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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2009-2011

President	Ms Margaret Flint OAM
Vice President	Mrs Dorothy Ferrier
Vice President	Major Wanda McKeand
Secretary	Mrs Judy Burge (resigned February 2011) Position now vacant
Treasurer	Miss Christine Barber
Minute Secretary	Mrs Pat Walker (resigned December 2010) Mrs Aileen Eldridge (since January 2011)
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor	Mrs Maureen Clark
Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor	Mrs Margaret Greenslade
Special Days Convenor	Captain Judith Dell
Social Justice Convenor	Mrs Kath Smith
Publications Editor	Vacant
Publicity	Vacant
<i>Ex Officio</i>	
ACWC Australian Representative	Captain Donna Bryan
Website Manager	Mrs Brenda Dickinson
Australian Women's Coalition	Ms Margaret Flint OAM

PARTICIPANTS LIST

Special Guests

Rev Lee Moon Sook	Executive Secretary Asian Church Women's Conference
Rev Joan Riley	Bible Studies

National Life Members

Mrs Shirley Brooks	Observer Tasmania
Mrs Juanita Miller	Delegate Tasmania
Mrs Eunice Reidy	
Mrs Ailsa Skippen	
Mrs Janet Watts	Observer Western Australia
Mrs Dorothy Wright	

National Executive

President	Miss Margaret Flint OAM	Observer
Vice President	Mrs Dorothy Ferrier	Delegate
Vice President	Major Wanda McKeand	Delegate
Treasurer	Miss Christine Barber	Delegate
Minute Secretary	Ms Aileen Eldridge	Observer
F/ship of the Least Coin Convenor	Mrs Margaret Greenslade	Delegate
Social Justice Convenor	Mrs Kath Smith	Delegate
Special Days Convenor	Captain Judith Dell	Observer
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor	Mrs Maureen Clark	Delegate WKS Trust
ACW Inc Website Manager	Mrs Brenda Dickinson	Observer

Asian Church Women's Conference Australian Representative

Captain Donna Bryan	Delegate
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Incoming National Executive

President	Major Laurel Pearce	Delegate
Vice President	Reverend Lee Edwards	Delegate
Vice President	Mrs Marie Majoor	Delegate
Secretary	Mrs Margaret Ker	Delegate WA
Treasurer	Mrs Leeola Loughnan	Delegate
F/ship of the Least Coin Convenor	Major Olive Dell	Observer
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor	Mrs Meryon Goode	Delegate

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust

Mrs Cynthia Gifford	Day Visitor
Mrs Lois Denholm	Day Visitor

ACT UNIT

Mrs Helen Raymond	Delegate
Mrs Jean Thomson OAM	Delegate
Mrs Janet Abrahamffy	Observer
Mrs Angela Devlin	Observer
Mrs Margaret Lawton	Visitor
Mrs Helen Lloyd	Visitor

NEW SOUTH WALES UNIT

Mrs Helen Hill OAM	Delegate
Mrs Nola Dickson	Delegate
Mrs Helen Richardson	Observer
Mrs Isabel Hewitt	Observer
Major Lynette Middleton	Visitor
Mrs Pam Freeman	Visitor
Mrs Loraine Hughes	Visitor
Mrs Marie McCann	Visitor

QUEENSLAND UNIT

Mrs Elaine Hales	Delegate
Mrs Margaret Florence	Delegate
Mrs Fran Moss	Observer
Mrs Alyson Madsen	Observer

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNIT

Rev Nita West	Delegate
Mrs Barbara Grear	Delegate
Mrs Marion McCall OAM	Observer
Mrs Coralie Wright	Observer
Mrs Anne Parnis	Visitor
Mrs Pat Walker	Visitor
Mrs Bridget Smith	Visitor

TASMANIAN UNIT

Mrs Dulcie French	Delegate
Mrs Kath Pearce	Observer
Mrs Marie Byrne	Visitor

VICTORIAN UNIT

Mrs Lorraine Davis	Delegate
Mrs Anne Kennedy	Delegate
Mrs Lola Adam	Observer
Mrs Pat Burchell	Observer

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN

Mrs Gillian (Gill) Muir	Delegate
Mrs Margaret (Peg) Sanders	Observer

National Denominational Representatives

CWLA	Mrs Madge Fahy	Delegate
Churches of Christ	Mrs Marj Dredge	Delegate
MU Australia	Mrs Elizabeth Harris	Delegate
Presbyterian	Mrs Cathie Ross	Delegate
	Mrs Lorraine Rodert	Observer
Salvation Army (Eastern Territory)	Major Lillian Hodges	Observer
Salvation Army (Southern Territory)	Major Elaine Johnson	Delegate
	Ms Iris Bray	Observer
UCAF	Reverend Alistair Christie	Delegate
<i>Lutheran</i>	<i>Mrs Grace Bock</i>	
Special Interest Groups	<i>Mrs Shirley Teusner</i>	
<i>World Day of Prayer</i>	<i>Mrs Denise Robinson</i>	

Day Visitors

Mrs Eva Cooper
Mrs Ann Rogers
Mrs Jean Fordham
Mrs Lois Hoepfer
Mrs Jean Roberts OAM
Mrs Beth Ingram

Honours awarded to Australian Church Women members

ACT	Major Eileen Holly Mrs Cela Cooper	ACW ACT Unit Life Membership ACW ACT Unit Life Membership
NSW	Mrs Helen Hill Mrs Carmel Keys Mrs Helen Richardson Mrs Joan Tong	OAM for service to Presbyterian Women Life Membership of Catholic Women's League Australia (NSW) Life Membership ACW (NSW Unit) Inc. Life Membership ACW (NSW Unit) Inc.
SA	Mrs Marion McCall Mrs Maureen Clark Mrs Shirley Birch Rev Nita West	OAM for Service to Aviation Honorary Life Member CWL of SA Inc. Certificate of Recognition of 25 years of service to ACW (SA Unit) Australian Government Volunteer teaching English in Thailand gratitude for assisting developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development
WA	Mrs Joan Mann	Life Member United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division)

Honouring Australian Church Women

Sister Marie Craddock NSW Unit

Mrs Isabel Hewitt NSW Unit

In Remembrance

ACT	Evonne Sullivan AM JP Merle Fitzpatrick	National Life member ACW Inc.
NSW	Deaconess Thora Thomas Mrs Ethell Wladysiuk	
SA	Mrs Alison Gent Mrs Alice Saunders Miss Margaret L Davey CBE Major Ruby Peeke Mrs Jean Middleton Mrs Noreen Schahinger	
TAS	Nan Geale Joan Davis Marie Price Peg Lambert Agatha Schouten	
WA	Marjorie Scurlock	OAM

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
Breakfast 7.15 – 8.30 am

MONDAY 10

10.00am Registration

12.30 – 1.30pm Lunch

2.00pm
 Devotions National
 Executive
 Introduction/greetings
 Procedural Matters

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm General Session 1
 2009 Nat. Conf. Minutes
 Remembrance and
 Thanksgiving

6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm Ecumenical Service

9.00pm Supper

TUESDAY 11

9.00am News/Notices
 Devotions WA Unit

9.30am Bible Study

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Business Session 2
 WKS Business
 Conference photos

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Business Session 3
 Annual General Meeting
 ACW Inc.
 Constitution Discussion

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm Business Session 4

6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm Entertainment
 Tutti – Ensemble

8.45pm Devotions ACT Unit

9.00 pm Supper

WEDNESDAY 12

9.00am News/Notices
 Devotions Queensland Unit

9.30 am Bible Study

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Business Session 5

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Business Session 6
 Rev. Lee Moon Sook
 ACWC

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm Panel/Discussion

6.30pm Dinner

7.30pm Quiz Night

8.45pm Devotions
 Tasmanian Unit

9.00pm Supper

THURSDAY 13

9.00am News/Notices
 Devotions NSW Unit

9.30 am Bible Study

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Rostrevor College
 Aboriginal scholarship
 students

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Briefing Incoming
 National Executive

2.30pm Free time

3.30pm Afternoon Tea

4.00pm Informal convenors
 Groups

6.30pm Formal Dinner
 Entertainment:
 Induction National
 Executive 2011-2013:

8.45pm Devotions NE 2011-
 2013

FRIDAY 14

9.00am News/Notices
 Devotions Victorian Unit

9.30am Business Session 7

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Business Session 8
 Devotions SA Unit

12.30pm Lunch

PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the president and Vice-Presidents during the National Conference 10-14 October 2011.

1. Agenda as set out in the Conference program will be adhered to unless the meeting determines otherwise.

Any business not included in the agenda must be presented in writing to the National Executive no later than 9.00 pm Monday 10 October for consideration and presented for debate if and when it is considered appropriate.

The President shall determine when introduced business genuinely arises from the current debate, and if so determined, it may become part of the conference Agenda regardless of the date introduced.

2. Motions must be presented in writing and signed by the mover and seconder, together with a preamble and/or rationale.

3. Recommendations and/or suggestions from Units, intended to become Motions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.

4. Reference committee of three (3) shall be appointed by Conference.

5. Tellers. Two (2) shall be appointed by Conference.

6. Members wishing to speak shall stand and wait until recognised by the President. Members shall address the President when speaking. All members are to state their name and Unit or Organisation represented, before beginning to speak. Observers have the right to speak but not to vote.

7. All Conference papers to be taken as read, but the Presenter of the business may highlight certain aspects within limits as prescribed in Item 15.

8. A motion may be moved, the mover speaking to the motion. Any motion that is not seconded shall lapse and not be recorded in the conference Minutes.

The seconder of the motion may speak to the motion, or may reserve the right to speak later.*

9. Motions may be debated once they have been moved and seconded. The President may inquire if there is anyone wishing to speak for or against the motion, and should alternate such speakers. If there are no speakers, against the motion, the President shall put the motion to the vote.

The mover of the motion has the right of reply to the debate immediately prior to the vote being taken.

10. Debating: Up to three (3) minutes will be allowed to each speaker unless permission is granted for an extension of time (for a maximum of two (2) minutes). This must be moved, seconded and agreed upon by the voting members.

No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply. If debate exceeds twenty-five (25) minutes on one motion, it will be deferred to a later Business Session.

*Motions arising from debate must be made in writing, in triplicate, and handed to the Minute Secretary

11. Amendments may arise from the debate, but the mover, seconder and speaker to the amendment shall not have spoken to the original motion. The proposed amendment must vary the subject matter of the motion, whilst maintaining the intent of the original motion. Any amendment not seconded must lapse and not be recorded in the Conference Minutes.*

The President may choose to inquire if any amendment is likely to be seconded, before allowing the mover of the proposed amendment to speak to the amendment.

The mover of the amendment may not reserve the right to speak later.

One (1) amendment shall be dealt with at a time, with speakers limited to addressing the amendment subject. A speaker may foreshadow her intention (but not to speak to her proposal) to offer an alternate amendment following the resolution of the current amendment.

Any amendment must be taken in sequence of acceptance.

12. The debate is closed when the time limit of twenty-five (25) minutes is exceeded on the one motion, the President indicates she believes there has been sufficient debate there are no more speakers, or when someone, who has not taken part in the debate, moves the motion **'that the question be now put'**. This must be seconded and carried.

The vote must be taken immediately without further discussion or the mover's right of reply being granted.

If there is a motion and an amendment before the Conference, the amendment is put to the vote first. With the resolving of an amendment, the debate on the motion or the amended motion is closed. Any foreshadowed amendment is now proposed and the debate resumed.

The mover of the motion may use her right of reply, after which the President shall put the motion to the vote. A simple majority vote is necessary for the motion to be carried. The President shall declare the result of each vote.

13. Voting entitlements are:

- Two (2) from each State/Territory Unit
- One (1) from each Denominational Organisation
- Five (5) from Incoming National Executive
- One (1) from Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust
- One (1) ACW representative to ACWC
- Five (5) National Executive members

14. Voting method shall be by the Delegates displaying their official Voting Card when the vote is called for, unless otherwise decided by vote at the Conference.

15. At all reporting Sessions, it shall be moved 'that all reports be taken as read'. Speakers to the National Executive and Unit reports shall be allocated five (5) minutes, National Denominational groups, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust and National Representatives are allocated three (3) minutes. Questions and comments are not included in the time allocation, but at the discretion of the President.

*Amendments to motions must be made in writing, in triplicate, and handed to the Minute Secretary

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday, 9th November, 2010
At the SA Council of Churches,
65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.**

M. Flint opened the meeting at 2.00pm and welcomed all present.

PRESENT: J. Burge; M. Clark; P. Walker; K. Smith; M. Flint; ~~L. Loughnan~~; C. Barber; C. Wright; ~~D. Wright~~; M. Greenslade; ~~D. Ferrier~~; ~~N. West~~; ~~A. Eldridge~~; *W. McKernan*

~~H. Raymond~~; D. Ferrier; A. Eldridge (Secretary ACW SA Unit), L. Loughnan (ACW WA Unit); H. Raymond (President ACW ACT Unit & ACW Inc. Public Officer); N. West (President ACW SA Unit); C. Wright (ACW SA Unit); D. Wright (National Life Member, ACW SA Unit);

APOLOGIES: B. Dickinson; D. Bryan.

It was moved that all present, who are financial members of their Australian Church Women Unit may vote at this Annual General Meeting. M. Clark moved/seconded D. Ferrier Carried.

National President, M. Flint gave thanks for the completion of our first year as National Executive and said that we now had to focus on the next year. Margaret led the devotions.

Margaret stated that there would ^{be} no other business as none was received from Units within the required time advised in the Notice of Meeting 13 September, 2010.

GREETINGS were received from Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson; Juanita Miller of the Tasmanian Unit; Pat Burchell, Victorian Unit and Fran Moss from Queensland.

MINUTES of the 22nd National Conference from 21 – 25 September, 2009 will be confirmed at the 23rd National Conference 10 – 14th October, 2011.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT had been circulated to all units and honorary life members.

M. Clark moved and D. Ferrier seconded the acceptance of this report. Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT for year ended 30TH June, 2010 was also circulated prior to this meeting.

Unfortunately the Auditor appointed by National Conference September 2009 was unable to do the audit. Mr. Jeff Byerley CPA was approached and accepted the task.

After the alteration of the word "please " to "place" on page three this report was also accepted.

Moved C. Barber/L. Loughnan

Carried

M. Flint recorded our thanks to C. Barber for her patience and confidence through the auditing process. Both Christine and the auditor were thanked by acclamation.

C. Barber moved and seconded M. Clark that an additional item be added to the annual Assessment form for Units to be able to contribute to the Public Liability Insurance. Carried

This insurance policy will cover all occasions when Australian Church Women Units meet and covers all of ACW Inc.

At present the current premium is \$672.00 and will need to be renewed before the conference.

A. Eldridge moved that we increase the cover from 10 million to 20 million when it expires in September, 2011. Seconded W. McKeand. Carried

ELECTION: There being no vacancies on the Executive, no election is required.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

C. Barber moved that Mr. Jeff Byerley CPA be re-appointed as auditor for 2011. Seconded A. Eldridge. Carried

Mr. Byerley charged us \$200.00 for this audit. J. Burge will write to thank him, and advise of his re- appointment.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Margaret had contacted the units requesting membership lists to assist in creating the Register of members, which is required under the ACT Incorporation. The Auditor has advised that the Annual Return cannot be completed until the Register has been compiled. It was noted that at the 2009 National Conference Mr. Nicholas Tebbey advised that the incoming executive must complete this register.

