



NEWSLETTER

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

No. 25

May, 1988

FROM THE PRESIDENT

1987 has been a very happy as well as challenging year for both the Executive and the Council of our NSW Unit. For myself, I have been very conscious of the prayer support of my family and of my many friends both in ACW and Mothers' Union.

ACW executive meetings have been most productive, with one sub-committee working on the service for World Community Day 1988, for which NSW Unit was responsible. The theme for this day was 'Sharing our Harvest'. Another committee under the chairmanship of Sister Norma Clare McKay is organising the format for our very special day, 18th November, 1988, 11 o'clock at St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney. The theme for this Bicentennial Golden Jubilee Service is 'We being many, are one in Christ', and the special project is the Bimbadeen College for Aboriginal students. The speaker at this service is to be Mrs. Margaret Knauerhause, daughter of the late Rev. Winfred Kiek. Both these services have demanded much prayerful thought and time, and it has been rewarding to see God's overruling hand as decisions have been finalised in a most harmonious way.

We have continued having Executive and Council Meetings on the same day and I have appreciated the very real fellowship this has generated. We have had stimulating and informative

addresses from various churches and organisations at our Council meetings, which have been well attended with all members being involved. At the conclusion of our March meeting we broke into small groups where we addressed four questions regarding ACW and its function. Our Secretary then collated the relevant material and brought this information to our April meeting. This exercise brought forward interesting ideas from many members. Thanks must also be expressed to our Minute Secretary and Secretary for all the work these ladies are required to do to make the meetings flow so well.

Last September Mrs. Dorothy Lumb, Mrs. Marie McCann and I attended the National Conference held in Adelaide, as your delegates. Mrs. Marjory Baker attended also as an observer. Eight other ladies from our Unit were present as visitors. The theme for this Conference was 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?' This was very thought-provoking. Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam led the daily Bible Studies which were excellent. Rev. Peter Holden led the seminar which was concerned with tourism in Asia. We examined the effects of tourism in these countries. We all felt revulsion and anger as we learnt of the abuse many young women experience from the tourist men who visit their lands. The hospitality afforded us from the Adelaide Unit was both warm and sincere. The next National Conference will be held in Perth in November, 1989.

Again it is most encouraging to observe that our two projects Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Winifred Keik Scholarship, have been well supported both financially and numerically. I am sure our Treasurer would appreciate your continued support to our Unit's commitment to 'Partners with Asian Women'.

Finally I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Executive, particularly our Secretary, Mrs. Marie McCann and our Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Lumb, for their prayerful support and their love and encouragement to me. I would also like to thank the many members of Council who have assured me of their love and prayers for me. I would encourage you all to be ever mindful and prayerful for your new President, Mrs. Marjory Baker.

Yours in Christ,

June Graham

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1987-1988

Because our meetings have been held at three different venues, the year under review has been likened to a moveable feast or to the Exodus and return to the Holy Land. Happily now our wanderings have ceased and we are very comfortably accommodated at the meeting room in the new Uniting Church Building in Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street.

Our Annual Service was held in May in Wesley Chapel, and an appreciable congregation attended. Dame Monica Gallagher was the speaker and her challenging address was much appreciated. The Christian Women's Choir sang beautifully and made the Service very special. Luncheon was followed by fellowship and mini branch reports.

A special function in conjunction with World Day of Prayer at Bible House on August 31st to hear Mrs. Rathie Selveratnum speak about WDP Centenary Celebrations in USA. We helped financially with her travel expenses by cooperating with WDP and we were very happy to do so. We know that the closer our links with WDP are the better it would be for Christian women generally as we observe the close working relationship with our sister organization in USA, and WDP.

Our meetings have been well attended by an average of 50 members. Our speakers have included our President's daughter, Mrs. Pru Gregory of NALAG, Mrs. Mary Cloti Thong, a Burmese student from the Baptist Theological College. Trading Partners and sale of goods, Mrs. Marian Smith, PWA Convener for Social Responsibility, Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse and the ACW Video.

