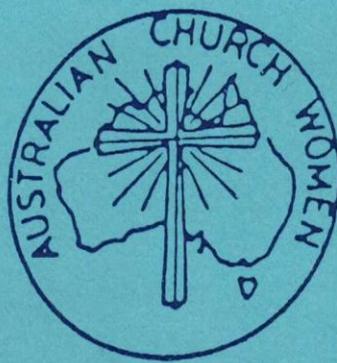


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"WHO'S WHO !"

- ACKLAND, Mrs. Olive - A.C.W. National Representative to Asian Church Women's Conference. Member of A.C.W.C. Executive. Victorian Unit - has held position of Secretary, President, etc., now Past President (Immediate). Represents Uniting Church on A.C.W. Victorian Unit, and Victorian Council of Churches. Member of Assembly Outreach Committee of Uniting Church Fellowship and Synod Ecumenical Affairs Committee. Convener Fawkner Merlynston A.C.W. local committee. Involved in Coburg Inter-Church Council. Elder of Merlynston Uniting Church. Volunteer worker at Coburg's Citizens Advice Bureau, also Treasurer. Home Tutor.
- ADCOCK, Mrs. Joan - Currently President Australian Church Women, A.C.T. Unit. President Morling Lodge Baptist Nursing Home Auxiliary. Vice President - National Council of Women, A.C.T. Unit. President - Church Ladies Fellowship. Married to Rev. Neil Adcock, Minister Canberra Baptist Church. 3 children - 1 son, 2 daughters - all married. 3 grandsons. Hobbies - China painting, gardening.
- ANDREWS, Deaconess Mary, A.M. -
1938-51 Missionary, Church Missionary Society, China -India.
1951-82 Head Deaconess, Sydney Diocese.
1952-75 Principal Deaconess House, Sydney.
1958 Anglican representative N.S.W. Interchurch Council.
1963 Founding Member National A.C.W.
1967 Represented Australia first International Inter-denominational Conference, Taize, France.
1971 Represented A.C.W. at Church Women United Assembly, Wichita, U.S.A.
1973 Made Life Member of National A.C.W.
1978-82 National Liaison Officer Women's World Day of Prayer
1980 C.W.U. Assembly Los Angeles
F.L.C. Jubilee celebrations, Manilla.
Made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Religion. (Australia Day Honours)
1981 Made Life Member of N.S.W. State Unit of A.C.W.
- ARMSTRONG, Mrs. Dorothy - Presently National Liaison Officer of Women's World Day of Prayer and State Secretary of Queensland W.W.D.P. Member of Churches of Christ, Minister's wife. Mother of four children, grandmother of five. Past Federal President and State President of Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship, and State Secretary. Member of A.C.W. Queensland Committee for over 10 years. Interests in writing, reading, handcrafts, gardening and travelling.

BAKER, Mrs. Marjory - Membership Secretary, N.S.W. Unit A.C.W.
 1978-79 N.S.W. President C.W.F. (Churches of Christ)
 1979-80 Federal " "
 1980 Representative of Aust. C.W.F. World Convention
 Hawaii. -- Past President Local C.W.F. Epping.
 Past Publicity Officer N.S.W. Unit A.C.W.
 Council member representing A.C.W. on World Day of Prayer.
 Married to Ken, architect and field director of Church of
 Christ Theological College, Carlingford.
 Four married children and two grandsons.
 Interested in pastoral care of local church, flower
 arranging, arts and crafts, trained as occupational
 therapist.

BROOKS, Mrs. Shirley - Married, 2 children, 4 grandsons.
 Salvationist, Asst. Home League Secretary and Bible Study
 Leader C.W.C.I.
 F.L.C. Convener, Launceston Branch.
 Vice-President, Tasmanian Unit

BURMESTER, Mrs. Ruth, - O.L.A.M. - Member of (A.C.W. (A.C.T. Unit)
 for 20 years, having held offices of Secretary, and at
 present Treasurer and Convener of Fellowship of Least Coin.
 Elder of St. Columba's U.C., Braddon, and member of Parish
 Council and Women's Fellowships.
 Treasurer of Presbytery Uniting Church Fellowship.
 On committee of Gerrahween Lodge Assoc. for Homes for Aged
 at Braddon and served as Acting Secretary and Treasurer at
 times. Happily married for 37 years with 3 sons and now
 6 grandchildren.

CARROLL, Mrs. Mary - Born and educated in Brisbane. Widowed
 5 years ago. One daughter, 2 grand-daughters.
 Archdiocesan President Catholic Women's League (for 3 years),
 now Immediate Past President.
 Founder and organiser of "Olive Branch Catholic Women's
 League (for widows, single ladies - also separated and
 divorced, non-denominational).
 Public Relations Officer for Archdiocesan Council Catholic
 Women's League; President C.W.L. Annerley branch; Member
 of Parish Council Annerley; Member Women's World Day of
 Prayer Committee; President A.C.W., Q'land Unit; Vice-
 President National Executive A.C.W., also Publicity Officer

CHITTLEBOROUGH, Mrs. Margaret - Anglican. President S.A. Unit.
 Interests

- 1) Music (5 musical hobbies a week, a bit much!)
- 2) Christian Education, particularly of families.
- 3) Student at SACAE "Parent Education and
 Counselling", coming to a close after 4 years.
 Hope to use the knowledge in Christian Education
 field.
- 4) Involved in activities of St. Peter's Cathedral,
 particularly work with families in contemporary
 services and arranging social occasions for the
 congregation.

Family - Husband, Keith (Bishop's Vicar)
 Four teenage children, beginning to leave home.

CLACK, Miss Dorothy - Present treasurer Victorian Unit A.C.W.
 Before retirement, a business woman. Then editorial assist-
 ant with "The Australian Baptist" (Sydney), and still a
 columnist therewith. Former editor with Australian Baptist
 Board of Christian Education (Melbourne). Member of Colling
 Street, Melbourne Baptist Church. Telephone counsellor with
 Personal Emergency. President South Suburban B.W.F. and
 member of executive of V.B.W.F.

- CLARKE, Mrs. Val.- Anglican, Representative for The Mothers' Union
 Immediate Past President (Qld.) Women's World Day of Prayer.
 Vice President (Qld.) Australian Church Women.
 Vice President National Executive.
 Lone Members Correspondent & Telephone Prayer Ministry
 Convener - The Mothers' Union.
 Married, husband retired, 2 married daughters, 4 grandchildren.
- COLLARD, Mrs. Ina - (Widow) - Elder and member of the Parish Council
 in St. Andrew's, Ann Street Uniting Church, Brisbane.
 Vice President of the Q'land branch of Australian Church Women
 President of the Brisbane Youth Service Auxiliary.
 F.L.C. Convener on National Executive of A.C.W.
 Member of the Committee for -
 Friendly Friday, Friends on Wheels, Partners in Creation
 (organisations of the above church);
 Meals on Wheels (Foundation member of the Yeronga Branch)
 Member of an Ecumenical Interest Prayer Group.
 Committee member of an "Over Sixty" Club.
 Member of the Welsh Society.
- CRAWFORD, Mrs. Marjorie - Observer for National Conference of ACW.
 Married with 2 adult daughters.
 S.A. Unit Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener
 For the past 5 years worked at State level for Uniting Church
 Fellowships. An elder in local church.
- CROSEY, Mrs. Pauline B.E.M. - Incoming National Executive Vice
 President.
 Former President Churches of Christ Women's Conference, S.A.
 Past State and National Commissioner of Girls Brigade Aust.
 Held various offices on Executive of N.C.W. of S.A.
 Founder of Lavender Lads & Ladies Volunteer organisation in
 Royal Adelaide Hospital. Have been variously Treasurer,
 W.K.S. Convener and President of S.A. State Unit, A.C.W.,
 Convener of Church Women's activities for Jubilee 150 in S.A.
 Member of committee for revision of A.C.W. National Constitution.
- DELL, Mrs. Major Olive - State Secretary, Tasmania Unit.
 Branch President - Hobart A.C.W.
 With husband Dennis, who is also General Secretary of Tasman-
 ian Council of Churches, are in charge of the Howrah Corps
 of The Salvation Army, having served in Victoria and South
 Australia also. Has been a Salvation Army Officer for 18
 years and has the rank of Major.
- DODDS, Mrs. Marion - Was the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener
 and member of the National Working Committee in Tasmania
 during 1980-81 and was appointed State Secretary for A.C.W.
 Victorian Unit in June 1984. She is a member of the Salvation
 Army Ringwood Corps in Melbourne where she is involved in
 women's groups, Bible studies and sharing groups. Marion
 is married and has three children.
- DOYLE, Mrs. Isa (short for Isabel)- born and educated in Toowoomba.
 Married a Public Servant and spent 30 years being transferred
 all over Queensland before settling, after my husband's death,
 in Beaudesert. Three children. Work for the church and other
 organisations in town. Secretary of the Parish Council,
 Secretary St. Vincent de Paul Store Committee, Secretary Wonga-
 burra (Aged and Nursing Home) Ladies Auxiliary, President
 Beaudesert Branch Catholic Womens League and Archdiocesan
 International Secretary. Long time member of C.W.A. and Red
 Cross. Co-ordinator of Handshake, an organisation to welcome
 and assist migrants in the district. Catholic representative,
 and Secretary of Q'land Unit, A.C.W.

EDWARDS, Elisabeth - Currently, as Clerk of Queensland Regional Meetings, my main tasks are to conduct the monthly business meetings of the Religious Society of Friends in Queensland and to deal with general correspondence relating to the Society here.

I represent the Society on the Executive of the Queensland Ecumenical Council and as an honorary vice-president of the Queensland Temperance League. Before becoming Clerk, I was heavily involved in trying to promote better race relations as Convener of the Quaker Race Relations Committee (Northern Section). I was also a member of several ecumenical and secular groups in the field of race relations. At present I maintain this concern as a member of the Brisbane Consultative Committee on Community Relations.

EDWARDS, Mrs. Rosemary - President, Tasmanian Unit A.C.W. Married to Uniting Church Minister at West Tamar, with 2 sons, 11 and 7 years. Came to Tasmania from the U.K. in 1974. I was a Deaconess within the Methodist Church in U.K. for eleven years.

ELVERY, Mrs. Eunice - Married to Uniting Church Minister, with 3 married children and 4 grandchildren. Presently assists husband in parish work at Southport Uniting Church and is a part-time music teacher. Member of the National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups and was President of Auxiliary of Home Missions for 10 years when husband was the Director of Home Missions.

FLORANCE, Mrs. Margaret - Wife and Mother of a teenage son. My husband is a minister of the Uniting Church. My main activities are with the women within our Parish. I am a member of the Division of Women's Services of the Uniting Church. I am also interested in children's work and lead two children's groups within the parish.

FOURAS, Mrs. Maria - I was born in Brisbane and am married with three children. At the moment I am employed by the Greek Orthodox Community of St. George as a Youth Worker. Previous to my appointment I was a religious educator and a leader of the Youth Fellowship. Upon my appointment as Youth Worker, as well as continuing the above commitments my duties are:-
Co-ordinator of all Religious Education within the Greek Community;
Organise training programmes for youth leaders and religious educators;
Liaise with local high schools regarding any problems students may have;
Organise Tutors to help high school students with their studies;
Help organise camps, retreats, etc.;
Preparation of a pre-marriage course.

GILLIES, Mrs. Glenda - Uniting Church, Coorparoo Parish. Trained as primary teacher, 25 very busy years in parish work with husband Peter, (12 years in Victoria) with youngest of 3 sons now 18, retraining and studying to return to full-time teaching; involved from 1974 in planning leading to union both of women's fellowships and Synod structures; Women's Services Committee since 1977, 1982-5 Corresponding Secretary of the first National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups of the U.C.A. drawing together Adult Fellowship throughout Australia; interested in international Church Links and activities, encouraging fellowship links wider than local scene, a variety of arts and crafts, Christian education of children, puppetry, reading (especially science fiction).

GRAHAM, Mrs. June - Residing in Beecroft, N.S.W., Mother of 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Presently actively involved in the congregation of the Cathedral Church of St. John at Parramatta and for some time in the congregation of St. Matthews West Pennant Hills. Husband, Philip, has also been actively involved in both centres and presently is Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter of Canons at St. John's Cathedral, Parramatta. In her local environment she has served for 6 years as President of the Beecroft Auxiliary of the Chesalon Nursing Homes. She has taught scripture in the Infants Department and Primary Division of a number of schools in the area. She has been a member of the Executive of the Mothers' Union for the past 9 years, six years of which she headed the Speakers' Department and in the last three years head of the Membership Promotion. She takes an active part in the work at the Children's Court at Glebe in providing tea and sympathy, also assists in hospital visiting. She is most interested in the work of the Australian Church Women having been a member of the Council for over 3 years being presently involved with the Parramatta branch.

GRAY, Mrs. Fay - Observer, A.C.T. Unit. Born a Pom., Aussie by marriage. Anglican. Educated Talbot Heath, Bournemouth and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. M.A. (Oxon.) 1947. - French and German. Naval Intelligence 1943-5. Archivist, Australian Legation, Paris. 1946, m. Ron Gray, Federal public servant - now retired.

Interests - Sacristan, server and Pastoral Care Leader, Church of the Good Shepherd, Curtin, most sports, refugees and handicapped.

Family - 1 husband, 1 daughter, 1 son-in-law, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter, 1 cat, 2 Pembroke Corgis and 7 enchanting puppies.

GREALY, Mrs. Barbara - Presently, International Secretary of Catholic Women's League, Australia to WUCWO, member of Commission for World Christian Action of SACC, ACW delegate to NCW, Catholic Delegate to WWDP Committee of S.A., member of Planning Committee of 1986 ACWC Quadrennial Assembly; recently completed 12 years on Executive of S.A. Unit of ACW, including 5 years as FLC Convenor, formerly Secretary of Adelaide Diocesan Committee for Ecumenism, National Secretary of CWLA and Chairman of local inter-church council. Life Member of CWL of S.A.

HAENSEL, Mrs. Dorothy - Member and Elder of Warradale Uniting Church and Parish Councillor. Member of the Mission and Field Personnel Committee and the Christian Unity and Ecumenical Affairs Committee of the S.A. Synod, U.C.A. Member of the Speakers' Panel of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Central Section). Past President, S.A. Unit, A.C.W. and former President S.A. Committee Women's World Day of Prayer. Chairman, Local Committee for the Eighth Assembly, Asian Church Women's Conference. Incoming National Executive nominee.

HAGAN, Mrs. Teresa - Originally from N.S.W., came to Brisbane 7 years ago. Mother of 7, Grandmother of 3. Archdiocesan President of C.W.L. Member of Archdiocesan Social Service Committee. Member of Q'land Mother of the Year Committee and St. James' Coorparoo Hall Committee.

HARTAM, Mrs. Dorothy - Churches of Christ, Hobart - Member of Church Board of Deacons and Elders, formerly church secretary. Christian Women's Fellowship - Currently president local group, President Australian CWF, and Australian representative on executive of world CWF. Formerly Tasmanian State President and Federal Minute Secretary. Australian Church Women - National Vice president and Minute Secretary 1979-81. Former president, secretary and minute Secretary of Tasmanian State Unit. Women's World Day of Prayer - Immediate Past President and, currently vice president of Southern Tasmanian Branch.

HEARN, Mrs. Adele - Formerly from Victoria I moved to Queensland in 1981 when my husband became Bishop of Rockhampton and often travel with him to the parishes of our far-flung Diocese.

I am at present President of Rockhampton branch of Anglican Women of Australia, a Diocesan Vice President of the Mothers' Union and Secretary of Australian Church Women in Rockhampton and have been involved in its activities for many years in addition to Women's World Day of Prayer.

I have a special interest in Welfare work and am a telephone counsellor for Lifeline and a board member of Careforce, a Family Support agency of the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton. Our three adult children live in Melbourne.

HUNT, Mrs. Mollie Jean - Came to the Uniting Church via the United Church of Canada and the Congregational Union. She is a member of Merthyr Road Uniting Church, represents A.C.W. on the Synod Women's Division Committee, is a member of the National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups, and is a Vice President of the National Council of Women, Q'ld. Winifred Kiek Scholar Convener on National Executive.

LINNETT, Mrs. Commissioner Merle - Entered the Salvation Army Training College in Melbourne in 1946, and served for five years in corps, headquarters and editorial work. Following marriage (and two children) served with my husband, who was Editor-in-chief of Salvation Army publications, in the Editorial Department, Melbourne. There followed 5 years in a similar capacity in New Zealand. Seven years were then spent in London, England, where my husband became the Army's Literary Secretary, and my own particular work was as the Salvation Army's voting member on the National Council of Women, Great Britain. My husband then became Principal of the International Training College (Cadets) and then Principal of the Salvation Army's international College for Officers. In both of these appointments I worked in a teaching capacity. Returning to Australia in 1978, my husband as the Territorial Commander for the Southern Territory of Australia (5 States), my particular work was as President of all Salvation Army Women's organisations in the Territory. I also shared largely in the public work my husband's responsibility entailed, as we constantly travelled over Australia for five years. Following my husband's retirement, I am a teacher in homiletics at our Training College, and am currently the President of A.C.W. (Victoria Unit).

LIVERIS, Ms Leonie - Married, 3 children. Belongs to the Greek Orthodox church.
Occupation - full time student, final year B.A., majors - politics and history.
President, A.C.W. (W.A. Unit); President W.A. Council of Churches; Co-convener, Hellenic Community Women's Auxiliary; Member, Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors; Member & part-time Commissioner of Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (W.A.) Member, Women's Electoral Lobby; Member, Australian Council of Churches, Church and Society Commission - Status of women in the Church; Member A.L.P. Policy committees - Status of Women and Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs.
Delegate to State Ecumenical Conference on Lima Document 1983; Australian delegate to Christian Conference of Asia, Sub-Regional Women's Conference, Manila, Philippines September 1984.

- LOBB, Miss Elizabeth - Member of the Roman Catholic Church and works with the Australian Council of Churches as Projects Officer to their Commission for World Christian Action. Joined A.C.C. 2 years ago as Director of the Force Ten Program, an overseas aid agency run jointly by ACC and Australian Catholic Relief. In 1984 spent 5 weeks visiting projects in the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Malaysia, and recently Valuatu, Fiji and Tonga. For 6 weeks prior to A.C.W. Conference, Elizabeth will be in Korea attending an Asian Ecumenical Course which will conclude with the Christian Conference of Asia Assembly on the theme "Jesus Christ Sets Free to Serve". Member of the Australian Journalist Association and the Women and Development Network.
- MEADOWS, Mrs. Lena - National President, Australian Church Women. Queensland convener for Fellowship of the Least Coin. Queensland Convener Presbyterian Church Dept. Social Mission (Aged Peoples' and Children's Homes). Federal President Elect - Presbyterian Women of Australia.
- MIDDLETON, Mrs. Jean - Churches of Christ Elder at Flinders Park. Past President S.A. State Women's Conference and Vice President Federal C.W.F. Past Secretary S.A. Unit Australian Church Women and Fellowship of Least Coin. Retired Kindergarten Director - 2 Sons, 4 grandchildren.
- MILLER, Miss Joan - Delegate from Catholic Women's League to the W.A. Unit. President of the Leederville Branch of the C.W.L. and attend Executive meetings at Headquarters. Parish is St. Kieren's, Osborne Park. Member of Liturgical Committee and take part in Scripture readings at Sunday Mass, also taking part in discussions of uniting Anglican and Roman Catholics. Represent the W.A. Unit on National Council of Women - Convener for the Mass Media. Secretary of the W.A. Unit, A.C.W. since 1982. On Executive Committee for a home for the aged. Hobbies are oil painting, reading and knitting.
- MILLER, Mrs. Joan - Part of the uniformed side of the Girl Guides Association for 20 years until 1983. During that time held positions from local to State level, final position being Deputy State Commissioner. Served on several Committees and attended interstate conferences. Served on the lay side of the Scout Association for 15 years until 1983, from local to branch level. Final position was as a member of the Queensland Branch Council and Branch Executive. Have been honorary treasurer for 4 years of Craft on Wheels (Northside) Association. Executive Officer and bookkeeper for Noah's Ark Toy Library for Handicapped Children and Children with Special Needs. State President of Y.W.C.A. of Queensland.
- NELSON, Mrs. Judy - Married with 2 sons in their late teens. We worship at Epping Baptist Church. Lived in Narrabri, N.W. of N.S.W. for 14 years until husband transferred to Sydney this year. Have had a particular interest in women's issues since 1974. Have been involved with the Narrabri & District Community Aid Service. In 1980 became the inaugural chairperson of the Service's Namoi Family Programme, a mobile family and community support project to villages and towns west of Narrabri. In 1981 accepted the position as Co-ordinator of the Community Aid Service. Presently Administrative Officer for the Australian Council of Churches Commission on the Status of Women. Hobbies include reading, knitting, jogging and bushwalking.

- PITTMAN, Miss Margaret - Nominated as Secretary of Incoming National Executive of A.C.W.
Member and Elder of Dulwich Rose Park United Park (Uniting Church and Church of Christ).
Past Chairman of Uniting Church Synod Committee for Fellowships in S.A.; Chairman Alexandra Homes Trust Inc.; Board Member Uniting Church Retirement Homes Inc.; Governor Parkin Mission; Board Member, Uniting Church Board of Communication Services; Member Joint Advisory Council.
- REIDY, Mrs. Eunice - Member of Montrose Church of Christ, Victoria, and involved in most areas of local church. Presently an Elder, and Secretary of the Church Board.
Involved at State level of Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship, having served as State President and Committee Convener. Represented C.W.F. on Victorian Committee of Women's World Day of Prayer, and was Secretary for 6 years.
Churches of Christ Representative on Victorian Unit of A.C.W. President of local High School Chaplaincy Support Committee.
Mother of 3 adult children, all married, and enjoy cooking and serving for family and friends.
- RIDGE, Mrs. Edith - President of A.C.W. of N.S.W. Member of the Uniting Church. Wife of a Uniting Church parish minister.
Delegate to A.C.W. appointed by N.S.W. Synod Fellowship Committee of which I am an elected member. Was President of A.C.W. of A.C.T. for 4 years.
Member of Ecumenical Council of N.S.W.; Executive member of National Council of Women of N.S.W.
Liaison Treasurer of Home and Inland Mission Support Group, Sydney. (U.C.A.) President of three Fellowship groups in local parish. As women's work co-ordinator is a co-opted member of Parish Council. Convener of Sydney Presbytery Fellowship Committee.
Has 4 children, the 2 eldest are married and shares in the love and joy of a little grandson.
- ROBERTS, Mrs. Jean - Has 3 children and four grandsons.
A member of Churches of Christ, and home church is at Flinders Park, a suburb about 5 kms. from Adelaide.
Currently serving as a member of Churches of Christ State Board, and the Social Justice Committee.
Past President of Churches of Christ Women's Conference in S.A., and currently serving as a member of the Evangelism Committee.
Secretary of the S.A. Unit of A.C.W.
Hobbies: reading and gardening.
- SKIPPEN, Mrs. Ailsa - Anglican. Delegate from Girls' Friendly Society to Australian Church Women since 1967. State Treasurer of A.C.W. Q'ld Unit from 1971 to 1973, and Vice Chairmen for many years.
Diocesan Vice Chairman of G.F.S. for 24 years. Chairman of Townsend Fellowship G.F.S. since 1971, and still in office.
Secretary of St. James Kelvin Grove Ladies Guild and involved on other Parish Councils.
Member of the Baden Powell Guild of Q'ld. involved in catering for Crippled Children's camps.
Married to a business Manager for 40 years, with 3 children married and 3 grandchildren.
Presently National Treasurer on A.C.W. Executive.
- SULLIVAN, Mrs. Evonne, A.M. - Life Member, also Executive Member of Catholic Women's League, at branch and state levels.
Vice President National Council of Women of the A.C.T.
Appointed Member of the Order of Australia in 1981 for community service in Northern Territory and Aust. Capital Territory. Lived in Darwin 1964-1974.
Wife of Pat Sullivan (retired public servant), 2 daughters, 3 sons, and 9 grandchildren.