M. Clark moved that we become members of ACW Inc. at the date of Incorporation in March 2009. Seconded A. Eldridge. Carried

M. Clark moved that when the Register of Members is completed, two copies be signed and all pages initialed by the Australian Church Women Inc. President and Secretary in the presence of National Executive with one copy being kept in Canberra by the Public Officer and the other kept on File by the National Secretary.

Seconded A. Eldridge.

Carried

The return cannot be lodged until the Register of Members is completed by the ACW ACT Unit membership list received from H Raymond being added and receipt of ACW NSW Unit list.

National Executive will discuss this further when time permits.

The meeting closed at 3.05pm.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Through 2009-11 National Executive has attended to tasks entrusted to it by 2009 National Conference, as well as pursuing initiatives where possible.

A task group of NE members sought to gain a working understanding of the ACW Inc. Rules as amended September 2009. We were assisted with this by Mr. Gilbert Materne, whose legal background was invaluable. Time restraints prevented the consultation with ACW Units and the required formal notice for a vote at National Conference on the National Executive's proposed amended constitution. However National Executive will report at the National Conference and encourage discussion on its deliberations.

The ACW Inc. website information was regularly updated and prayer requests received from ACWC were posted. National Executive has appointed Ewan Arnolda, Website Designer re-design of ACW Inc.'s website. We acknowledge the oversight and patience of Brenda Dickinson, ACW's Website Manager through this transition time. Brenda has indicated her decision to retire as Website Manager and nominations have been called for this vacancy. We thank Brenda for her proactive management of the website since its establishment.

2009 National Conference requested National Executive to investigate Public Liability Insurance. Christine Barber, National Treasurer consulted with Units before National Executive took out insurance cover. Currently all members of ACW Units are covered through ACW Inc.'s policy. We acknowledge the cooperative response of Units and Christine's considered oversight.

Edith Ridge, ACW Inc. Archivist has advised that she is able to continue her custodianship of ACW Inc archival material, but has recommended its eventual lodgment at Eunice Hunter Library, Epping, NSW. National Executive recommends support of this proposal.

Through 2009-11 National Executive was without a dedicated Publications Editor or Publicity Convenor. The ACW Inc. National News production was overseen by ACW Inc. President and Secretary with assistance from NE members. One issue has been published in 2010 and hopefully another in 2011. As National Executive resolved that for confidentiality reasons permission would not be granted for its minutes to be printed for wide distribution, but available only to Unit Presidents and Secretaries, during 2010 an "Occasional Newsletter was prepared by the National Secretary, until her resignation (February 2011). This was emailed to Units and available to be printed for distribution to their members. The President has communicated on occasions via emailed Memoranda to Units.

ACW Inc. has continued its membership of Australian Women's Coalition Inc. Margaret Flint was its delegate at meetings in Sydney 2009-11. The AWC Inc. activities are reported separately.

National Executive members held two Reflection Days: July 2010 led by Geraldine Hawkes, Executive Director of the South Australian Council of Churches and May 2011 by Major Cindy Shellenberger, Salvation Army, and Norwood Church. Members of ACW SA Unit joined us on each occasion.

October 2009 I attended the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in Canberra. In April 2010 I accepted an invitation to attend National UCAF Celebration in Canberra in April. Early 2011 I visited, by invitation. ACW Queensland Unit and attended its Annual General Meeting. I appreciated the hospitality extended by Margaret Florence and Fran Moss. I thank ACW Inc. for contributing funding for these opportunities.

Mrs Jean Thomson OAM, immediate past president ACW Inc. represented ACW Inc. at the NNCA ecumenical worship service at Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest, and Canberra in July 2010.

I appreciated being invited to represent ACW Inc. at WKS Trustees' meeting in 2010 and 2011 when applications for WKS scholarships were considered. It was good to be involved and meet the Trustees. We were delighted that submitted contributions to "The Circle of Prayer Vol. XX" by Juanita Miller, ACW Tasmania Unit and Wanda McKeand, ACW SA Unit selected for publication.

During our term greetings were sent to: National Council of Churches in Australia triennial National Forum held in Canberra in July 2010; Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia for its Federal Conference and Luncheon in Sydney in September 2010; 14th Quadrennial General Assembly of Asian Church Women's Conference held from 15-20 October, 2010 at Bogor, Indonesia; Commissioner Linda Bond, new world leader of the Salvation Army, who had headed the church in the Australian Eastern Territory.

The relevant costs were covered for ACW Inc.'s four delegates to the ACWC General Assembly in Bogor, Indonesia in October 2010. Outgoing ACWC Executive Secretary, Shu-Wen and her successor Rev Lee Moon Sook were sent greetings and assured of our prayers. National Executive was delighted to learn of Donna Bryan's election as President of the ACWC. We have appreciated Donna's regular reporting on ACWC National Executive meetings and assure her of our prayer for the duration of her term.

ACWC forwarded a generous donation from the Christian Women of the Church of Christ in Thailand to assist in the aftermath of flood devastation in Australia earlier this year. This action was a practical demonstration of our unity in Christ and care for each other. Our appreciation was conveyed to Sirirat Pusurinkham in Thailand. Currently we are exploring where best to direct the funds.

We are looking forward to Rev. Lee, Moon Sook, ACWC Executive Secretary, attending the National Conference in October. We thank WKS Trustees for granting a WKS Fellowship enabling this visit.

October 2010 at the request of the Auditor, a Register of Members was established. We were conscious that privacy is imperative, and the Register of Members is held in the ACT with the Public Officer, and Secretary of National Executive ACW Inc. has a copy on file. This is a requirement under the ACT Incorporations Act, of which we were aware. We thank all Units for their cooperation.

National Executive Membership changes during our term were: the resignation of Minute Secretary, Pat Walker in December 2010.; February 2011 National Aileen Eldridge, Secretary ACW SA Unit, joined us as Minute Secretary, but the resignation of National Secretary, Judy Burge was received with regret. We acknowledge Judy's service to NE. We thank God for the dedicated contributions of Pat and Judy during their time.

National Executive thanks the Units for their regular reporting, support and prayers through its term. We have been ever conscious of the role entrusted to us and our prayer of commitment and theme have kept us in focus. We thank God for his generous love and continuing guidance. Our continuing prayer for ACW Inc. Units and members is: *For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Ephesians 5:8-9. NRSV.*

Margaret L Flint OAM
National President

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMAN INCORPORATED

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 2011

Dear Members

I have pleasure in presenting for adoption the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2011. I also include for information the 2010 Financial Report received at the first Annual General Meeting in November, 2010 together with the 2009 National Conference Report.

Collections for the last year showed an increase for the Fellowship of the Least Coin of \$2,800, and World Community Day Offerings/Special Project \$1,700. There was a reduction of \$360 in Fellowship Day Offerings for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Deductions were made for administration from the collections as follows :

10% from the Fellowship Day and World Community Day Offerings, and 1% from Fellowship of the Least Coin. The balances were remitted to ACWC 50% of World Community Day plus donations. 50% to Special Project for Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital NSW. Fellowship Day Offerings to Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust plus donations and FLC to the International Secretariat of FLC in Geneva.

Donations from Units to operating funds are shown in the attached summary of account balances.

Funds to the National Travel Fund are less than compared to previous period in 2009 Income \$1,662.70 expenses \$1,185.83. It may be appropriate to look at what you expect your representatives to participate in and indicate how this can be reflected in contributions accordingly.

Public Liability Insurance. This cover was taken as per the decision of the 2009 Conference, and I refer to my comments in the 2010 AGM report. It was not supported by the Units, and will be debated as an agenda item at this Conference. The total expenditure shown covers a period of 15 months, (i.e. renewal date is September) I can only strongly recommend that you consider whether ACW can afford not to be covered for our actions as we meet in a variety of venues Australia wide, and the use of many facilities is subject to holding insurance cover?

My sincere thanks to the previous Treasurer Helen Lloyd for her 2009 Conference reporting, and transfer of the records and funds; To my National Executive companions for their assistance; State and Territory Unit Treasurers for the prompt remittance of funds; and our Auditor Mr. Jeff Byerly for his assistance and report.

Christine Barber
National Treasurer.
20/8/2011

	National Conference Fund	National Travel Fund	Overseas Conference And Travel Fund	National Conference 2011	Fellowship of Least Coin	Honouring Aust. Church Woman	Adminis- tration
Balance as at 1/7/10	\$13,569.94	\$3,284.42	\$2,177.00		\$340.50		\$10,344.44
Plus Income	345.00	552.00	395.00	20,545.75			1,000.47
Transfer from Fellowship Day Offerings WKS							441.81
Transfer from FLC							1,071.43
Transfer from World Community Day Offerings							170.40
Sales							938.70
Interest						20.00	
Honouring Aust. Church Women							100.10
Sundries							270.00
Public Liability Insurance							
Total Revenue	\$13,569.94	\$3,284.42	\$2,177.00	\$20,545.75	\$340.50	\$20.00	\$14,337.35
Less Payments		1,075.90			340.50		
FLC							
Petty Cash							529.12
WKS Pamphlets							969.83
Bank Fees							103.90
Sundries							886.81
Insurance							68.00
Registrars fees							200.00
Donations							131.00
Post Box redirect							200.00
Audit							
National Conference 2011	\$13,914.94	\$2,760.52	\$2,572.00	1,697.45			
Balance as at 30/6/11				\$18,848.30	Nil	\$20.00	\$11,248.69

AUSTRALIAN CHUURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2011

INCOME

Fellowship Day Offerings		10,004.72	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Donations		361.43	10,366.15
Honour Australian Church Women			20.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin			43,826.31
Word Community Day Offerings		6,803.79	
Special Projects		3,910.74	10,714.53
Asian Church Women's Conference			
ACWC Donations		1,130.00	
ACWC Affiliation		570.00	
ACWC Newsletter Subscriptions		708.00	2,408.00
Donations National Conference Fund			345.00
National Travel Fund			552.00
Overseas Conference & Travel Fund			395.00
Contributions to Public Liability Insurance			270.00
Sales – Circle of Prayer			60.00
FLC stock			10.40
Winifred Books			100.00
Interest – Bank and Investments			938.70
National Conference 2011 – Registration Fees		17,885.80	
Donations		2,659.95	20,545.75
Sundries - Post		10.30	
Donations reflection days		89.80	100.10
Total Receipts			\$90,651.94

EXPENDITURE			
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust			
Fellowship Day Offerings	(1)	9,004.25	
WKS Donations		361.43	
Honouring Australian Church Women		Nil	9,365.68
Asian Church Women's Conference			
Affiliation		570.00	
50% World Community Day Offerings	(1)	4,821.55	
Donations		1,130.00	
ACWC Newsletter Subscriptions		708.00	7,229.55
Fellowship of the Lease Coin	(1)		43,725.00
2011 Special Project 50% of World Community Day Offerings			4,821.55
Administration Expenses			
Petty Cash (postage, stationery)			529.12
WKS Leaflet printing and postage			969.83
Bank Fees			103.90
National Travel Fund – President's travel			1,075.90
Sundries			
Public Liability Insurance 3/10 – 9/11		886.81	
Donations for Hall hire		100.00	
Donation SACC for meeting room		100.00	
Post box redirect		131.00	
Registrar lodgement fees		68.00	
Audit		200.00	1,485.81
National Conference 2011			1,697.45
Unexpended petty cash			111.95
Total Expenditure			\$71,115.74
Surplus for year from activities			19,536.20
Add Cash in hand			111.95
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year			29,716.30
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year			\$49,364.45

FUNDS STATEMENT

Balanced as at 1/7/10			\$29,716.30
Plus income			90,651.94
Total			120,368.24
Less expenditure			71,115.74
Balance as at 30/6/11			\$49,364.45
Comprising Bank SA Cheque A/c		\$29,252.50	
Term Deposit (Bank SA)		20,000.00	
Cash in hand		111.95	

Balance of Funds at 30th JUNE, 2011

National Conference Fund	\$13,914.94
National Travel Fund	2,760.52
Overseas Conference and Travel Fund	2,572.00
Honouring Australian Church Women	20.00
National Conference 2011	18,848.30
Administration Note (1)	11,248.69
Total	\$49,364.45

Note (1) Administration includes transfers from –

Fellowship Day Offerings	\$1,000.47
World Community Day Offerings	\$1,071.43
Fellowship of the Least Coin	441.81

Bank Reconciliation 30th June, 2011

Balance as per Statement – Bank SA Cheque A/c	\$29,302.50
Less unrepresented cheque No. 002	<u>50.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$29,252.50</u>

Investment

Bank SA Term Deposit (6 months @ 5.9% matures 24/9/11)	\$20,000.00
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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

During 2009 – 2011 I am pleased and privileged to have been National F.L.C. Convenor. I thank all State Convenors for the reports they have sent detailing the activities planned and fulfilled.

I noted the Units have much in common – satisfaction with the planned World Community Day Service, and the appreciation of those who attended. Convenors all took advantage of every opportunity of spreading the F.L.C. message, with its thrilling story of a small beginning growing into the now worldwide fellowship of prayer, supported by a contribution of “the least coin”. The need for “justice, peace and reconciliation” is perhaps even more important in 2011 than it was when conceived in 1956. Convenors have at times traveled quite long distances to fulfill engagements; we thank them for literally “going the second mile”. Some members have had unusual opportunities to pass on the F.L.C. story. One whilst on a visit to the Holy Land related the F.L.C. story to some interested Christian women from India, and also to a local young man, to whom she gave a F.L.C. pamphlet – always good to have one on hand. Another member was at a meeting when the scheduled speaker failed to arrive, she was asked “to fill in”, and chose to speak about Shanti Solomon and her dream of using the least coins with prayer. The audience of men and women were most interested and took up a collection for F.L.C. as their appreciation.

Copies of “Circle of Prayer” are used as personal devotions and for gifts. I was very glad when two A.C.W. members took up the challenge to prepare a contribution for Vol. 20 (the latest issue), and delighted when both of these were included: pages 16–17 “Requests and Responsibilities” by Wanda McKeand from S.A. and pages 30 – 31 “A Kindly Hand and Heart” by Juanita Miller from Tasmania. We congratulate them for their achievement and the work involved. Volume 20 is available for members to take home after the Conference.

I.C.F.L.C. Grants

2009: The Victorian Unit submitted a successful application to assist the medical evacuation of women in need in Papua New Guinea- \$5000 US was received. “A.C.W.C Newsletter” Jan. – March 2011 pages 22-23 has an article about this project.

2011: The A.C.T. unit approved an application sponsored by The Salvation Army Canberra, for a \$5000 US grant for the project “Very Important Families” – a support network for family members of those suffering addictions of various types.

2011: The Queensland Unit approved an application for a grant of \$5000 US to assist “Mobile Christian Bookshop” which operates an outreach in outback Queensland to Northern Territory - visiting Christians in Indigenous Communities.

These applications have been forwarded to I.C.F.L.C. for consideration.

Members attending the 2009 Conference in Canberra were delighted to personally meet Corazon Tabing-Reyes, Executive Secretary I.C.F.L.C., those who weren’t able to go to Canberra were also pleased to have the opportunity of meeting Corazon when she visited two other states during her Australian visit.

Thinking of our future, I would ask you to look at and ponder the words of “The Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin”. I quote a portion of this prayer: -

“We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving”.

Margaret Greenslade
National Convenor F.L.C.

