "grass roots" involvement of the members of Local Branches or "Fellowships". Such groups can be of inestimable value to all local churches as they encourage women to take a more effective part in the life and mission of the Christian Church. They can help develop mutual trust, a common concern and participation in God's work in that area.

No "blue print" can be supplied, as each area has differing needs, resources and opportunities. The W.I.C.C. prefers each Branch to make its own arrangements, but is glad to help in the initial stages if needed.

We ask each Branch to:

1. Pay an annual affiliation fee of \$1,
 2. Appoint a secretary to whom we send Newsletters, order forms for orders of service, etc. and
 3. A representative to the Council to be a direct link and to share in the discussions and decisions at Council meetings.
- (The one person may be appointed for both tasks, 2 and 3, where necessary. Country Branches may appoint a city proxy to represent them.)

We also suggest that the Branch seek to discover some item of community service the members can do together,

Groups, not yet ready to become Branches, may send an observer, with power to speak but not to propose resolutions or vote, to Council Meetings.

The Council always encourages the observance of the World Day of Prayer (now 1st Friday in March). In some centres the Inter-Church Fellowship actually makes the arrangements for it.

Applications for affiliation should be sent to the W.I.C.C. Hon. Sec. Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, 56 Mabel St. Willoughby 2068. Enquiries may also be directed to the Secretary of the Promotion Committee, Mrs. A. G. Ralph, 22 Skenes Avenue, Eastwood 2122, 'phone 85 6507.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

CITY WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

22 Skenes Ave.
EASTWOOD. 2122

16th January, 1969

The Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Dukes,

World Community Day 1968 was observed in the city of Sydney, arranged by a committee comprising representatives of the city churches and a few members of the Promotion Committee of the W.I.C.C. Unfortunately the city folk could not find a secretary for the committee and I was obliged to try and do what I could to fill the breach, hence this long delay in carrying out the wishes of the committee which met after the Day for evaluation and future planning.

The committee received many favourable comments about the order of service and they asked me to tell you this so that the Working Committee could commend the P.W.A. of A. for its preparation.

The different levels, local, state and national, of publicity were discussed and they asked me to raise this with the Working Committee. Would it be possible to have publicity of the Special Days, the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship in the national women's magazines and other national journals?

The Australian Broadcasting Commission might also be enlisted to make our Days and projects better known - in Morning Devotions and the other religious programmes. I think Sabita Swarup was interviewed for Frontier.

If it was known in advance which magazines or programmes were featuring our work, we could make it known.

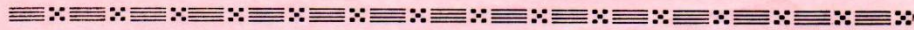
The committee also raised the question of the posters mentioned by the Lane Cove/Longueville Women's Inter-Church Fellowship (end of first group on p.2 of their list of preparations). This might be a state matter, but it would be helpful if the poster could be well done and on a national level. If printing were out of the question electrostatic stencils could be cut and sent to each state for them to run off.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Ralph
Acting Sec. City W.I.C.C.

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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY



Friday, 25th October, 1968, at 11 a.m.

in the

PITT STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(near Park Street)

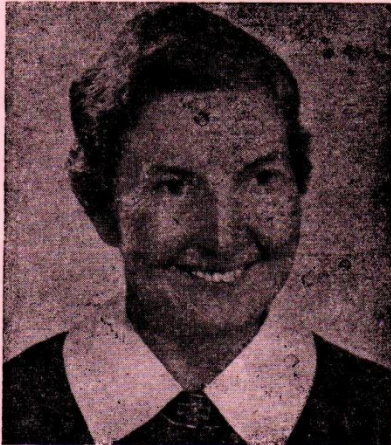
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HUMAN RIGHTS

Offering for Refugee Relief through Inter-Church Aid

Speaker:

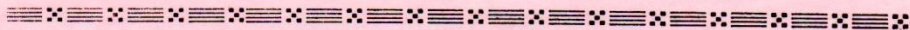
HEAD DEACONESS MARY ANDREWS



- Principal of Deaconess House since 1952
- Served in China with the Church Missionary Society 1938-51, staying through the war.
- C. of E. representative to Australian Church Women since its inception.
- Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee of A.C.W.
- A.C.W. rep. at International Ecumenical Conference in Taize, France 1967.