- TRUDGIAN, Miss Helen - Member of Churches of Christ.
Retired senior Lecturer of Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education. Closely involved with all aspects of local and State church work.
Churches of Christ Q.C.W.F. President 1981-82.
Currently Registrar and part-time lecturer at Kenmore Christian College (Q'ld. Churches of Christ Theological College).
- TUCKER, Mrs. Heather - Married with 3 daughters.
President Elect A.C.W., S.A. Unit.
Member of The Salvation Army and assist in Sunday School, Corp Cadet Counsellor (act.), Recruiting Sgt. (act.), Hotel Ministry, open air outreach, Home League & Ladies Fellowship, Songster and timbrel brigades.
Discussion Leader in Bible Study Fellowship.
- TURNER, Mrs. Sheila - Secretary, National Executive A.C.W. 1983-85.
Life Vice President of the Mothers' Union, Diocese of Brisbane.
Assists in Parish organisations. Married to the Rev. Canon Les Turner, Rector of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Holland Park. Has 6 children, all married, and 13 grandchildren.
- VENABLES, Lieut-Colonel Jean - Involved with the Salvation Army since childhood in N.S.W. Following commissioning served at Stanthorpe, Ayr, Charters Towers, Garbutt, Nth. Ryde, Hornsby and Gunnedah.
Appointed Divisional Youth Secretary in 1967 to Bathurst and and later in the North N.S.W. division. In 1973 appointed to the Home League Department and was a delegate to the International College for officers in London in 1977.
Became Territorial Home League Secretary in 1979 and Special Efforts Secretary in 1983.
The Colonel represents the Salvation Army on the N.C.W., and A.C.W., both N.S.W.
- WALL, Mrs. Margaret - Married with 4 children, one married, one still at school. Wife of an Anglican clergyman. Anglican delegate of Victorian Unit of A.C.W.
Active member of local church and local interchurch group.
Treasurer of State Unit 5 years (1979-84), ingoing Senior Vice-President A.C.W. Vic. Unit.
- WARD, Brigadier Mabel - Retired Salvation Army Officer. Secretary of the Life Saving Guard Fourfold Fellowship, a supportive group to S.A. Guards, similar to Girl Guides. Involvement with A.C.W. a part of retirement service as well as other interests. A member of Women's Action Alliance and auxiliary of The Salvation Army Officers' Training School.
- WHYBIRD, Mrs. Major Averil - is the daughter of Salvation Army Officers. She herself was Commissioned (Ordained) as a Salvation Army Officer in January 1959. Averil was married in December 1961 and with her husband has served in appointments in NSW., A.C.T., Papua New Guinea and Q'land. She has 3 children, two sons (one married) and a daughter, all of whom are active Salvationists. She at present is stationed with her husband at the Brisbane City Temple Corps of the Salvation Army.
- WILLSHIRE, Miss Joy - Member, Deacon and Secretary Redcliffe Church of Christ; Past President C.W.F. Redcliffe; Committee member Redcliffe Peninsula; In second year as Conference President of the Queensland Churches of Christ, C.W.F. This involves visiting sixty fellowships throughout the State of Q'ld., conducting rallys, executive meetings, workshops, Bible Studies, etc. Representing our Queensland women at Brotherhood Departments meeting and general conference.
Ex Victorian - 3 years; retired female draftsman.

WRIGHT, Mrs. Dorothy - Member of the Uniting Church in Australia.
 Local church - Teaches Sunday School, attends Women's Fellowship and leads a weekly Bible Study.
 Parish - On mission committee.
 Inter-church - Represent local women's inter-church group (Secretary last 10 years); Seat on Area Inter-church Council.
 Ecumenical - Treasurer Women's World Day of Prayer, S.A. C'tee. Local Inter-church representative to A.C.W. and immediate past treasurer (5 years to A.C.W.)
 Home - Wife and mother of 3 sons and live-in mother-in-law.
 Community - Meals on Wheels regular driver;
 Treasurer Community Aid Abroad Local Committee.

YOUNG, Mrs. Major Dorothy - Currently Director of Women's Organisations within the Salvation Army for Sth. Queensland Division, based in Brisbane. This entails supervision of 65 women's groups within Corps as well as League of Mercy (Hospital visitation), Silver Star Fellowship (Mothers of Officers) and S.A. Nurses' Fellowship.
 Has been an Officer of The Salvation Army for 37 years, serving with her husband in New South Wales and Queensland Corps appointments, as well as two terms covering a ten year period in Zimbabwe. Since returning to Australia in 1978, there has been involvement with League of Mercy and the Training College in Sydney, and until the beginning of 1985 as D.W.O. for the A.C.T. and South N..S.W. Division, based in Canberra.

ZERVOS, Mrs. Angela - Born in Greece and came to Australia in 1946. Married with 4 children and 6 grandchildren.
 Lived in Rockhampton for 27 years. In the 1960's became president of the Ladies Group within the Greek community there and served in that position for a number of years. During this time I was actively involved in Rotary for a period of 11 years.
 After moving to Brisbane in 1973, joined the Ladies Auxillary of St. George and became president in 1977. Still serving the Auxillary in that capacity.

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MINUTES.

MONDAY, 5th AUGUST

Following registrations from 2 p.m., the President formerly welcomed members of Conference at 4 p.m., and the Secretary read the Roll Call, as per attached list.

Greetings were received from N.C.C. in New Zealand; Miss Jean Skuse, A.C.C.; A.C.W.F.; Mrs. Comm. Read, East Territory and Mrs. Col. Sketcher, Sthn. Territory, the Salvation Army; Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Verco and Mrs. Dey, Life members; Mrs. Hilbig; C.W.L. Victoria, Tasmania, Sth. Australia; Mrs. Eunice Kim, A.C.W.C.; Mrs. Valerie Beal, Anglican Women of Australia.

Procedural Arrangements were noted as set out, with the addition of 3 minutes to be allowed for speaking to Unit Reports.

Agenda: The Agenda as printed was presented and as there were no alterations, was adopted on the motion of Mrs. M. Hunt seconded Comm. M. Linnett. CARRIED.

OPENING SERVICE: This was held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church Coorparoo at 7.30 p.m. Invited guests were representatives from all church women's organisations, members of the Q'land Australian Church Women, Mrs. Leisha Harvey, M.L.A., Lady Grindrod (wife of the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane), and interested friends. Apologies were received from Bishop Adrian Charles and Mrs. Charles, Archbishop Sir John Grindrod, Archbishop F. Rush, the Revd. Eric Moore and Mrs. Moore of the Uniting Church, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale of the Churches of Christ.

The service was prepared by Miss Helen Trudgian of the National Executive. Readings and poems were read by Mrs. Val Clarke a Vice President and Miss Helen Trudgian, and prayers were led by Mrs. Lena Meadows President and Mrs. Mary Carroll Vice President. Mrs. Adele Nesbitt was guest soloist.

As Bishop A.O. Charles, who was to have been guest preacher, was hospitalised only two days before the service, Canon Les Turner gave the address and based it on the Theme of the Conference "Living in God's Service". In his thoughts were that when serving we are using the gifts of God to His service and for one another, and the more we come to know God the more easily satisfying our task becomes and the greater our understanding of His love for us becomes. Our daily work is our daily service for God.

Following the service, guests and conference members were entertained to supper in St. Stephen's Parish Hall, by members of the Mothers' Union branch there.

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TUESDAY, 6th AUGUST

Morning devotions were led by the N.S.W. delegation using the theme "Morning has broken", with hymns and prayers being based on this.

PARTICIPANTS

Life Member

Andrews, Head Deaconess Mary

National Executive

Meadows, Mrs. Lena President
 Carroll, Mrs. Mary Vice-President
 Clarke, Mrs. Val Vice-President
 Turner, Mrs. Sheela Secretary
 Skippen, Mrs. Ailsa Treasurer
 Collard, Mrs. Ina F.L.C. Convener
 Hunt, Mrs. Mollie Jean W.K.S. Convener
 Trudgian, Miss Helen W.at W. Convener
 Whybird, Mrs. Major Averil Special Days

State Units

Delegates

Observers

New South Wales

Ridge, Mrs. E.
 Ward, Brig. Mabel
 Adcock, Mrs. J.
 Sullivan, Mrs. E.
 Edwards, Mrs. R.
 Dell, Mrs. Major O.

Graham, Mrs. J.
 Baker, Mrs. M.
 Burmester, Mrs. R.
 Gray, Mrs. F.
 Brooks, Mrs. S.

A.C.T.

Tasmania

Victoria

South Australia

West Australia

Queensland

Doëds, Mrs. M.
 Wall, Mrs. M.
 Chittleborough, Mrs. M.
 Roberts, Mrs. J.
 Liveris, Mrs. L.
 Miller, Miss J.
 Carroll, Mrs. M.
 Jackson, Mrs. J.

Clack, Miss D.
 Reidy, Mrs. E.
 Crawford, Mrs. M.
 Tucker, Mrs. H.

Federal Organisations

Anglican
 Churches of Christ
 Salvation Army
 Uniting Church
 Society of Friends
 Greek Orthodox
 Australian Council
 of Churches

Hearn, Mrs. A.
 Hartam, Mrs. D.
 Linnett, Comm. M.
 Gillies, Mrs. G.
 Edwards, Mrs. E.
 Zervos, Mrs. A.
 Lobb, Miss E.
 Nelson, Mrs. J.

Venables, Lt.Col. J.
 Elvery, Mrs. E.
 Fouras, Mrs. M.

Invited Federal Organisations

Baptist Women's Fellowship
 Catholic Women's League
 Y.W.C.A.

Clack, Miss D.
 Hagan, Mrs. T.
 Miller, Mrs. J.

Consultants

Women's World Day of Prayer -
 National Liaison Officer
 Asian Church Women's Conference -
 National Representative

Armstrong, Mrs. D.
 Ackland, Mrs. O.

Queensland Invited Observers

Anglican
 Churches of Christ
 Catholic Women's League
 Uniting Church
 Salvation Army

Clarke, Mrs. V.
 Willshire, Miss J.
 McDonald, Mrs. D.
 Florance, Mrs. M.
 Young, Mrs. Major D.

Winifred Kiek Scholar

Palang, Miss Valeri

Incoming National Executive

Haensel, Mrs. D.
 Crosby, Mrs. P.
 Grealy, Mrs. B.
 Pittman, Miss M.
 Wright, Mrs. D.
 Middleton, Mrs. J.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Following breakfast, the President formerly opened the day's proceedings with a Bible reading from Romans 12, and read a passage from the Anglican Women's Conference held in Nth. Q'land, and concluded with a poem "You are a masterpiece, saith the Lord".

Prayer Partners - A call was made for participants as prayer partners and many members spoke of the value of the practice. It was unanimously decided to continue this and Averil Whybird and Helen Trudgian were appointed to arrange the partnership from names placed on a list and to be announced at the end of proceedings.

Notices of Motion - Attention was drawn to the Notices of Motion and Amendments as printed in the Working Documents and any additional Notices of Motion were called for.

Minutes of 1983 National Committee Meetings, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and it was moved Leonie Liveris (W.A.) seconded Ailsa Skippen (Q.) that the Minutes be verified.
CARRIED.

Business Arising -

re Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Discussion took place on areas to be defined for allocation, suggestions being -
1. East Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia (exclude Japan and Philippines)
2. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka.
3. Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia.

It was moved by Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) seconded Merle Linnett (Vic.) that Area 3 of the three defined areas be widened to include Australia.
CARRIED.

re Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services contributions. Some Units felt that there was confusion on the purpose of these days and the receiving of gifts for same, and questioned if they could be changed and/or clarified. Following discussion it was felt that they be left as at present, and members and friends should be educated on the respective Days and their purposes. Ina Collard (Q.) withdrew the motion as in Executive Minutes, September 1983.

Correspondence -

1. From Lutheran Women of Australia - reference to letter of March 1983 and decision not to become affiliated with A.C.W.
2. From West Australia Unit accepting responsibility for National Executive after Sth. Australia's term ends.
3. From Mrs. Shanti Solomon, ICFLC - re grant to Sth. Australia for bus for Vietnamese congregation.
4. From Mrs. M. Wyllie, N.S.W. - re material for archives.

Business Arising -

Following discussion on Item 3 re the ICFLC grant, it was moved by Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) seconded Marion Dodds (Vic.) That guidelines for the selection of recipients of F.L.C. grants be looked into and freshened up as required.
CARRIED.

Re Item 4 the Secretary reported that procedural papers of National Conferences are sent to the National Library Canberra. After delegates had expressed their opinions Dorothy Hartam (Tas.) moved seconded Mary Carroll (Q.)

That this Conference appoint a committee to ensure that Australian Church Women records be completed as far as possible and lodged in the National Library Archives, also that Mrs. Mabel Wyllie's offer of assistance be accepted.
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Moved by Val Clarke (Q.) seconded Edith Ridge (N.S.W.) that reports as printed be taken as read. CARRIED.

Secretary - Sheela Turner presented her report and thanked all State Units for their understanding and co-operation during the past two years. All members of Executive had fulfilled their role and gained much from the experience of working together, and fellowship. The highlight of the past two years had been the visit of Mrs. Eunice Kim, Executive Secretary of A.C.W.C., to almost all States and Units, and we had all benefited from her time with us. In moving the adoption of this report Lena Meadows (President) thanked the Secretary for a job well done during her term of office. These comments were seconded by Ailsa Skippen and endorsed by other delegates.

Treasurer - The Financial Report was read by Ailsa Skippen, who was then congratulated by the President and other delegates who remarked on the clarity of the Report. In response to an enquiry, the Treasurer explained a difference in F.L.C. amounts saying fluctuations in international currency in preceding year was the reason.

Mary Carroll (Q.) said amounts raised for F.L.C. were a credit to those concerned, mentioning Mrs. Meadows' role as Queensland Convener, and praised Mr. Meadows for his co-operation in chauffering his wife to various Queensland centres to speak on F.L.C. projects.

The Treasurer's Report was received on the motion of Dorothy Haensel (S.A.) seconded by Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) CARRIED.

Ailsa Skippen asked as a token of appreciation to the Auditor Mr. E.J. Haffenden, that a book token to the value of \$15 be given to him. Moved Ailsa Skippen (Q.) seconded Val Clarke (Q.) CARRIED.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The Secretary asked for names to be recorded for those delegates requiring Minutes and Women at Work for the next term.

State Unit Reports -

N.S.W. Brig. M. Ward presented the report and reported that 17 new groups had been formed in the past two years, which means more financial help for F.L.C. and W.K.S. At the time of Installation of a new President (every 2 years) she is presented with a Bible. This is held in May and the alternate year is a Service with Special Intent.

A.C.T. Mrs. E. Sullivan spoke to this report and said one of the highlights was the introduction of Life Members. A.C.W. has been 20 years in A.C.T., and two of the foundation members had been inducted in August.

Victoria Mrs. M. Dodds spoke of the visits of Eunice Kim and Dr. Sushila Rao as very important to them and noted that these visits had deepened interest in A.C.W. They now have 75 groups who meet for F.L.C. and World Community Days. Information days are most worthwhile but must be followed up by local groups. Quiet Days create atmosphere of peace and quiet. The Victorian Unit is involved in Victoria's 150th Celebrations.

Tasmania Mrs. R. Edwards also reported on the Bible ceremony to incoming Presidents, with the names of previous Presidents on the fly-leaf. There was growth in A.C.W. in Tasmania, and the Lutheran church were now joining in Burnie.

S.A. Mrs. J. Roberts spoke of the many activities coming up next year with the A.C.W.C. Rally and South Australia's own celebrations. The Constitution had been amended to include Life Members and Mrs. Myrtle Wood, first treasurer for the Inter-Church Council was made the first life member.

W.A. Mrs. L. Liveris spoke of her own involvement as President of the W.A. Council of Churches. Participation in all aspects of A.C.W. was good, we should be looking at an inclusiveness in all services and encourage other ethnic groups to join in.

Queensland Mrs. M. Carroll spoke of the new format for organising Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services, when members from each City church meet in committee to arrange a central service, as well as services held in different areas. Mrs. Jessie Dennis was granted life membership after 30 years loyal service to Q'land A.C.W. We are happy to have Valeri Palang studying here. She has attended various functions and visited country areas.

N.T. As there were no delegates present this report was taken as read.

GUEST SPEAKER - Mrs. Margo Heyburn, wife of Mr. Sam Heyburn who is the National Director for Youth for Christ Australia. The speaker used texts from Is.6, 1-8 and John 15, 14-15 and stated "Living in God's Service means more than being God's servants.....we must also be His friends". God is Holy. We are wretched. Even our righteousness is as filthy rags in His sight. When we come to this realisation we are challenged to ask for cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ and say "Master; I am your servant" or "Here am I, send me". However, God is also huggable. We are His bride. Clothed in Christ's righteousness God sees us as perfect - because the SON gets in His eyes. We are more than servants, we are friends. Servants obey because they have to, friends obey because they want to. Living in God's service truly means being partners with God sharing His message of the Good News - the purpose of Christ's visit to this world - because we are in love with Him. Thanks was expressed to Mrs. Heyburn by Lena Meadows.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Four delegate/observers presented a brief recollection and prayer commemorating the 40th anniversary of Hiroshima.

MOTION - Re 3 year tenure (instead of 2) for National Executive. This was presented by Mary Carroll (Q.) with the view that not enough experience was gained in a 2 year term to fulfil duties adequately and then prepare for National Conference. Following discussion the majority felt 2 year terms were sufficient. Val Clarke (Q.) expressed the view that she would be happy to see conferences held in a central place as large expense was involved in travelling, etc. Proposed by Joan Adcock (A.C.T.) seconded Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) That the National Executive sit for a three (3) year period instead of two (2) commencing with South Australia's term of office as National Executive. LOST.

NEW CONSTITUTION - At the request of the President, Pauline Crosby (S.A.) was asked to lead this part of proceedings, as she had been one of the committee appointed to prepare a preliminary draft of revisions. The Clauses were moved by Pauline Crosby seconded by Dorothy Haensel (S.A.)

Clause 1. NAME: Australian Church Women. ACCEPTED.

2. AIMS:

2.1 To unite Christian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
(with addition of "and")

ACCEPTED

2.2 To promote co-operation and understanding between men and women in Church, family and society;

ACCEPTED

2.3 To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the church;

ACCEPTED

2.4 To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together;

ACCEPTED

2.5 To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

ACCEPTED

3. OBJECTS: In fulfilment of its Aims, the Australian Church Women shall promote:-
- 3.1 State and Territory Units. Such Units shall act as a forum for discussion on any matters that may arise in pursuance of these aims within their own areas. ACCEPTED.
- 3.2 SCHOLARSHIP
- 3.2.1 Australian Church Women shall sponsor a scholarship to be known as the Winifred Kiek Scholarship; ACCEPTED
- 3.2.2 Australian Church Women may sponsor a fellowship to be known as the Winifred Kiek Fellowship; ACCEPTED
- 3.2.3 The Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Winifred Kiek Fellowship and any other approved award shall be made according to guidelines determined from time to time by the National Conference. ACCEPTED
- 3.3 FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
Australian Church Women shall promote the International Fellowship of the Least Coin as a Fellowship of Prayer and Reconciliation and Offering of the Least Coin of our realm, according to the accepted practice of the International Fellowship of the Least Coin. ACCEPTED
- 3.4 SPECIAL DAYS
Australian Church Women shall promote Fellowship Day and World Community Day and encourage the observance of Women's World Day of Prayer. The National Executive shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of Orders of Service for Fellowship Day and World Community Day. ACCEPTED
- 3.5 NATIONAL PUBLICATION
The National Executive shall be responsible for the production of a publication for distribution to all State and Territory Units. ACCEPTED
4. MEMBERSHIP: Each and every member of a State or Territory Unit shall be a member of Australian Church Women. ACCEPTED
- 4.1 LIFE MEMBERS
- 4.1.1 The honour of life membership may be conferred on women who have made a long term significant contribution to Australian Church Women at the national level; ACCEPTED
- 4.1.2 There may be only one life member from each State or Territory Unit at any one time;
Re question from N.S.W. where there is more than one Life Member, this is to come into line with the new Constitution in due course. ACCEPTED
- 4.1.3 Nominations for Life Membership shall come from State or Territory Units and appointments shall be made by the National Conference. ACCEPTED
5. RELATIONSHIPS:
- 5.1 Australian Church Women shall be a member of the Asian Church Women's Conference; ACCEPTED
- 5.2 Australian Church Women shall have fraternal relationships with the Australian Council of Churches;
- 5.3 Australian Church Women shall, through the foregoing relationships, be associated with the Regional Conferences of Churches of Asia, Africa and the Pacific, and the World Council of Churches.

Many delegates felt it unacceptable to have links with Australian Council of Churches, as in many cases it kept some churches from joining Australian Church Women. Others thought it a retrograde step to disassociate with A.C.C. and it was pointed out that the Constitution states 'fraternal relationships' only. After discussion Clauses 5.2 and 5.3 were DELETED and it was foreshadowed that an amendment would be forthcoming .

6. ADMINISTRATION: shall be through
- 6.1 NATIONAL CONFERENCE which shall meet biennially; ACCEPTED.
- 6.1.1 Membership of National Conference shall consist of:
- (a) Voting Members
- (i) The members of the current National Executive as set out in Para. 6.2; ACCEPTED.
- (ii) Two members appointed by each State and Territory Unit of Australian Church Women; ACCEPTED.
- (iii) One member from the National organisation of each denomination participating in Australian Church Women through its State and Territory Units; ACCEPTED.
- (iv) Up to five members from the incoming National Executive nominees. ACCEPTED.
- (b) Observers
(who shall have the right to speak but not to vote)
- (i) Two members from each State and Territory Unit of Australian Church Women; ACCEPTED.
- (ii) Two members from the National organisation of each denomination participating in Australian Church Women through its State and Territory Units; ACCEPTED.
- (iii) Life members; ACCEPTED.
- (iv) Such others as may from time to time be determined by the National Executive or be recommended by Units and endorsed by the National Executive. ACCEPTED.
- (v) Up to five members from the incoming National Executive nominees; ACCEPTED.
- (vi) One member from National special interest groups participating in Australian Church Women through its State and Territory Units. ACCEPTED.
- 6.1.2 Alternates may be appointed for both Voting Members and Observers. ACCEPTED.
- 6.1.3 LOCATION:
Each State or Territory Unit shall have the right to host the National Conference and provide the National Executive of National Conference in rotation. ACCEPTED.
- 6.1.4 QUORUM:
Two-thirds of members who are in attendance and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at National Conference. ACCEPTED.
- 6.1.5 ELECTIONS:
- (a) Nominations for National Executive (and Auditor) from each State and Territory Unit in rotation (as decided at previous National Conference) shall be submitted to the National Secretary eight weeks prior to the Conference, such nominations to be approved by the Conference; ACCEPTED.
- (b) National delegates to Conference, Representatives to other organisations, and such other appointments as shall from time to time be considered desirable by National Conference, shall be elected by ballot from nominations received by the National Secretary eight weeks prior to National Conference. Any member in good standing in a State or Territory Unit of Australian Church Women may be nominated for any such position; ACCEPTED.
- (c) An amended clause foreshadowed.
- (d) (formerly (c)) If insufficient nominations are received it shall be the responsibility of the National Executive to submit the required number of nominations. No nomination shall be accepted from the floor of Conference. ACCEPTED.