SPECIAL DAYS

The sun is about to set on the past two years of being in this area of responsibility and has given me an even greater respect and appreciation of the dedication of members, especially those responsible for organising *Special Day* events.

Much time and thought has been placed on the importance of our Special Day events during my term in office and I sincerely thank the Units of NSW, ACT, NT, and South Australia for the variety and challenges brought through their carefully prepared Services based around the chosen theme "Turning Darkness into Light". Amongst the reports I have received, thanks has been expressed to the women who prepared these services.

I am aware that in some areas attendances have decreased, yet in other areas there appears a renewed interest in the work of ACW and in some areas offerings have increased which is a praise point. A question raised was "Where are the younger women?" This is a challenge which we need to consider.

Special Days give an opportunity to share the mission of ACW Inc and encourage more involvement within our geographical area.

Amongst the interesting reports was detail that four members of the Victorian Unit Executive travelled to the Wimmera town of Donald for WCD 2010. Certificates of recognition were presented to four long-serving ACW members.

I received news that the work of the 2009 Special Project *for Kiaros Outside* is operating well and recently the first Kiaros service was held inside the Prison.

From proceeds for the 2010 Special Project, we were able to forward a cheque for \$4,821.55 to benefit the work of *Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital*, Dundas, NSW, and proceeds for the Special Project 2011 will assist the *Red Cap Anger Management/Breakfast Clubs* within the ACT. Proceeds for Fellowship of the Least Coin enable many women to be assisted and I thank all who are involved in this area of service.

I would like to thank all Special Day Convenors within our States and Territories for the dedication displayed in your area of responsibility and encouragement to me personally.

In closing, I will quote a line from one of our convenors. "Our aim is for women from various streams of the Christian faith to come together in worship, fellowship and service. There is the need to focus on those things that bring us together rather than the things which divide us. Our witness to the world is that we are able to be seen as serving and worshipping in unity."

Judith Dell (Captain)
National Executive Special Days Convenor

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Each Unit has held Fellowship Day services with good attendances.

Judith Cayzer, WKS convenor NSW Unit, keeps in touch with some past scholars and has forwarded their news to me. Thank you, Judith.

Judith also has been asked to 'look after' the WK scholars who attend Alan Walker College, which is near her home.

As National Convenor, each scholar in the past two years has received a copy of 'Winifred'. Judith reports that they have said that they have been inspired by Winifred's life story.

One Unit reports that, in suburban and near rural areas, numbers tend to vary from year to year, depending on the enthusiasm and drive of the local leaders. Unfortunately, as in so many areas, age is catching up with some, and for others, travelling on extended holidays is a contributing factor. All our services are held during the day, so that the symbolic use of 'light and dark' has not been possible.

Each Christmas, I have sent Christmas cards or emailed Christmas letters to Past Scholars for whom I have an address, then I prayed that they would reply so that I would have something to put in my circulars. Very often I thought there was nothing to say, but God answered my plea and news came in.

Western Australia reports that after their very successful Fellowship Day services in 2010 and 2011, the participants were invited to a light luncheon. Meryon Goode, Special Days Convenor was one of the 20 member choir that sang at the 2011 service.

Una Birtchnell, WKS Convenor Vic Unit, attended an information day and the Commissioning Service for Christine Ferguson (2009 scholar) before she left for South East Asia.

Christy's email newsletters are very interesting. Unfortunately she has 'secured' them because she is in a Moslem country, and my computer will not allow me to print them or copy them into another document. She has given strict instructions about communicating with her.

I wish to thank the convenors who have thanked me for the circulars. I gather that they would like them to continue.

I wish the Incoming National Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor God's blessings and promise that I will pass on to her any news I receive from scholars.

Maureen Clark
National Convenor

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST 2010 – 2011

It is with very sincere thanks that we acknowledge the faithful service of Maureen Clark and Jean Roberts as they complete their Terms of Office. Also thanks to Margaret Flint for her contribution during her Term as National President.

So many emails go backwards and forwards one cannot help wondering how we all kept the wheels turning efficiently in days gone by.

The 2010 Scholars from the Pacific Area were Ruth Marsipal from Papua New Guinea and Tonu Fakraufon from Fiji, who studied at the Alan Walker College in Sydney, covering the subjects of preaching, evangelism, peace-building, counselling and women's empowerment. They immediately became staunch friends and helped each other over the initial homesickness period, coping in a different environment, and moral support when having to write essays.

Then a new experience for us was presented when Ruth announced that she was pregnant, and would be unable to return to Australia after the visa break to complete the course. We have offered to hold over our commitment until late 2012 for her to return if she is able.

The 2011 Scholars are Arpona Mejahary, who lives in India, and was having trouble financially to complete a Theological Degree. Her gratitude is overwhelming.

The other student is Sisarat Kheng from Cambodia, an amazing young lady, well-educated, who works with extremely disadvantaged girls in Phnom Penh. She also sought further theological knowledge, and is at present at Alan Walker College. Unexpectedly, she needed to return home to important meetings to do with her work, and we have given her leave to temporarily return early. The studies that she will miss she will be able to do online next year – a new initiative at the College.

The 2012 Scholars are from within Australia, and we were amazed that from all the enquiries that we received from across Australia that so few actually made an application. The reasons elude us. Those who have been appointed with our blessing are:

Kyounghee Cho, from New South Wales, born in South Korea, wishing to attend two overseas Conferences

Sarah Dingle, one year of a Bachelor of Theology at Australian Lutheran College in Adelaide.

Denise Champion, one year of Theological Studies. Denise is from the Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, South Australian Region.

We are aware that we are living in different times, and that flexibility must be the order of the day. I am confident that Winifred herself would agree.

We are delighted that the Reverend Lee Moon Sook will be present at the National Conference as a Winifred Kiek Fellowship Awardee.

Cynthia Gifford on behalf of the Trustees

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

TREASURER'S REPORT 2009-2011

I present the Financial Statements for the Trust for the years ended 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011. These cover funds held for the Scholarship, Fellowship and Honouring Church Women Accounts. I was appointed to the positions of Trustee and Treasurer at the 2009 Conference, and the books were handed on to me following auditing in March 2010.

Investments have continued to be held in Term Deposits, and although they do not produce capital growth, in the present market we have not lost any capital. Earnings for the year 2009-2010 averaged 4.52%, and for the year 2010-2011 5.67%.

At 1st July 2010, a new accounting system was introduced with the agreement of the Trustees and in consultation with the Auditor. All interest now earned is held in an Accumulated Interest account until 30th June, when it is allocated across the accounts on the basis of the capital balance held at the beginning of the year. By doing this the recording of the accounts has been simplified, and all accounts earn interest at the same rate.

During the period covered, \$2,164 was paid for the 2009 Scholarship to Christine Ferguson, for the 2010 Scholarships \$5,340.18 to Ruth Marsipal and \$8,884.87 to TONU FAKRAUFON. A 2011 Scholarship of \$2,144.55 has been paid to Arpona Mejahary and \$3,364.99 so far to Kheng Sissarat. Funds are being retained in the 2010 Scholarship Account as the Trustees have agreed to bring Ruth Marsipal back to Australia in 2012 to complete her studies if she wishes to do so. Ruth had to return to Papua New Guinea half way through her planned time at Alan Walker College of Evangelism, as on her arrival in Australia she realised that she was pregnant and airline policies meant that she had to return earlier than planned. The Fellowship Account paid \$3,187.85 for the visit of Corazon Tabing Reyes to the 2009 National Conference and associated State visits.

At 30 June 2011 the Trust holds funds of \$377,508.19 which includes Capital, Fellowship Account and allocated Scholarship Accounts. The Honouring Church Women Account has a balance of \$17,024.84.

I feel privileged to have the responsibility of looking after these funds, and am grateful for the support of the Auditor, Mr Adrian Nicholls.

Barbara J Grear AIPA
Treasurer
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2010

	TOTAL	CAPITAL	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	FELLOW	ADMIN
			SCHOLAR	SCHOLAR	SCHOLAR	SCHOLAR	SCHOLAR	SHIP	
Opening Balance	345,030.71	293,651.33	938.94	9,962.86	523.03	20,583.01		19,228.89	142.65
RECEIPTS									
Interest	6,523.38					378.59	5,099.53	1,045.26	
Accrued Interest to 30/6/10	9,462.44					34.09	9,151.66	276.69	
ACW National - annual contributions to Capital	9,876.20	9,876.20							
ACW Reimburse Expenses	319.18								319.18
Internal Journal Transfers	12,317.78	1,413.98		1,641.07				9,260.73	2.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	38,498.98	11,290.18	-	-	1,641.07	412.68	14,251.19	10,582.68	321.18
FUNDS AVAILABLE	383,529.69	304,941.51	938.94	9,962.86	2,164.10	20,995.69	14,251.19	29,811.57	463.83
LESS PAYMENTS									
Scholarship - C Ferguson	2,164.10				2,164.10				
Nat Conf C Tabing Reyes	3,212.85							3,187.85	25.00
Scholarship - T Fakraufon	1,519.69					1,519.69			
Scholarship - Ruth Marsipal	1,310.53					1,310.53			
Allowances Scholarship	1,000.00					1,000.00			
Administration	50.73								50.73
Petty Cash	18.00								18.00
Bank charges	141.00								141.00
Internal Journal Transfers	10,901.80		938.94	9,962.86					
TOTAL PAYMENTS	20,318.70	-	938.94	9,962.86	2,164.10	3,830.22	-	3,187.85	234.73
BALANCE IN HAND 30 JUNE	363,210.99	304,941.51	-	-	-	17,165.47	14,251.19	26,623.72	229.10

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN						
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST						
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS 30 JUNE 2010						
	TOTAL FUNDS	CERTIFICATE NUMBER	INTEREST RATE	DATE COMMENCED	TERM	MATURES
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	363,210.99					
Honouring Church Women	16,416.77					
TOTAL	379,627.76					
REPRESENTED BY:						
Bank SA Term Deposit	101,500.00	142 4038544460	6.00%	19/02/2010	7 mths	19/09/2010
Bank SA Term Deposit	25,000.00	142 4038638460	4.75%	31/08/2009	12 mths	31/08/2010
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	100,000.00	137498002	4.50%	8/07/2009	12 mths	8/07/2010
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	25,000.00	138158623	5.00%	18/09/2009	12 mths	18/09/2010
Community CPS Term Deposit	40,000.00	123020832	6.30%	6/02/2010	5 mths	6/07/2010
Community CPS Term Deposit	55,000.00	123017890	5.80%	16/06/2010	6 mths	14/12/2010
Australian Executor Trustee						
Cash Deposit Fund	1,671.69	20740300				
Lifepan Bonus Cash A/c	2,082.79	281621S30				
CPS S3 Access Savings A/c	7,241.28	3141815				
CPS Share	2.00					
Bank SA Cheque A/c	12,431.82	105 112 411272340				
Aust Central Credit Union Share	2.00					
Petty Cash	-					
TOTAL INVESTED	369,931.58					
Add Accrued Interest	9,695.18					
TOTAL	379,626.76					

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN							
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST							
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2010 TO 30 JUNE 2011							
	TOTAL WKST	CAPITAL	2010 SCHOLAR	2011 SCHOLAR	2012 SCHOLAR	FELLOW SHIP	ADMIN
Opening Balance	363,209.99	304,941.51	17,165.47	14,251.19		26,623.72	228.10
RECEIPTS							
Interest received	14,396.36		680.38	564.86	12,086.77	1,055.27	9.08
ACW National Executive	9,365.68	9,365.68					
TOTAL RECEIPTS	23,762.04	9,365.68	680.38	564.86	12,086.77	1,055.27	9.08
ADD ACCRUALS							
Interest Accrued	6,226.81		294.28	244.32	5,227.85	456.43	3.93
FUNDS AVAILABLE	393,198.84	314,307.19	18,140.13	15,060.37	17,314.62	28,135.42	241.11

	TOTAL WKST	CAPITAL	2010 SCHOLAR	2011 SCHOLAR	2012 SCHOLAR	FELLOW SHIP	ADMIN
LESS PAYMENTS							
2010 Scholars:							
College Fees							
Ruth Marsipal	3,000.00		3,000.00				
Tonu Fakraufon	5,500.00		5,500.00				
Air Fares							
Ruth Marsipal	129.60		129.60				
Tonu Fakraufon	730.16		730.16				
Excess Baggage	200.00		200.00				
Sundries	511.00		511.00				
2011 Scholars:							
A Mejahary	1,972.04			1,972.04			
Loss on money transfer	172.51			172.51			
Kheng Sisarat							
Travel, visa, medical	1,596.99			1,596.99			
Allowance	595.00			595.00			
Sundries	173.00			173.00			
College Fees	1,000.00			1,000.00			
Petty Cash	41.35						41.35
Bank charges	69.00						69.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	15,690.65	-	10,070.76	5,509.54	-	-	110.35
BALANCE IN HAND 30 JUNE	377,508.19	314,307.19	8,069.37	9,550.83	17,314.62	28,135.42	130.76

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN WINIFRED SCHOLARSHIP TRUST						
HONOURING CHURCH WOMEN						
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2010 TO 30 JUNE 2011						
	TOTAL	CAPITAL	2009 SCHOLAR	2010 SCHOLAR	2011 SCHOLAR	2012 SCHOLAR
Opening Balance	16,416.77	13,977.43	836.22	1,048.23	554.89	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>						
Interest received	650.69		33.14	41.55	21.99	554.01
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	650.69	-	33.14	41.55	21.99	554.01
<u>ADD ACCRUALS</u>						
Interest accrued	281.45		14.34	17.97	9.51	239.63
<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	17,348.91	13,977.43	883.70	1,107.75	586.39	793.64
<u>PAYMENTS</u>						
2010 Scholars						
Books Ruth Marsipal	123.05			123.05		
Books Tonu Fakraufon	201.02			201.02		
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	324.07	-	-	324.07	-	-
BALANCE IN HAND 30 JUNE	17,024.84	13,977.43	883.70	783.68	586.39	793.64

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN									
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST									
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS 30 JUNE 2011									
	TOTAL FUNDS	CERTIFICATE NUMBER	INTEREST RATE	DATE COMMENCED	TERM	MATURES	ACCRUED INTEREST		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	377,508.19								
Honouring Church Women	17,024.84								
TOTAL	394,533.03								
REPRESENTED BY:									
Bank SA Term Deposit	105,000.00	142 4038544460	6.00%	19/04/2011	213 days	18/11/2011	1,242.74		
Bank SA Term Deposit	30,000.00	142 4038638460	5.90%	31/03/2011	6 mths	30/09/2011	441.29		
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	107,660.77	137498002	6.00%	8/01/2011	6 mths	8/07/2011	3,061.70		
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	27,018.01	138158623	6.10%	18/03/2011	9 mths	18/12/2011	469.60		
Community CPS Term Deposit	40,000.00	123020832	6.00%	6/01/2011	6 mths	6/07/2011	1,150.68		
Community CPS Term Deposit	55,000.00	123017890	5.90%	14/06/2011	6 mths	14/12/2011	142.25		
Australian Executor Trustee									
Cash Deposit Fund	1,743.31	20740300							
Lifelpan Bonus Cash A/c	2,156.87	281621S30							
CPS S3 Access Savings A/c	4,687.36	3141815							
CPS Share	2.00								
Bank SA Cheque A/c	14,754.55	105 112 411272340							
Aust Central Credit Union Share	2.00								
Petty Cash	-								
TOTAL INVESTED	388,024.87								
Add Accrued Interest	6,508.26								
TOTAL	394,533.13								
							6,508.26		

SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

Active involvement by Australian Church Women Inc on the issues affecting our society is paramount in these challenging and changing times. What was unacceptable, unthinkable, even just one generation ago, is non-commonplace and has been legalised by our lawmakers now. Today we have to fight for support of the natural family. This is a task for every citizen, and the major one for lay persons, at a time when media, market and interest groups dominate public and political debate especially when those affect women and children.