ALL WELCOME

Those participating in the FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN should bring their "least coins" for dedication.



Arranged by women of city churches in conjunction with the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

M. Ralph,
Promotion Sec.
85 6507

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, 2068,
27th June, 1969.

*cc. Jim not
copy line of a typewriter
must be a mistake
willing - I think I am able to*

Dear Joan,

Your package arrived safely and in very good time for our purposes and we do thank you so much for doing so much on our behalf.

At the outset may I say we have no copies of the Parents and the Teenage Revolution left and only ten copies of 'Eve' - and please could we have 100 more leaflets and 50 more copies of 'Eve.' Linda Perriam should be sending you the cheque for the last parcel this week.

In case I didn't send any to you before (and here I confess my filing to be in a bit of a muddle, hence my uncertainty) I am enclosing copies of our annual report and last news-sheet. They tell but little of the excitement we are feeling here at the moment. In the last fortnight we have sent Promotions Committee teams into Bathurst city, Northbridge (a local suburb here), Newcastle city, Wollongong city and Kiama (a large south coast town). All these at the invitation of the women in these places who have felt themselves yearning to come together in work and discussion that they may better understand each other and, having achieved this, to together serve Christ ~~together~~ in the community as well as the church.

We are excited because all this movement is coming from the pew up to the Council, when for thirty-six years now Council has been trying so hard to fulfil our aim and seeming to make very slow progress.

At Newcastle city meeting we were greeted by the little steering committee that had been working for some years, guided originally by Frances Baillie and Colonel Carpenter, to bring the women of Newcastle together in Christian love and understanding. These women had arranged the meeting and were hopeful of some 30 women attending. There were between 80 and 100 representing every denomination in the area, including representatives of four Roman Catholic churches and the Baptist and Lutheran women. The meeting was tremendous and the women who had worked so hard on this dream were just so excited and moved that it was humbling to be there.

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Each place of course has different needs and we are becoming a cagey lot and have learned to judge pretty much the feelings coming through from the women. Sometimes, of course, there is the feeling among some that here is Sydney coming in with a takeover action. We quickly learnt to throw the whole business of formation and organisation back on the local folk and only paint ourselves as a linking agency, supplying news and information, appointed by their various denominations to act on their behalf - and then, of course, linking them through us to you.

We encourage them to call themselves (if they ask us) Inter-Church Fellowships, thus leaving the way open for the ultimate they may one day reach - the inclusion of men and women together; and also because a Council sounds a restricted, grim and authoritarian body not given too much to fellowship. We are that dour group the Council, and they are the fellowships, in other words!

I am also enclosing a copy of the little hymn that the ladies in Newcastle had duplicated for the gathering there. It is sung to Unde Et Memores (586 M.H.B.) and was taken from the Anglican book, I think. Its use was a dedication in itself.

Enough of all these exciting things. This year we were very sad that Marjorie Verco felt the need to step down from the Convenor's role on our Promotions Committee. This was primarily so that she might be more free to support David in his demanding role of Director General of Education in this State, but also because she has just been in hospital for a gall operation.

However, it is just wonderful the way that doors open and close and seldom remain closed long. This year we have extended the membership of the Committee to include wider denominational representation and the personnel are now: Margaret Ralph (Presbyt.) (reluctant convenor), Marjorie Verco, (Churches of Christ); Head Deaconess Mary Andrews (C.of E.); Enid Udy (Methodist); Mrs. Col Carpenter (S.A.), Mary Down (Presbyt.), Lilian Wells (Cong.), Joyce Gilbert (Baptist) and then there's me (Meth.). Margaret was very loathe to take the convenorship, but now that the team membership is a strong one with folk like Lilian, Mary and Mrs. Carpenter who know the work so well and were involved in the early days of A.C.W., it was felt that the convenor would only need to be the co-ordinator and not the promoter as Marjorie had had to be for years - as I began to say, and seem to have got lost, taking these things into account Margaret agreed to become our leader.