From September 12-19 the National Conference was held at Henley Beach, South Australia, and was attended by ten ladies from New South Wales - Mesdames Graham, McCann, Baker, Lumb, Burtenshaw, Ridge, Finlay, Verco, Whybourne, Drury, and our previous National Secretary Doris Mitchell. Highlights were the Bible Studies with Mrs. Rathie Selveratnum, ACWC fellowship, the Seminar on Prostitution and the achievement of permanent Winifred Kiek Trustees. Hospitality was warm and fellowship excellent.

THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1987-1988

Our projects in the capable hands of our Conveners are increasing in their outreach and in value to the recipients.

Newsette is edited by Mina Whybourne and circulated by Dorothy Woodhouse. The standard is high and the work put into it is much appreciated.

Our Trading Table, faithfully run by Deaconess Mary Andrews, does well and proceeds enhance the Travel Fund.

Planning is well in hand for our Golden Jubilee on November 16th when the Bicentennial will also be celebrated.

We participated in the Festival of Flowers in the Spring at St. Mary's Cathedral. Those who made the arrangements, Marjory Baker, Beth Finlay and Marie McCann, were happy to participate in such a magnificent spiritual occasion.

Our President, Mrs. June Graham, has been tireless in attending to many speaking engagements and in her interest and devotion to our work. She is pleasant to work with.

The year has been an achievement in Ecumenism, under the guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, to whom we pray for strength and consolation, as we were told by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Mary McCann, Honorary Secretary.



WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

The members of the special committee of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship have written regularly to past students who have studied in Australia and it has given the committee great joy to receive news and greetings whenever the girls have replied.

Prayers for all ex-students and concern for their welfare as well as news of their continued work in their home countries is brought to all Executive and General Meetings.

Continued prayer has been made for the 1987 student of Burma and for the 1988 student of Nepal.

Contact has been regularly made with both immediate past and present National Conveners and the committee is most grateful for their information and encouragement.

Yvonne Davis, Convener.



SHOPPING



I must go shopping. I am completely out of generosity and want to get some. I also want to exchange the self-satisfaction that I picked up the other day for some real humility - they say it wears better. I want to look for tolerance, which is worn as a wrap this season. I saw some samples of kindness, and I'm a little low on that right now; one can't get too much of it. I must try to match some patience. I saw it on a friend and it was so becoming. I must remember to get my sense of humour mended, and keep my eyes open for inexpensive goodness. Yes, I must go shopping today.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 29TH FEBRUARY, 1988

<u>CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1987</u>		\$1,596.05
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
<u>Organisation A/c</u>		
Affiliation Fee	186.00	
Donations	108.50	
Offertory - Annual Service (Partners)	278.55	
Asian Bulletin Subscriptions	92.50	
Mrs. R. Selvaratnam - Travellg. Expenses	200.00 (e)	
Interest - Glebe Administration Board	720.22	
Interest - Westpac Current A/c	106.42	1,692.19
"Newsette" Subscriptions		344.00
Overseas Travel Fund		111.75
Sales "Circle of Prayer"		61.45
Sales Spoons & Badges		57.00
Hire of F.L.C. Tape		20.00
Partners A.C.W.C.		298.00
<u>Special Funds</u>		
Fellowship of Least Coin	8,095.99	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	85.31	
Fellowship Day	3,131.69	
World Community Day	3,306.68	14,619.67
<u>Transferred from invested Funds</u>		
Glebe Administration Board		1,000.00
		<u>18,204.06</u>
		19,800.11
<u>LESS PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>Special Funds</u>		
Fellowship Least Coin	7,912.19	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	85.31	
Fellowship Day	2,828.59	
World Community Day	2,990.11	13,816.20
<u>Promotion</u>		
F.L.C.	183.80	
W.K.S.	--	
Fellowship Day	303.10	
World Community Day	316.57	803.47
Mrs. R. Selvaratnam		200.00 (e)
Partners A.C.W.C.		500.00
National Treasurer - subscriptions Asian Bulletin		120.00
"Newsette" Printing, production & Postage		427.24
Air Fares 2 delegates, 2 observers National Biennial Conference		1,172.00
Registration National Bi-ennial Conference		120.00
National Treasurer - shared expenses		6.50
Rent of rooms for meetings		200.00
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
International Council of Women	15.00	
National Council of Women	20.00	
Friends Australian Council of Churches	25.00	
N.S.W. Council for Children's Films & TV	10.00	70.00
General Administration		383.55
Purchases for Stock		170.25
<u>INVESTMENT A/C</u>		
Transfer to Savings Investment A/c		500.00
		<u>18,489.21</u>
<u>CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C - 29.2.1988</u>		<u>\$1,310.90</u>