6.1.6 BUSINESS:

Notice of all matters which shall engage the attention of Conference, including Reports, shall be submitted to the National Executive at least eight weeks prior to Conference and shall be forwarded to each State and Territory Unit four weeks prior to Conference. ACCEPTED.

6.2 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

6.2.1 Membership of the National Executive shall consist of:

(a) Executive Officers who shall be President,
2 Vice-Presidents,
Secretary,
Treasurer. ACCEPTED.

(b) Five Committee Members who shall be
Minute Secretary,
W.K.S. Convener,
F.L.C. Convener,
Special Days Convener,
Publication Editor. ACCEPTED.

(c) Any members of the Executive Committee of Asian Church Womens Conference resident in the same State or Territory as the Australian Church Women's National Executive may be invited to serve ex-officio ACCEPTED.

(d) The Australian Representative on Asian Church Women's Conference General Committee, ex-officio ACCEPTED.

(e) Up to three (3) members may be co-opted for special purposes. ACCEPTED.

6.2.2 QUORUM:

Two-thirds of the elected membership of National Executive shall constitute a quorum. ACCEPTED.

6.2.3 VACANCIES:

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the National Executive between National Conferences, the National Executive shall appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy, and shall within one month notify in writing all State and Territory Units of Australian Church Women of such appointment for ratification. ACCEPTED.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholar - Mrs. M. Hunt

Formal application from Burma has been received and will go ahead. Mrs. Hunt explained problems involved with new person taking over every 2 years and suggested perhaps it wasn't fair to students. Valeri Palang would be welcomed in Melbourne if an invitation was extended to her.

A suggestion was made that the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be located in a central place - so problems could be brought together and handled.

It was moved Ailsa Skippen (Q.) seconded Rosemary Edwards (Tas.)

All internal travel for the Winifred Kiek Scholar for promotional purposes only, be paid from the Scholarship Fund. CARRIED.

Fellowship of the Least Coin - Mrs. I. Collard

There is plenty of promotional material available, also F.L.C. leaflets, labels and bookmarks. Some cartons of reports had been held up at Customs and some were water damaged when received.

The auditor had recommended that new stock of Circle of Prayer should increase in price.

Rosemary Edwards (Tas.) moved seconded Merle Linnett (Vic.)

That new stock of Circle of Prayer be priced at \$1.00 plus postage. CARRIED.

National Representative, Olive Ackland, to enquire at next Executive Meeting when new issue of Circle of Prayer due.

Burma Prayer Partnership - Mrs. V. Clarke

Val thanked Units for gathering material for monthly schedules and Information days on Burma. Val had received no replies to her letters hence, from information received, she had considered it best not to continue writing since February 1985. Burma has applied for Winifred Kiek Scholarship. The student was arranged through Burma Council of Churches. Scholarship holders are allowed out of the country on limited visas - three months. Student is well educated and will return to her country to do counselling. It was suggested that the incoming National Executive write to A.C.W.C. and advise how we have been getting on with Burma, and suggest perhaps we have a change around and the scheme be taken up by other nations.

Special Days - Mrs. Major Averil Whybird

Averil thanked Olive Ackland for her assistance, and for the patience extended by the Units. She also thanked her husband for his help. Thanks extended to those who prepared Orders of Service. Mrs. Margaret Knauerhouse of Sth. Australia is preparing the 1986 Fellowship Day service, the theme being "The Committed Life". 1986 World Community Day theme is "To the World - with Love", being prepared by the C.W.L. of Sth. Australia.

Women at Work - Miss H. Trudgian

Helen found the position a very interesting one and enjoyed doing it.

Publicity - Mrs. M. Carroll

The Catholic Leader has given good coverage of the Conference, with an article in February 1985 and again in May 1985. Articles have appeared in The Courier Mail, Women's Weekly, local papers, Life and Times, Uniting Church Year Book, Church News, and programme on A.B.C. This all stimulated interest.

Asian Church Women's Conference - Mrs. O. Ackland

A seminar was held in Pakistan, funded by A.C.W.C., organised by Mrs. Shirin Samuel Vice-President of A.C.W.C., attended by women from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Burma and representatives of A.C.W.C.

The main issues coming to the fore were the need for education and health care, the abolition of the dowry system, awareness raising of village women, women's status within the family and society, the sharing of work in the home between female and male and the ways some interpretations of the Bible have been used to put women in an inferior role.

In Australia there is some confusion as to a grant received by N.T. of \$1500 as to whether it was an F.L.C. grant or A.C.W.C. Leadership Grant. It was actually the latter.

Contacts with other ecumenical organisations are maintained by the President who is a member of a W.C.C. Committee, the Executive Secretary who is a member of C.C.A. Committee and the International W.W.D.P. Committee.

The non-governmental Forum was held in Nairobi recently and Eva Findlay and Shanti Solomon were to represent I.C.F.L.C. and A.C.W.C.

The issue for 1985 is Tourism and Prostitution and there is to be a Seminar in November in Taiwan.

A.C.W.C. Assembly 1986

Dorothy Haensel, of the local committee for A.C.W.C. Assembly spoke of the 8th Assembly to be held in Adelaide August 24th-29th, 1986. The Opening Service will be on the 24th August at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, the speaker to be Janet Wood, Theologian and executive officer of World Council of Churches. Small committees have been formed e.g. transport, accommodation, hospitality, etc., and 'operation bedsocks' has been launched (a pair of knitted bedsocks on every pillow). Each State has offered assistance and from Conference offered to provide 120 postcards of their State or Territory. 120 participants are expected. Lena Meadows congratulated Sth. Australia for their efforts in this regard.

DENOMINATIONAL REPORTS

ANGLICAN - Mrs. A. Hearn

Mothers' Union - main emphasis is on Marriage and Family Life. Programmes include support for after school care, a Caring ministry to ethnic groups, and Brisbane has bought a caravan for use of families who can't afford holidays. Anglican Women of Australia will be holding a Conference in October.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST - Mrs. D. Hartam

The present Executive of Australian Christian Women's Fellowship is resident in Tasmania. Federal Executive moves from State to State every 2 years. Each state received a regular newsletter. Each Executive in turn adds material for 2 years to the Resource Kit.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Mrs. B. Grealy

The report as printed is from the State Conference (Victoria). Barbara expressed her enthusiasm for the ideals of A.C.W. and stated that C.W.L. is to have a National Conference in October 1985, in Melbourne.

SALVATION ARMY - Mrs. Commissioner Merle Linnett

General Wahlstrom is to visit Brisbane in September and 5,000 are expected to be present at the Rally. A Rally, with an anticipated attendance of 12,000 is also being organised for the bi-centennial in 1988. The equality of women in the Salvation Army mentioned and in the Southern Territory, history has been made with five States choosing women for top positions.

UNITING CHURCH - Mrs. G. Gillies

Greetings from the National Committee. Uniting Church Fellowships were started in 1982. Victoria is to provide the Executive Working Committee for the next 3 years.

GREEK ORTHODOX OF ST. GEORGE - Mrs. M. Fouras

In Brisbane there is a forward thinking President and Priest who gives support. The Ladies Auxiliary supports community. It has undertaken the construction of the St. Nicholas Nursing Home. They are involved with Religious Education, senior citizens, and fellowship groups. Married women work with young people who, being Greek, have a double identity. They have introduced a Marriage Preparation Course dealing with Human Relationships, etc.

BAPTIST + Miss D. Clack.

Report arrived late as National Secretary is overseas. Administrative roles; women are voted into position of leadership if best person for the job. Constitution now states that positions are open to men and women. In October there will be elected a new President for the Baptist Union of Australia who is expected to be a woman.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Mrs. D. Armstrong

Next year's service written by Australian women with the theme "Choose Life". In 1987 there would be the celebration of centenary of Women's World Day of Prayer with celebrations centred mainly in New York. The Theme "Come and Rejoice" was written by the World Executive.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES + Mrs. J. Nelson

Congratulations to the Salvation Army. Men and women have gifts and the church must fulfil its role from men and women. We need co-operation of men and women in church, family and society. Greetings from the General Secretary, Miss Jean Skuse. Judy spoke on her role on the Status of Commission to women. The Commission is to look at social issues from the Christian viewpoint. To look at women in poverty (increasing number of poor families headed by women). Women's Refuges. To look at taxation. The task force to look into domestic violence - violence is in the Church - need to inform and challenge church. A women's Art Festival is to be organised.

It was moved by Jean Adcock (A.C.T.) seconded Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) that Reports be received. CARRIED.

The first full day of the Conference concluded with Evening Worship led by the Victorian Unit.

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WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST

Morning devotions were led by the Tasmania Unit, with messages from each Branch around the State.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION - Constitution continued

To begin the Session, the President used as her text James 2.14,24 and read an extract from J.B. Priestly "Literature and the Western Man".

Constitution:

7. FINANCE:

- 7.1 All monies received by the Treasurer shall be disbursed as determined by the National Conference. ACCEPTED.
- 7.2 An amended clause foreshadowed.
- 7.3 (formerly 2) Signatories for all Bank accounts and investments, shall be any two of the Executive Officers. ACCEPTED.
- 7.4 (formerly 3) A Statement of accounts shall be presented to each meeting of the National Executive. ACCEPTED.
- 7.5 (formerly 4) The Financial year shall end on 30 June in each year, and an audited Financial Statement shall be circulated annually to all State and Territory Units, and shall be presented to the National Conference for endorsement. ACCEPTED.
- 7.6 (formerly 5) The National Conference shall appoint an accredited accountant, resident in the State or Territory of the National Executive, to audit accounts. ACCEPTED.

8. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

- 8.1 This Constitution may be amended by a vote of a two-thirds majority of voting delegates at the National Conference. ACCEPTED.
- 8.2 Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution shall be forwarded in writing to the National Secretary not less than four months before the meeting of the National Conference at which the proposed amendment will be moved. Such Notices of Motion shall be circulated to all State and Territory Units three months prior to the National Conference. ACCEPTED.
- 8.3 All duly ratified changes and amendments to the Constitution shall become operative on the conclusion of the National Conference at which they are adopted. ACCEPTED.

9. DISSOLUTION:

In the event of the dissolution of Australian Church Women, its project funds and trust funds shall be disbursed to the purposes designated, and its administrative funds as decided by the dissolving National Conference. ACCEPTED.

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

5. RELATIONSHIPS:

In lieu of 5.2 and 5.3 Marion Dodds (Vic.) moved and Dorothy Hartam (Tasmania) seconded that Australian Church Women shall maintain relationships and dialogue with Australian Council of Churches and other ecumenical bodies. CARRIED.

6.1,5 (c) ELECTIONS:

Moved Pauline Crosby (S.A.) seconded Dorothy Haensel (S.A.) that this clause be inserted:

In the event of National Representation to a Conference or other organisation being necessary between National Conferences, the National Executive shall appoint such representative/s after consultation with each State and Territory Unit. CARRIED.

7.2 FINANCE:

Moved Judy Nelson (A.C.C.) seconded Dorothy Hartam (Tas.) All financial accounts and investments shall include the words "Australian Church Women" in their title. CARRIED.

Following these Amendments being passed, Pauline Crosby moved and Dorothy Haensel seconded that the Revised Constitution be adopted in its entirety. CARRIED.

Helen Trudgian spoke of the time and effort needed in building or revising a Constitution and paid tribute and appreciation to what the S.A. Unit Committee had done in this regard. This was seconded by Ailsa Skippen and supported by Deaconess Mary Andrews. Ina Collard congratulated the Committee on the presentation of the Draft Constitution.

Joan Adcock foreshadowed for 'Further Business' - the possibility of helping with funding for the Incoming National Executive to attend Conference.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Following morning tea, Val Clarke introduced Mrs. Stephanie Kennedy, who worked with her Dr. husband for 5 years in Tanzania with the Church Missionary Society. To use the words of the speaker "In thinking through what aspect of "Living in God's Service" I could present this morning, I decided that living in the cross-cultural situation, as missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa, highlighted many important aspects of Christian life, which were worth bringing to your attention. So I speak, not as a learned theologian, nor do I bring you a victorious missionary success story. I speak simply as a Christian who has had the rather unique privilege of serving God overseas (and who's lived to tell the tale)."

Mrs. Kennedy then went on to speak of the country itself, its culture and customs, its poverty, its people, and finally of her role as a Missionary wife - her first priority. At the conclusion of Mrs. Kennedy's talk her message was highlighted by an interpretive dance of "Let me be your brother" beautifully presented by two dancers. Thanks was expressed by Lena Meadows.

CITY BUS TOUR

Following lunch, two buses left for a tour through Brisbane City streets, pointing out various landmarks, and then making their way to the Botanical Gardens and Slaughter Falls, where afternoon tea was enjoyed in the open and many photographs taken. On then to scenic Mt. Coottha, which gives a panoramic view of Brisbane and surrounds, before returning to Ave Maria Centre.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

Pauline Crosby advised of advice received from lawyer regarding Deed of Trust for Winifred Kiek Scholarship. It was recommended that W.K.S. Money be invested and interest only used for the scholar - this may take time to build up. On the motion of Pauline Crosby (S.A.) seconded Dorothy Haensel (S.A.) it was moved That the Incoming National Executive be instructed to immediately draw up a Deed of Trust for the implementation and administration of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship through a permanent Board of Trustees, this to be circulated to all State and Territory Units for endorsement and legally registered and acted upon. CARRIED.

GUEST SPEAKER:

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Val Clarke introduced the speaker for the evening - Sister Julie O'Gorman. Sister Julie is a member of the Order of St. Joseph and has been involved in schools and Religious Education for a number of years. Presently she is co-founder of Mary Haven family ministry which focuses on families in general and mothers in particular. Sister Julie held delegates' attention as she told of activities at Mary Haven and related our lives to a Song - using the words "Where is your Song My Lord" as her theme and how each part of our lives is in response to our song. Sister Julie is assisted at Mary Haven by Sister Kath, who accompanied her.

The Sisters were thanked by Lena Meadows, and as a result of a voluntary contribution \$186 was forwarded later towards their work.

S.A. Unit conducted the Evening Worship, led by Margaret Chittleborough.

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THURSDAY, 8th AUGUST

Morning devotions were led by the W.A. Unit, and featured an opening in the Greek Orthodox tradition by Leonie Liveris.

The President's time of reflection centred on the 23rd psalm, and reading from "Rest and be thankful" from 'I travel the road'.

Joan Adcock (A.C.T.) introduced the matter of a travel fund to be set up for the purpose of assisting incoming National Executive to attend National Conference. Following lengthy discussion, it was moved by Marion Dodds (Vic.) seconded Margaret Wall (Vic.)

That the matter be rested and foreshadowed a motion on this subject later in this Conference. CARRIED.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

From W.A. Unit - Winifred Kiek scholars in future not being brought to Australia to study, but sent to suitable establishments nearer to, or, in their country.

Amendment from W.A. - Where possible students study to be undertaken in establishments in or near their own country. They would not be excluded from study in Australia if the course they wished to study was only available here.

Following discussion on the various aspects of study in home countries or in Australia - Leonie Liveris (W.A.) withdrew the motion, but recommended that A.C.W. gather information from national church bodies and A.C.C. who have listings of courses available for theological studies.

Notice of Motion from W.A. and Q'land re term of office of National Executive had been dealt with earlier in Conference.

Notice of Motion from Queensland re application for W.K.S. to include an Australian woman every second year, was dealt with in Business from Minutes earlier in Conference and was therefore withdrawn.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Marion Dodds (Vic.) moved and Margaret Wall (Vic.) seconded

That the recommendations and suggestions regarding the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, as submitted by the Victorian Unit, omitting Nos. 1 and 2, be acted upon.

CARRIED.

Edith Ridge (N.S.W.) moved that recommendations as submitted by N.S.W. be submitted for discussion. Nos. 2 and 6 had already been dealt with.

1. Avenues were suggested for contact to seek help with funding for A.C.W.C. Assembly, such as Walter & Eliza Hall Trust. Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) suggested that the Incoming Executive should contact the Office of Status for Women in Canberra and ask what funding is available.

3. re holding of Fellowship Day in July, suggest June a better month. It was generally felt we could be flexible with this, if the Order of Service was ready and available.
4. re extension of Conference time for seminars, speakers, etc. - S.A. has already planned to make use of extra time.
5. That consideration be given to offerings taken on World Community Day be sent to Winifred Kiek Scholars who have returned to their own countries, but are in need of funds to carry out their work.

Edith Ridge (N.S.W.) moved and Mabel Ward (N.S.W.) seconded that these recommendations be accepted. CARRIED.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Averil Whybird introduced Capt. Mrs. Olive Lucas, presently Q'land Salvation Army Social Service Assistant Secretary. Capt. Lucas spoke of her experiences in India, first as a Lay worker with her husband who was a Doctor, then as Salvation Army Officers.

The title of the Theme "Life in God's Service" made her think of girls in service in England many years ago - how they were totally committed to hard work - and we should be totally committed to our Lord.

When we live in the Spirit we become Heirs and this requires a daily commitment. To be possessed by the Spirit is not to be suppressed by the Spirit. In all things we are victorious "Living Life in God's Service."

The thanks of Conference was again expressed by Lena Meadows.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES:

Prior to the Election of delegates and observers to A.C.W.C. Assembly 1986, Olive Ackland read the guidelines for delegates to A.C.W.C. and pointed out that the National Representative takes over part way through the 1986 Assembly and attends Assembly 1990.

The following were elected as delegates to the 1986 Assembly, Val Clarke and Maria Fouras being scrutineers.

Mrs. J. Adcock (A.C.T.)	Mrs. B. Grealy (S.A.)
Capt. L. Green (Vic.)	Mrs. D. Haensel (S.A.)

Ailsa Skippen moved Molly Jean Hunt seconded that voting papers be destroyed. CARRIED.

The following Observers were elected to the 1986 Assembly:

Mrs. H. Banks (Vic.)	Miss M. Barrie (S.A.)	Mrs. S. Birch (S.A.)
Mrs. S. Brooks (S.A.)	Mrs. M. Dredge, (S.A.)	Rev. L. Edwards (W.A.)
Mrs. M. Napier (W.A.)	Mrs. J. Roberts (S.A.)	Mrs. H. Tucker (S.A.)
Mrs. J. Watts (W.A.)		

Mary Andrews moved Mary Carroll seconded that voting papers be destroyed. CARRIED.

Barbara Grealy was elected to be National Representative for the ensuing four years from Assembly 1986.

Mary Andrews moved Evonne Sullivan seconded that voting papers be destroyed. CARRIED.

REPRESENTATIVES TO A.C.C.:

Mrs. Edith Ridge (N.S.W.) moved seconded (Brig) Mabel Ward (N.S.W.) that Mrs. Win Dougherty be appointed as A.C.W. representative to the Australian Council of Churches and Mrs. Elizabeth Walker as the alternate representative. CARRIED.

W.K.S. TRAVELLING FELLOW:

The President introduced the discussion saying that in the Working Committee Minutes of 1975 the purpose of the Fellowship arose from the thought that it could be of value when money and/or suitable person was available.

It was suggested that there may be one or more of the women visiting next year's Assembly who may be willing to travel around in terms of the Fellowship, and it would be good to take the opportunity, at S.A.'s discretion.

Evonne Sullivan (A.C.T.) moved Joan Adcock (A.C.T.) seconded That when the participants of the Eighth A.C.W.C. Assembly are known, the National Executive be empowered to proceed with the appointment of a Winifred Kiek Travelling Fellowship according to the Guidelines to be established for the Winifred Kiek Trust. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Poreshadowed motion re Incoming National Executive Travel expenses was presented.

Marion Dodds (Vic.) moved seconded Joan Adcock (A.C.T.) This conference urges that donations to the National Travel Fund be urgently sought and that this fund be maintained at a minimum of \$2000. All amounts above this figure be used as grants toward the travelling expenses to National Conference of five voting members of the Incoming National Executive. This fund to be separate from the Travel Pool. CARRIED.

Committee to investigate A.C.W. archives.

The following members were nominated to form this committee:
Brig. M. Ward Moved A. Skippen, seconded A. Whybird
Mrs. E. Walker Moved M. Ward, seconded M. Andrews
Mrs. J. Adcock Moved M. Dodds, seconded E. Sullivan
Mrs. E. Ridge Moved E. Sullivan, seconded M. Andrews
Mrs. M. Wyllie Moved E. Ridge, seconded M. Hunt
Deaconess M. Andrews moved seconded Mrs. G. Gillies that this be the committee, with power to co-opt. CARRIED.

Deaconess Mary Andrews spoke of the possibility of building up links with the women of China and is to escort a tour making contacts with Christian leaders in China, particularly women, in October. She hopes to have a letter from Mrs. Eunice Kim extending an invitation to the women to attend A.C.W.C. Assembly 1986. Deaconess Andrews moved seconded Marion Dodds -

That the National Conference send greetings to Mrs. Cao Shen/Ji of Shanghai, Vice President of Christian Churches in China and the President of Y.W.C.A. in China, sending greetings to the women in China. CARRIED.

Cost of A.C.W.C. Bulletin

It was suggested that a letter of congratulations should be sent to Mrs. Eunice Kim on the news value of the Bulletin and the production of same - also the presentation in packing.

Also suggested that as we have no cost of the Bulletin at the present time, Mrs. Olive Ackland take this matter to the A.C.W.C. Executive in November. In view of this fact, we wait and see results of the Finance Committee Meeting (A.C.W.C.) and that it be left in the hands of the Incoming Treasurer to notify Units of the cost.

AUDITOR:

Dorothy Haensel moved seconded Joan Adcock that Mr. Geoffrey R. Butler A.A.S.A. (Senior) be appointed Auditor for the ensuing term.

Expressions of thanks were expressed to the Sisters and Staff of Ave Maria, and to the President and members of the retiring Executive for the organisation of the Conference.