We were so glad to welcome Mrs. Ashton to our Rally in May. It makes us seem much closer knit in our relationships when these visits are possible and we were very grateful indeed to her for sparing us so much time in a busy programme here in Sydney.

With very many thanks for your kindness and with warmest personal regards,

13/171a Wollongong Road,
ARNcliffe. 2205.
14th May, 1969.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

This letter is to explain that your letter of 16th April re. A.C.W. files only reached me on 12th May, hence the date of Mrs. Ashton's visit to the ACC office on 2nd May was well and truly passed.

Apparently there was some hold up of the letter in the post, and I'm afraid you'll have to blame the Melbourne end (although such things do happen in Sydney too!), as the Victorian mark on the envelope is 9th May.

All ACW Working Committee Minutes, Interim Committee Minutes and Minutes of National Committees were in their respective files with all other ACW files and there was an index.

I know where they were located up to my last visit to the ACC office when finalizing matters having to do with the transfer of the Working Committee to Melbourne, but there my knowledge ends.

I recall the agreement of the ACC to keep the files until the Victorian Council of Churches could offer you storage space, but think I gathered the impression from certain comments at the 1968 National Committee Meeting that the files were then in Melbourne. However, I have nothing to support that apart from what I think was said.

Perhaps I may be permitted a comment just in case the files were never transferred to Melbourne.

When checking through the files prior to the 1967 National Committee Meeting in readiness for transfer to Melbourne, I discussed with Mrs. Wyllie as to whether she thought all the files having to do with the early history of ACW should go along as well as current material. Her opinion was that all ACW files should be together and in the keeping of the Working Committee. To that end the files were prepared for transfer to Melbourne.

I realize that my responsibility ended there, but I feel you will understand the inclusion of the above paragraph as it does seem rather important that the files are safely housed somewhere.

Thanks for telling me of Mrs. Saunders having to enter Hospital - I did not know of this and will make a contact - I hope she is getting on well.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Arncliffe

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, 2068,
27th June, 1969.

Mrs. T.H. Coates,
Publicity Officer.

Dear Mrs. Coates,

Please accept, on behalf of this Council, our very real thanks and appreciation for your work in producing 'Women At Work' which we are finding to be of great value to us and very informative.

Although thus far only two copies have been received our members are feeling already a much closer link with A.C.W. and, through the news-sheet page, we look forward to learning more of our sister States and the world scene.

We commend the National Committee for its vision in introducing this medium of communication and thank you for its production.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Dougherty
Secretary.

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHEY, 2068,
16th July, 1969.

Dear Sheila,

This isn't really a formal letter, merely to pass on to you several bits and pieces of information.

Firstly, in case word has not come to you before this, to tell you of our sadness here in New South Wales as we try to accustom ourselves to the knowledge that our very wise and much beloved Colonel Hazel Cross is no longer with us.

She attended Home League meetings with Jean Coleman on Thursday afternoon and, though not particularly well, was her usual cheerful self. Indeed she, and her friends, were rather relieved that the doctor had come to the opinion that she had an ulcer and that it was not more than that.

In the early evening she was ill a couple of times and so went along to a friend in another unit and told her that she was not well but not to worry she just felt someone should know. The friend thought she looked so very ill that she took her back to her flat and immediately rang two of Colonel Cross's closest friends and they came to her in haste only to find things very serious indeed. Before they could finish ringing the doctor and the ambulance she had gone.

For Hazel Cross, a valiant soldier and wonderful friend, the vision of joy and peace has become a reality; and for us, the sadness of parting but great gratitude that we knew her.

You asked me for the names of the folk who aided Mary on the Winifred Kieke Scholarship Committee and I must confess to having forgotten to send these to you. The first is Mabel Wyllie whose address is 17 Wilona Avenue, Greenwich (and her husband Rev. B.R. Wyllie was currently on the committee when it was disbanded, I understand); and the other member was Mrs. Stafford of the Sydney Y.W.C.A., Liverpool Street, Sydney. Other than these, Marjorie and David Verco were the only other folk who spend quite some time and effort in this work.