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 29TH FEBRUARY 1988

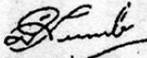
BALANCES

Westpac Current A/c		\$1,310.90
Westpac Savings Investment		
A/c 1.3.1987	776.19	
<u>ADD INTEREST</u>	30.4.87	86.77
		862.96
<u>Less F.I.D.</u>		.40
		862.56
<u>ADD Transfer from</u>		
Current A/c	500.00	1,362.56
Glebe Administration		
Board balance 1.3.87	6,000.00	
<u>Less withdrawal</u>	1,000.00	5,000.00
		\$7,673.46

FUNDS

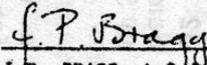
Organisation A/c	\$6,709.75
"Newsette"	380.24
Overseas Travel Fund	320.43
Stock	263.04

	\$7,673.46


Hon. Treasurer 10.3.1988

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account and records of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) for the year ended 29th February 1988. In my opinion the Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 29th February, 1988, show a true and correct view of the result for that year, and of the state of affairs as at 29th February 1988.


J.P. BRAGG, A.C.A.
 Hon. Auditor
 Date 10.4.88

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING APRIL 1988

We bring our praise and thanks to God at the close of another year in His service.

It has been our privilege as Christian women to share the hopes and burdens of others world wide, and extend our love through prayer and giving to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Shanti Solomon, founder and long time Executive Secretary of FLC retired during the year, and we extend our grateful thanks to Shanti for a wonderful job spanning some 32 years, which is the life of the Fellowship. Mrs. Shirin Samuel from Pakistan has taken up the task and visited Australia in September meeting many of our women in Adelaide.

World Community Day in October again brought a wonderful response from those who bring their FLC offerings for dedication. My sincere thanks to all these Fellowships, as well as to those who mail their gifts direct. Your continued interest is vital to the future of the work.

New Fellowships are continually appearing on the mailing list, often knowing little about FLC but eager to accept whatever I can send by way of leaflets and information. Many of these enquiries come from distant corners of the State and are encouraged to seek the loan of our Audio-visual which tells the story of FLC. This Audio is now made into a Video also for those who have the equipment and would like to borrow it. For Fellowships within reasonable distance, speakers have been available where requested.

Volume 10 is still the latest publication of the 'Circle of Prayer' booklet, and has sold widely throughout the State, proving very popular indeed. Publicity leaflets are always available, plus printed copies of 'Grants and Allocations' from Least Coin Funds. Badges and spoons have also been on sale in support of Fellowship funds.

Prayer is the vital link between God and His children, it needs no satellite or cable for transmission, and cannot be

intercepted by man's most sophisticated equipment. What a wonderful freedom we have in this very treasured gift from our Heavenly Father.

Thank you Lord, help us to share through your gift, as we continue to pray with your children world wide.