INCOMING EXECUTIVE:

On the motion of Deaconess M. Andrews seconded Evonne Sullivan it was moved that the following nominees for the Incoming National Executive be appointed for 1985/87 :

President -	Mrs. Dorothy Haensel
Vice-Presidents -	Mrs. Pauline Crosby
	Mrs. Barbara Grealy
Secretary -	Miss Margaret Pittman
Minute Secretary -	Mrs. Nancy Rowe
Treasurer -	Mrs. Dorothy Wright
W.K.S. Convener -	Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase
F.L.C. Convener -	Mrs. Jean Middleton
Special Days Convener -	Miss Irene Jeffreys
Publication Editor -	Mrs. Margaret Pollard

CARRIED.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR:

Miss Valeri Palang was then introduced as the current Winifred Kiek Scholar and spoke of her life in Papua New Guinea and the work she does there as Co-ordinator of Women's Fellowship (Uniting Church) and working in the Highlands. There are some 330 women's groups in the area. Valeri said how very thankful she is to be doing the course at Alcorn College and the opportunity to broaden her outlook as she meets people here. It had just been announced that Valeri is to be a representative at the Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women at Nairobi in July 1986.

ENTERTAINMENT:

A wonderful evening of entertainment followed, given by the Salvation Army Youth Group. Some 20 young people took part in the concert and this was followed by a delightful supper hosted by the Salvation Army ladies.

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FRIDAY 9th AUGUST:

The closing service was prepared by Helen Trudgian (who also wrote the words of the opening hymn) and focussed on thanksgiving. In passing the peace and handing over to the new Executive, the retiring members handed their respective partner a crocheted cross.

Dorothy Haensel, the new President, then addressed those gathered and in doing so thanked her Mother (who was present) and others who had helped her in her life and then drew the threads of the Conference together in summary.

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Signed

Date

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THEME - "LIVING IN GOD'S SERVICE"

P R O G R A M M E

Monday, 5th August

- 2.00 p.m. Registrations
- 3.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea
- 4.00 p.m. Welcome Session -
Welcome, Roll Call, Apologies, Greetings.
Business Procedure, including adoption of
Agenda.
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Meal
- 7.30 p.m. Opening Service, St. Stephen's Anglican Church,
Coorparoo.
Speaker - The Rt.Rev. A.O. Charles Th.L.
- 9.00 p.m. Supper at St. Stephen's Parish Hall.

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Tuesday, 6th August

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions (N.S.W. Unit)
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.45 a.m. 1st Business Session -
Notices of Motion. Minutes confirmed. Bus.Arising
Correspondence. National Executive Report by
Secretary. Financial Report by Treasurer.
- 10.15 a.m. Morning tea
- 10.45 a.m. 2nd Business Session -
Highlights State Unit Reports
- 11.30 a.m. Speaker - Mrs. M. Heyburn
- 12.30 p.m. Dinner
- 1.45 p.m. 3rd Business Session -
New Constitution
- 3.45 p.m. Afternoon tea
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Meal
- 7.00 p.m. 4th Business Session -
Convencers' Reports: Winifred Kiek Scholar
Fellowship of Least Coin
Burma Prayer Partnership
Special Days
Women at Work
A.C.W.C. - Assembly 1986
- 9.15 p.m. Evening Worship - (Vic. Unit)
- 9.30 p.m. Supper

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Wednesday, 7th August

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions (Tas. Unit)
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.45 a.m. Business Session - Constitution continued
- 10.15 a.m. Morning Tea
- 10.45 a.m. Speaker - Mrs. Stephanie Kennedy
- 12.30 p.m. Dinner
- 1.30 p.m. City Bus Trip
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Meal

Wednesday, 7th August

- 7.00 p.m. Business Session
Tabling of Reports - Denominational
A.C.C.
Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7.30 p.m. Speaker - Sister J. O'Gorman
- 9.15 p.m. Evening Worship (S.A. Unit)
- 9.30 p.m. Supper

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Thursday, 8th August

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions (W.A. Unit)
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8.45 a.m. Notices of Motion
Recommendations and matters for consideration
- 10.15 a.m. Morning Tea
- 10.45 a.m. Election of delegates to affiliated bodies and
A.C.W.C. Assembly 1986.
- 11.15 a.m. Speaker - Capt. Mrs. O. Lucas
- 12.30 p.m. Dinner
- 1.45 p.m. Business re W.K.S. Travelling Fellow
Unfinished business
Open Buzz Session
Notice of Resolutions
Appointment of National Executive 1985-87
Introduction of Valeri Palang - W.K.S. Scholar
- 3.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea
- ~~4~~ 3.30 p.m. Speaker - Valeri Palang
- 6.00 p.m. Evening Meal
- 7.30 p.m. Entertainment - Salvation Army Youth -
Assembly Hall, Xavier Hospital, Coorparoo

Friday, 9th August

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m. Closing Service - Message from Incoming President.
Depart.

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PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice-Presidents during the National Conference, 5th - 9th August, 1985.

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

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

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

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

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

At the beginning of a Reports session it shall be moved -
"THAT all reports be taken as read".

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

VOTING ENTITLEMENTS

- 2 from each State Unit
 - 1 from each denomination
 - 1 from federal organisation of any special interest group
 - 2 appointed by Executive Committee of A.C.C.
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Delegates and Observers are asked to bring copies of the 1983 National Committee Meeting Minutes.

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PARTICIPANTS

<u>Life Member</u>	Andrews, Head Deaconess Mary	
<u>National Executive</u>	Meadows, Mrs. Lena	President
	Carroll, Mrs. Mary	Vice-President
	Clarke, Mrs. Val	Vice-President
	Turner, Mrs. Sheela	Secretary
	Skippen, Mrs. Ailsa	Treasurer
	Collard, Mrs. Ina	F.L.C. Convener
	Hunt, Mrs. Mollie Jean	W.K.S. Convener
	Trudgian, Miss H.	W. at W. Convener
	Whybird, Mrs. Major Averil	Special Days
<u>State Units</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Observers</u>
New South Wales	Ridge, Mrs. E.	Graham, Mrs. J.
	Ward, Brig. Mabel	Baker, Mrs. M.
A.C.T.	Adcock, Mrs. J.	Burmester, Mrs. R.
	Sullivan, Mrs. E.	Gray, Mrs. F.
Victoria	Dodds, Mrs. M.	Clack, Miss D.
	Wall, Mrs. M.	Reidy, Mrs. E.
Tasmania	Edwards, Mrs. R.	Brooks, Mrs. S.
	Dell, Mrs. Major O.	
South Australia	Chittleborough, Mrs. M.	Crawford, Mrs. M.
	Roberts, Mrs. J.	Tucker, Mrs. H.
West Australia	Liveris, Mrs. L.	
	Miller, Miss J.	
Queensland	Carroll, Mrs. M.	
	Doyle, Mrs. I.	
<u>Federal Organisations</u>		
Anglican	Hearn, Mrs. A.	
Churches of Christ	Hartam, Mrs. D.	
Salvation Army	Linnett, Comm. M.	Venables, Major J.
Uniting Church	Gillies, Mrs. G.	Elvery, Mrs. E.
Society of Friends	Edwards, Mrs. E.	
Greek Orthodox	Zervos, Mrs. A.	Fouras, Mrs. M.
A.C.C.	Miss E. Lobb	
	Miss J. Nelson	
<u>Invited Federal Organisations</u>		
Baptist Women's Fellowship	- Miss D. Clack	Miss D. Clack
Catholic Women's League	- Mrs. T. Hagan	Mrs. T. Hagan
Y.W.C.A.	- Mrs. J. Miller	Mrs. J. Miller
<u>Consultant</u>		
Women's World Day of Prayer - National Liaison Officer		Armstrong, Mrs. D.
Asian Church Women's Conference - National Representative		Ackland, Mrs. O.

PARTICIPANTS (Continued)

Queensland Invited Observers

Anglican

Churches of Christ

Catholic Women's League

Uniting Church

Salvation Army

Clarke, Mrs. V.

Willshire, Miss J.

McDonald, Mrs. D.

Florance, Mrs. M.

Young, Mrs. Major D.

Winifred Kick Scholar

Palang, Miss Valeri

Incoming National Executive

Haensel, Mrs. Dorothy

Crosby, Mrs. Pauline

Grealy, Mrs. Barbara

Pittman, Miss Margaret

Wright, Mrs. Dorothy

Middleton, Mrs. Jean

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— Glor - ious Lord. — — Em - man - uel, — — God is



with us, — Blessed Re - deem - er, — — Living Word. — —

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is with a deep sense of thankfulness and gratitude to God that I present this report of the National Executive of Australian Church Women for the past two years. When asked to be the National Secretary, I was very conscious of my shortcomings as I had only been connected with A.C.W. for a very brief time prior to that, but with God's help, and the prayers and consideration of all members of A.C.W., the work has been done and I know I speak on behalf of the members of Executive when I say that there were many times when we would have felt unable to fulfil our tasks, but for the awareness of His guidance and strengthening power.

Meetings have been held each month under the direction of our President, Mrs. Lena Meadows, who was able to lead us wisely from her experience and long-standing association with A.C.W. and, like all members of Executive, Lena is deeply involved with the activities of her church and community.

The various Conveners will be presenting reports later in this Conference, but the work done by each one cannot really be appreciated from the few words in their reports.

Our Winifred Kiek Scholar Convener - Mollie Jean Hunt, has perhaps had the most problems to be worked out, but in her own way she has taken all the frustrations and set-backs in her stride, and brought to us students of the calibre of Dr. Sushila Rao and Valeri Palang.

"Women at Work" has been faithfully attended to by Helen Trudgian, and anyone who has had to collect material for any publication, will know just what a chore this can be, but Helen seems to have come up with something interesting every month.

Our Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener, Ina Collard, in with her other big job of President of the Brisbane Youth Service, has done a very efficient job with F.L.C. and helped us all with her dedication.

"Special Days" Convener, Averil Whybird, has managed to procure the help of dedicated people to produce services of inspiration to help us in our worship on Fellowship Day and World Community Day, and we have all come to value her 'smile' which is ever present.

The member with one of the worst jobs, in my opinion at any rate, is our Treasurer Ailsa Skippen, but she has coped with the intricacies of our finances and always had a very clear balance sheet to present at each meeting.

Our Vice-Presidents, Val Clarke and Mary Carroll, have each had the responsibility of keeping contact with and arranging the Burma/Australia Prayer Partner scheme - and Publicity respectively and the graciousness of both has pervaded all their work.

We were very pleased in April 1984, to have been able to organise a tour to most States for Mrs. Eunice Kim, Executive Secretary for Asian Christian Women's Conference, as Winifred Kiek Travelling Fellow. All who met Eunice were captivated by her charm and sincerity of purpose. One of the things Eunice was able to do while in Australia was to meet the local committee in Adelaide organising the A.C.W.C. Assembly to be held there in August next year, and to be able to talk with them and help with the planning and she herself was able to see at first hand just where it would all be taking place. This Assembly is exciting for us all, and all Units are assisting in various ways so that it will be a time of great blessing and benefit for all who attend. As host country, we are entitled

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)

to four delegates and ten observers, and I am sure those privileged to attend will gain much from the experience. Mrs. Olive Ackland has been our National Representative on the Executive of A.C.W.C. and we thank her for the work she has done in this regard. Olive has been very much in our thoughts and prayers over recent months, with the death of her dear husband Laurie.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Catholic Women's League for allowing us to use their room for our monthly meetings (including their kitchen for necessary cups of tea and lunch). This sharing of facilities is appreciated.

I would like to thank all State Units, especially the State Secretaries, for their co-operation and their patience. I know I have made many friends on paper, and I look forward to cementing many of those friendships over the next few days. This is what I feel A.C.W. is all about - working together under the guidance of God towards the coming of His Kingdom on earth.

Working with my friends of the National Executive has been a most rewarding experience and I thank them for all their prayers, help and consideration at all times.

On their behalf I would extend to the incoming National Executive our very best wishes and assure them that -

"With God all things are possible".

Sheela Turner
Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting the Financial Report of the Australian Church Women for the year ending 30th June, 1985.

Considering the present economic situation, the following four year comparisons give an indication of the continuous support and generosity of all State Units.

	1981/82	1982/83	1983/8 4	1984/85
F.L.C.	\$ 15,767	16,832	17,834	19,656
W. C. Day	4,430	3,333	4,115	5,211
Fellowship Day	4,992	5,679	6,805	6,388

As mentioned by our Auditor, we need to increase the prices of our two publications, Circle of Prayer, and A.C.W.C. Bulletin. A recommendation that 80 cents plus postage for Circle of Prayer be charged by State Units on existing stock. The A.C.W.C. Bulletins are charged on U.S. Dollars, at A\$2.50 per annum to members; however with the devaluation of the Australian Dollar to 66.7 cents, this is now inadequate to cover costs. At present the postal charge of 80 cents per copy, to forward to country centres has to be paid by some State Units.

The \$6,000 Debenture Stock held with Custom Credit Holdings can be redeemed on 31/7/1985, but recommendations by the Auditor that we re-invest at 14% for two years on the current Prospectus. Our investment with C.B.F.C. of \$800 will be redeemed on 31/8/1985, and accredited to the various accounts for re-investment at a later date.

Interest for 1985 totalled \$ 3,924 .46 as shown on the balance sheet.

I have enjoyed my term of office, and extend my gratitude to Members of the Executive and State Units for their support and friendship.

My sincere thanks to our Auditor Mr. Jack Haffenden for his financial advice, and auditing our books for the past two years.

Ailsa Skippen
Treasurer.

MOTION that appreciation for the work of the Honorary Auditor be placed on record and that a small token of appreciation be presented to him.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1985

A. BANK RECONCILIATION as at 30th June, 1985

1/7/1984	Balance brought forward	\$	5,255 .79
	<u>Add</u> Receipts		52,887 .71
			<hr/> 58,143 .50
	<u>Less</u> Payments		53,552 .18
			<hr/> \$ 4,591 .32
30/6/1985	Balance as per Bank Statement	C/ forward	
	\$ 4,943 .87		
Less	352 .55	Unpresented Cheque No 189942	
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	\$ 4,591 .32		

B. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENT AND INTEREST RECEIVED DURING YEAR ENDED 30/6/1985

	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>Invested</u>	<u>INTEREST</u> <u>Received</u>
C/wealth Savings Investment Account No. 5001476	\$ 27,746 .51	\$ 2,474 .48
C.S.B. Cheque Account No. 901765	4,591 .32	101 .63
Petty Cash Imprest	160 .00	
Total	\$ 32,497 .83	

SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS

Aust. Govt Bonds Series 24 & 25	3,600 .00	502 .25
C/wealth Treasury Investment	2,400 .00	204 .00
C.B.F.C. Debenture Stock	800 .00	128 .00
C/wealth Bank Term Deposit	100 .00	12 .00
Custom Credit Holdings	6,000 .00	502 .10

Sub Total Specific Investments \$ 13,400 .00 \$ 3,924 .46

Total Investment, Cash at Bank and in hand 30/6/1985 (As K) \$ 45,897 .83

Total Interest received during year ended 30/6/1985 \$ 3,924 .46

C. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,077 .04
Winifred Kiek Memorial Bursary	245 .09
National Travel Fund	494 .90
Overseas Conference	510 .90
Administration & General	596 .53
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	\$ 3,924 .46

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NATIONAL CONFERENCE, AUGUST 1985

NOMINATIONS for DELEGATES to A.C.W.C. Assembly, 1986.

Four (4) to be elected.

- 2 ✓ ADCOCK, Mrs. Joan - A.C.T. - Profile as per "Who's Who"
- ✓ BANKS, Mrs. Helen - Vic. - Helen is a well-travelled and efficient woman who is most competent in discerning conference matters. (Attended the WCC in Vancouver).
- ✓ GREEN, Mrs. Capt. Lynette - Vic. - Lyn has been the alternate delegate to A.C.W.C. for the past 4 years.
- ✓ GREALY, Mrs. Barbara, S.A. - Profile as per "Who's Who".
- 3 ✓ HAENSEL, Mrs. Dorothy, S.A. - Profile as per "Who's Who".
- ✓ MEADOWS, Mrs. Lena, Q'land - Profile as per "Who's Who".
- ✓ WATTS, Mrs. Janet, W.A. - Janet is the Convener for F.L.C., a position she has held for a number of years. She attended the A.C.W. Conferences in Perth and Hobart. At present she is an Elder at the suburb of Girrawheen congregation of the Uniting Church. Served church as local preacher, parish councillor, member of synod standing committee. Janet is a widow of a Uniting Church minister, she has four children and four grandchildren. She is originally from Sth. Australia. Janet has an outgoing personality, and had a trip overseas in 1984.
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NOMINATIONS for OBSERVERS to A.C.W.C. Assembly, 1986.

Ten (10) to be elected.

- ✓ BARRIE, Miss Mary - S.A.
- ✓ BROOKS, Mrs. Shirley - Tas. - Profile as per "Who's Who".
- ✓ BIRCH, Mrs. Shirley - S.A.
- ✓ DREDGE, Mrs. Marj - S.A.
- ✓ EDWARDS, Revd. Lee - W.A. - Lee is a convener for special days on our committee. She is a Uniting Church Minister and has a large parish in Gosnells, a suburb of Perth. Lee is married and has five step children. She is a good speaker, and has a pleasant personality. Lee was also nominated as an outstanding woman leader for the Conference.
- ✓ NAPIER, Mrs. Margaret - W.A. - Margaret represents The Mothers' Union on the A.C.W. Committee, she is the immediate Past President of the Unit. She has held various positions in The Mothers' Union. Margaret is an elected member for the Como area in the South Perth district of local council, in local government. Margaret also has an outgoing personality, with her husband and three children she is involved in several sporting activities.
- ✓ ROBERTS, Mrs. Jean, S.A. - Profile as per "Who's Who".
- ✓ TUCKER, Mrs. Heather, S.A. - Profile as per "Who's Who".
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D. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance at 1/7/1984		\$ 34 .36
Receipts : Offerings & Donations		19,621 .93
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		\$ 19,656 .29
Payments:		
International Committee F.L.C.	\$ 18,280 .36	
Asian Church Women's Conference	393 .12	
Administration & General	982 .81	19,656 .29
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Balance at 30/6/1985		NIL

E. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNTS.

	<u>E 1</u> Memorial Bursary	<u>E 2</u> Fellowship Day	<u>E 3</u> Scholarship Fund
Balance at 1/7/1984	\$ 2,617. 09	\$ 31 .35	\$ 26,713 .90
Receipts & Offerings			
Canberra A.C.T.		178 .27	
West Australia		321 .65	
South Australia		1,025 .28	
Tasmania		261 .03	
N.S.Wales		1,685 .00	
Victoria		2,566 .00	
Queensland		275 .60	
Northern Territory		44 .70	
Investment Custom Credit			6,000 .00
Interest Received	245 .09		2,077 .04
Donations: Memorial Late Mrs. Stanhope	25 .00		
Donations to W.K.S/ship.			
N.S.Wales Unit			110 .00
Queensland Unit			26 .50
Q'ld. Women's World Day of Prayer			550 .00
Transfer from Fellowship Day			5,912 .51
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	\$ 2,887 .18	6,388 .88	41,389 .95
Less Payments:			
Investment Custom Credit			6,000 .00
Dr. Rao Books	200 .00		
Valeri Palang	8 .95		
Transfer to A.C.W.C.		158 .50	
" to Admin & Gen.		317 .87	
Transfer to W.K.S. Fund		5,912 .51	
Expenses W, Kiek S/ship			
Dr. Rao Travel, Board, fees.			1,715 .15
V. Palang Air Fares Board etc.			2,843 .00
Clothing P/Money, Insurance.			
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Balance at 30/6/1985	\$ 2,678 .23	NIL	\$ 30,831 .80

F. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY.

Balance at 1/7/1984	NIL
Receipts : Offerings	
West Australia	\$ 208 .80
South Australia	378 .30
Tasmania	246 .65
New South Wales	1,975 .00
Victoria	2,060 .00
Queensland	318 .17
Northern Territory	25 .00
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	\$ 5,211 .92

Less Payments	
A.C.C. "Housing for Tonga "	\$ 4,847 .09
A.C.W.C. Donation	104 .24
Transfer to Admin. & General	260 .59
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Balance at 30/6/85	\$ 5,211 .92

NIL

G. NATIONAL TRAVEL FUND.

Balance at 1/7/1984		\$ 2,228 .40
Receipts:		
N.S.W. Unit	\$ 147 .25	
Victoria	10 .65	
Queensland	438 .65	
Canberra A.C.T.	92 .85	689 .40
Interest Investments		494 .90
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		3,412 .70
Payments:		
West Australia	352 .55	
South Australia	35 .35	
Tasmania	66 .15	454 .05
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Balance 30/6/1985	\$	2,958 .65

H. OVERSEAS CONFERENCE.

Balance at 1/7/1984	\$ 1,912 .09
Receipts :	
Donation N.S.Wales Unit	150 .00
Invested Interest	510 .90
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Balance at 30/6/1985	\$ 2,572 .99

I. NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Balance at 1/7/1984	- \$ 50 .00 -
Receipts :	
Registrations April	80 .00
" May	810 .00
" June	1,245 .00
Transfer from Administration & General	<u>180 .00</u>
	\$ 2,265 .00
Payments :	
Printing Invitations	<u>61 .10</u>
Balance at 30/6/1985	\$ 2,263 .90

J. ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL.

Balance at 1/7/1984		\$ 3,958 .53
Receipts:		
Investments & Bank Interest		596 .53
A.C.W.C. Bulletins		275 .00
Circle of Prayer		495 .00
Donations; Postage		30 .05
Printing Leaflets		175 .00
A.C.W. Badges		227 .50
Transfer from Fellowship Day		317 .87
" " World Community Day		260 .59
" " F.L.C.		<u>982 .81</u>
		\$ 7,318 .88
Payments:		
Convenor's Expenses	\$ 665 ,68	
Postage, P/copy, etc.		
Women at Work	250 .00	
W.K.S. Leaflets	378 .00	
C.W.L. Rooms rent	110 .00	
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	322 .50	
Bank Draft charges	13 .40	
A.C.C. Subscriptions	33 .50	
Church Women United Subs.	22 .14	
Stationery, Ink, Stencils	80 .00	
Floral Tribute	21 .50	
Circle of Prayer Refund		
Overpaid Tasmania	60 .00	
F.L.C. Leaflets & A.C.W. "	192 .80	
Biggs & Co. Printing	280 .80	
Photo-copying	4 .00	
Revision of Constitution	37 .30	
Book Token for Auditor 1984	15 .00	
Transferred to Nat. Conference	<u>180 .00</u>	\$ 2,666 .62
Balance at 30/6/1985		\$ 4,652 .26

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1985

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BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS.

Fellowship of the Least Coin		Nil
Fellowship Day		Nil
World Community Day		Nil
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Memorial Bursary		2,678 .23
Winifred Kiek Scholarship		30,831 .80
National Travel Fund		2,958 .65
Overseas Conference		2,572 .99
National Conference		2,203 .90
Administration & General		4,652 .26
		\$ 45,897 .83

Above Balances are Represented as Follows:

Commonwealth Savings Investment Account	\$ 27,746 .51	
Commonwealth Government Bonds Series 24	3,600 .00	
" " 25	500 .00	
C'wealth Treasury Investments	2,400 .00	
C.B.F.C.	800 .00	
C.S.B. Term Deposit	100 .00	
Custom Credit Holdings	6,000 .00	
Petty Cash Imprest	160 .00	
C.S.B. Cheque Account	4,591 .32	\$ 45,897 .83

Auditor's Report to the Members of

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

I have examined the books, records, financial statements and vouchers of the Australian Church Womens' National Executive, and I am satisfied that they represent a true and correct account of the Financial transactions for the year ending 30th June, 1985.