Social issues groups in each State are very energetic in addressing issues of importance in our society. The following are only a portion of the topics that have been covered:

- Mr Demetriou thanking him for having NO FOOTBALL on Good Friday
- Why the sale of local Australian Businesses to major corporations, both Australian and International?
- Why the importation of beef and mutton into Australia from countries known to have *mad cow disease*?
- Afternoon for a network conference: 'Who cares for newly arrived International Students on study visas? 'Who is there for her in times of confusion or isolation'?
- Banning of Landmines and Cluster bombs
- Alcohol advertising during sporting fixtures
- Internet filtering,
- Bullying in schools and carrying knives to schools,
- Mental Health report by Prof. Patrick McGorry
- Lack of affordable housing, homelessness, sexualisation of children and food labelling.

Letter writing to politicians and personal lobbying of same and letters to the newspapers and radio talk back are among the various means through which Social Issue members have endeavoured to have their views noted.

We have a duty to look after the Environment, the creation that God has given us. We need to do this to enable us to feed the hungry, provide safe drinking water and provide proper housing, for all.

Our culture has been shaped by our Christian belief that it is important to care for the weak and those in need. Let us remember the words from Micah 'To do justice, to love with kindness and to walk humbly with your God.'

Kath Smith
National Social Justice Issues Convenor

ARCHIVIST REPORT

In accordance with the Motion 2009/31 re Archives, I undertook for National Executive to "make a detailed exploration of the matter of storing Archives in an appropriate form".

I made enquiries at the Uniting Church Archives (NSW Synod) after their re-location from 'Eskdale' North Parramatta to the Centre for Ministry, also at North Parramatta.

Because of the restriction in space at the Centre for Ministry, UCA Archives are not in a position to offer accommodation to any organisations outside the Uniting Church.

I also had a number of conversations with Mr Darryl Lightfoot, of the Eunice Hunter Library, Epping NSW and reported my findings to National Executive.

Mr Lightfoot is confident that the Eunice Hunter Library can offer permanent housing for the National Archives of ACW. These records would be available to ACW for inspection at any time.

The present location of Eunice Hunter Library, however, is not permanent and arrangements to move it to its new site have still to be finalised. It is anticipated that this may not happen in 2011.

Conversations with officers of National Executive resulted in the decision to allow Mr Lightfoot and the Archivist to judge whether we move ACW Archives to Eunice Hunter Library at its present location or whether we wait until it has to be re-located at its new site.

National President, Margaret Flint has requested that I provide a formal motion re the future storage of the Archives, to the National Conference of 2011. This I am happy to do. I would also offer to continue as Archivist for the National Executive until such time as the Archives can be moved to a permanent home.

Edith Ridge
National Archivist
25.7.2011

WEBSITE MANAGER

Further to Motion 2009/22 passed at the 22nd National Conference of Australian Church Women held in September 2009, "That the incoming National Executive of Australian Church Women Inc. take responsibility to reorganise the website, with help from those with expertise in these matters", the National Executive for 2009-2011 appointed Mr Ewan Arnolda as new Website Administrator.

Ewan is currently working with me to produce a new website.

I have indicated that I wish to step down from the role of National Website Manager.

B. Dickinson
National Website Manager
26 July 2011

ACWC NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT FOR 2011

October 2010 saw the fruition of the hard work of the ACWC General and Executive Committees for 2006-2010 as they celebrated the 14th Quadrennial General Assembly in Bogor, Indonesia. As you can imagine it is not easy to organise an international event from another country, especially with only a handful of meetings for members to meet face-to-face and discuss the mountain of items that had to be considered.

There were many language difficulties communicating with the host country, but fortunately the ACWC had a very capable Executive Secretary to coordinate such a mammoth task. We are indebted to Shu-Wen Chiang for the success of the 2010 Assembly, and with great sadness we thanked and farewelled Shu-Wen at the Assembly as she concluded her two terms of office.

2011 began with a new Executive Secretary and new General and Executive Committees. ACWC is very privileged to have another competent and well qualified Executive Secretary in the person of Reverend Lee, Moon Sook from Korea. Reverend Lee has extensive ecumenical experience and a wealth of knowledge on women's organisations.

2011 was also a new beginning for me as the ACWC President, and I hardly had time to put my feet under the 'virtual' desk of President when a traumatic time was beginning for many sisters in our member countries. It seemed as if every new day brought another disaster and ACWC members experienced more than their fair share of these tragedies.

Each disaster was heartbreaking and none more so than the triple devastation that occurred in Japan—earthquakes, tsunami and nuclear meltdown. It has been a difficult time for many and I felt quite helpless against the enormous needs generated by these disasters. I have been humbled and greatly inspired by the strong faith in God that I have witnessed by many of those affected.

It has also been a privilege to pray for our sisters in need. The ACWC Prayer Partners Programme is a simple, but effective means of supporting one another in times of trouble. It has been encouraging to see and know that our members pray for one another and, where possible, distribute aid and raise funds for financial assistance. Bringing one another before the throne of grace binds us together in Christ's love.

Natural disasters are not the only hardship that our ACWC sisters have faced. Many also live daily in fear of threats and reprisals because of political turmoil and religious persecution. These dangerous situations have also been making the headlines in world news, and hopefully it has brought these traumatic situations before compassionate people who can support the victims in their pain and distress.

Add to this poverty, lack of education and restricted social status, and we see the need to be united in our efforts to raise the profile of women in Asia. ACWC's funds are limited, but hopefully during this term, 2011-2014, we can raise and release funds for scholarships and projects that will enable and empower more Asian women to take hold of their legitimate place in family and society.

Donna Bryan (Captain)

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S COALITION

The Australian Women's Coalition Inc. aims to increase communication within the women's sector, clearly identify the needs of women represented by the partners of the coalition, initiate policies, programs and partnerships to address these needs and advocate on women's issues to government and the community

During 2010-2011 outcomes included:

- a project advocating for a new model of long-term care for survivors of sexual violence, titled 'Happy Healthy Women, Not Just Survivors'.
- an update on Australia's response to human trafficking and recommendations for continued policy improvements in this area.
- an analysis of the AWC's inter-cultural bridge-building program and recommendations for building on our efforts in this area, including greater engagement in the public affairs debate.
- A submission to the House of Representatives Inquiry into ATSI young offenders was based on significant background work undertaken by AWC in 2009.
- continuing advocacy work around AWC's invited submission on the New National Women's Health Policy.
- Submission on the Government's Review of the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace (EOWW) Act and Agency; and the joint-Alliances collaborative project, focusing on women and hidden unemployment during the Global Financial Crisis (GFC).
AWC's Advocacy Training Workshops.
- A submission on the Federal Budget.

Several ACW Units provided input to AWC's Inter Cultural Bridge Building Program and received due acknowledgement in the 2010 report. Anne Kennedy, ACW Victorian Unit, represented ACW Inc. at a Consultation in Victoria for the 'Happy Healthy Women, Not Just Survivors' Project. The Project Launch in Sydney 2010 was attended by ACW NSW Unit President, Nola Dickson, and Secretary, Helen Hill and Margaret Flint. I attended a most worthwhile Advocacy workshop in Adelaide late 2009. This was one that AWC provided free nationally, with more than fifty non-AWC organisation nominating women to attend.

Unfortunately AWC's funding tender to Commonwealth OSW was unsuccessful. At AWC 2010 AGM the constitution was revised to reflect this changed situation. AWC is affiliated with the Australian Women against Violence Alliance (AWAVA). This affiliation fits well with AWC's advocacy work on sexual violence, as well as other issues.

In 2009-11 I attended seven (7) AWC Inc. meetings, including two Annual General Meetings. In 2010 attended one meeting as a member AWC Inc. Executive.

ACW Inc. has been a member of AWC Inc. since its inception. I recommend its continued membership as this affords a valuable opportunity to meet and network at national level with women's organisations.

Margaret L Flint OAM



Australian Capital Territory Unit

It is with great pleasure that I present this report on behalf of the ACT Unit of ACW to this Biennial Conference.

It has been a busy but a productive time for the ACT Unit since we were the National Executive in 2009. I have been most fortunate in the support that I have had from my Executive.

At the AGM this year both Vice-Presidents, Cela Cooper and Marie Gallagher, decided not to re-nominate for those positions although Marie continues to be our delegate to the ACT Churches Council. Cela also relinquished her position as Newsletter Editor but Eileen Holley has now accepted this task.

Jean Thomson OAM and Jan Abrahamffy are our new Vice-Presidents with Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Secretary, Helen Lloyd Treasurer, and Angela Devlin as Minute Secretary and one of our delegates to the National Council of Women of ACT Inc. Dr Vimala Isaac, Janet Graham, and Constance Aronsen continue in their roles as FLC Convenor, Social Justice Convenor and WKS Convenor respectively. Jacqueline Hipwell agreed to assist with Special Days.

In recognition of their continuous and valuable service to ACW over many years both Cela Cooper and Eileen Holley were awarded ACT Unit Life Membership at our AGM in February this year.

On 22nd August 2010, Merle Fitzpatrick, an ACT Unit Life Member since ~~1972~~²⁰⁰¹, died at the age of 82 years. Merle had been a delegate to ACW as a member of the Canberra branch of the Mothers' Union. She was elected to the Executive and was Publicity Officer for 15 years. She was a Unit delegate to the National Conference in 1997.

Jean Thomson's husband, Neville, passed away on 5th April 2010 and our heartfelt sympathy was extended to Jean and her family. Jean is an ACT Life Member and the past President of the National Executive.

National Life Member, Evonne Sullivan AM, died this year on Easter Saturday at the age of 88 years. She is sorely missed as her knowledge of ACW and NCW matters was legendary and her advice was always to the point. I will miss her dearly as she was an excellent mentor.

Our other National Life Member, Ruth Burmester, broke her hip earlier this year but she is quite indefatigable and has recovered well and has returned to meetings. (Marie Gallagher provides the transport for her). We celebrated her 94th birthday in April this year.

At the last National Conference Pauline Smit issued an invitation for an ACW Unit delegate to attend the Quadrennial meeting of the World Day of Prayer Committee in Melbourne. Life Member, Betty Farrell attended this meeting and gave a very comprehensive presentation on her return.

We continue to hold Special Day Services which have been well-attended. This year there were two World Day of Prayer Services held in the ACT – one at the Church of Christ, Ainslie, organised by ACW, and another in the evening at the City Uniting Church organised by the Tongan community.

The Fellowship Day Service was held at the Salvation Army Church at Mawson where Lieutenant Bronwyn Williams gave an inspiring address. This year's service will be hosted by the women at the Canberra Baptist Church, and we are looking forward to this.

World Community Day Service held in October was at the beautiful Presbyterian church of St Andrew in Forrest. Deaconess Kathryn Clark gave a thought provoking address along the theme "throughout the Old Testament our God is often pictured as the light that brings life and illumination for the path of life."

We thank the ACW Units who have prepared orders of service for the Special Days during the last two years. I was fortunate to attend the Asian Church Women's Conference in Bogor, Indonesia as an observer. It is always inspiring to renew fellowship with women you have met at a previous conference and to meet new delegates for the first time.

Helen Raymond President

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mrs Jennifer Peffer, representing the Baptist Church was installed as President in 2008 and was an enthusiastic and capable leader to the unit. During her time in the chair the unit gained Stamp Duty Exemption, Public Liability Insurance cover, adopting updated Associate Membership form and Plans of Promotion and organizing new badges with updated logo.

Mrs Nola Dickson was installed as President in May 2010, representing the Presbyterian Church. The upgrade of the Constitution, worked on by executive was passed by the members in June this year and will come into effect in twelve months. Nola has been very faithful in her speaking engagements and has travelled quite some distances to fulfil this role. Her devotions are always very profound; she is a gracious lady with a gentle sense of humour. The Services she has arranged have been very thought provoking and well prepared, we look forward to Spiritual Enrichment Day.

The State Conference, held in September was a time of fellowship, with guest speakers from Allowah Children's Hospital at Dundas, the recipient of funds from Community Day Services in 2010. The service was very meaningful and Biblically based.

ACWC Mrs Lyn Middleton keeps the meetings abreast with current information and the Multicultural Concert that she organizes was well attended and a wonderful afternoon of Christian Fellowship.

WKS Mrs Judith Cayzer looks after the students who come to study here; she visits them and makes sure they are receiving all the help they need. She gives an interesting report on past and present students at each meeting. We look forward to meeting Sisar at Conference.

PPSEAWA Mrs Edith Ridge continues to be the representative, attending as many meetings as she can and also the lunches which are the fundraisers. She reports on guest speakers and passes on relevant information.

PASTORAL CARE Mrs Olive Edmondstone is a very caring overseer of our members, always abreast of concerns and after her report prays for all those who are in need of comfort. We have had our share of illness amongst members and their families and these are brought to the meeting's attention.

PUBLICITY Mrs Isabel Hewitt (U/C President Elect) has taken on this role and has produced flyers and posters as requested by the President and Conveners. We all feel that publicity is probably best done by word of mouth but Isabel's art work is always very welcome.

SPECIAL DAYS Mrs Pamela Freeman capably handles all the business and gives encouragement to branches always willing to be guest speaker when invited. At the direction of National Executive the topics for special days in 2010-2011 have come from the Theme of 'Out of Darkness into Light.'

NEWSETTE Mrs Jennifer Peffer has taken on the role of editor after Mrs Beryl McLaughlin moved from Sydney, she gave 22 years of service to Newsette. Jennifer is endeavouring to widen the circulation and make the articles more relevant particularly to country people.

SOCIAL ISSUES Mrs Carmel Keys has brought many issues of concern to our attention during the year; same sex marriage & adoption, surrogacy, euthanasia, sexualisation of children, treatment of asylum seekers, financial support to disabled people and their carers to name but a few.

CHURCHES TOGETHER Mrs Isabel Hewitt brings these reports to Council. Known previously as NSW Ecumenical Council, Churches Together NSW ACT has spent the last year searching for the direction that is needed to fulfill its role of encouraging churches to respond to the call of John 17:21, "that they be one, so the world will believe that You sent me."

FLC Major Lillian Hodges has been very active in travelling to many areas to speak about FLC, to give them information and encouragement, many groups are not aware of the history of FLC.

MEMBERSHIP Mrs Martha Noel faithfully keeps the record of attendances and apologies. The average attendance at meetings is 35-40 women.



QUEENSLAND UNIT

The Queensland Unit continues to meet every month even though our numbers are small. The members we do have are ever faithful in their attendance and commitment to ACW and we praise God for them. We are endeavouring to seek new members from the affiliated churches, but like all denominations it is very difficult as we all have the same problems – age and younger women not able to commit. We have had two new members in the last two years. We know that we are only a small part of ACW Australia wide and when we look at the big picture we are continually encouraged.