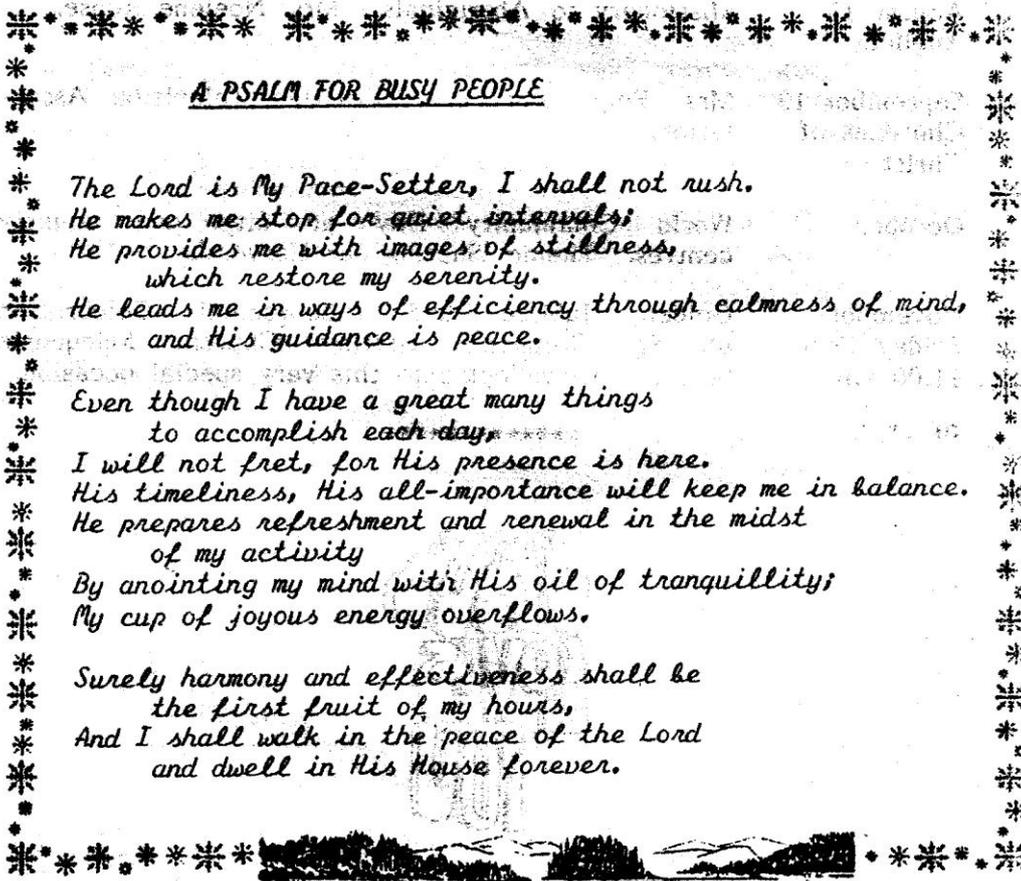
Glad West, Convener.

A PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

*The Lord is My Pace-Setter, I shall not rush.
He makes me stop for quiet intervals;
He provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,
and His guidance is peace.*

*Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day,
I will not fret, for His presence is here.
His timeliness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst
of my activity
By anointing my mind with His oil of tranquillity;
My cup of joyous energy overflows.*

*Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be
the first fruit of my hours,
And I shall walk in the peace of the Lord
and dwell in His House forever.*



COMING EVENTS

May 16 Annual Service and Installation of President at Chatswood Church of Christ followed by luncheon.

June 20 At Botanic Gardens - Tour and getting to know other members.
Uniting Church

July Fellowship Day at various centres. Theme 'Our Heritage'.

August 15 Missionary to Aborigines - Mrs. Noelene Roose.
Anglican

September 19 Mrs. Peg Cameron - Christian Television Association.
Churches of Christ

October World Community Day at city and country centres. Theme 'Sharing our Harvest'.

November Golden Jubilee and Bicentennial Celebration
Friday 18th at St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie
11.00 a.m. Street. All welcome to this very special occasion.



OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE & BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

You will have heard that ACW, NSW Unit is 50 years old this year and we are planning a 'BICENTENNIAL GOLDEN JUBILEE SERVICE', to be held in St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney, on Friday, November 18th, 1988 at 11 a.m.

As part of the service we plan to have a 'BANNER PRESENTATION', being a uniting together of all branches and centres, representing Christian women from all denominations in fellowship and ministry.

We are asking each group to be responsible for making a banner, and allowing one of your representatives at the service to present the banner and tie it to another, so forming a united witness of banners. Wouldn't it be good if there were enough banners to go around the entire church!

There will also be a time of REFLECTION, RECOGNITION and REDEDICATION - the banners being a symbol of this.

The theme for the service is: 'WE BEING MANY, ARE ONE IN CHRIST'.



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N.S.W. STATE UNIT

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