In view of the present situation of the Australian Dollar against the American Dollar, serious consideration should be given to cost factors, arising from the publication and selling costs of Circle of Prayer and A.C.W.C. Bulletin. I understand these publications are printed overseas and sold to Australian Church Women members based on American Dollars.

In my opinion a more realistic charge should be made to your Members and such charge should take into consideration the exchange imbalance in the future, and the increase that has occurred in our Australian postal charges.

Brisbane
4/7/1985


E.J. Haffenden A.A.S.A.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

This world wide Fellowship has a marked influence on the lives of the women in almost every nation. The funds collected are very reminiscent of the "Widow's Mite" and when totalled the amount available for worthy causes is almost unbelievable. For over twenty-five years now, the "Least Coin" has meant that all women are on the same level and no-one is made to feel insignificant. This, in itself, is something very worthwhile.

Although the money is important, perhaps more emphasis could be placed on the "prayer" part of the giving. The prayers in the Circle of Prayer booklet are really very beautiful and representative of different creeds and cultures, making a very important contribution to everyday life. They serve to remind us that our sisters in all parts of this great world are bound together by this "Circle of Prayer".

Interest has been shown in all States in the F.L.C. and leaflets, labels and "Circles of Prayer" have been despatched throughout the year. Because of the difficulty in obtaining F.L.C. leaflets from India, the Victorian Unit had some printed and forwarded to the National Committee. Then it was decided to have more printed in Queensland thus ensuring a constant supply. This overcomes the delay in waiting for leaflets to arrive from India.

Submissions for grants from F.L.C. funds have been received from-
Nungalinga College, Darwin, \$4,336 for National Language
Literacy and Computer Facilities;
and from
The South Australian Unit for a grant towards A.C.W.C.
Assembly 1986 expenses.

These have been forwarded.

It has been a great pleasure to receive letters from the Conveners in all States and a bond of friendship has been forged, I feel.

I would like to thank Mrs. Fran Downes for her helpful guidelines, without which this task of F.L.C. Convener would have been much more difficult.

In answer to Mrs. Shanti Solomon's request for a report on how State Units promote the Fellowship, our President, Mrs. Lena Meadows, submitted a report and also added some suggestions for furthering interest in F.L.C. Lena is the State Convener for F.L.C. and works very hard in her promotion. This report was forwarded to Mrs. Solomon.

As we give our coins to the Fellowship let us remember the commandment that we love one another whatever our race, colour or creed and by our prayers may we bring understanding and peace to this unhappy world.

Ina Collard
Convener

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

The convenorship for this period has seen the arrival of two students.

Dr. Sushila Rao came from Madras in 1984 to study drug rehabilitation first with the Salvation Army Bridge Programme in Sydney, Morrissett and Canberra. Then with the co-operation of the State Bodies in planning and providing hospitality and transport, she proceeded to study and observe at hospitals and other drug-rehabilitation-related Centres in Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth and to speak to Australian Church Women and other groups as arranged. The National Committee was happy to be able to send Dr. Rao to West Australia, as with costs and distances always on our minds, they do miss out so often on the privilege of meeting the scholars. Dr. Rao impressed everyone she met and addressed with her Faith, and I am sure her education will be well applied. Sincere thanks to all Members and their friends who aided in the success of her tour.

Valeri Palang is now settled and doing well at Alcorn College in Brisbane. She is one of fourteen overseas students so although the only one from P.N.G. does not feel strange. Her courses are all oriented to the work she will do with the Women's Fellowships in New Britain. It is expected she will begin some deputation work in the June-July holidays.

The 1986 scholar has yet to be decided. After word that a student might be allowed to come from Burma, which is in the Area designated, the decision was delayed, as a break-through to that country, our Prayer Partner, would be wonderful. This is expected to be confirmed any day, and as there have been very few nominations received, your Convenor felt it advisable to await this news.

We have been thrilled to have had letters from several former students who are using their talents to further the work for which they studied; feedback is important in helping to know that the Scholarship and the work involved are worthwhile. Also, there are many with whom we have lost contact.

Mrs. Eunice Kim, Executive Secretary A.C.W.C. came to us as the 1984 Winifred Kiek Visiting Fellow and spoke to many groups on her position and also of the women in her native Korea and other countries involved in A.C.W.C.

The Winifred Kiek Funds provide an opportunity for a woman to come to us from another country each year, but it also allows us to share the Christianity brought to us by women of so many cultures.

Mollie Jean Hunt
Convenor

SPECIAL DAYS

Two special days - Fellowship Day and World Community Day, offer women of Australia opportunity to come together in worship to give practical expression of that unity of purpose we possess. We also have opportunity to reach to others as together we offer practical support to projects which assist others in situations of need overseas.

Planning for both special days in 1984 was well in hand when I accepted responsibility for these days from Mrs. Olive Ackland, in August 1983. I wish to thank Olive for the manner in which she made my task the easier by her thoroughness.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

The 1984 service was prepared by Mrs. Helen Banks, and was adapted from the closing worship of the Sixth Assembly of The World Council of Churches held in Vancouver in 1983. Helen was a Churches of Christ Delegate to the Assembly. The theme for Fellowship Day 1984 was "LIFE TOGETHER".

The 1985 service was prepared by the Anglican Mothers' Union of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, under the theme "UNITED IN PRAYER". The Lord's Prayer was the centre of the planning for this service.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Mrs. Lola Mavor and Florence Spurling prepared a service using inclusive language for the 1984 Community Day Service. Taking the theme "WE ARE ONE" emphasis was given to the fact that people different from us or whose expression of faith is different from ours can still be one in Fellowship and Service.

The project chosen for 1984 was the housing programme in the Kingdom of Tonga undertaken by the Australian Council of Churches. This programme assists poor, who were affected by a cyclone in 1982 to gain housing.

The 1985 Service has been prepared by the New South Wales Unit of A.C.W. and their chosen theme is "God's Children" in keeping with International Youth Year.

The programme for 1985 Community Day is to support a previous Winifred Kiek Scholar who works among disadvantaged children and women in India.

Planning for 1986 Fellowship Day is in hand and Mrs. Margaret Knauerhouse of S.A. Unit has been asked to prepare this, the theme being "THE COMMITTED LIFE".

It has been my privilege to work with the Ladies of the National Executive here in Brisbane. I express my grateful thanks to those who have so thoroughly prepared the services while I have been convener and to the State Units for their acceptance of these services.

I am sure that these Special Days add to our Fellowship as we share with each other throughout Australia, and I am thoroughly convinced that these help those who prepare the services, those who participate and those who receive support in practical measure through our united giving.

Averil M. Whybird
Mrs. Major
Convener

AUSTRALIA/BURMA PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

It was decided at the National Conference Meeting in 1983 to continue the Australia/Burma Prayer Partnership commenced in 1981.

The monthly schedule set has worked well, each Unit doing their utmost to find interesting Speakers and news of Burma to increase their knowledge of the country and it's People and so make their prayers more meaningful.

Some Units were fortunate to be able to have Apeakers who had visited Burma recently and so had first hand news. To share this with all Units reports have been faithfully sent and these have been printed in "Women at Work".

It has been disappointing that although many letters have been written to Daw Myi Kyi, Convener for the Australia/Burma Prayer Partnership in Burma, we do not know if these have been received as there has not been any communication from Burma. We realize this may not have been possible and so must make us all more aware of the need for our Prayers.

The Australian Capital Territory Unit were able to make two contacts during this year and were able to assist one family in a small way.

I believe the Aim and Hope for the Australia/Burma Prayer Partnership is being fulfilled. Caring, Praying and thinking of others must be a very real strength to ourselves and those we pray for.

May this Prayer Partnership continue to enrich the lives of those who share in it.

Val Clarke
Convener.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Publicity was sent with Minutes from National Secretary to all States.

Good coverage has already been given by the Catholic Leader. This is a Queensland weekly newspaper sold in all States.

Radio and television stations have been contacted.

In quite a few States members have been asked to speak at different churches to explain the work of Australian Church Women. It is felt that this is indeed a step forward to have our work more widely known.

Mary Carroll
Convener.

WOMEN AT WORK

As I present this report, I give thanks to God for His constant presence during my two years of office.

"Women at Work" has been prepared monthly, except at the beginning and end of each year, so members have received ten issues a year.

When I became convener, it was decided to change the format a little, and the paper has been presented as a single folded sheet with reduced type. The reducing and photocopying were done by the Churches of Christ Social Service Department, and I am grateful for their assistance. My thanks also go to our Secretary, Mrs. Sheela Turner, who has parcelled the newsletters and posted them to their various recipients.

As far as possible, news items have been obtained from State Units through their representatives. Many Units have sent copy regularly, and have made my task simple and interesting. Other items have come from individual members, and I have frequently made use of articles published by World Vision, World Council of Churches and other World Christian Organisations, as well as paragraphs from denominational papers and even newspapers. As Christian women, we ought to be aware of the needs and concerns of the world, and sensitive to the joys and miseries of the world community.

I thank you all for the privilege you have given me of serving you as convener of Women at Work. I pray that you will give the incoming convener the support you have given me.

Helen Trudgian
Convener

STATE UNIT REPORTSNEW SOUTH WALES

In retrospect the past two years has been one of expansion and activity in the N.S.W. Unit. The promotion of the aims and purpose of Australian Church Women has resulted in the formation of seventeen new branches, eleven in the City and six in the country.

Increased attendances and offerings at the two special day services has been the outcome of this growth as well as providing the opportunity for ecumenical fellowship to more women of each denomination.

The ever widening network of interest in the Fellowship of the Least Coin is emerging throughout our State due to the hard work of the convener and members of the Executive. Leaflets have been widely circulated, and slides with script have been available on request from the convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

All groups that subscribe to F.L.C. are being invited to hold A.C.W. services, and in this way we trust they will feel part of A.C.W. fellowship.

During the March council meeting each year we realise more than ever that 'In Christ there is no East or West', as we pray for our sisters in that closed society of Burma. A Burmese student from the Baptist College, Mary Cloti Thong spoke to us of the difficulties she encountered when leaving her country in 1984. This year we were privileged to have as speaker, Miss A. Gulliver, a past missionary and nurse in Burma during pre-war days and after. Miss Gulliver presented to us a Church which she describes as a 'Running Church', although poor materially, they are spiritually strong.

OVERSEAS VISITORS - Hospitality during the Christmas of 1983 was extended to Catherine Min, Winifred Kiek Scholar by members of the Executive. The short visit of Mrs. Eunice Kim, Travelling Fellow of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, was an inspiration to the council members who shared a few hours with her on a harbour cruise and over lunch in the Botanical Gardens. Dr. Sushila Rao of Madras, Winifred Kiek Scholar 1984, made the most of every opportunity to study alcoholism and drug abuse at the William Booth Institute, Sydney and other centres. The doctor is the first W.K.S. to undertake a course of this nature.

SOCIAL CONCERN - Owing to the rapid infiltration of X and R rated pornography, we were alerted by a country branch to send our protest to the government. A letter was sent to the Premier of N.S.W. as well as to the Attorney General of the Federal Government, voicing our sentiments on this social problem.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE - The invitation to prepare this special service in International Youth Year was duly accepted by the members of the executive. The theme, 'God's Children' is significant, and an order of service has been carefully arranged surrounding this topic by the president, Mrs. Edith Ridge. Contributions by various members of the council have been incorporated including the artistic work on the cover by Mrs. Lucille King.

PERSONAL - A donation was forwarded to the Memorial Library in honour of Life Members, Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope whose sudden passing brought a sense of loss to members of N.S.W. Unit.

NEW SOUTH WALES (Continued)

LIFE MEMBER - Mrs. Lt. Colonel Edna Baker's name has been added to the honour roll of Life Members for her service and enthusiasm during a number of years, when she served as President, Secretary and Executive member.

Australian Church Women incites us to "Serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind". 1 Chron. 28:9.

Mabel Ward
Secretary

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

The biennial period 1983-85 has been one of expansion for A.C.T. Unit, the aims of Australian Church Women becoming more widely known in the community.

Under the capable Presidency of Mrs. Joan Adcock the Unit is comprised of delegates representing thirtyfive affiliated church womens' groups.

Our Constitution was amended in March 1985 to provide for the bestowal of Life Membership.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARS - In December 1983 members were delighted to have opportunity to meet the 1983 Winifred Kiek Scholar Miss Catherine Min, from Korea, during her brief visit to Canberra.

During August 1984 Dr. Sushila Rao, the 1984 Winifred Kiek Scholar, spent two weeks in Canberra working with the Salvation Army Mancare Unit. Opportunity was taken to entertain Dr. Rao at afternoon tea attended by thirty members.

SPECIAL DAYS - Special Days services were held in three locations - Canberra City, and in the newer areas of Tuggeranong and Belconnen. The Unit is indebted to the members of the various affiliates who so willingly undertook the responsibility of arranging and hosting these services in each area. Attendances increased markedly during the period under review.

Fellowship Day 1983 services were held at

- (1) 11a.m. Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston, A.C.T., presented by members of Canberra Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship, who afterwards hosted a soup and sandwich luncheon in the adjoining hall.
- (2) 11a.m. Church of Christ, Lyons, A.C.T., presented by Tuggeranong sub-committee of A.C.T. Unit.
- (3) 8 p.m. Churches Centre, Belconnen, hosted by Holy Covenant Anglican Women.

Fellowship Day 1984 services were held at

- (1) 11a.m. Wattle Park Uniting Church, presented by members of Wattle Park Uniting Church Womens' Fellowship, who afterwards hosted a soup and sandwich lunch. N.B. Wattle Park Church is an historic old building situated on the A.C.T./N.S.W. border at Hall. The service attracted a large attendance of ladies from the Belconnen - inner Canberra areas.
- (2) 11a.m. Salvation Army Hall, Tuggeranong, hosted by Salvation Army Home League.

World Community Day 1983

- (1) 11a.m. St. James Uniting Church, Curtin A.C.T. presented by St. James Uniting Church Women's Fellowship who earlier served morning tea to those present.
- (2) Evening Services were held at Belconnen and Tuggeranong.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (Continued)

World Community Day 1984

- (1) 11a.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest, A.C.T. presented by members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women's Association.
- (2) 8 p.m. Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Belconnen hosted by Holy Covenant Anglican Women.
- (3) 8p.m. Salvation Army Hall, Teggeranong, hosted by St. Stephen's Anglican Women.

Meeting together socially at morning tea, supper, or over luncheon at Special Day Services has become traditional in A.C.T. Unit. The contact added meaning to the concept of ecumenical fellowship, and at the same time benefitted Unit funds.

Women's World Day of Prayer, 1984. Three services were held in Canberra and all were well attended.

Women's World Day of Prayer, 1985. Four services were held in Canberra, and it is worthy of note that the fourth service comprised a group of 30 Tongans who followed the service in their native language.

Burma Prayer Partners. April was Prayer month for A.C.T. Unit when members made a special effort to pray for our sisters in Burma. One family was assisted in a small way, and correspondence has been maintained with another lady.

In conclusion we acknowledge with appreciation the efforts of the retiring National Executive. It has been a pleasure to work with them over the past two years.

Evonne R. Sullivan A.M.
Honorary Secretary.

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VICTORIA

PROGRAMME - During the year 1983/84 guest speakers at our Council meetings were all involved in Christian outreach in tertiary establishments. We became more aware of the needs of young people and of their genuine search for meaning and purpose to their lives. Speakers in the past year, 1984/85 covered a variety of subjects. Dr. Rao, our 1984 Winifred Kiek Scholar, told her story; Deaconess Frances McKechnie spoke about her attendance at the Christian Women United Assembly in the U.S.A.; local A.C.W. Groups reported on their activities; Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam focused our thoughts on Asia with emphasis on Burma; Miss Meg Montague explained her work in the Women's Policy Co-ordination Unit in the Premier's Department and Dr. Cliff Wright spoke on Youth and the Family.

Attendances have been encouraging (averaging 40) and a happy atmosphere is always evident.

The "Area of Concern" continues to give each of the six denominations involved in the Victorian Unit, an opportunity to share concerns and inform us on current projects.

ITEMS OF INTEREST - It was great to meet Mrs. Eunice Kim, our W.K. travelling scholar and secretary of A.C.W.C. She was able to attend the Churches of Christ Women's Conference, the Women's World Day of Prayer Reports Day (Eunice is involved with W.W.D.P. in Korea) and a reception at St. Mark's Camberwell.

Dr. Rao observed the work at Coonil Private Hospital and visited several institutions for alcoholics and drug dependents. She also spoke at various meetings about her work and life in India.

VICTORIA (Continued)

About 100 ladies and a few gentlemen attended a fund-raising film luncheon.

An A.C.W. Information Day was held in Melbourne in November, 1983, and 140 ladies were introduced to the purpose and workings of A.C.W., F.L.C., and the W.K.S. A similar day was held in Geelong in June 1984, when 60 were present.

The "Quiet Day" has become an annual event. It is a day of meditation, sharing and prayer and has proved to be most worthwhile.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day throughout the State continue to be well attended although we feel further publicity would be beneficial.

Two of our Executive have attended meetings arranged by the Catholic Women's League about Victorian Government Legislation relating to prostitution and the establishment of brothels. We have supported the submissions to the Government made by the Catholic Women's League and the National Council of Women on the subject of prostitution.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS -

The work of our Presidents, Mrs. Marion Himbury and Mrs. Olive Ackland, has been greatly appreciated. They are both gracious, caring Christians who have contributed in their own special way to the progress and conviviality of the Unit.

Miss Dorothy Fry completed six years as our Secretary in June, 1984. Her great concern for ecumenical matters was seen in her work and we thank her for a job well done.

Mrs. Margaret Wall has been our hard-working Treasurer for 5 years and we wish her well as our Vice-President.

Mrs. Daphne Ashlin has been a tremendous Assistant Secretary. Her loving support of the Secretary has been invaluable and she will be missed by all.

The various talents of our Council and Executive members work together to make a harmonious team and we look forward to further fellowship and opportunities of service in the years ahead.

Marion Dodds
Secretary.

TASMANIA

Once again it has been a busy and rewarding year for women throughout the State who join together for Worship and Fellowship in the name of Australian Church Women, and this year I feel we have achieved to some measure, our Aim, "That we commit ourselves to making our organisation and it's projects better known to the women in our local churches and throughout the State".

It has been a great thrill to know that our Special day meetings have been commenced at Smithton and that interest is also being shown at Wynyard. We thank Marie Hewitt for opening up the work of A.C.W. in this area, and pray God will continue to use her in this way.

The Launceston branch has also had a very busy year and is the strongest in the State, and just recently they took a bus load of ladies through to Cornwall to meet in Fellowship with ladies there who had expressed a desire to learn more about A.C.W. for this we give the Launceston Branch our sincere thanks, and trust they will continue to grow sharing their love of the Lord with other groups in Launceston.

TASMANIA (Continued)

We are extremely pleased to be able to announce that the Hobart branch has officially been reformed, and is now under the leadership of Mrs. Olive Dell of the Salvation Army, and becoming very much alive again, but we must not forget those faithful few who have been carrying on the work over the past few years, and I personally take this opportunity to thank these ladies, as they have opened their homes on various occasions for visiting guests to the State, and trust they will continue to support Olive and enjoy the blessings we all receive from meeting together as A.C.W.

FELLOWSHIP DAY was celebrated in Launceston, Hobart, Burnie, Devonport, Ulverstone, Queenstown, Smithton and the Eastern Shore, all reported good attendances, and much blessing from this service.

COMMUNITY DAY was also held in Launceston, Hobart, Burnie, Devonport, Smithton and the Eastern Shore, good attendances reported at this service.

VISIT OF DR. RAO we thank the Hobart ladies for arranging a luncheon at Marie Price's home at short notice where a most enjoyable time was had. Shirley Brooks opened her home at Launceston for a luncheon, where 30 ladies attended, including 4 from the Coast. All ladies who were able to meet Dr. Rao thoroughly enjoyed her visit and were very impressed with her message she shared with them.

VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAHY. The A.C.W. of Tasmania have been very vocal in this area this year in their criticism of these two very important subjects, and we feel we have to some measure been successful as we have been instrumental in having these subjects discussed at National Level, and taken up by the T.C.C. in Tasmania.

We do sincerely thank Marie Price for her time and effort she has put into these projects to keep us up to date as to what is going on, also for the Roster she has had drawn up for the Churches to take turn about to watch T.V. programmes and report back to the Stations their criticisms or praise of any of these programmes. May we continue to be vigilant in these matters.

It is pleasing to note that the Fellowship of the Least Coin is still a growing contact with so many Churches throughout the State. Anyone wishing for information about this Marie Price now has plenty of literature on this subject.

TRADITIONS - It has been a great joy to share the Traditions of some of the denominations at our Executive meetings. This has enabled each of us to understand the others views, and we look forward to continuing this in the coming year.

I personally thank Jan Easter who has carried on as Secretary this year even though she wished to resign at the last Annual meeting. This has meant an extra work load she has had to carry, as she is now working full time, we do appreciate all the time she has given us, and trust God will continue to use her in her every day work.

I trust that the Branches have taken notice of my warning that unless we have a nomination at this Annual meeting for a Secretary we will have to close, and that I feel would be a catastrophe as we are making our presence felt very much in the State.

In closing I do thank all the Executive for being behind me and bearing with me over the past year, and as we commence a new year under a new President may the following words be true:

"Our strength is in the Lord
and daily we ask His guidance,
that all our works
will be to His purpose".

Gwenda Burt
President.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA UNIT

Under the leadership of President, Margaret Chittleborough, the tone of meetings has been one of co-operation, love and common purpose. There has been a sense of achievement through the increasing activities of regular meetings, visits to other organisations and fellowship groups, corporate worship exchanges, community concern luncheons, and preparations for our involvement in South Australia's Jubilee 150 celebrations. All of which encourages us to expand our interests and our image, and we look forward to a time ahead of still greater achievement for the work and witness of Australian Church Women.

Unit Activities:

Some of our work has been domestic. A sub-committee of the S.A. Unit has prepared a revision of the National Constitution of A.C.W. Work has begun on a Jubilee Pageant to celebrate our Unit's 50th birthday in 1986.

We continue to send representatives to: I.V.F. Seminars, National Council of Women, Bible Society, Women's Information Switchboard, U.N. Status of Women, W.W.D. Prayer, S.A. Council of Churches and the newly formed National Women's Consultative Council of S.A. Those relevant areas affecting A.C.W. are taken up as representatives report back to our meetings.

Much more contact has been made with churches in the metropolitan areas. We have provided speakers on 20 occasions to speak about the work and purpose of A.C.W., F.L.C. and Jubilee 150 Celebrations.

Our "corporate worship" is becoming a regular part of our calendar. We have worshipped with a different member of Executive in her parish church with her family and "church family", staying for fellowship and food afterwards with the congregation. Husbands and families have enjoyed joining us on these occasions.

Some further forward planning has been done in preparation for the A.C.W.C. 8th Assembly which will be held in Adelaide from Aug. 24th to 29th 1986, at Annesley College. A special sub-committee was formed from the Unit to plan for possible travel arrangements, accommodation, venues and the many details requiring attention to ensure our Asian visitors enjoy their time with us in Australia.