The National Conference was held in Canberra in September 2009. Three members from Queensland attended, two from the Queensland Unit and one from the Mackay Branch. The Theme chosen by the National Executive for the last two years has been “Turning Darkness into Light. The Conference is a reminder of the commitment of so many women and the enormous amount of work that is done through our connection to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, the two special Services that are held right across the country – Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

Our link with Asia through Asian Church Women’s Conference and its nineteen countries is a very important one. There are many programs and projects that are part of Asian Church Women’s Conference and their cooperation with the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Asian Church Women’s Conference Assembly was held in Indonesia in October 2010 and one of our members, Fran Moss was one of four Australian Church Women Inc. delegates.

The Queensland Unit, Branches and members churches support the Fellowship of the Least Coin very well. Even though the number of groups supporting the Fellowship of the Least Coin is declining the amount contributed is almost the same.

We had an Information Day in 2010 which was an open meeting. Unfortunately only one non member came along but it was good to look at the work of Australian Church Women right across its many spectrums from local to our overseas involvement.

We try to keep active and as we need finance to keep going, we run one fund raiser a year. This is usually a Morning Tea with entertainment. Once again in 2010 we took the Morning Tea out of the CBD and went to the suburbs. The Bayside Uniting Church at Manly West was the venue with the “Brother James Singers” to entertain us. In 2011 we went to the Broadwater Road Uniting Church where we were asked to ‘Come, hear and see’ the Rev Alan Robinson as he illustrated his story.

The President or her representative has represented the Queensland Unit at the Annual Meeting of our affiliated churches and groups. As the Queensland Unit does not arrange Fellowship Day and World Community Day services, members endeavour to attend services held in the suburbs.

We will continue to serve our Lord and Saviour through our commitment to Australian Church Women and pray that through His guidance we will be able to keep Australian Church Women going in Queensland in the future

President Elaine Hales
Secretary Margaret Florence



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNIT INC

This report is written as we in South Australia prepare to warmly welcome Church Women from all around our wide land here to our National Conference in Adelaide, and members of our Unit are looking forward to renewing the relationships we have formed over time in other places.

Once again, our largest local undertaking each year is the staging of Community Concern Events, with sixteen gatherings taking place in 2010 and a further sixteen this year. It is an opportunity for suburban and indeed near city country churches to meet women and men from other denominations and to support the chosen charity for the year.

In 2010 the chosen charity was the Epilepsy Centre - for which we raised approximately \$5,000. In 2011 we are supporting the McGuire Programme, providing support for those who are afflicted with stuttering. The rationale for choosing a charity is that it receives no government funding and is not church based. Our thanks to all the churches who host meetings and to the small group from the Unit who prepare for and attend the various Morning and Afternoon Teas at which the money is raised.

Through our Jubilee 150 Trust we give one-off grants to women who just need a small injection of funds to help further their careers. The grants in 2010 were given to six women in the community, allowing them to pay for part of a course of study, fund the purchase of equipment necessary in their future employment area and to use prepaid public transport to allow them to undertake work options. While the recommendations for grants come from a church group, the recipient does not necessarily have to be a church-goer herself.

Shortly after our return from National Conference 2009, we were happy to have Rev Nita West inducted as our President for the biennium, a role which she has filled with great compassion and effectiveness. We were very involved in the early part of 2010 with finding a President-Elect and have been very fortunate to have Marion McCall OAM agree to fill this role, and Marion will take office at our November AGM.

We are extremely grateful for the work of the ten women who have served on National Executive over the past two years. In that time two of them made the decision to resign their office, and this has led to all members having to take on extra areas of responsibility in order to fill the gaps. Under the leadership of President Margaret Flint OAM they have worked hard to fill the obligations placed on them.

Our Day of Reflection was a good opportunity for us to come together and not talk for a change. Run by Major Cindy Shellenberger, on the theme *Let the lower lights keep burning* we enjoyed the in-depth time we had to reflect on the stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son. Cindy provided vibrant, thoughtful and challenging leadership, giving us a different perspective on each story. The weather was perfect and the garden at the Church of the Good Shepherd was peaceful, with birds and butterflies to keep us company as we walked or sat in our personal time of reflection.

We have kept up our close links with the World Day of Prayer, and the Fellowship of the Least Coin over the biennium, with some members filling dual roles with ACW as well as one of those groups.

In January 2010 and again in 2011, a number of members met at the home of our Social Justice Convenor, Mrs Anne Parnis, and packed a number of bags of toiletries and goodies for clients of a Domestic Violence Service in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. The items packed were funded by donations – both financial and practical - from members of the Unit, and the officers involved in the distribution of the bags have been very appreciative in their acknowledgement.

We have welcomed five guest speakers to our Unit meetings over the past two years. In 2010 we heard from Brian and Jill Polkinghorne, who spoke on their time undertaking the work of God in Tanzania; Christine Mitchell (a peer educator with COTA) made a presentation on *Beyond Maturity Blues*; and Dr Adrian von der Borch was willing to bring us up to date on groups involved with the proposed abolition of nuclear weapons.

In 2011 we have had two Unit meetings with guest speakers. President Nita West and Pat Walker, who had both attended the Quadrennial Assembly of ACWC in Bogor, Indonesia, gave us their personal views on their experiences; and Senior Sergeant Sharon Walker-Roberts, from SA Police, informed us of the work of police in situations involving domestic violence. In addition, speakers at our Fellowship Day and World Community Day services have been inspirational.

We remember to pray for our prayer partners in Mongolia, and Nita and Pat were able to meet with their two delegates at Assembly, making our relationship much more personal in nature. Our ability to practice our faith seems so trouble free compared with that of many women in Asian countries.

I would like to recognise, with sincere thanks, all members who have worked with unfailing generosity throughout the biennium. As a Unit, we look forward to more loving teamwork in the future.



TASMANIAN UNIT

The Theme for the 22nd National Conference in September 2009 "Faith in the Future" gives strength and hope to all members of ACW.

Here in our State Unit we use and exercise the word Faith frequently. It is Faith that gathers an average of 9 women to our State meetings, Faith that is a favourite topic in many of the opening devotions and Faith that provides meeting rooms, a variety of churches for special day services and Faith by which we as mature women see ACW as the strength it is.

As we are approaching the May AGM we have set in place the nominations for office bearers. Shirley Brooks having completed one year as president will continue another year. The same can be said of our treasurer Kath Pearce. Secretary position of some year's service will continue with Juanita Miller

Generally our meetings for the Unit consist of women from the North West and the North of the state. More members abide in the south of the state and when possible join us at the AGM. The arrangement of meetings means some have to travel some 110 Ks to the meeting whether we meet in Launceston or twice yearly when we meet in Devonport. We are extremely grateful to the Churches who welcome us to use their meeting rooms and kitchen facilities.

All our convenors make our meetings interesting with reports to share. Two of our members bring reports from outside ACW they being Tasmanian Council of Churches and World Day of Prayer.

All members put prayerful thought into the prospects for potential FLC grant recipients and Special Day projects. We have supplied our Churches with literature regarding the opportunities offered for Winifred Scholarships.

Unfortunately we do only have one Branch still operating and that is in Launceston. There are occasions when members from the branch will join with State members for a Fund Raiser and of course at the AGM. It is at the AGM that the local Branch helps with the catering

Social Justice Items are of special interest to our members both at Branch and State levels. Members have on occasions taken measures to make known our opinion wherever possible should the need arise. We have been very fortunate to be kept well informed on the very nature of things by now retiring Ione Bakes. Members are actively supportive of the School Chaplaincy programs and pray the Government may see the wisdom of continuing the financial support for their presence in schools..

It is our prayer that by "Faith in the Future" ACW with God's help will remain healthy and active

Juanita Miller
Unit Secretary



Victorian Unit

ACW (Vic) has had two busy and productive years with the usual monthly pattern of an Executive meeting one month, and a Council meeting on the following month. At this stage, (mid 2011), it is felt that the size of the Executive meeting needs to be reduced to make a better comparative size between it and the Council meeting of the next month.

We are very aware of the problems of increasing age and the health and family responsibilities of many women. We have therefore pruned the size of the Executive so that it does not eclipse our Council meetings.

Nevertheless, with the faithful support of our 'smaller' groups: Winifred Kiek Scholarship, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Special Days, Social Justice, Publicity, Newsletter, and with representatives from the National Council of Women, World Day of Prayer and Victorian Council of Churches, the Victorian Unit has had two really busy years of outreach.

We must say we are very proud that our representative for the Asian Church Women's activities, our very own Donna Bryan, this year became the first Australian President of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

Prayers and sympathy have been very much with our sister organisations in Australia and around the world which have suffered so much this year from floods, tsunamis and earthquakes.

It is of interest that our Victorian outreach is growing. We have recently welcomed our new President, Lorraine Davis, who lives at Ballarat, (well beyond suburban Melbourne!), and last year some members travelled north to country Donald to meet Christian women who were sharing in that region.

Fellowship Days, World Community Days, World Day of Prayer and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been well-supported in churches throughout Victoria, and around eighty groups have supported the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Representatives from the Executive spoke at many of these groups. So all in all, we think that Australian Church Women in Victoria is gaining momentum.

Through our five minute focus segments at Council meetings, we continue to learn more about each other. These and the interesting speakers at each Council meeting raise our awareness of activity within the wider Church.

Pat Burchell
ACW Vic. Unit



Western Australian Unit

It is with pleasure that I present the Biennial report for the Western Australia Unit.

At our Annual General Meeting in November, 2009, Mrs Leeola Loughnan concluded a successful term as Unit President and took on the role of Secretary. After being secretary for six years, Laurel Pearce took on the role of President.

Members of our unit have worked hard over these two years in the interests of Australian Church Women. This was often done under pressure due to personal illness or the ill health of family members. However the commitment of members to ACW and their support of each other has enabled our Unit to function well.

We were saddened during 2010 by the death of Mrs Marjorie Scurlock at the age of 96 years. Marjorie was a foundation and life member of our unit. Her commitment to, and interest in ACW over those 44 years was valued. A number of unit members attended her funeral service which was a celebration of her life and faith.

Mrs Gill Muir has replaced Rev. Marion Millin as one of our Uniting Church members. Major Debra Stevens joined us in 2010 but was transferred by the Salvation Army to Victoria at the beginning of 2011. We have welcomed Mrs Jennie Edwards as a delegate from the Lutheran Church to membership of our unit. Mrs Janet Allsworth, an Anglican, has attended a Unit meeting and we hope to welcome her as a member of the Unit. One of our members, Mrs Joan Mann has been made a life member of the W.A. United Nations Association.

In October 2010 I attended the Asian Church Women Conference Assembly in Bogor, Indonesia as an ACW delegate. It was great to meet with women so passionate about their faith and of improving the lives of women in their countries. We are proud that our Australian National representative, Captain Donna Bryan is the new President of ACWC. We valued meeting delegates from Mongolia, Australia's prayer partner. I have speaking engagements with women's groups on the ACWC conference.

On the local front our special days' services went well in city and country. Although numbers were not as high as we would have liked, the speakers were good and the services enjoyed by all who attended.

We look forward to Conference and meeting friends, old and new. The National Executive elect are preparing for the challenge of the next two years and we would value your prayers and encouragement.

Laurel Pearce President.



Catholic Women's League Australia Inc.

In October 2010, twenty nine CWL members and five husbands travelled to Israel to attend the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) Centenary Assembly.

Some of the areas of work to be undertaken over the next four years by WUCWO members are:

- End the use of IT in the sexual exploitation of children
- Street children
- Abolishment of forced marriages of young girls
- Support for migrants
- Put a stop to the aggressive marketing methods that promote the sexualisation of children
- Halt infanticide.

Catherine McGrath (our alternate delegate to AWC) was nominated by CWLA to be on the WUCWO Board. Catherine was duly elected and is now our representative at this international organisation of five (5) million women. As WUCWO has four (4) official languages, Catherine has been attending French lessons to assist her when attending Board meetings.

At the conclusion of the Assembly we then went on a tour which was amazing. Five Australian couples renewed their wedding vows at Cana in Galilee which for Catholics is a very significant place.

Our members continue to support many projects which assist children and women in Africa, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, PNG as well as in Australia.

Locally we continue to support White Ribbon Day and Pink Ribbon Day as well as Research for Prostate Cancer, Cervical Cancer and Autism.

We have made submissions to the Federal Government on many issues that we believe, if allowed, will cause grave problems within society. We opposed the R18+ video games but unfortunately the government caved in on this issue. We participated in the recent 'Protect Marriage' forum at Parliament House in Canberra which was organised by the Australian Family Association. We continue to support 'Drug Free Australia'.

Resolutions at our Biennial Conference deal with the sale of our farming land to foreign owned companies and governments; the sexualisation of young children; the setting up of rehabilitation houses for prostitutes who wish to leave the abusive industry and gambling by young people using mobile phones.

Madge Fahy
National President

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12:24

Women's Ministry within Churches of Christ in Australia has reached a significant point in its history.

For over 125 years Churches of Christ in Australia have had a strong and vibrant network among women. Each state had its network of Christian Women's Fellowship groups spread across the churches, and there was opportunity for those groups to meet together annually for inspiration, support, encouragement and information about what was going on in the wider areas of the church. These groups provided financial and prayer support for many areas of ministry within Churches of Christ in Australia.

Every two years a National Conference was held and representatives from the states would meet and many friendships across the country developed from those times.

Over the last 20 years or so, groups in local churches have diminished as later generations of women did not seem to have the same need for "women only groups" and the remnant have been held together by a faithful few. There have been lots of new initiatives emerge and many opportunities created for continuing friendships and these have gradually taken on their own life within the local church.

Nationally, women's gatherings have changed from many women coming together every 3 years for challenge and inspiration, to become a meeting once a year of State Women's Ministry coordinators who have shared ideas and encouraged each other to keep the work going. Contact is maintained through e-mails and shared newsletters.

Last year, prior to our November meeting, I asked the question of our state coordinators, "Where to from here?"

To a person it was very difficult for them to give a definitive answer. They all noted that things are constantly changing in this post-denominational era where most people are interested in what intimately affects them, and the wider picture doesn't have much importance.

Each expressed that attempts to have "central events" are becoming more and more frustrating as there seems little support for such events. The ones that do get support are those which focus more on strategic training that is useful in local church ministry. Programmes which encourage self understanding and personal growth and development are well supported by younger women. Camps are popular in some states. It seems that there has to be a definite purpose to meeting to best suit this time-poor generation.

There is a strong sense amongst our leaders that Women's Ministry as we have known it is on a fairly sharp decline. At the present time each of the state coordinators expressed appreciation for the annual meeting at which we have been able to talk through some of these issues and encourage each other with new ideas and possibilities. The decline is not from lack of enthusiasm, or an unwillingness to offer new initiatives on the part of the leaders, it simply is lack of interest on the part of the traditional market place.

Global Women Connecting is the international link with women across our Movement. We do have some funding issues around this as we need to pay an international affiliation fee. It is difficult to collect national affiliation fees so the challenge is large. No groups=no affiliation

fees=decreased bank account!! We are committed to remaining connected to GWC-certainly in the near future. It is the "How?" which is the challenge.

At present our connection is through prayer and project. Each 4 years, at our international gathering of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, a women's retreat is held for representatives of women's groups from those countries which are affiliated with Global Women Connecting. This is another challenge as we traditionally send a representative to this Retreat.

Each country is invited to submit a mission initiative to determine the project for the next 4 years and this is voted on at this time. It needs to be an organisation which does not get any Government funding and which has as its goal the betterment of conditions for women and girls in that country. Australian women have been well to the fore in submitting projects and supporting those projects generously.