Thank you for sending the copies of the News sheets. They have been received with great enthusiasm and we rather gather that, for some of our Council members, Australian Church Women is suddenly becoming more than a name - and this is good indeed.

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Would you let Joan Coates and Doreen Strack know that their parcels have arrived safely and are being sold at a great old rate. Everywhere our Promotions Teams go they come home empty handed as far as literature is concerned. It is most encouraging. The Fellowship material and Parents and the Teenage Revolution are always in great demand.

As far as pens are concerned, I am writing today to Flor Saunders to set her mind at rest regarding payments. Our Treasurer, Linda Perriam, is standing by to settle the account once we receive it, so this will hearten Colonel S., I'm sure!

Mary was thrilled to receive the letter of congratulations from the Working Committee and is giving us wonderful leadership - we feel we must work even harder just because she smiles on us so graciously!

We received the news of the National Committee Meeting with delight, because for us New South Walesites St. Hilda's is a very happy choice of locale.

As we send our President and Secretary to N.C.M. as a matter of policy, I hope to be able to be with you all again and for the last time. At our Annual Meeting I gave them warning of my retirement from the Secretaryship next year. Three years is quite enough for a person like me - I'm getting much too gassy and domineering. I get quite a fright sometimes when I hear myself dropping little gems of wisdom here and there, when quite probably it's none of my affair. I guess this comes of the fact that our Presidency is a rotating affair and only of twelve months' duration, so the Secretary begins to think the onus is on her to be all-knowing.. at least that's what seems to be happening to me and it's got to stop.

Don't you dare decide to retire from A.C.W. though, Sheila, because you're in quite a different category. Whatever would any of us do without you! You're such a tower of strength to the members of the Working Committee and us ordinary folks alike that it must sorely tax your friendly disposition at times. We probably don't thank you often, but we sure appreciate you.

Just in case I didn't send any or all of these newsletters, etc., before I am enclosing them with this letter which has gone on far too long.

With warmest greetings,

Yours sincerely,



New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

56 Mabel Street,
WILLOUGHBY, 2068,
26th July, 1969.

The Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Having read with interest the News sheets we have received from the Working Committee this year, we would express our appreciation and gratitude of their value and the time taken in their preparation.

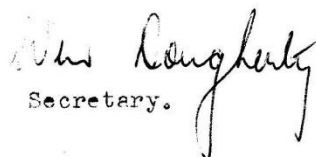
At our July Executive Meeting we considered the request that has come from the Working Committee that State Units think seriously about the forthcoming East Asian Christian Women's Conference to be held in Indonesia. We firstly wondered whether a separate invitation to be represented is sent to the folk of Papua-New Guinea.

If they do not receive a direct invitation to participate, then we would like to suggest that Jacki Kini be one of the folk we send.

If, on the other hand, it is from within our continent we must choose, then New South Wales very strongly recommends that serious thought be given to sending one of our original Australians as well as a European in our representation. We are quite certain that this will be an involving and broadening experience for whomever we send as we well know from Mrs. Badger's testimony to this on her return.

This is a Conference of Christian women and one whose aim to involve all South East Asian women is well known, and our Council feels that we have some very fine Aboriginal women who, alone, can express the thoughts and feelings of their women. We are reasonably confident that most denominational Mission Boards could be helpful in the choice of such a person.

Yours sincerely,


Secretary.

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New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

22 Skenes Avenue,
EASTWOOD. 2122

28th August, 1969

Mrs. S. Duke,
Hon. Sec. A.C.W.
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEY VIC. 3165

Dear Mrs. Duke,

Last year when I wrote to Mrs. Anderson, I ordered three thousand copies each of the 1969 Fellowship Day and World Community Day orders of service sheets, indicating that I would let her know if it was necessary for us to amend the order.

We didn't use all of the Fellowship Day ones and if it is not too late, we would be glad if you only sent us 2,500 for World Community Day.