"Operation Bedsocks" has been launched to ensure that the women from Asia can have the benefit of foot warmers to assist with their comfort at Annesley College.

Through our Unit meetings we have maintained an active interest in the following areas: Women's Shelters, I.V.F. and A.I.D. programmes, "Letters for Peace" project sponsored by the United Nations Assn. of Australia, "Echos of the Seminar" presented by members of the U.C.A. Synod for Fellowships from the South Pacific Area Seminar for the World Federation of Methodist Women, the theme of which was "Faith, Development and Peace", Focus on Burma, and Bible Studies on "Jesus Christ the Light of the World" led by Rev. Anna Catlin, and Rev. Canon Chittleborough led a study on "Unity".

Special Guest. Mrs. Eunice Kim was welcomed with a luncheon in April last year when she came to Adelaide to review the possibilities of A.C.W.C. holding their 8th Assembly in Adelaide if the invitation extended to them was accepted by their Executive. While here, Eunice was interviewed on the Channel 10 "Touch of Elegance" programme.

W.K.S. Scholar. Catherine Min arrived in May 1983, to commence her studies at St. Barnabas College, Belair. Although her English was not fluent when she arrived she made good progress in this area very quickly after she settled into her studies. Blank tapes were made available to her to play back lectures, and so be able to absorb them at her own pace.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Continued)

During 1983, fifteen Fellowship Day services were held at various centres, including the city service at Pilgrim Church. Offerings, donations, sales of "Winifred" and Hong Kong goods totalled \$1,366, an all time high for S.A.

Dr. Sushila Rao, the 1984 Scholar spent a week in Adelaide on her way home to India. Sushila was invited to several centres for the rehabilitation of Drugs and Alcohol. An afternoon was arranged for Unit members to meet her, and she was invited to speak at a "corporate worship service at the Dulwich/Rose Park United Church.

Last year Fellowship Day services were held at sixteen centres. F.L.C. A grant from the International Fund was made available to the Vietnamese Refugee Assn. in 1983 for assistance in Counselling and Rehabilitation. A house was made available from which they could base their activities.

In 1984 a grant was received for the Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress. The grant of \$3,000 has been used to establish the Congress, to support a ministry at Robinvale in Victoria, and in part, to help supplement the income of Erica Kyle who has an outreach work on Palm Island, Queensland, where she works with the women there and encourages them to organise their own lives and those of their families. World Community Day services were held at eight centres including the city. The many speaking appointments received we feel greatly helped in promoting F.L.C. to interested groups, including one men's group.

Community Concern luncheons are always a highlight of our year's work. The chosen concern for 1983 was the Cambodian Assn. of S.A. which was well supported at the eleven luncheons held. The presence of the Cambodians, sometimes in colourful costumes, sometimes making music with their own hand tooled instruments was a feature of most of the luncheons. The record sum of \$2,800 was presented to the Cambodian Assn. The Community Concern support for 1984 was our own "S.A. Church Women's Jubilee 150 Trust". The luncheons, totalling fourteen in all, served as an excellent advertising medium for the Trust. The prime purpose of our luncheons is to support a chosen "concern" within the community, and while our grand total of \$2,860.60 was to be commended, the secondary benefit of ecumenical fellowship cannot be measured.

Jubilee 150. 1983 was involvement in a more concrete form of the dreams and ideas that began as suggested action earlier. Our particular remembrance of pioneer Christian women is to be in the form of a "Trust", the interest from which will provide assistance to disadvantaged women from time to time, depending on the amount raised for investment. The main way of raising funds is through the production of a book, simply titled, "Commemorating Church Women of S.A.", wherein will be recorded names, and a short history of women to be remembered and honoured in this way. A minimum of \$5 donation will accompany each entry which will be entered in a beautifully hand written, hand tooled, leather covered book (featuring S.A. motifs in relief) and special archival paper which, we are told, will last for 500 years. When the book is completed, with approximately 2,000 entries, it will be housed in a glass case and will be on show around the churches of Adelaide, and finally be placed in the State Library.

A "Calendar of Church Events" is another project of our Jubilee 150 sub-committee. This will be helpful to local churches in their planning.

A Thanksgiving Service will also be a feature of our State celebrations and is being planned in conjunction with the Heads of Churches.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Continued)

S.A. Unit's 50 Birthday, also in 1986, is cause for a double celebration and the special "Pageant" to be presented on the 16th May next year will portray women in the churches from the inception of our State, and the beginnings of "Women's United Church Ass.", later to become "Women's Interchurch Council", and later still, S.A. Unit of Australian Church Women. Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase has written the short plays, words for the music and suggested dances, and all denominations associated with the S.A. Unit will be taking part.

A special souvenir spoon will be available during our Jubilee 150 celebrations.

Burma Prayer Partners Our members continue to write to Burmese women, and although there is little response it is felt to be important to continue to try to keep some contact. Our September Unit meeting last year took the form of a "Focus on Burma" with Mrs. Betty Helm, wife of the minister at the Knightsbridge Baptist Church in S.A. who has spent some time in Burma speaking about her impressions, and concerns for the Burmese people.

Gratitude is expressed to members who have worked, worshipped and shared common interests together in promoting the activities of our Unit.

Margaret Chittleborough
President

Jean Roberts
Secretary

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WEST AUSTRALIA UNIT

Our Unit has representatives from: Anglican, Uniting, Salvation Army, and Greek Orthodox Churches. The Y.W.C.A. is also a member body. Associate members from Churches of Christ, Roman Catholics represented by Catholic Women's League and Majellan Group.

We were saddened in October 1983 by the death of our Treasurer Mrs. Jean Banyard after much suffering. Jean with the help of her husband carried out her duties right up to the time of her death. Jean was National Treasurer when the Conference was held in W.A. Earlier in the year another of our stalwarts, Mrs. Nell Reynolds also went to her eternal reward.

During 1983/84 our President was Mrs. Margaret Napier, we appreciated Margaret's capable and cheerful leadership during this period. Mrs. Leonie Liveris is our present President.

We were very pleased to welcome Eunice Kim to our state, the weather was perfect for her various outings. We learnt a lot from Eunice and hope she did from us.

We must extend our thanks to the National Committee for making it possible for Dr. Sushila Rao to visit W.A., it is some time since a Winifred Kiek Scholar had visited our Unit. Sushila was tired by the time she reached us and had a relaxed time, sight seeing, she really enjoyed exploring some caves. Sushila did speak on two occasions, she also had some distant relations in Perth. After some panic we were able to get her on the flight she wanted to Singapore. Sushila will remain in our thoughts for some time.

SPECIAL DAYS.

Our convener Mrs. Vera Wilson has worked very hard to ensure that Fellowship Day and World Community Day have been most successful, services were held in City Churches, also suburban and country areas. These days really reflect the Ecumenical spirit, we have most enjoyable lunches following these services.

WEST AUSTRALIA (continued)

Australia/Burma prayer partnership, it is difficult to contact these people, it is also hard to find local speakers, so we continue to pray for the spiritual and welfare of the Burmese.

F.L.C. Convener, Janet Watts continues her enthusiastic and faithful work. F.L.C. is growing in interest and numbers. Janet also enjoyed an overseas trip during 1984 where she also made some contacts for F.L.C.

Our Unit has representatives on the National Council of Women, Women's World Day of Prayer (our member Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock is State Secretary), an observer on the W.A. Council of Churches. We are also represented at special functions of church and women's organisations by the President and Secretary.

Mrs. Margaret Napier is an elected Councillor to Como Ward in local Government. Miss Glad. Locke received Life Membership of the State council of the Y.W.C.A., Glad. was our first President and is still a member of the committee. Mrs. Leonie Liveris is President of the W.A. Council of Churches.

Other Officers elected for 1985:-

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Doreen Gibson, Mrs. Vera Wilson.

Hon. Secretary - Miss Joan Miller

Hon. Treasurer - Leila Lady Wilson

Convener Special Days - Revd. Lee Edwards

Convener F.L.C. - Mrs. Janet Watts

Our thanks to the Queensland Unit and National Executive for their work and dedication during their term of office.

We give thanks to the Lord for His guidance.

Joan Miller

Hon. Secretary

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NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory Unit of A.C.W. regrets they are unable to have a delegate at the National Conference this year, but we wish to inform our Sisters that we will be praying for the success of the Conference.

We have had the sadness of losing two members of our Unit to cancer, Mrs. Jeannie Harvey and Mrs. Wilma Fallon - May they rest in peace.

During the last two years we were fortunate to host visitors from overseas. The visit of Mrs. Sydney Macaphee-Brown, an ordained Minister and lecturer in Early Childhood, was an open forum and her topic was the Role of Women in the Church, home and Community. It was a very lively meeting with lots of discussion. The second visitor was the Rev. Sun Ai Park, a Korean Nationalist and an ordained Minister in the Disciple Church of America. She spoke on feminist theology and the difficulties she had encountered being recognised as a Minister in her own right.

We had a Garden Party prior to the Fellowship Day Service in 1984, and we had as our guests two Aboriginal women from Bathurst Island. We had them in Darwin for the weekend, and showed them around the resources we have here. They are keen to commence a Women's Centre on Bathurst Island.

This year's Service is being planned to coincide with a visit from Brisbane of about 40 members of The Mothers' Union.

NORTHERN TERRITORY (Continued)

The World Day of Prayer Service for 1984 and 1985 were both well attended. This year as it had been prepared by the All India Council of Christian Women, we asked our Indian friends to share with us and they prepared the supper of Indian savouries and sweetmeats.

Through our leadership grant from F.L.C. we have been able to assist women to undertake courses. They have all benefited from the grants. We were very grateful that we were given this money by F.L.C. and that we have been able to distribute it so widely.

In closing my report I would like to thank the National Executive for the work they have done so well during their term of office, and I wish each one of you the peace and love that comes with sharing together in the work of the Lord.

Judith Cooper
President

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QUEENSLAND

Women from five denominations, representatives from Y.W.C.A. and Women's World Day of Prayer and Associate Members attend our monthly meetings. Rockhampton and Bundaberg branches work well together to promote the work in their area. The love and concern all members have for one another portray the Aims of Australian Church Women.

Visits have recently been made to Beaudesert and the South Coast, we are hoping to interest women in those areas in A.C.W.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY AND FELLOWSHIP DAYS - are held in one City church, also in three suburban areas. Eighteen Country centres also hold services, excellent speakers, choirs and the beauty of the Order of Service all help to make these wonderful times of sharing together. The fellowship enjoyed after the service is always very "Special". Reports from all services held throughout the State indicate that women are breaking down the walls of denominations as we worship and share on Fellowship and Community Days.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR - Catherine Min had the opportunity to meet all Unit members and many Mothers' Union members during her visit to Brisbane. Her hostesses made sure she saw much of Brisbane and the North and South coasts.

We are happy to have the 1985 scholar studying at Alcorn College in Brisbane. Valeri Palang is a delightful person and has chosen her subjects well, so that her studies will be a great help to her work in her own country. Valeri attended our April Unit meeting and told members about her work and life at home.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN - has been promoted very enthusiastically by Mrs. Lena Meadows as she travels throughout the State speaking to women and encouraging them to take part in this great movement of prayer.

AUSTRALIA/BURMA PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - Information days have been held so members can learn more about Burma, making our prayers more meaningful. Our month has been observed each year with Prayer and a Special Service.

PROMOTION - A committee to discuss the future and the promotion of A.C.W. was formed in October 1983.

One result from this was the organising of the City Services, this to be done by a committee from all the City churches, formerly this was undertaken by the Queensland Unit. This has proved successful as more members of City churches have become involved, and attendances at City services are improving.

QUEENSLAND (Continued)

The committee also decided to have an information kit for our Queensland Unit. We hope these will inform interested women of the Aims of Australian Church Women and so encourage them to take part.

EUNICE KIM'S VISIT - A morning tea and luncheon was arranged to welcome Mrs. Kim to Brisbane. This was attended by 80 ladies from all churches. They enjoyed hearing from Mrs. Kim about her country and A.C.W.C. Mrs. Kim enjoyed her visit and it was a great joy for us to be with her. We were sorry our weather was not "Typical Queensland" as many ladies could not attend because of this.

LIFE MEMBER - Mrs. Jessie Dennis accepted Life Membership in the Queensland Unit at the 1984 Annual Meeting. Jessie has been a loyal member for more than 30 years and has made a tremendous contribution to Australian Church Women in Brisbane.

GENERAL - It was with regret we said "Goodbye" to our Secretary, Ruth Potter, in December 1984. Ruth's husband, the Rev. Ron Potter accepted a call to an A.C.T. Church. We record our "Thanks" to Ruth for all her help.

In conclusion we thank our group of Queensland women who accepted the responsibility of the National Executive for the past two years.

We look forward with Faith and Trust to the future, hoping to extend the Aims of Australian Church Women in Queensland.

Val Clarke
Acting Secretary.

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REPORTSFEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONSANGLICAN

Anglican Women of Australia creates a sense of common purpose and co-operation between the women's organisations within the Anglican Church. "Anglican Women" aims to work toward the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Worship, Study, Service, Fellowship and Giving. It officially began in 1966, but it existed in some dioceses before that time (Newcastle Diocese in 1960).

Membership is open to all women who wish to serve the Anglican church. The first tri-ennial Australian meeting was held in Newcastle in 1982 and the second will take place in Sale, in Gippsland diocese, October 28-31 this year. An Australian Newsletter, representing the work of Australian Women's organisations in the 24 Australian Diocese, is produced and circulated annually.

Reports of the work of women's organisations within the Anglican Church follow:-

Women's Auxiliary of Australian Board of Missions - This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the W.A. of A.B.M. This occasion is being celebrated in many ways in 1985 but two need highlighting the launching of a book of the History of the Women's Auxiliary, "Workers Together"; the other occasion is the meeting together of representatives of all of the eighteen affiliated Dioceses in Sydney in October in a Conference - a first for many years. Each year the Women's Auxiliary supports a Special Project in addition to the support of the A.B.M. Budget. For 1983-84 this project was the building of a Lay Evangelists College at Tsendiap in the Lower Jimi Valley in Papua New Guinea. This year's project is support of the work of Bro. Gilbert Sinden in Jerusalem. In all there are over 650 groups of women throughout the Australian Church working together through the Auxiliary of the A.B.M. Mrs. Barbara Biggs of Tasmania is Commonwealth President.

The Mothers' Union - M.U. in Australia has over 14,000 members witnessing to the Church's concern with marriage and Christian Family Life. Her Majesty the Queen, as Queen of Australia, last year graciously consented to be Patron. The work of M.U. is carried on through its Departments of Literature and Resource - Social Responsibilities - Overseas and Links - Caritas (formerly Young Members Dept.) - Education - Magazine Mia Mia - central to all activities, - the Prayer Department. Last year M.U. had a Year of Prayer for Peace and all members supported this enthusiastically with special prayers and programmes.

The past two years have seen a wider interest in the South Pacific as an area of work with M.U. and the Diocese of Melanesia has been added to the Northern Outreach Fund. From this Fund an amount of \$23,750 was distributed over the last two years amongst the northern Dioceses of Carpentaria, N.W. Australia, Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Melanesia. Australia was represented at a South Pacific Consultation in 1983 as a result of which Mrs. Dora Ho'ota of Honiara has been appointed as South Pacific Worker/Trainee for this area and will commence training in Brisbane this year. Overseas contributions amounting to \$11,719 were sent to the Diocese of Burma and Central Tanganyika.

The M.U. "Message Home" is now operating in the dioceses of North Queensland, Brisbane, Grafton, Adelaide, Sydney and Northern Territory (the last three through Government sources but following lines begun by M.U.).

Mrs. Margot Sanders of Nambucca Heads is Commonwealth President.

ANGLICAN REPORT (Continued)

Girls' Friendly Society - The G.F.S. operates in most Dioceses throughout Australia with Juniors from 7-10 years and members 11 years and over. Approximately 700 women are involved as branch leaders and also Townsend Members 18 years and over. In 1984 twenty six Australian leaders attended the World Council in Japan where 14 countries joined as a Christian Family to share joys and problems, friendships and love. The Tri-ennial Council of Australia was held in January 1985 in Sydney and was attended by 85 leaders and Townsend Members from 15 Dioceses. Our spiritual leader, Chaplain Graeme McRobb of Church Army, took us on a Mountain Top experience of spiritual refreshment and growth, with a theme Looking Unto Jesus. The theme for 1985-88 is "Catch the Vision". G.F.S. Australia are most concerned for the needs of girls and women outside the Church and are endeavouring through new initiatives and programmes to reach those in need as did our founder Mary Elizabeth Townsend more than 110 years ago. Miss Pat Byron of Sydney is Australian Chairman.

My apologies for not being able to attend your Conference - May God bless and guide your deliberations.

Valerie F. Beal
Australian Co-ordinator.

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AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, FEDERAL CONFERENCE, CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

In submitting this report, we give thanks and praise to God for the vision that brought our great fellowship of women into being, and for the faithfulness and dedication of those who, over the past twenty-two years, have continued the work under His guidance and in His strength. Not the least of these are our immediate past president, Norma Ellement of Perth, W.A., and the members of her Executive. Their two years of planning and their meticulous attention to detail resulted in our twenty-first Federal Conference, held in Perth in October 1984, being a happy day of inspiration and challenge for the 600 women from all States who attended.

An important part of our C.W.F. work is our interest in and support for Overseas and Aborigines missions, and the message that came through to us at this Conference was that, although there have been significant changes in missions work in recent times, God is still at work in a powerful way, and the need for our support in prayer and finance is as great as ever.

Other Departments of our Conference supported by C.W.F. are Christian Education, Home Missions, Social Welfare, Hospitals, Chaplaincies and Theological Colleges in Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland. Our women continue to be actively involved in hospital visitation, aged persons' care, support for migrant families, children's homes and hostels, day care centres, play groups and friendship centres.

Women's camps and study days continue to play an important part in C.W.F. life as they provide opportunities for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and fun.

The World Convention of Churches of Christ was held in Kingston, Jamaica, in July 1984. Immediately prior to this 30 members of the Executive of our World Christian Women's Fellowship, representing 10 countries, met in Retreat. Australia was represented by Lesley Stirling of Victoria, Eileen Lewis of South Australia and Dorothy Hartam of Tasmania. "Love Beyond Barriers" was the theme for the Retreat and the Seventh Quadrennial Meeting of the World C.W.F. at a breakfast attended by 532 ladies from many countries. The theme was followed throughout the Retreat

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Continued)

programme of Bible Study; Worship; Workshops in drama, art, music and community involvement; and Small group discussions. The project for World C.W.F. for the next four years is "Cereal Banks in the Sahel, Africa". Each year C.W.F. members around the world join in a World C.W.F. Birthday worship service and this month (August) we will meet to celebrate our 30th Anniversary, the theme being 'Celebration - of Birth and Life'.

The present Executive of Australian Christian Women's Fellowship, resident in Tasmania, is planning for next Federal Conference to be held in Hobart in January 1987. Their theme is "You will receive power", taken from Acts 1:8 - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses." Members of Australian Christian Women's Fellowship need, as do all Christians everywhere, Christ's power, Holy Spirit power, to be Christ's body, His church - to be His witnessing, serving, loving, caring church. May we be as faithful and obedient to Him as have those who have gone before and been our inspiration.

Dorothy Hartam
President

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

It is with pleasure that I add my name to those making the Annual Report of the Catholic Women's League for 1984-85. In making my contribution, naturally I would be looking for the highlights of the past twelve months. I shall not arrange them in any order of importance. To me they are all important, and possess one factor in common, which is that they all say something positive about the C.W.L. of 1984-85.

Firstly, we have seen a marked consolidation in the administration of the affairs of our organisation. This has been brought about through the tremendous dedication of the members of the governing body of the League, especially on the part of those members who cover great distances to attend monthly meetings and to lend moral support at diocesan conferences. I honestly believe that there is an increasing feeling of "oneness" at all levels from the governing body, through the five dioceses and right on to every branch.

It is always sad to hear of branches going into recess. This has happened; but let it be stated that correspondingly, new Branches have been formed, and faltering branches have become invigorated. Might I say to any branch having problems (it is no disgrace that this should happen) - that in the event of a branch going through hard times, never fail to share these problems with your diocesan committee.

The new Glowery House is fast becoming a veritable nerve centre of the Catholic Women's League. The acceptance of it as our new H.Q. is on the increase, and I have a feeling that we are just at the beginning of discovering the many worthy uses to which it might be put. The branches deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they have set their minds on clearing the debt on the building. We earnestly hope that the great efforts of the past year will at least be maintained.

I believe that our organisation has achieved prominence of late and the Church is hearing more of our activities as we address the many charitable, social, educational and moral problems affecting society. This is excellent, but it must be remembered that we cannot have too much of the right kind of publicity. The best publicity of course is the person-to-person variety.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (Continued)

In this area there must be no letting up, especially at parish level. Let us be relentless in our search for new membership amongst our parish acquaintances. We have an exciting vision of the role which Catholic women can play in promoting the Gospel message.

What a glorious opportunity the forthcoming National Conference to be held in Melbourne next October will provide for putting the Catholic Women's League on the map. I have every confidence that every member will endeavour to do that little bit extra to ensure that 1985-86 will be a vintage year in the annals of our fine organisation.

Fr. G. Moylan
Spiritual Director.

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THE SALVATION ARMY -- EASTERN TERRITORY

In these days when so much emphasis is given to the subject of "equal opportunities for women", it is timely to state that, since the beginnings of the Salvation Army, in the East End of London, England, in 1878, there has been equality of service for both women and men. The wife of the Founder of the Salvation Army, Catherine Booth, ensured that the women were granted "equal opportunities" for the preaching of the Gospel, and set the example in her own preaching and teaching.

Today, the Salvation Army is ministering in 84 countries and the Ministry to women and for women is considered an essential part of our service. From the highest Administrative positions to the service within the local community, the involvement of women is recognised and highly valued. A number of Australian women are serving in Missionary lands and in other countries throughout the world, in a leadership capacity.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES in this Territory has a woman leader who is responsible for the direction of our Social Service Centres in N.S.W., Queensland and Papua New Guinea. Ministry continues in the various centres for women and children (as well as for men). These services include rehabilitation of alcohol and drug-dependents, child care accommodation, shelters for women and children in crisis, the Household in Distress (HID) programme, which offers pastoral care and counselling. Always we are seeking to up-date our services and to be sensitive to new areas of need.

THE HOME LEAGUE Department represents many areas of outreach and fellowship. A weekly 'Home League' meeting is held in every Salvation Army Corps/Centre. In addition to the 'day' Home League meeting, evening Fellowships are arranged to facilitate working women, married and single. Bible Study and Prayer Group meetings are also held for women, in many of our Corps. Towards the end of 1984 emphasis was given to the commencement of play-group type activities, but with a difference. These new groups, with the title "Kids in Company" are not only for the pre-school children, but aim to provide friendship and fellowship for the young mother, many of whom are desperately lonely. These are proving to be very successful and valuable to the young mothers and also to the community.