For the period 2008-2012 the project has been the Klong Toey Social Service and Community Centre, under the auspices of the Church of Christ in Thailand, where a dedicated team of Australians is helping to empower the women to improve their situation through self-help commercial enterprises and education.

We have many questions before us for which we do not have easy answers, but our wonderful leaders continue to seek out new ways of equipping and stimulating women to use their God given gifts for the work of God in their place.

Local churches across all states are reaching out in their own areas and have craft, art, playgroups, local retirement home visits and much more. Women are working and witnessing everywhere, but are not connecting at a state level.

We are sad that Western Australia no longer has a Women's Ministry Unit, however the annual morning meeting and lunch held in October (a remnant of the Women's Conference day long ago) is still to be held for as long as the retired team can keep it going. Also the roster for the Sunshine monthly afternoon tea meeting at Bethanie Joondanna is continuing. Earlier this year, the Christian Women's Fellowship in Victoria celebrated over 125 years of ministry and is drawing to a close, and the South Australian Women's Ministry Unit functions very minimally. Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria continue to have programmes, camps, special days etc which are well supported.

This may sound fairly negative -and in terms of structure it probably is- but in terms of the influence and empowering of women across our churches, the commitment of dedicated women will continue to inspire and raise up others who will speak into their current environment and enable women of all ages to find the role God has for them in the emerging-- and the emerged-- church of the 21st Century and beyond.

As we acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful women of Churches of Christ in Australia who have laid such a firm foundation for this generation to build upon, we earnestly seek God's direction for the future.

(Says the Lord)"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a new way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Is 43:19

Marj Dredge,
National Co-coordinator,
Women's Ministries--Churches of Christ in Australia.



ANNUAL REPORT 2011 for Australian Church Women Inc.

I have pleasure in presenting the report from MU Australia, part of the World Wide Mothers' Union. Membership of MU in Australia is approximately 9,000 with branches in all Dioceses of the Anglican Church. This total includes lone or diocesan members who live on properties or in small towns where there are no branches. While membership is predominantly among older women many places also have some young women and there are now more men joining our organisation.

Our Vision is **"To share Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life."**

Members seek to live out our Vision through participation in a wide range of activities at individual, branch, diocesan and national level. Some of the activities include facilitating Marriage and Baptismal Programs, Education and follow up visits. Pastoral Care work covers a huge range of activities at Parish level. The Parent Encouragement Program (P.E.P.) facilitator training has now been introduced to Melanesia, and has been presented to New Zealand Mothers' Union. Members continue to support clergy in parishes through prayer and practical assistance with children's activities and in aged care facilities. This year we have launched an Annual Bible Study to reflect the theme for the year, with the hope that most members will use it. Following a suggestion from the Bishop to the Defence Force, MU members have taken on a prayer ministry praying for chaplains in the Defence Force and an email prayer chain operates for specific prayer requests for chaplains, service personnel and their families. We are finding this are very fulfilling outreach.

Once again MU Australia has been able to provide both financial and practical support for communities which have suffered from Fire, Flood and Cyclone damage during the past twelve months. Through our Northern Outreach Programme we have continued to support the Dioceses of North West Australia and the Northern Territory for clergy family conferences and workshops; in North Queensland for travel and training for Indigenous members. Support also continues for Papua New Guinea and Melanesia; we were pleased to have Provincial Presidents from both at our Council meeting in November 2010

Overseas Aid this year has been to provide for a Nursery School for Karen refugees on the Thai/Burma border and to assist in financial literacy training in Burundi. Two members of our Executive Committee and one husband travelled to Solomon Islands for the introductory training of facilitators for the parenting programme.

Executive committee members of MU Australia are only permitted to serve two three year terms and the beginning of 2011 saw the changeover of about half the committee. For the first time a woman priest has been elected as president. Uganda was the first province to have a woman priest as president, and in New Zealand another woman priest is about to take over as president.

With new technologies, more communication between dioceses, branches and members is electronic, but Mia Mia, our quarterly magazine continues to keep members connected and informed, while our Publication Department supplies literature and gift items to Dioceses across Australia. Our other Departments – Education, Prayer and Spirituality, Social Responsibility, Caritas/Promotion and Development, Overseas and Northern Outreach continue to encourage, teach and inform members as they seek to live out their faith as members of MU Australia. Many of our projects are developed by these Departments.

The Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman
Provincial President MU Australia.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia is an Association within the Presbyterian Church of Australia, which aims to link women of the PCA for mutual help and inspiration and for united service to Christ both in Australia and abroad and to seek to help in extending the Kingdom of God. Each state (excluding Victoria) has their own Presbyterian Women's Association, which is linked to the Federal PWA. We keep in touch with State Units through their minutes and magazines and regular personal contact with each State Executive and a member of the Federal Executive. This enables opportunities for us to support State units through prayer and encouragement. The Federal President seeks to visit each State Unit within her three-year term of office.

In September 2010 The Triennial Federal Conference was once again held in Sydney. This Conference was an encouraging opportunity for delegates and others from each state to gather and hear about the ministries and needs of the Presbyterian Inland Mission and Timor Leste. The PWA has had a long association with the PIM and seek to support this ministry in practical ways. For many years various PWA branches and State Units have collected donations of hand creams, toiletries and children's stationery so that PIM padres can give small gifts to Station owners as they visit. This was a great encouragement to those on the Stations especially in times of drought over the past 10 years – just to know that they were being thought of and prayed for by their city cousins! All the PIM teams have testified to the way God has used these small gifts to open doors to the Gospel and build friendships between the padres and those they visit.

Each Triennial Conference the Federal Executive is rotated and all State Units are encouraged to take their turn in this rotation! In September 2010 Western Australia took on the roles of the Federal Executive. This is only the 2nd time since 1977 that they have been in a position to take their turn in the rotation. Our current Federal President is Margaret Thatcher. She and her husband, Darrell, are the WA Co-ordinators for Wycliffe Bible Translators. They attend the Henderson Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Leederville, West Australia.

As Federal President, Margaret was able to give the devotions on the Friday of the West Australian PWA's time of Encouragement for Women, held in May 2011. The theme of the Weekend was "Celebrating Women's Relationships in Christ: Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Aunts". Mrs Les Palmer, the wife of the minister at Maida Vale Westminster Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker and did a wonderful job in opening the Scriptures to us.

Margaret will be participating in the camp run by the Tasmanian PWA in October 2011.

Each State Unit has its own Rallies, Time out days, camps, conferences and Times of Encouragement and seeks to encourage women to strengthen the witness to Christ wherever they are. As with many similar organisations finding women prepared to take on roles within the Executive is often difficult but God has blessed each State Unit with a functioning committee and we pray that He will continue to do so – as we seek to bring Glory to Christ in all that we do and the way in which we do it!

As we continue to serve the PWA as the Federal Executive 2010-2013 we seek to remember that in doing so we serve Christ and His church for His Glory and to make His name known!

Ephesians 4:1-7

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

Margaret Thatcher

Federal President

Presbyterian Women's Association

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES IN AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY
OF THE SALVATION ARMY**

Our territory is very pleased to support the work and ministry of Australian Church Women with a good number of representatives on the committee.

Women's Ministry in The Salvation Army continues to be a very effective part of our denomination. Many of our corps (churches) conduct a weekly meeting for women and for some this is their "church". So we always try to include some devotional message each week. Our meetings are based on our four fold program – worship, education, fellowship and service.

Besides this weekly meeting, there are many other Focus Groups organized by women, for women in our corps. These range from Bible study and prayer groups, to craft, aerobics, walking club, girl's night out, preschool groups and Mainly Music – to name a few. One of the challenges with focus groups is knowing how to link the women and children with the corps but some of our corps are having good success with this.

Our women work hard through the year to raise funds for projects and in 2010 a total of \$228,326 was raised for global and local projects.

Our territory is divided into seven divisions and in each of these there are some very creative and innovative women's events organized each year. These include camps (week days or a weekend), Bible Conventions, regional rallies and mid-week retreats for our women officers.

Each year the territorial office organizes Captivated (by the Word) – formerly known as Bible Convention. There is an annual attendance ranging from 400 to 500 and attracts women of all ages and cultures. We have been encouraged in recent years to see younger women attending and also those from other cultures.

Our women's department at territorial headquarters also prepares an annual resource manual for all our women leaders. This includes program ideas, Bible studies and creative ideas for women's groups to assist our leaders.

The greatest joy for us each year is to see the spiritual results of our ministry to women and in 2010 I am able to report that there were 73 women accept the Lord as their Saviour, 279 new families connected through women's ministry groups, 473 new young people connected through preschool groups and 22 women became soldiers (full members) of our denomination. We praise the Lord for this harvest for His Kingdom and look forward to a fruitful year in 2011.

Jan Condon
Commissioner
Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Robyn Maxwell
Colonel
Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

**THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT 2010-2011**

Encompassing the States of Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and the Region of the Northern Territory, the Australia Southern Territory facilitates a diverse variety of Women's Ministries programs and activities. These range from celebratory inclusive events such as retreats, rallies and conferences to the regular, planned and more intimate gatherings of Bible studies, Book Clubs, Craft groups and the like. At the conclusion of 2010 the membership of Women's Ministries was 11,882 and the aggregate attendance for that same period was 269,368.

These are exciting days to be partnering with God in the fulfillment of his mission and to witness the Holy Spirit bringing about transformation in the lives of women and families. While the traditional model of Women's Ministries has declined in operation and attendances, we rejoice in the fact that there has been an increase in activities and attendances through other groups that are targeted to meet the unique needs of women in their respective communities. This is reflected in the fact that in 2010 seventy five new groups were commenced in the Territory.

Of significance in recent years has been the ministry to families through Playgroups and the Mainly Music Program that has continued to expand and produce exciting results. In 2010 there were 151 Early Childhood Ministry groups in operation and some of these groups have waiting lists of families who want to be included. We also recorded that 1,100 new families were linked into the church community through the operation of these groups. Also, five new congregations have commenced specifically aimed at meeting the needs of families who have connected with our Churches through these programs.

At the commencement of 2010 the 'Making it Happen' concept with accompanying resources was launched and introduced. Making it Happen re-brands the traditional fund raising efforts within the Women's Ministries Department and is an educative resource that encourages women to be involved in service to others. During 2009-2010 the Women's Ministries raised over \$120,000 toward the La Gloria Child Care Centre in Tijuana, Mexico. This program seeks to provide a safe environment for vulnerable children at risk of Human Trafficking.

In 2010 the Territory hosted a Women's Conference in Melbourne and Hobart, called 'Grace Works'. Key note speakers for the event were Commissioner Carolyn Knaggs and Captain Danielle Strickland. A new book called "In Her Own Words" was launched at the conference. Subtitled 'Candid Conversations on Holy Living', the book has been written by Australian women officers.

We rejoice that lives are being transformed and healed through our endeavors, and that women are being empowered to serve and know God in greater and more effective ways.

Commissioner Aylene Finger
Territorial President of Women's Ministries



2011 UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF), an agency of the UCA Assembly came into being in 1982. It is the coming together of women and men in the church for a wide variety of spiritual, recreational, service and mission support activities, the hope was and still is to include all adult members of congregations in the Uniting Church.

The National Committee's role is to plan, co-ordinate, and facilitate activities for its members under the approved Mission statement –

"To facilitate the network of Adult Fellowships nationally in order to promote the mission and witness of the Uniting Church in Australia."

Wherever people gather in Adult Fellowship groups, large and small, in worship and service, people are about the mission of the church. From place to place the nature and age of membership in groups change. Being Adult Fellowship comes in many guises and activities. In some small rural communities, the Adult Fellowship is the congregation. I have been richly blessed this year in visits to most states and the Northern Territory as people share their stories both personal, and 'how we are in fellowship in our congregation'.

In many areas, the natural disasters of this year and ageing of members has brought about declining participation. Certainly the numbers of affiliated members is declining. Recent information indicated membership is 12,000 approx. However in a Tasmanian gathering it was a privilege to present certificates of appreciation to five active members who are over 90 years.

Our National Celebration for this triennium was held in Canberra in April 2009. The Australian Church Women (ACW) National President and Secretary were amongst the 150 women and men from each state and territory who spent four days together, in worship, Bible study, fellowship and music. It was a time to meet friends old and new. We were blessed, enriched and enlivened as we learned more about the church's ministry through our Assembly agencies in UnitingCare, Defence Force Chaplaincy; Frontier Services ministry to people in isolated areas, Uniting World and our partner church relationships.

UCA Assembly President, Rev Alistair Macrae, spent time with us reminding us of our links with the church nationally and ecumenically, encouraging us to nurture our discipleship focussing on prayer, worship and witness.

Some of the phrases people used to tell about their experience were -

- There we were together. God gathered us for such a time!
- He must have something for us to do.
- From the beginning I was challenged by our singing 'For such a time as this...'
- The singing was so amazing!
- It **was** a celebration as far as I could feel; a lovely atmosphere, just able to concentrate on being inspired to hear of what the Lord is doing.....
- I had a strong sense of God's presence
- Worship. Bible studies, Speakers, Vespers and to have our President and General Secretary with us made it extra special.....
- It was like feasting in God's presence.....

- A renewing of the spirit, of my commitment to the Uniting Church...
- I thought I was too old to continue what I have been doing. I go back refreshed.

The other Australia wide gathering (though smaller in size with most participants appointed by each Synod committee) is the Consultation held at the close of the triennium. It is the formal 'business' session of Adult Fellowship and marks the change of the National Committee as membership moves from one Synod to another. The Consultation will be held in May 2012 on the NSW Central Coast.

The Consultation of 2009, established the Joan Stott UCAF Bursary, honouring Joan Stott a former President of UCAF and former Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. The bursary provides some funding to two people for one year. The purpose is to encourage leadership potential in young people already studying. Applicants are to be 35 years of age and under. The initial awardees for 2011 are Jessica Morthorpe, founder of the five-leaf eco awards program currently studying at Charles Sturt University and Rodney Fisher, a final year candidate for ministry at Trinity College, Brisbane.

Two publications released at the Celebration in 2010 were developed to provide resources for people on their pilgrimage. 'Powerful Moments of Destiny', that has been well received, is a collection of personal stories of moments of destiny from people across Australia who tell how their life has been touched

'Food for the Journey', food for body and soul is a collection of devotional material and recipes contributed by many people. The original request was for an accompanying devotional and recipe. This book has taken on a life of its own, travelled far; been the inspiration and nurture for people who are isolated – whether by geographic location or personal circumstances. We know of people who have been estranged from a worshipping community who are now back in communication with God.

Proceeds from the sale of this book go towards the John Flynn Foundation of Frontier Services. The foundation has been established to ensure support for the ongoing patrol ministries to people in isolated communities. Currently there are 26 patrols and \$27,000 has been given to the Foundation from the sales of this book.

Ten women from Australia are participating in the World Assembly of Methodist and Uniting Church Women held in Johannesburg. Amongst them is Denise Champion, Chairperson of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress in South Australia.

In Synod newsletters, minutes of committees, and conversations we hear about projects many, which lie within the Millennium Development Goals.

- WA UCAF are developing links with women in GKPB (Protestant Church in Bali);
- Women's leadership and Wellbeing Project in Solomon Islands is one project of many Queensland UCAF are pursuing.
- Vic/Tas UCAF has taken another initiative in the development of Ethical Tourism. An initial tour to Thailand took place last year. Others are planned for this year
- South Australia UCAF has two groups committed to supporting overseas mission and Frontier Services.