There have been a few enquiries already to see if we have received our supply and we would be glad to have them as soon as possible.

As usual they should be sent to:-

Mrs. F. I. Down,
177 Copeland Road,
BEECROFT 2119

who will be handling all the operations concerning orders of service in the future, including the sending in of our order to A.C.W.

Mr. Sprackett mentioned last week that he has seen a copy of the W.C.D. order of service and we hope that this means that the bulk supplies are available.

Greetings from New South Wales.

Yours sincerely,

Convenor *Kay*

Convenor - Promotion

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New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

17 Woonona Road,
NORTHBRIDGE. 2063.

8th October, 1970.

Mrs. G. I. Duke,
38 Argyle Street,
EAST BENTLEIGH. VIC. 3165

Dear Mrs. Duke,

I want to say thank you for loaning me the block of Miss Veronica Kafa. This was used in our women's magazine "Span" in the September issue, and I have posted a copy to you - see page 9. It is a lovely photograph, and we were very pleased to be able to give publicity to our Winifred Kiek scholar for this year.

I am looking forward to meeting Miss Kafa, and especially to our visit to Terrigal on the Central Coast early in November, when we will introduce her to our women's groups in that area.

The block is on the way back to you, and I trust that it will arrive safely. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Bessie Butler

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

56 Effingham Ave,
Effingham 2, RI
June 1970

Dear Sheila,

I have had a letter from Mrs. Dingle regarding her plane ticket - (which is being booked by Harry Perkins with a lot of other conference personnel, I think I have sorted out her anxiety there) but she also mentions the cost of her board during the conference, she wasn't sure if U.C.W. had undertaken to pay this for her in Jakarta. From my memory of the discussion at the meeting in Melbourne I thought this was so. Could you confirm this? I told M. Dingle I would mention it to you, as I had to write to you anyway with a

couple of matters relating to the conference.
 any information on coming ^{that comes in the way}
 1. The Cultural Evening, West. N.Z. & Pacific Islands
 are grouped for this - have you any suggestions
 as to what we might do - last time I
 showed slides of various parts of West. &
 N Zealand also showed slides of some
 Maori music. - This time they have a Maori
 delegate. (Will organize it together, time 1 hr 15 min.)
 2. What have we to show to illustrate
 what has been done with F.I. ^{granting money to} grants.
 3. It is the custom to present the host
 country with a gift - last time I fortunately
 had a large Myson print with me & was
 able to present that to the Japanese
 Wm. - (I hadn't been married) have
 you any suggestions? - ^{in the way of} 24 pence (difficult gift)
 4. We will probably also have to do
 supper - last time I was able to
 use Fellowship Day material as it
 was here & was organized in

was in July & the room fitted in
 quite well. -

We are asked to bring something for
 the display and are asked to bring
 things, handicrafts or something each
 country is famous for? any suggestions?

I thought a few coloured pictorial
 tea towels might be of use here.
 Done with a high, curly, braid - asking for more.

Please excuse this scribbly letter
 as it is written in great haste, I have
 10 mins to catch a train, my main
 concern at the moment is to put Mr
 Angles mind at rest -

Yours sincerely
 Olga (Baldy)

Deaconess House

(THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEACONESS INSTITUTION)

Chairman of Management Committee:

The Rt. Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir

Principal:

Head Deaconess: M. Andrews

Tel.: 51 1172

28 Carillon Ave.,
NEWTOWN, 2042

18th Oct. 1970

Mrs S. Duke.

38 Angyle St.

East Bentleigh. 3165.

Dear Mrs Duke,

No letters I have come regarding the Conference in February to me - they must have got lost. Have you sent out a News Letter?

The cost for conferences is \$5.00 per day per person these days at Deaconess House.

Yes we shall be able to accommodate 30 or more persons.

Sorry to hear you have been suffering from "flu". It has been very devastating this year.

I am looking forward to meeting Miss Kafa to-morrow. I hope this lovely weather keeps up.

With prayerful good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mary M. Andrews

(Head Deaconess

& Principal.)