Fund raising for Territorial Projects and Missionary Projects is an annual feature of each Home League. In 1984 \$280,950 was raised for various projects.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY (Continued)

In the one year of 1984 approximately 150 women made decisions for Christ, and 146 families became linked with Salvation Army Corps. Almost 200 children began attending Sunday School as a direct result of Home League activities.

Home League Camps are popular and in many areas cater for the spiritual and social needs of the women.

Home League leaders are deeply aware of their responsibility to 'reach out' to others and try to remain sensitive to local needs.

An 'Outer Circle' letter keeps in touch with 1,000 women, living in isolated areas, each month.

THE LEAGUE OF MERCY has approximately 600 women members (plus a number of men) who regularly conduct a ministry of visitation and practical help. Leadership Training courses are a requirement for those who volunteer for this service.

The 'reason for being' is as follows:

- To bring comfort, joy and cheer to the lonely, the elderly, the sick, the 'forgotten' and wherever there is need.
- To share problems...and to become involved in seeking an answer.
- To discover the spiritual resources of the person.
- To develop an awareness of spiritual resources.
- To be a link between the person and God when this is necessary.
- To give practical help.

Regular Seminars are held in areas to assist with training. There are a number of League of Mercy members who are registered Chaplains and Assistants in hospitals and constantly there is the encouragement for more League of Mercy members to qualify.

SALVATION ARMY NURSES FELLOWSHIP is a ministry to Christian women in the Nursing and Medical professions. Nurses who belong to the Fellowship receive a regular newsletter and fellowship meetings are arranged when possible. An annual Dinner is held and any counselling required throughout the year is available. The S.A.N.F. has raised \$618.50 throughout the year for Missionary work in Zimbabwe, where two Australian members of the S.A.N.F. are serving. In addition \$270.00 was raised and sent to Missionary nurses.

The S.A.N.F. is very active in Papua New Guinea (which is linked with this Territory) Practical help has also been given to the Onamuga Health Sub Station which belongs to the S.A. in Papua New Guinea.

THE FOUR FOLD FELLOWSHIP is a fellowship of women who have been members of our Life Saving Movement (Guards and Sunbeams). They have good fellowship together with an annual meeting. They encourage the present day leaders and give practical help when needed.

YOUTH In 1984 (in September) a 'Venture '84' weekend was held in Brisbane. This was attended by approximately 1200 young people. A number of women Salvationists were involved in the planning and the actual weekend. Many decisions were made for Christ.

TAX SUMMIT CONFERENCE - CANBERRA '85. The Salvation Army representative for the Australian Eastern Territory is Major Elizabeth Johnson. The Major is Director of Child Care, Youth Services and Family Welfare, at our Social Services Headquarters, Sydney.

As the fore-going will indicate, we have many avenues of service within the Salvation Army, but we have one aim and purpose: To bring men, women and families into a living, vital relationship with our Lord and Saviour, and to give Him the glory and praise.

Mrs. Commissioner W. Read

Territorial President Women's Organisations
Australian Eastern Territory.

THE SALVATION ARMY - SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Friday, April 26th, 1985 was a very interesting and exciting way for the Salvation Army to commence our annual Congress meetings. One thousand and more women were present in the Dallas Brooks Hall to celebrate Women's Affirmative Action. A brass band composed of women played a march; a women's chorus, colourfully attired, sang with excellent harmony; the Scripture was beautifully illustrated by creative movement. Commissioner Burrows lightheartedly referred to the abilities of women, and said she felt confident they could cope without male assistance. The lighting technician, a man, dimmed the lights to prove her wrong! A drama depicting various scenes of the Salvation Army outreach concluded this enjoyable morning. Scenes from a 19th century street girl, to a girl of today caught shop lifting; from the scene of the Christian Bookshop in Darwin, to tracing missing family members; to mercy visitation of the aged, to loving care of children in need. The women of our Home Leagues and League of Mercy and associated groups have been actively engaged in this kind of spiritual and community work, and have shown themselves to be adequate to give practical aid in many and varied circumstances.

Some 505 members belong to a Salvation Army Nurses Fellowship group comprising male and female nurses. In every state of Australia there are representative leaders who keep in close contact by letter and personal contact with each other. They meet together on a regular basis for Christian fellowship, and share experiences of mutual interest. Recently some 60 members met at a Regional centre for a luncheon, and were happy to greet our lady Commissioner who encouraged them in their Christian witness and compassionate service.

The Salvation Army for many years has conducted a service to the women of the outback or women in isolated areas and situations by an appointed Secretary writing them a monthly letter. This brings into the homes of many women the only letter they receive; or for some it means the highlight of the month when this correspondence arrives, and they are caught up in another world. Light hearted humour, relevant up-to-date stories, topical discussions, homely recipes and hints, together with spiritual values emphasised makes for a bright interlude in what otherwise might be a dull and unexciting existence for some 800 women folk.

In the Northern Territory of Australia we have a Flying Padre service. The Officer pilot regularly visits the land-owners and ranch workers in isolated, lonely areas. Doma is linked with the Outer Circle Home League and lives on a large ranch, 700 kilometres from Darwin. She is attached to the Darwin Corps, though rarely is she able to attend, but she regularly receives tapes of the Corps meetings and is visited usually twice a year by the Flying Padre. Recently she travelled to Korea to adopt a baby who will be dedicated (Christened) by the Flying Padre. Doma attends every meeting possible, and is fervently praying for her husband to receive the Lord into his life.

Expectations and excitement was very evident as 63 women delegates gathered at Victor Harbor in South Australia for a territorial Home League camp. Representatives came from every state -- some as far away as Albany and Kwinana in Western Australia, Stawell in Victoria, Georgetown in Tasmania, and Darwin. "Spotlight on leadership" was the apt title for this event which proved to be a wonderful learning experience, and threw new light on leadership skills in a spiritual setting. Bible Study and prayer groups were of great uplift, and for many a time of rededication. There are state and regional Home League camps held in 12-15 areas each year, with hundreds of women benefiting from this fellowship and Christian teaching.

Veta M. Sketcher

Mrs. Colonel

Vice-President Women's Organisations.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Adult fellowship activities since Union have been many and varied. Each of the seven Synod areas has its own pattern of linking local parish and presbytery groups and organisations. In New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, and since 1982 Western Australia, there are Uniting Church Fellowships which link women, men and mixed groups in various ways. South Australia has a Synod Committee for Fellowships with similar function, whilst in Queensland Uniting Church Fellowships are linked through the Division of Women's Services within the Synod Department of Parish Services. Because of its sparse population and huge distances, the Northern Synod has no central organisation for fellowship groups, but its Board of Education for Ministry has asked Betty Vawser to keep in touch with isolated groups and encourage wider fellowship.

Throughout the Uniting Church there are many groups meeting in congregations and parishes for a wide variety of reasons in response to differing needs. These include Fellowship, Bible Study, Prayer, Mission Support, Fund-Raising, Craft and Recreation and provide for education, personal growth and Christian Witness and Outreach. There are also area meetings in most of the 54 Presbyteries which range in size from compact city ones to vast tracts of the inland and the North.

In May, 1982, a consultation of representatives from each Synod area requested the formation of a National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups to link Synod Groups, promote Australia-wide fellowship, share concerns, and provide a link with international fellowship bodies. This National Committee has been based in Queensland until 1985, with corresponding members from each other Synod.

Concerns shared during 1982-85 have been for those affected by bush fires, drought, recession, unemployment, floods and cyclones, for ministry to families through education, all-age activities, marriage preparation and enrichment, for ministry to singles, and for world peace.

In February 1984, the Uniting Church in Australia welcomed ninety women from the South Pacific Area to Melbourne, Australia, to a World Federation of Methodist Women Seminar on "New Dimensions in Christian Living - Faith, Development, Peace."

Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Papua-New Guinea, New Zealand and Australia were represented. The varied cultures and languages brought richness to worship, study and discussion as understanding and friendships grew. President Okmah Kim Lah of South Korea gave the keynote address on "Love Dynamics" and Sister Elizabeth Paul of the Church of South India led Bible Study. Rona Collins of New Zealand spoke on "Faith", Una Matawalu of Fiji on "Development" and Keith Suter of Australia on "Peace". Particular concern was expressed by all about the nuclear arms race and nuclear testing and dumping in the Pacific.

During 1984 Synod fellowship groups have continued to keep up contact with isolated fellowships, arrange seminars, rallies and fellowship gatherings at Synod time, and to supply the need for devotional and meeting resources.

A National Consultation has been held immediately preceding the Assembly. The Queensland working group of the Committee has handed over to another Synod group for the ensuing three years until the following Assembly.

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GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF SAINT GEORGE

The Greek Orthodox Community of St. George, Brisbane, has three main women's committees. They are:-

- a) The Ladies Auxiliary of St. George
- b) The Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society
- c) A Bible Study Group

There are similar women's committees and organisations within most communities/parishes in Australia.

a) The Ladies Auxiliary of St. George, Brisbane

The Auxiliary has the responsibility to co-ordinate and support ventures undertaken by the Greek Community.

The Auxiliary to date has been involved with the Senior Citizens, Miss Greek Community Quest, Expo, Dancing Groups, Mother's Day Functions, Cultural Exhibitions and Conferences.

Apart from concentrating their energies on issues within the Greek Community they are very aware of needs outside that Community. They have focused support on organisations such as the Blue Nursing Service, The Red Cross and Spastic Welfare.

Fundraising is in the form of Luncheons, Afternoon Teas, Stalls and Fashion Parades. These ventures are always well supported by the Community.

b) The Greek Ladies Phipoptochos Society

The Society of each Parish/Community is a voluntary and benevolent association which provides material and financial assistance to those in need. Regular hospital visits are an important service that this Society provides.

One of the Society's undertakings has been the construction of the St. Nicholas Nursing Home. Voluntary help and entertainment is provided to the residents of the nursing home.

c) Bible Study Group

This group of ladies meets on a fortnightly basis to discuss various religious topics. The objective of these ladies is to provide not only religious input but social interaction as well. These ladies raise funds and provide help where necessary. Our Community Library has benefited from these ladies due to the contribution of a large number of reference books both in Greek and in English.

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RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Because women and men in the Religious Society of Friends may have equal roles in all our activities, including ministry, we have no formal women's organisations.

However, in recent years at our Yearly Meetings a women's group has met informally for mutual support. They have monitored situations where they have felt that male dominance has inadvertently crept in. The subjects of "Women and pornography" and "Sexist language" have also been discussed.

In 1984 the women's group prepared a women's statement to accompany the main Quaker response to the Lima document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry". In some Regional Meetings small women's groups have also met informally to discuss topics of special interest to them.

It is noteworthy that at present the Clerks of our seven Australian Regional Meetings are all women.

Elisabeth Edwards
Representative for Australia Yearly Meeting.
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

There are now thirteen member churches of the A.C.C. They are: Anglican, Uniting Church, Churches of Christ, The Salvation Army, the Society of Friends (Quakers); Eastern Orthodox: Antiochian, Greek, Romanian and Serbian; Oriental Orthodox: Armenian Apostolic, Assyrian (Church of the East), Coptic and Syrian.

Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches all send observers.

The Constitution of the Council was revised in 1984 and the objectives now read:

- a) in obedience to Jesus Christ to pursue and to promote Christian unity and to assist the growth of ecumenical consciousness in the membership of all churches;
- b) to further the renewal of the Church;
- c) to serve the member churches by encouraging and supporting them in mission and evangelism;
- d) To facilitate a more effective Christian presence in the nation and in the world;
- e) to encourage and support the common witness of the churches, locally and nationally;
- f) to facilitate joint action by and among the churches on those issues on which they are able to co-operate;
- g) to express the common concern of the churches by serving people in need and by promoting justice and peace;
- h) to encourage and assist State Councils in the promotion of these objectives;
- i) to maintain relationships with the World Council of Churches as an associate Council and to promote the concerns of the world ecumenical movement;
- j) to relate the Council and Australian churches to other national councils of churches and to regional councils such as the Christian Conference of Asia and Pacific Conference of Churches.

A Commission on Faith and Order was re-established in 1982. The Commission has been encouraging the churches in their responses to the W.C.C. document "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry". A national consultation was held on the document in July, 1984 and material prepared for use in local congregations. The "Lima" Liturgy was celebrated in association with the meeting of the A.C.C. Executive in September, 1983. The Commission co-sponsored with the Commission on Church and Society a consultation on Church and State in April this year.

The study on Church and State will lead up to a joint consultation planned with the Melanesian Council of Churches and the Communion of Churches in Indonesia in November, 1985. The A.C.C. has been actively involved in ongoing discussions with these two neighbouring Councils, particularly in relation to events in Irian Jaya.

The A.C.C. General Meeting in 1984 proposed that a National Conference of Churches be held sometime in 1986 to develop appropriate strategies for mission and renewal of Australian church life, to discern and interpret major issues facing the Australian Church and to consider appropriate structures for Australia. This proposal led to the calling of a Heads of Churches Summit. The "Summit" meeting suggested a national programme involving consultations at local level. This may lead to a National Conference at a later date.

The Commission on World Christian Action continues to act on behalf of member churches in areas of aid and development. In 1984 the Commission channelled \$6 million in cash and \$3 million in food aid to relief and development projects. The Annual Report is available from A.C.C. offices. The Commission developed revised criteria for the selection of projects.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (Continued)

A national conference on Food Aid in the context of the present world food crisis will be held in October, 1985 involving producers and distributors of food.

Over 90,000 refugees have been assisted through the Resettlement Department since 1946. The work continues, with changing emphases addressing broader migration issues.

The A.C.C. represented the churches at the National Economic Summit Conference in April 1983 and has been invited to the National Taxation Summit in July, 1985.

Relationships between the churches in China and Australia were enhanced by reciprocal visits of Christians from each country in 1982 and 1984. Bishop Tutu and the Rev. Allan Boesak from South Africa were welcomed to Australia in 1984. A visit to the churches in the Middle East is proposed for September, 1985.

The Commission on Church and Society of the A.C.C. has co-operated with the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace and the Social Responsibilities Commissions of the Anglican and Uniting Churches in the production of Social Justice Statements "Goals for a Just Australia" and "It's a Rocky Road". Plans are in hand for a combined churches programme for the International Year of Peace 1986. A newly formed Commission on the Status of Women is addressing issues of concern to women in the church and society. Domestic violence, language in liturgy, bio-ethics, the feminisation of poverty and an arts festival are current concerns on the agenda.

Other key programmes over the last four years have included consultations on "Faith, Science and Technology: 1984 and Beyond"; Migrant Women's "Speakout"; and a Youth Conference in association with the W.C.C. Assembly in 1983. The Aboriginal Advisory Group continues to advise on Aboriginal projects and policies.

"Friends of the A.C.C." is the name of the new fellowship of support for the Council, replacing "Christians One". Launchings of the programme in most states took place earlier this year.

An imaginative audio-visual "What on earth is the Australian Council of Churches" is available from the A.C.C. to interpret to parishes and congregations the work of their church through the A.C.C.

Jean Skuse
General Secretary

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We acknowledge God's leading and His great love over these past two years in the movement of Women's World Day of Prayer (Aust). Blessings and growth have been evident. It has given us special joy to see the increasing attendance of young women at services and their active involvement in planning and participation, thus ensuring a lively future for the Movement.

At the LOCAL level, reports continue to highlight the thrill and delight of Christians of various denominations as they co-operate, plan, worship and share hospitality. A new appreciation develops with greater understanding and love for one another - a oneness in Christ.

On the NATIONAL scene, W.D.P. in Australia has been functioning for 58 years, and the Day of Prayer continues to be a very special date on the Christian women's calendar. More than 120,000 people attend services in 1,456 areas. Generous offerings on the day make it possible to disburse over \$90,000 to needy beneficiaries. The 1986 Service has been prepared by women of Australia on the theme "CHOOSE LIFE".

INTERNATIONALLY, a milestone has been reached! The CENTENARY celebrations of W.D.P. are to be held in New York next year, 1986, when it is anticipated many hundreds of women from around the world will meet. We plan to send Mrs. Yvonne Harrison of Tasmania as Australia's representative: she will then be the NATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER. Commemorative bookmarks have been produced for distribution throughout Australia to mark this 'world centenary' here. W.D.P. International has recently secured its own office and staff in New York. For many years it has been supported and helped considerably by CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (U.S.A.).

The Movement of W.D.P. continues in a very real way to reach out and bring together, overcoming barriers by its INTERNATIONAL, INTERDENOMINATIONAL and INTER-RACIAL plea. Through the various countries sharing in the preparations of the services, much is learned of traditions, cultures, joys and burdens, opportunities and needs, and how we may become 'ONE' through the Spirit of Christ. We become a ware of 'other people' rather than remaining in isolation: we enrich each other's faith as we share together.

We appreciate our close link with AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN who send a representative to our State meetings, and also the privilege of sharing in National meetings. We look forward to working together for the advancement of God's Kingdom, that through these 'movements' and our lives, Christ might be lifted up and glorified.

Dorothy Armstrong
National Liaison Officer -W.W.D.P.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMENS CONFERENCE

When Australian Church Women was formed in 1965, one of our responsibilities as the National Ecumenical Womens Organisation, was to elect delegates to represent Australia on Asian Church Womens Conference. The story of Asian Church Womens Conference goes back to 1958 when Presbyterian Women of U.S.A. women from six Asian Countries to be guests at their Assembly. At the Assembly these Asian women met and decided that it would be of great value to form an Asian Womens organisation so it was with this dream they first met in Hong Kong to share their knowledge and concerns. It was decided to enlarge the number of countries and to make it an ecumenical organisation.

Since then seven Assemblies have been held. Australia has invited Asian Church Womens Conference to hold the 8th Assembly in Adelaide, August 1986 (24th to 28th August), so we want all states and territories to feel a part of the Assembly by sending a delegate or observer, by making small gifts for participants or by raising money to help the National Executive to host the Assembly.

Member countries are Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Sri Lanka. Executive Committee for 1982-86 -

President	Ms Boonmee Julkiree	Thailand
Vice-President	Mrs. Shirin Samuel	Pakistan
Assembly Secretary	Mrs. Eva Findley	New Zealand
Treasurer	Mrs. Phyllis Wee	Singapore
C'ttee Member	Mrs. Olive Ackland	Australia
	Mrs. Maya Michael	India
	Mrs. Glo Rajendran	Malaysia
Exec. Secretary	Mrs. Eunice Kim	Korea

Asian Church Womens Conference has close ties with the World Council of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia and Regional Ecumenical Womens Organisations.

Fellowship of the Least Coin has been the special project of Asian Church Womens Conference but now has become an International Committee so that Asian Church Womens Conference will now have to depend on member countries for more financial support, in order to carry out their work. The main thrust of their concerns for women is the enhancement of rural women, empowering of women, support for theologically trained women, peace and all issues concerning women and children.

Since 1982 there have been seminars for rural women held in Korea and Pakistan, Peace Consultation between Japanese and Korean women, Leadership Training in Bangladesh and a Seminar for Theologically trained women in the Philippines.

Australia was fortunate that Mrs. Eunice Kim was able to accept the Winifred Kiek Fellowship for 1984 and visit States in Australia to promote A.C.W.C.

Olive Ackland
National Representative

AMENDMENTS TO NOTICES OF MOTION

From West Australia.

Amendment to the Western Australian Unit Notice of Motion re
Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

Where possible students study to be undertaken in establishments
in or near their own country. They would not be excluded from
study in Australia if the course they wished to study was only
available here.

To Queensland Unit motion re Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

In accordance with the policy introduced in 1975, three
defined areas will be invited to submit application in rotation.
We suggest that a 4th area be added to give an opportunity for
an Australian woman to be offered a scholarship. This would
give an Australian woman an opportunity every fourth year instead
of two as in the original motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

From Victoria Unit - re Winifred Kiek Scholarship

1. That areas for the selection of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be
 - a) SOUTH EAST ASIA
 - b) PACIFIC
 - c) AUSTRALIA: Proviso for Australia: awarded to a woman for theological studies only.
2. That the WKS application form be revised taking into consideration the following points:
 - a) The importance of the scholar being able to read, speak and understand English, pointing out that much of the benefit of the course is lost, if the scholar's comprehension of English is poor.
 - b) The scholar's Christian standing needs to be clearly understood.
 - c) The financial limits of the scholarship need to be clearly stated.
 - d) If the scholar plans to study in Australia, the course should be one that is not available in her own country, stating that assistance is available for study in the scholar's homeland or a nearby country.
 - e) The advice of various missionary administrations and ACWC as to how we can improve our selection procedures and our publicity of the scholarship.
 - f) Necessity of the scholar to be in excellent health.
 - g) Visiting various groups and speaking engagements.
 - h) Detailed information re clothes suitable for our climate, differences in culture, requirements of selected course, etc.
3. That every State Unit appoint a WKS Convener to be responsible for calling together a committee should the scholar be resident in, or, visiting, a particular State.
4. That State Units adopt the following guidelines to ensure the welfare of the scholar and avoid embarrassment for host families.
 - i) The financial position of the scholar must be made clear and any requests for extra money must go through the committee so that the hostess or convener doesn't feel pressured in any way to give money.
 - ii) The committee should assist the scholar in the purchase of clothes suitable for the climate of that particular state. The situation needs to be handled most tactfully, not forgetting the value of "good" opportunity shops or the loan of suitable winter clothing. (coats, etc.)
 - iii) The committee should be responsible for arranging weekend hospitality whether the scholar is in a residential college or a private home, to ensure contact with ACW, people of her own age and a variety of Australian people and places, remembering however, that the scholar must also be allowed time to relax and to study.
 - iv) The committee must be in close contact with both the hostess and the college principal, so that any problems can be quickly handled.
 - v) The committee must always remember that the scholar is in a strange environment, and must be sympathetic to cultural differences. We must be aware of the temptations that could arise in non-Christian colleges and in our Western Society.

RECOMMENDATIONS & SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Continued)

From N.S.W. Unit

1. That the National Executive apply for funds to the Federal Government for the A.C.W.C. Assembly to be held in Adelaide in 1986. ~~Also to apply for government funding to subsidise Winifred Kiek Scholars.~~
2. National Executive ~~elect~~ meet four times a year, and then function for one ~~year~~ only.
3. Some consideration to be given to the month of July for Fellowship ^{day} as it is the coldest month of the year for meetings of this nature.
4. Suggestion that more members may be able to enjoy the National Conference if other gatherings were arranged, e.g. an after conference tour of two or three days.
5. Offerings taken on World Community Day be sent to Winifred Kiek Scholars who have returned to their own countries, but are in need of funds to carry out their work.
6. ~~More consideration for Aboriginal women to be included in the scholarships.~~

*Consideration
to give*

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From Working Committee Meeting, 1983.

That the National Executive consider establishing a similar scholarship to the Winifred Kiek for an Aboriginal Christian woman to study at a place of education with a view to her returning to her area qualified to assist or establish Christian work amongst her people. We urge that the consideration be thorough, but not delayed, as we believe the matter is an urgent one.