These same newsletters, minutes and conversations affirm the participation by our members in each state World Day of Prayer committees, Community Day and Fellowship Day activities, National Council of Women, ACW bodies, wherever people live.

May we continue to recognise the grace and peace of God as we journey together ***For such a time as this.....***

Rev Alistair Christie
Chairperson, National Adult Fellowship Committee 2009 – 2012



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AUSTRALIA

Report to ACW Inc. National Conference

On the first Friday in March 2010 I attended two World Day of Prayer Services – Campbelltown Salvation Army and in the afternoon my local service at the Lighthouse Baptist Church at Brighton. Two services using the same order of service written by the Christian women of Cameroon with the theme “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God” but with difference guest speakers. The service for this year came from Chile with the theme “How Many Loaves Have You?” Both services provided a wonderful insight into the Christian lives of the women from Cameroon and Chile. Future Themes and Author countries are:

2012 Malaysia

2013 France

2014 Egypt

2015 The Bahamas

Following themes will be decided at the next International meeting in New York in June 2012.

The offerings from World Day of Prayer (WDP) services mainly go to The Bible Society for projects within the country of the service. This year we also donated money to the Chilean women for establishing a Dressmaking School to assist the women to be better able to maintain their families.

The States of New South Wales and Victoria gave an invitation to the National Liaison Officer for a visit to the State Committee of each state to meet with the members and to be part of their meeting at the time. Fellowship with the members of both committees was great, the encouragement and friendship I received in both States was outstanding. I am looking forward to meeting with the Queensland, Tasmanian and Western Australian state Committees and the Northern Territory in due course.

One of the main tasks I had to deal with this year from the Chilean service was a few complaints about the content of the service. This is something that I am unable to change as we need to remain faithful in our editing of the service provided by the women of Chile.

The responsibilities are many and varied; keeping up with our Website pages has been a real learning experience. I thank the Web Master, Nicholas Connan for all the work he does on our behalf and his gift of patience. At present the web pages at <http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org> are in the process of being re-designed, an ongoing process.

The service material for the service next year comes from Malaysia with the theme “Let Justice Prevail”. It is a wonderful experience to meet with WDP members from many different countries and cultures. They are absolutely amazing meetings

Next year in June, I am to have the privilege of attending the next International Quadrennial meeting to be held in New York

Barbara Arnold
National Liaison Officer

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PUBLICITY	Pro Tem: President and 2 committee members	

PROFILES OF INCOMING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2011-2013

Laurel Pearce

Laurel was born in Victoria to Salvation Army Officer parents and grew up in Victoria and Western Australia. She was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1961 and served in a variety of appointments in Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia until retirement in 2000. These appointments have included corps (church) ministry, training of Salvation Army officers, aged care, residential child care, youth hostels, work with unmarried mothers, women's refuges, emergency relief and disability services. Many of these appointments were in management roles.

Laurel has Bachelor degrees in Arts and Social Work from the University of Melbourne. She had the privilege of attending a course at the International College for Officers in London in 1983 and being a participant in an Israel study tour in 1994.

Service on committees includes residential child care, women's refuge and emergency relief groups in Victoria and Disability Service and Women's refuge groups in W.A. In W.A.

Laurel served terms as assistant co-ordinator and co-ordinator of the Women's Refuge Group. She is honorary Chaplain of the Women's Royal Army Corps Association.

In 2001 Laurel joined the National Council of Women WA as the Salvation Army representative. She has served eight years on NCW WA Executive, two as Vice President and two as Chairman of Standing Committees, and is also State and National Advisor for Habitat.

In 2000 Laurel joined Australian Church Women. She is in her second term as Unit President and served six years as Secretary. She also represents ACW WA on the Council of Churches WA. She was on National Executive as Social Justice Convenor 2001-2003. Laurel has been a delegate to ACWC Assemblies in 2006 and 2010.

In her local congregation Laurel sings in the choir, leads a home fellowship group and belongs to one of the book clubs. Her interests include reading, music, social and family history. She values her ACW friends and enjoys the opportunities ACW affords to learn from and share in the different ways members express their faith.

Lee Edwards

Lee has belonged to Australian Church Women since the early 80s, and served two terms as National President. She also had the privilege of being National President of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship for a term. The opportunity to visit members of these bodies in each State was a wonderful experience.

As a Deaconess she worked for nine years, then married (therefore having in those days to 'retire' from the Deaconess order!) and was a farmer's wife before they moved into Bunbury.

Was always involved in the local and wider Church, being an ecumaniac!!

When the Uniting Church WA Synod had its first meeting in 1977 she was received back as a Deaconess and appointed to a country Parish – assisted and encouraged by her husband.

In February 1979 she was ordained and over the years worked in three Western Australian Parishes plus a Methodist Circuit in the United Kingdom plus visits to Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Malaysia for women's conferences. So she enjoys keeping in touch with friends from many countries, and has found her computer's email a marvellous way of doing this.

Her other interests include membership of the Synod Ecumenical Affairs Committee, of the Western Australian Council of Churches, of the Committee of the WA Council of Christians and Jews, and active membership as a Minister in Association at Wesley Church Perth. She is also a member of a Trefoil Guild (the 'old girls' of the Girl Guide Association!). She is enjoying having regained contact with some of the nursing students who she trained with at Royal Perth Hospital a long time ago – and have reconnected her old hospital as a 'Friend' in the Archives section. She has always enjoyed reading, movies, the theatre and the radio, and now has more time for TV which is an added attraction, and also a help, along with the radio, in getting to sleep some nights!

All members of the Unit are looking forward to the challenge of being National Executive.

Marie Majoor

Marie has two sons, four daughters and fifteen grandchildren so much of her early married life was taken up with working for the schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides where she first became involved in working on committees.

She has been a member of Catholic Women's League in New South Wales and Western Australia for forty odd years and Australian Church Women for at least thirty years.

Marie was the first Branch President of CWL in her parish and eventually became Diocesan President for four years and was on the State Executive for eight years. In WA she is Archdiocesan Treasurer and on the State Council.

Marie was branch President of ACW in NSW and then became involved with the State Unit and ended up being Treasurer for nine years before moving to WA. She was immediately asked to be Special Days Convenor for National Executive and at the end of her term became Treasurer of WA and still holds that position.

In her Parish Marie is the liaison person with the residents of the Retirement Village in which she lives and keeps the Parish Priest up-to-date with the comings and goings of residents. Marie is also a regular Reader of the Word.

Margaret Ker

Margaret was born in Harrogate, Yorkshire (UK) in 1948 and grew up in rural Lincolnshire.

She met her husband Ian while they were both students in Durham, and they married in 1967 at the beginning of their final year.

In 1971 they emigrated to Australia and after six years in Melbourne came to Western Australia in 1977. They have four children, ranging in age from 30 to 22 and three grandchildren (8, 5 and 3).

Margaret grew up an Anglican, with a Catholic grandmother and a Methodist grandfather on her father's side, and a maternal great grandfather who was a very dedicated Anglican pastor serving in some of the poorest parishes in West Yorkshire. Her mother's family also included Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Unitarians and she herself worshipped in the last twenty years of her life in almost every church or chapel in the small village in North Wales to which she had retired. As a visitor it was a joy to accompany her on her "travels".

Margaret herself was received into the Catholic Church in October 1979 and she has been a member of the Highgate parish in inner suburban Perth since the beginning of 1985. She joined the local branch of Catholic Women's League very soon after moving to the parish, and was very much involved with her children's schools for many years, serving on the Executive of both the Parents and Friends Association and the School Board. She also served a term on the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia and several years on the Council of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA.

In the Catholic Women's League she has served at branch, diocesan and State levels as well as being a delegate to National Council and to the National Council of Women of WA. She was deeply honoured to be awarded Life Membership in 2008.

Margaret joined Australian Church Women in 1999 and had the privilege of serving as Minute Secretary in the National Executive 2001-2003.

Leeola Loughnan

Leeola joined Australian Church Women in 1995 following her retirement as Assistant Bursar at Aranmore Catholic College. Since then she has been President, Secretary, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor and Special Days Convenor of the Western Australian Unit. She was Secretary of the National Executive in 2001-2003. At present Leeola is Secretary of the State Unit.

Leeola is married to Terry and they have just celebrated 50 years of marriage, have three children, Peter, Kerry and Wendy and have seven grandchildren of whom they are very proud.

Leeola attended a Commercial High School, excelling in Book keeping and then studying at a Technical College for Accounting. She passed the examinations easily and was enjoying the study so much that sometimes the meals were not ready, as she was too busy finding more homework to enjoy. The decision was made not to continue as family commitments proved to be more important.

Leeola has been involved at Treasurer many times: Army Officer's Wives Group, Holy Rosary Primary School, Emanon – a women's group, and the inaugural QuiltWest Exhibition. She was the Western Australian Quilters' Association Treasurer for the 'Biggest Quilting Bee Morning Tea' raising funds for the Cancer Council of WA.

Her interest still revolves around Patchwork and Quilting, being involved in her youngest grandchildren's activities through school, sport and music, and meeting and socialising with her family and friends.

Olive Dell

Olive has been married for forty four years to Dennis and has two children and three grandchildren.

She was brought up in Adelaide and left there in 1965 to train in Melbourne at The Salvation Army Officer Training College.

Olive was ordained and commissioned in 1967 and married Dennis.

Together Olive and Dennis have served God in many places – from Darwin to Hobart, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Although now officially retired they are still involved in ministry, relieving at Corps (churches) and one day a week at their Headquarters in Perth. Olive has been involved in Australian Church Women for twenty nine years – in Tasmania, Northern Territory and Western Australia, having held positions including State President twice, and Special Days and Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenors on National Executive.

Meryon Goode

Meryon made a public confession of faith at a Christian Endeavour Convention in Adelaide in 1958.

She grew up in the country town of Boyup Brook. Loved school and sport. She was a telephonist until her marriage to Les, who was studying for the Ministry. They have been married for fifty three years, have five children and twelve grandchildren, their second daughter is a multiple disabled lady. They are strong advocates for the needs of the disabled.

In 1980, Year of the Disabled, they were original members of Cross-Links, the Anglican Church outreach to people living with disabilities. In recent times they have become members of "L'Arche" community, and visited the Headquarters in Trosly in France in 2010.

Meryon worked for thirteen and a half years as a part time Lay Person in Hospitality Chaplaincy in major hospitals, nursing homes and a Maternity hospital. She was involved in starting Memorial Services for babies who died before twenty weeks. The services are now included in the Anglican Prayer Book. Grief kits are also distributed throughout Australian hospitals. She was a part time ward clerk at 'Cottage Hospice' for the terminally ill. Also a carer with HACC , helping the elderly, volunteer work with Silver Chain in Bereavement Care, phone carer on Sunshine Radio, participant and helper with Marriage Encounter, participant and team leader in Cursillo.

Meryon studied successfully for the Diploma in Theology.

She is a member of Fairholme Support group (Disabled), a member of a support group trying to establish a Hospice for Children.

Meryon worships at 'All Saints', Belmont. Is President of Mother's Union, a member of Australian Church Women for six years and is Special Days Convenor of the Unit.

Her hobbies include singing in a choir, gardening, reading, handicrafts, photos (happy snappy) and travelling. Meryon was privileged to have been to the 'Oberammergau Passion Play' in Bavaria in June 2010.

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP - PROFILE – MAUREEN CLARK

Australian Church Women Inc – National Executive Service

- National Secretary 1999 – 2001
- National Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor 2009 – 2011

Australian Church Women Inc Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Service

- Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust Trustee/Chairman 2003 – 2009 continuing as Trustee until October 2011

Australian Church Women Inc SA Unit Inc Service

- Member since 1982
- SA Unit Secretary 1988 – 1992
- SA Unit Promotions Officer 1993 – 1996; 1999 – 2003
- Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor 1997 – 1998
- Delegate to National Conference - Perth 1989
- Delegate to National Conference - Sydney 1991
- Delegate to National Conference - Canberra 1997
- Delegate to National Conference – Perth 2003



Australian Church Women Inc SA Unit Inc Southern Districts Branch

Southern District Combined Church Women Committee

- Committee member 1978 – 2008 (30 years)
- Served as President of this Branch at times
- Served as Treasurer of this Branch at times
- Involved in arranging Annual Film Morning for School Chaplaincy in Noarlunga area

Catholic Women's League

- Member since 1973
- Branch President 1975 – 1983; and since 2000
- Branch Secretary 1989, 1994 – 1999
- Archdiocesan Newsletter Editor 1979 – 1985
- Archdiocesan Secretary 1985 – 1988
- Archdiocesan Treasurer 2008 –
- State Executive Treasurer 1988 – 1991
- State Executive Secretary 1991 – 1995; 2003 – 2004
- State International Secretary (WUACWO) 1997 – 1998; 2002 – 2003
- Alternate Delegate to CWLA National Conference – Sydney 2003
- Delegate to CWLA Mid-Term National Council Meeting – Canberra August 2004
- Delegate CWLA National Conference – Canberra September 2005
- Honorary Life Member of CWL of SA Inc 2009
- National Executive Secretary CWLA Inc 2006 – 2007

Community Service

- President or Secretary of Mothers' Clubs at five schools attended by children 1969 – 1984
- Mothers and Babies' Health Association Committee - joined 1961; served as Secretary
- Mothers and Babies' Health Association Committee – established committee in another area
- Mothers and Babies' Health Association Life Membership 1976
- Track Recorder at Olympic Sports Field (Kensington) 1980 – 1986
- Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor (Noarlunga TAFE) 1982 – 1987
- Volunteer in St Vincent de Paul shop in Parish since 1984
- Volunteer helper Brighton Institute Library 1992 - 1998
- Secretary of Noarlunga Schools Chaplaincy Committee Inc since 2001
- City of Onkaparinga Certificate of Recognition Award 2008 (contribution to community)

Private Life

- Married to Michael since 1958
- Two daughters and one son
- Six grandchildren

PROFILE CONTINUING WKS TRUSTEE LOIS DENHOLM

Lois Denholm is aged 67 and a retired registered nurse who worked mainly in aged care.

She worships at The Salvation Army Ingle Farm.

Previous responsibilities in the Corps related to children's work, now main interest is women's ministries.

Current role is Caring sister Sergeant at weekly ladies' Home League meetings held at The Salvation Army at Ingle Farm.

Personal interests include frequent travel, both within Australia and overseas, reading, walking, Bible study, keep fit classes.

Married to Graeme, three adult children and two grandchildren.

PROFILE CONTINUING WKS TRUSTEE CYNTHIA GIFFORD

Cynthia is married to a retired Uniting Church minister and involved in many aspects of church life. She is also a qualified lay-preacher.

It was during her service as President of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship that she was invited to many gatherings of other denominations. It was therefore with great pleasure that she accepted her church's nomination to Australian Church Women.

She has three children, six grand-children, and this year became a proud great-grandma of baby Oscar.

PROFILE CONTINUING WKS TRUSTEE BARBARA GREAR

Barbara is a member of Churches of Christ, worshipping at the Magill Church, South Australia. Past Treasurer and Board Chairman at her church and is currently a Board Member and Deputy Chair.

She has previously held positions of secretary and treasurer of Churches of Christ in South Australia, and treasurer and president of churches of Christ Women's Conference in South Australia.

Barbara is now a director of Churches of Christ Life Care Inc. and a member of the Finance Committee, deputy chair of Churches of Christ Building Extension Mutual Fund Inc., treasurer of Women's Ministries-Churches of Christ in Australia.