That consideration be given to F.L.C. gifts being received at Fellowship Day services, together with an offering for a chosen project, and that at the Community Day services offerings be received for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

Guidelines for election of representatives to A.C.W.C. as outlined at National Committee Meeting in Perth, 1977:

1. A person who has not attended an international or regional ecumenical conference should be given a chance.
2. Delegates shall be chosen by rotation of denominations.
3. Where there is more than one delegate, one should be 35 years of age or below.
4. US\$250 (1985) is the cost of participation for delegates.
5. All voting members are expected to be present for the whole Assembly proceedings.
6. The whole proceedings shall be in English.
7. All observers shall be responsible for their expenses.
8. Hospitality expenses shall be provided for Assembly guests.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

From the Western Australian Unit -

1. On the completion of South Australia's term of office as the National Executive, National Conferences be held triennially in lieu of biennially.

The reason for this motion is that for the smaller States two years is not sufficient time to raise the necessary finance to cover airfares, etc.

2. Winifred Kiek Scholars in future not being brought to Australia to study, but sent to suitable establishments nearer to, or in, their country.

This action was taken when the National Committee was based in Western Australia. By taking this action an extra Scholarship was awarded.

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From the Queensland Unit -

1. That the National Executive sit for a three (3) year period instead of two (2).
2. That the National Conference consider changing the rules for application for Winifred Kiek Scholarship, to be for an Australian woman every second year.

Winifred Kiek

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From National Executive -

Finance - All investments to be made in the name of Australian Church Women, not in individual names of the National Executive in office at the time of the said investments being made.

Fellowship Day - In 1975 \$100 was moved to be the amount to be invested from Fellowship Day funds before being accredited to The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Account. However, this amount is totally unacceptable on the current market, and suggest "multiples of \$1,000 be invested in the Bank or Credit Unions to gain a higher interest" as suggested by the auditor, Mr. J. Haffenden, in 1984.

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APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming National Executive. Individual profiles appear below:-

President	Mrs. Dorothy Haensel	Uniting Church
Vice-Presidents	Mrs. Pauline Crosby Mrs. Barbara Grealy	Churches of Christ Roman Catholic
Secretary	Miss Margaret Pittman	United Church
Minute Secretary	Mrs. Nancy Rowe	<i>S. Army</i>
Treasurer	Mrs. Dorothy Wright	Uniting Church
W.K.S. Convener	Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase	<i>W. . .</i>
F.L.C. Convener	Mrs. Jean Middleton	Churches of Christ
Special Days Conv.	Miss Irene Jeffreys	<i>Anglican</i>
Publication Editor	<i>Margaret Pollard</i>	<i>C. C.</i>

Dorothy Haensel

Member and Elder of Warradale Uniting Church and Parish Councillor. Member of the Mission and Field Personnel Committee and the Christian Unity and Ecumenical Affairs C'tee of the Sth. Aust. Synod, U.C.A. Member of the Speakers' Panel of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Central Section).

Past President, S.A. Unit, A.C.W. and former President S.A. Committee Women's World Day of Prayer.

Chairman, Local C'tee for the Eighth Assembly, Asian Church Women's Conference.

Pauline Crosby

Former President Churches of Christ Womens Conference, S.A. Past State and National Commissioner of Girls Brigade Aust. Held various offices on Executive of N.C.W. of S.A. Founder of Lavender Lads & Ladies Volunteer organisation in Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Have been variously Treasurer, W.K.S. Convener and President of S.A. State Unit. Member of committee for revision of A.C.W. National Constitution.

Convener of Church Women's activities for Jubilee 150 in S.A.

Barbara Grealy

Presently International Secretary of Catholic Women's League, Australia to WUCWO, Member of Commission for World Christian Action of SACC, A.C.W. Delegate to NCW, Catholic delegate to WWDP Committee of S.A., member of Planning Committee of 1986 ACWC Quadrennial Assembly; recently completed 12 years on Executive of S.A. Unit of ACW, including 5 years as FLC convener. formerly Secretary of Adelaide Diocesan Committee for Ecumenism, National Secretary of CWLA and chairman of local inter-church council. Life member of CWL of S.A.

Margaret Pittman

Member and Elder of Dulwich Rose Park United Parish (Uniting Church and Church of Christ). Past Chairman of Uniting Church Synod Committee for fellowships in Sth. Australia. Chairman, Alexandra Homes Trust Inc; Board Member, Uniting Church Retirement Homes Inc; Governor, Parkin Mission; Board Member, Uniting Church Board of Communication Services; Member, Joint Advisory Council.

APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

Dorothy Wright

Member of the Uniting Church in Australia.
Local Church - teach Sunday School, attend Women's Fellowship and lead a weekly Bible study.
Parish - on Mission committee.
Inter-church - Rep. local women's inter-church group (secretary last 10 years). Seat on Area inter-church council.
Ecumenical - Treasurer Women's World Day of Prayer, S.A. committee. Local inter-church rep. to A.C.W. and immediate past treasurer (5 years for A.C.W.)
Home - A wife and a mother of 3 sons and live-in mother-in-law.
Community - Meals on Wheels regular driver. Treasurer Community Aid Abroad Local Committee.

Jean Middleton

Churches of Christ Elder at Flinders Park.
Past President, S.A. State Women's Conference and Vice-President Federal C.W.F.
Past Secretary, S.A. Unit A.C.W. and Fellowship of the Least Coin.
Retired Kindergarten Director - 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: Australian Church Women
2. AIMS:

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

A.C.W. CONSTITUTION (Continued)

4. NATIONAL CONFERENCE: (Contd.)

- (ii) one from each denomination participating in the Australian Council of Churches and such other denominations as shall be invited by the National Executive to attend;
- (iii) one from the federal organisation of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Conference;
- (iv) up to ten National Executive nominees from the new state or territory location.
- ii. Consultants with privilege to speak
 - (i) the Federal Liaison Officer, Women's World Day of Prayer;
 - (ii) The Australian Representative on the General Committee of the Asian Church Women's Conference;
 - (iii) any co-opted members of the National Executive of Australian Church Women.
- iii. Non-voting observers without privilege to speak
one from each State or Territory women's organisation of each denomination or special interest group in the State or Territory in which the National Conference is held.

5. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- (a) The National Executive shall consist of ten members and the Australian representative to Asian Church Women's Conference in an ex officio capacity:
 - i. Office bearers of Australian Church Women
 - (i) a President
 - (ii) two Vice-Presidents
 - (iii) a Secretary
 - (iv) a Treasurer
 - ii. Five Committee members, one of whom shall be the Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee.
- (b) The ten members of the National Executive shall all be
 - (i) Resident in one State or Territory;
 - (ii) Elected biennially by the National Conference.
- (c) The National Executive shall have power to co-opt:
 - (i) Up to three members for special purposes;
 - (ii) Any members of the Planning and/or Working Committee of the Asian Church Women's Conference resident in the same State or Territory as the National Executive of Australian Church Women. Such co-opted members shall not be eligible to vote, but shall be eligible to attend the National Conference as Consultants with privilege to speak.
- (d) The location of the National Executive shall be determined by the National Conference and shall be changed to a different State or Territory every two years, and shall not be relocated in any one State or Territory until a period of four years has elapsed following the retirement of the previous National Executive in that State or Territory.
- (e) The National Executive shall be responsible to the National Conference for the implementation of the programme of Australian Church Women according to the directions of the National Conference and shall act as an Executive on behalf of the National Conference between its meetings.
- (f) A Statement of Accounts shall be presented to each meeting of the National Executive.
- (g) In the event of a vacancy on the National Executive occurring between National Conferences, the National Executive shall appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy and shall within one month notify in writing those organisations having representation on the National Conference.

6. FINANCE

- (a) All monies received by the Treasurer shall be paid as determined each year the National Conference or by postal ballot by all organisations having representation on the National Conference, on the recommendation of the National Executive.
- (b) Signatories for all Bank accounts and investments shall be any two of the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- (c) The Financial Year shall end on 30th June in each year.
- (d) The National Conference shall appoint an accredited Accountant resident in the State of the National Executive, to audit the accounts.

7. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

8. DISSOLUTION:

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

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th 1984.

Bank Reconciliation as at June, 30th 1984.

1/7/1983 Balance brought Forward	\$ 5,194 .21	
Add receipts	55,541 .72	
	60,735 .93	
Less Payments	55,480 .14	
	\$ 5,255 .79	
Bank Balance as per Bank Statement 30/6/1984	\$ 9,124 .71	
Less	3,868 .92	Unpresented Cheque No. 215466
	\$ 5,255 .79	

B. SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENT AND INTEREST RECEIVED FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1984

<u>Investments & Bank Accounts.</u>	<u>Invested Principal</u>	<u>Interest Received</u>
Commonwealth Saving Investment A/c. No. 5001476	\$ 24,629 .93	\$ 2,730 .27
Commonwealth Savings Bank Cheque A/c. No. 903348	5,255 .79	117 .33
Petty Cash Imprest	160 .00	
<u>Specific Investments .</u>		
Aust. Govt. Bonds Series 24	3,600 .00	
" " 25	500 .00	424 .50
Treasury Bonds	2,400 .00	85 .32
C.B.F.C. Debenture Stock	800 .00	128 .00
Commonwealth Trading Term Deposit	100 .00	12 .00
Sub Total Special Investments	\$7,400 .00	\$ 3,497 .42
TOTAL INVESTMENTS & CASH AT BANK as	\$37,445 .72	
TOTAL INTEREST RECEIVED during year ended 30th June, 1984		\$ 3,497 .42

C. ALLOCATION OF INTEREST.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship	\$ 1,541 .25
Winifred Kiek Memorial Bursary	184 .69
National Travel Fund	546 .05
Overseas Conference	562 .05
Administration & General	663 .38
	\$ 3,497 .42

Balance as at 1st July, 1983		nil.
Receipts : Offerings & Donations		\$ 17,834 .64
Payments : International Committee		
F.L.C.	\$ 16,732 .28	
Asian Church Women's	356 .00	
Conference		
Administration & General	712 .00	17,800 .28
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Balance as at 30th June, 1984		\$ 34 .36
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E. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNTS.

Balances at 1/7/83	E 1. Memorial Bursary	E 2. Fellowship Day	E 3. Scholarship
Balances "	\$ 2,207 .40	NIL	\$ 23,390 .03
Receipts; Offerings			
Canberra A.C.T.		323 .95	
West Australia		267 .58	
South Australia		1,300 .00	
Tasmania		271 .25	
New South Wales		1,560 .00	
Victoria		2,500 .00	
Queensland		513 .70	
Northern Territory		68 .53	
Interest Received	184 .69	<u>7202</u>	1,541 .25
Donations: Memorials			
Mrs. F. Fishburn	25 .00		
Donations to W.K.S.			
South Australia			50 .00
New South Wales			140 .00
Queensland			326 .00
Return of Scholarship from			
New Guinea (unused)			100 .00
Reimbursement from S.A.			
for Catherine Min			108 .14
S.A.L. Air Fares Refund			1,400 .00
Transfer from Investments			300 .00
Transfer " Fellowship Day			6,396 .74
Govt. Bond	200 .00		
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	\$ 2,617 .09	6,805 .01	33,752 .16
Less Payments.			
Transfer to Admin & General		272 .18	
Transfer to W.K. S.		6,396 .74	
Donation A.C.W.C.		104 .74	
Expenses W.K.S.			
Catherine Min			2,441 .35
Dr. S. Rao			3,052 .00
Travelling Fellowship			
Mrs. E. Kim			1,044 .91
Transferred to Investment Account			500 .00
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	\$ 2,617 .09	31 .35	26,713 .90
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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY.

Balance as at 1/7/1984		Nil
Receipts: Offerings		
Canberra A.C.T.	163	.85
West Australia	281	.80
South Australia	445	.07
Tasmania	206	.50
New South Wales	1,280	.00
Victoria	1,400	.00
Queensland	261	.36
Northern Territory	77	.28
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	\$ 4,115	.86
Less Payments:		
A.C.C. For Rural Harijan Women, India.	\$ 3,868	.92
Asian Church Womens Conference	82	.31
Transfer to Admin & Gen.	164	.63
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	4,115	.86
Balance as at 30/6/1984		NIL.

G. NATIONAL TRAVEL FUND

Balance as at 1/7/1983	\$	1,532	.35
Receipts:			
Donation N.S.W. Unit		150	.00
Investment Interest		546	.05
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Balance at 30/6/1984	\$	2,228	.40

H. OVERSEAS CONFERENCE

Balance as at 1/7/1983	\$	1,350	.04
Receipts: Invested Interest		562	.05
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Balance at 30/6/1984	\$	1,912	.09

I. NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Balance as at 1/7/1983		2,411	.80
Receipts: Melbourne Conference		2,350	.00
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		4,761	.80
Payments		4,761	.80
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Deposit Ave Maria Conference Centre, Brisbane,		NIL.	
		50	.00 --
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ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL

Balance as at 1/7/1983 \$ 3,161 .72

Receipts:	Investments & Bank Interest.	663 .38
	A.C.W.C. Bulletins	135 .00
	Circle of Prayers	243 .20
	Silver Jubilee Books	41 .50
	Donations:printing Leaflets & Postage	91 .80
	A.C.W. Badges & Postage	856 .00
	Transfer from Fellowship Day	272 .18
	" " World Community Day	164 .63
	" " Fellowship of the Least Coin	712 .00

\$ 6,341 .41

Payments:

	Convenors Expenses.	\$ 944 .63	
	Women at Work	267 .00	
	W.K.S. Leaflets	378 .00	
1983/84	Meeting Rooms Rent	66 .00	
	A.C.W. Badges	268 .65	
	A.C.W.C. Bulletins	255 .10	
	Bank Draft Charges	3 .10	
	Printing F.L.C. Leaflets	45 .00	
	Stamp Duty on C.B.F.C.		
	Investments	4 .80	
	A.C.C. Subscription	32 .00	
	Printing Letterheads		
	Stationary	93 .60	
	Stencils, Paper for Minutes.	25 .00	2,382 .88

\$ 3,958 .53

Balance at 30/6/1984

K. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1984.

Balances in Accounts :

Fellowship of the Least Coin	34 36
Fellowship Day	31 .35
World Community Day	nil
Winifred Kiek Memorial Bursary	2,617 .09
" " Scholarship	26,713 .90
National Travel Fund	2,228 .40
Overseas Conference	1,912 .09
National Conference (Minus)	50 .00---
Administration & General	3,958 .53

\$ 37,445 .72

Above Balances are represented as follows:

Commonwealth Savings Investment Account.	\$ 24,629 .93
Govt. Bonds Series 24	3,600 .00
25	500 .00
Treasury Bonds	2,400 .00
C.B.F.C. Investments	800 .00
Cwealth Term Deposit	100 .00
Petty Cash Imprest.	160 .00
Commonwealth Savings Cheque A/c	5,255 .79

\$ 37,445 .72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1984.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance Brought Forward 1st June, 1984	
\$ 58,534 .52	<u>ADMIN & GENERAL</u>
<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin</u>	Secretary's Exp. \$ 29 .70
34 .36	Women at Work, 25 .00
<u>Sundries</u>	Treasurer's Exp. 3 mths. 16 .63
Interest C.B.F.C. Invest. 32 .00	Special Days Convenor 13 .75
" C.S. Cheque A/c. 117 .33	Catholic Centre Rent 10 .00
" Sav. Inv. A/c. 1,392 .06	" " Photocopying 5 .12
	Vic. Unit F.L.C. Leaflets 45 .00
\$ 60,110 .27	148 .30
	<u>WINIFRED KIEK S/ship.</u>
	S.A.L. A/Fares Dr. Rao \$ 1,372 .00
	<u>FELLOWSHIP LEAST COIN</u>
	I.C.F.C. Geneva 16,732 .28
	Donation A.C.W.C. 543 .05
	<u>WORLD COMM DAY</u>
	A.C.C. For Rural Harijan Woman India 3,868 .92
	22,664 .55
	Bal. as at 30/6/84 37,445 .72
	\$ 60,110 .27

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

<u>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS.</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN.</u>
C.B.F.C. Treasury Bonds,	
Govt. Bonds. Term Deposit \$ 7,400.00	34. 36
Saving Investment A/c. 24,629.93	FELLOWSHIP DAY 31. 35
Petty Cash Imprest. 160.00	W.Kiek Memorial Bursary \$ 2617. 09
	W. Kiek S/ship. 26,713. 90
32,189.93	National Travel Fund 2,228. 40
Balance as at 30.6.84 5,855.79	Overseas Conference 1,912. 09
	National Conference 50. 00--
\$ 37,445.72	Admin & General 3,958. 53
Balance as per Bank Statement	\$ 37,445. 72
Less U/p. Cheque No. 215466 3,368.92	
\$ 5,255.79	
as above.	

E. J. Haffenden
Hon Auditor. A.A.S. 17.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of National Executive held
at the Catholic Women's League Rooms, 143 Edward
Street, Brisbane, on Friday 14th June, 1985, at
10 a.m.

- PRESENT - Mesdames J. Meadows (President), V. Clarke, M. Carroll,
I. Collard, A. Whybird, M. Hunt, A. Skippen, S. Turner,
and Miss E. Trudgian.
- APOLOGIES - Mrs. O. Ackland.
- OPENING - The President opened the meeting with prayer.
- MINUTES - Minutes of the May meeting, having been circulated,
were taken as read on the motion of Val Clarke, seconded
by Helen Trudgian and carried.
- CORRESPONDENCE - Correspondence was listed and tabled, and the inward
received and outward endorsed on the motion of Ailsa
Skippen, seconded by Ina Collard. Carried.
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE -

A letter of thanks was received from Olive Ackland
for flowers and expressions of sympathy.

A letter from the W.A. Unit indicated they would be
willing to form a National Executive at the end of
South Australia's term.

An invitation was received from Mrs. Hamilton, Secretary
of The Women's Committee of N.C.C. in New Zealand,
P.O. Box 297, Christchurch, inviting members who may
be travelling in New Zealand to attend their Conference
at the Salvation Army Citadel in Christchurch on Aug.
2nd-3rd, 1985. Home hospitality can be arranged if
they are notified beforehand.

A further letter received from the Women's Work C'tee,
National Council of Churches, Bangladesh is to be passed
on the Incoming Executive, with information on previous
correspondence.

FINANCIAL REPORT -

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY 1985</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Bal. b/fwd. 30.4.85	\$54,383.91	W.Kiek Scholarship
F'ship of Least Coin		V. Pelang clothing
Vic. Unit	4,200.00	National Conference
Q'land Unit	2,883.96	Alex Gow Cloth binding
W.Kiek S'ship		D.&C. Grice Invitations
Q'land Unit	576.50	Admin. & General
(Incl. \$550 W.W.D.P.)		D.&C. Grice W.K.S. Leaflets
Fellowship Day		C.W.L. Rent Rooms
Vic Unit	2,566.00	St. Matthew's, stencils
Q'land Unit	275.60	paper & ink
World Community Day		S. Turner, Secretary
Vic. Unit	2,060.00	M. Hunt, W.K.S. Leaflets
Q'land Unit	312.17	postage
Admin. & General		Ch. of Christ ptg. W. at W.
Vic. Unit Circle of Prayer	155.00	Alex. Gow floral tribute
National Travel Pool		Churchwoman Publication
Vic. Unit	10.65	Bank Draft for above
Q'land Unit	438.65	675.50
National Conference		Plus Summary of A/cs
Registration Fees	810.00	\$68,034.94
Interest C.B.F.C.	32.00	\$68,710.44
	<u>\$68,710.44</u>	

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

C.B.F.C. Term Deposit		Fellowship Least Coin	19,656.29
C'th Treasury Inv.		W.Kiek S'ship	25,151.31
" Bonds Series 24/25	\$ 7,400.00	" " Bursary	2,678.23
Custom Credit	6,000.00	Fellowship Day	6,208.38
Petty Cash Imprest	160.00	Community Day	5,070.99
Savings Inv. Account	<u>38,464.06</u>	Net. Travel Fund	3,063.36
	52,024.06	O'Seas Conference	2,316.50
Bank Bal. as at 31.5.85	<u>16,010.88</u>	National Conference	778.90
	\$68,034.94	Admin. & General	<u>3,110.98</u>
			\$68,034.94
Bank Statement 30.4.85	2,391.85	Interest C.E.F.C. Breakdown	
Receipts	<u>14,294.53</u>	W.Kiek Memorial Bursary	8.00
	\$ 16,686.38	W.Kirk Scholarship	20.00
Expenditure	<u>675.50</u>	Overseas Conference	<u>4.00</u>
	\$ 16,010.88		\$ 32.00

Breakdown of Monies payable

Fellowship of the Least Coin	Total	\$19,656.29	
World Council F.L.Coin Geneva		18,280.36	
5% Admin & General		982.81	\$19,656.29
2% A.C.W.C.		393.12	
Winifred Kiek S'ship.			
Fellowship Day	May	6,208.38	
	June	<u>149.15</u>	6,357.53
5% Admin. & General		317.87	
2% A.C.W.C.		127.15	
Transfer to W.K. Scholarship Account		<u>5,912.51</u>	6,357.53
World Community Day			
	May	5,070.99	
	June	<u>140.93</u>	5,211.92
5% Admin. & General		260.59	
2% A.C.W.C.		104.24	
Transfer to A.C.C. Project			
Housing for Tonga after cyclone Isaac		<u>4,847.09</u>	5,211.92
Total amount for A.C.W.C.	\$ 624.31		

The Treasurer's Report was received on the motion of Ailsa Skippen, seconded by Ina Collard. Carried.

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

Alcorn College - Valeri Palang	
Board 27th April to 28th June	
9 weeks at \$60 per week	540.00
Pocket money - 9 weeks	180.00
Fees for Women's Leadership Training	
Seminar to be held in July by Women's	
Services Division	25.00
Churches of Christ, Printing W.at W.	25.00
C.W.L. Room Rent	10.00
A. Whybird - Special Days	34.30
M. Hunt, W.K.S.	19.31
S. Turner, Secretary	61.40
Conference Registration Nat.Exec.	180.00

These accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Ailsa Skippen, seconded by Molly Hunt.

REPORTS

SPECIAL DAYS - A. Whybird

Themes for 1986 Special Days were discussed and the following decided. That Mrs. M. Knauerhase, S.A., be asked to prepare Fellowship Day - Theme "The Committed Life": and Mrs. B. Gregly, of C.W.L., S.A. to prepare Community Day - Theme "To the World - With Love. "

WINIFRED KIMM SCHOLAR - Molly Jean Hunt

Correspondence

Outward - S.A. re Burma

In - Kalpana Airan (2)

Mary Au

Kalpana Airan (2)

9 letters rejecting applications 1986

Valeri has done some deputation work and warm reports have come back to the National Committee.

A call to South Australia tells us no word has come through from Burma and they will again initiate enquiries.

PUBLICITY - Mary Carroll

Another article has appeared in Catholic Leader. Contact will be made to see if we can have a photo during the Conference.

I have had no other feed back from other letters sent. Channel O "Living" has been contacted, but so far no reply.

BURMA PRAYER PARTNER - Val Clarke

A wall poster of Burma is being prepared for the Conference. Still no letters have been received from Burma.

WOMEN AT WORK - Helen Trudgian

The next issue will be a double issue July-August and will be printed mid-July.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on various matters relating to the forthcoming Conference.

CLOSING - There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer led by Molly Jean Hunt at 1.15p.m.

NEXT MEETING - Friday 12th July, 1985, 10 a.m. at C.W.L. Rooms.

Confirmed
(President)

Date