She is also treasurer of Australian Church Women SA Unit Inc., treasurer of Jubilee 150 Trust, and treasurer of Australian Church Women Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust.

She has an Associate Diploma in Accounting and is an Associate of the Institute of Public Accountants.

She has been married to Barry for 52 years with 4 adult sons and 11 grandchildren.

NOMINATION FOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEE

Jane Bailey

Jane is married to Simon, an Anglican priest, and has two adult children.

She has been involved in education since completing her teaching degree in 1985, and has taught in a range of settings, mostly with junior primary students.

She has had a variety of leadership roles in schools both in England and Australia.

Jane moved from England to Australia with her family in January 2003 and currently works as Director of Spirituality at St Colomba College, a joint Anglican and Catholic venture, in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Her interests include cross stitch, reading, walking and pilates as well as being a member of various committees at her parish church and being a member of the Clergy Partners Committee in the Diocese of Adelaide.

She is very much looking forward to becoming involved in Australian Church Women.

NOMINATION FOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEE

Anne Parnis

I was born in Malta in 1935. My schooling was completed in the one school – the Convent of the Sacred Heart at St Julians.

On leaving school, I spent some time in France and came home to teach French at my old school.

I married Roger in 1957 and travelled with him to Western Nigeria.

This was the start of a life of travelling, ending up in Australia in 1978. I lived in Barmera first and then in Inverell. After a short while in Papua New Guinea, in a mission hospital, we settled in Adelaide. Roger died in 1993.

I joined Catholic Women's League during my first week in Barmera and have been a keen member ever since. It was through Catholic Women's League that I joined Australian Church Women. This encounter has greatly increased my wish for Christian unity, while at the same time, rejoicing in our common desire to serve God faithfully.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

In accordance with Clause 24 (3)(a) (this number will have to be changed because we have deleted at least one clause in the Constitution) Dissolution: Surplus Property, National Executive moves /recommends that:

In the event of the dissolution or winding up of the association, surplus property be vested in the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) or its successor.

RATIONALE: To comply with the Constitution. This should have been done at the first National Conference after incorporation. The financial support from the Australian Council Churches assisted the formation of ACW as a national body.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 1

National Executive moves that:

The ^{amendments to the Constitution of} draft Australian Church Women Inc. Constitution be discussed.

RATIONALE:

To report to National Conference our brief on Motion 2009/39 from the 2009 National Conference.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 2

National Executive moves that:

The draft Australian Church Women Inc. Constitution as amended be presented to the 2012 Australian Church Women Inc. Annual General Meeting for a vote.

RATIONALE:

Time restraints prevented adequate consultation with units.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 3

National Executive moves that:

The Incoming National Executive be instructed not to further consider amendments to the Australian Church Women Inc. Constitution, and to ensure that the proposed amended constitution as tabled, be presented at the 2012 Annual General meeting for a vote.

RATIONALE:

Having worked in good faith as National Executive, we recommend that the proposed amended Constitution, as tabled be presented for a vote at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. This will form the basis for each Unit to understand and carefully consider this important issue.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 4

AWC Western Australian Unit moves that:

Australian Church Women Inc. meeting in Conference in Adelaide requests that no vote be taken at this Conference on the Draft Constitution as circulated by the National President on 14 July, 2011.

RATIONALE:

- . The current National Executive is to be commended for the work it has done on the 2009 Rules in accordance with 2009/39 Motion 6 (as amended) (Minutes p.24) of the 2009 National Conference. The Draft Constitution as circulated on 14 July 2011 is an excellent basis for further discussion.
- . Since this same 2009 resolution also called for consultation with State and Territory Units we believe that no vote should be taken on this Draft until such consultation has occurred.
- . If the vote is postponed until the 2012 Annual General Meeting the Incoming National Executive will have time to complete the process envisaged in 2009 by undertaking consultation with State and Territory Units.
- . Such consultation should include consideration of several legally valid models under which ACW Inc. could operate as a National Body, and the implications of these models for individual Units. The WA Unit has received legal advice that the model proposed in the draft Constitution would require each Unit to be incorporated in its own jurisdiction, as all members of an incorporated body must themselves be legal entities (cf Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) Dictionary "Member" which reads "member, in relation to membership of an incorporated association whether as an individual or as a body corporate, includes associate member or any other class of member.")
- . At the conclusion of this process of consultation a revised draft and formal Notice of Motion would then be circulated by the National Executive as required by Clause 19 (2) of the current Rules.

NOTICE OF MOTION. No 5

National Executive moves that:

ACW Inc. at its National Conference 2011, accepts the offer of the Eunice Hunter Library in New South Wales to give accommodation on its premises to the Archives of ACW Inc. "

RATIONALE: It gives approval to the recommendation of the Archivist that the Archives be moved to the Eunice Hunter Library, Epping NSW at a time considered appropriate by the Archivist and the librarians of the Eunice Hunter Library."

NOTICE OF MOTION No 6

ACW Victorian Unit moves that –

'The Public Liability Insurance policy be discontinued in its present form.' ~~to~~ *lost*

Only those states that need cover should be included on the Policy, and only those states should be required to contribute to the cost of the premium. If a Public Liability insurance policy is needed for the Conference venue chosen, then any additional cost of the premium should be part of the Conference expenses. There is no need to increase the cover to \$20 million as \$10 million would be adequate for our needs.

The Victorian Unit believes that we do not need a Public Liability Insurance Policy for our state meetings therefore we do not wish to be covered by a national Public liability Policy unless it is part of the Conference expenses. There may be other states that do not want to be covered by a national Public liability policy.

RATIONALE: When we held the 2007 Conference in Victoria we investigated this matter thoroughly and we did not need a Public Liability insurance Policy for the conference venue that we chose. There may be Conference venues chosen on the future that do not require a Public Liability insurance policy.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 7

National Executive moves that: ✓

ACW Inc meeting in Conference in Adelaide wishes to ~~congratulate~~ ^{commend} the Federal Government for conducting an Independent Review of Food Labelling Law and Policy, ~~headed by Dr Neal Blewett~~, and request that the Government keeps the need for healthy choices as utmost concern when it decides which of the 61 recommendations are to be implemented into Law.

RATIONALE; We rely on the Government to protect the interests of consumers, the grass roots farming community and the environment, ahead of big companies. It is of utmost concern to us to make the correct choice for food and to have as much information as possible without being too burdensome and expensive. We need to urge and encourage the Government to legislate in the best possible way.

Information gained from Choice Magazine and Office of Consumer Affairs Adelaide

NOTICE OF MOTION No 8 – Social Justice Issue

The SA Unit Inc. PROPOSES the following motions to be put at National Conference

That Australian Church Women Inc. meeting in Conference requests the National Social Justice Convenor to write to the Minister for Immigration, ~~the Hon Chris Bowen~~, asking that extreme caution be taken when implementing the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of Australia, the Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees permitting the involuntary repatriation from Australia of unsuccessful asylum seekers and that copies be sent to the Shadow Minister, the Greens Immigration Spokesperson, as well as key independent Members of Parliament. (See Rationale below Notice of Motion No 8)

NOTICE OF MOTION No 9 (to follow Motion No 8)

That Australian Church Women Inc. meeting in Conference requests the National Social Justice Convenor to write to the Minister for Immigration, ~~the Hon Chris Bowen~~, requesting that in future no asylum seeker be sent to a country that has not signed the Refugee Convention and that copies be sent to the Shadow Minister and the Greens Immigration Spokesperson, as well as key independent Members of Parliament.

RATIONALE for Notices of Motion Nos 8 and 9 – Social Justice Issue

The Foreign Affairs website states that Afghanistan is a dangerous country to visit because of terrorist activity and it warns against travelling there in unequivocal terms.

For those belonging to the Hazara ethnic group the dangers are higher still, and it is because of discrimination and persecution that Hazara have sought refuge in other countries.

To send anyone back from this group would be taking on a great risk and responsibility, and would approach what is called 'refoulement' - that is, sending a refugee or asylum seeker into a dangerous situation.

Additional information relating to Rationale for Notice of Motion

<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/refworld/rwmain?docid=437b6db64>

The principle of non-refoulement constitutes an essential component of asylum and international refugee protection. The essence of the principle is that a State may not oblige a person to return to a territory where he may be exposed to persecution. The wording used in Article 33 paragraph 1 of the 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention is "where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion". Since the purpose of the principle is to ensure that refugees are protected against such forcible return it applies both to persons within a State's territory and to rejection at its borders.

"No Contracting State shall expel or return a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality or political opinion."

<http://www.thedailystar.net/law/2005/07/02/index.htm>

Refugees and the legal principle of non-refoulement (Rejection)

In the context of refugee situation, the concept of non-refoulement is very important because no refugee or asylum seeker should be driven back from the country of refuge or asylum to any country where he/she is likely to face persecution or personal danger to life or security or torture. The word "non-refoulement" is derived from a French word "refouler" which means to drive back.

Non-refoulement is to be distinguished from expulsion or deportation or forced removal. The expulsion or deportation occurs when a foreigner is found to be guilty of doing something against the interests of the state or has been a criminal fugitive from another country escaping justice. Non-refoulement is applicable to refugees or asylum seekers.

NOTICE OF MOTION No 10

Australian Capital Territory Unit moves that:

Members of ACW Inc. meeting in Conference call on the ^{Federal} Government to implement the Bsafe programme throughout Australia.

RATIONALE:- Bsafe is a personal alarm system for women and children escaping family violence and/or sexual assault who want to remain in their own homes.

This programme has been trialed in the Hume region of Victoria for the past 3 years. Over that period 72 women and 143 accompanying children have participated in the Bsafe programme.

Of the 72 women who used Bsafe 84% had been stalked post separation; 81% had received death threats; 2/3 of the women said their husbands/partners had access to weapons; 57% threatened to harm/kill their children and 43% had been sexually assaulted.

The Bsafe programme that received an Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award in 2010 is also cost effective. A woman with 3 children accessing crisis accommodation/refuge and then returning home with the support of Bsafe costs about \$3,755 compared to women with 3 children accessing crisis accommodation/refuge, transitional housing followed by the private rental market was about \$10,195 (this does not include the cost of replacing belongings or household goods, storage, etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation No 1

National Executive recommends that the following paragraph be inserted in **GUIDELINES-WEBSITE MANAGER:**

5. prepare a report, to be included in the Working Papers of the National Conference of approximately one (1) A4 size, ^{page} and forwarded to the National Secretary two months prior to the date of the National Conference.

RATIONALE: This paragraph has not been included in the guidelines for the Website manager, whereas it has been included in guidelines for other National Executive positions.

Recommendation no 2

National Executive recommends that the following paragraph be inserted in **GUIDELINES – AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S COALITION REPRESENTATIVE:**

10. prepare a report, to be included in the Working Papers of the National Conference of approximately one (1) A4 size, ^{page} and forwarded to the National Secretary two months prior to the date of the National Conference.

RATIONALE: This paragraph has not been included in the guidelines for the AWC representative whereas it has been included in guidelines for other National Executive positions.

Recommendation No 3

National Executive recommends that a fifth dot point be added to **GUIDELINES –AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE**, paragraph 6, to read:

- notices of motion concerning changes to the ACW Inc. Constitution are to be received by National Secretary at least four (4) months prior to National Conference. Other notices of motion and agenda items are to be forwarded to the National Secretary at least two (2) months prior to the National Conference for inclusion in the Working Papers.

RATIONALE: The timetable for submission of motions needs to be stated.

Recommendation No 4

National Executive recommends that the following guidelines for the Annual General Meeting in the alternate year to National Conference be inserted in the ACW Inc. Guidelines:

GUIDELINES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (~~alternate year to National Conference~~)

The meeting shall be held at least once in each calendar year and within five (5) months after the end of each financial year of the association.

The meeting shall be called with not less than four (4) weeks' notice.

The Notice of the Meeting shall include the date and time of the meeting, the business of the meeting with Agenda, Financial Statements and Reports.

Agenda items shall include –

1. To confirm minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (or from the Annual General Meeting incorporated in the previous National Conference)
2. To receive the President's Report
3. To receive the ~~Accounts~~ Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June and Auditor's Report
4. To recommend the appointment of the Auditor for the next 12 months.
5. To elect or confirm any Committee (National Executive) Members as appropriate, naming term and status
6. To consider any other business placed on the Agenda one (1) month before the Annual General Meeting.
7. Update the Members' Register

MATTER FOR DISCUSSION

ACW NSW Unit proposes that:

The need for ACW Inc. to obtain a CCLI licence be included on the agenda of National Conference as a matter for discussion.

RATIONALE: The reason is because more and more churches do not have hymn books and it becomes more difficult to get places to host services because some churches are not happy with 'outsiders' using their licence.

**NATIONAL WEBSITE MANAGER'S REPORT TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH
WOMEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER, 2011**

Further to Motion 2009/22 passed at the 22nd National Conference of Australian Church Women held in September 2009, "That the incoming National Executive of Australian Church Women Inc. take responsibility to reorganise the website, with help from those with expertise in these matters", the National Executive for 2009-2011 appointed Mr Ewan Arnolda as new Website Administrator.

Ewan is currently working with me to produce a new website.

I have indicated that I wish to step down from the role of National Website Manager.

B. Dickinson
26 July 2011

UPDATE TO THE ABOVE REPORT as at 6 October, 2011.

The new website is now up and running. It was necessary for us to register a new domain name so please change your records to reflect the new address which is www.acw.org.au

We are grateful for all of Ewan's hard work.

Costs will be follows:

2 years domain name registration fee	\$45.00
Cost for Ewan to set up the new website (one-off cost)	\$375.00
Hosting cost per annum	\$75.00
Any updates or maintenance \$35 per hour (billed monthly).	

After the one-off set-up cost, this works out to \$97.50 per annum plus updating costs.

Please note: Ewan has advised he does not charge for minimal updates and even if it takes up to 40 minutes he still does not charge. He believes that in order to maintain the integrity of the website, it would be best for him to do the updates.

At the time of writing, most State Units are agreeable to this. The only thing left to determine is the method of facilitating their updates. They could either email them directly to Ewan or to a new National Website Manager to send on, should one be appointed.

The role of the National Website Manager would still be to liaise between the Administrator of the website, the National Executive and the State Units.

B. Dickinson
6 October, 2011

Acknowledgements

Margaret L Flint OAM, President and National Executive Members of Australian Church Women Inc. express their appreciation to the following:

Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia and especially to Ms Emilia Bekiaris
Facilities Coordinator

Major Winsome Mason, Divisional Commander Salvation Army SA District, for printing
of Conference Working Papers and Minutes

Those who have provided transport, music, entertainments and presentations during
the National Conference

Sponsors: Tony Elliott from Elliott Funeral Services
Catholic Church Insurances Limited
David Drainer for group photograph

Members of ACW(SA Unit) Inc. for their support during our term of office.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Part 4 **Annual General Meetings** Section 17 and 18 of the Rules September 2009, the Annual General Meeting

will be held at the Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, South Australia on Tuesday 11th October 2011 at 1.30pm.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

1. Welcome/Apologies
2. To accept the minutes of the Australian Church Women Inc. Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 9th November 2010
3. The minutes of 22nd National Conference will be confirmed at 23rd National Conference 10-14 October 2011, Adelaide.
4. Presentation of President's Report
5. Presentation of Financial Report for year ended 30th June 2011.
6. Election of Executive Members
7. Appointment of Auditor.
8. Register of Members

Dated 7th September 2011

Margaret L Flint OAM
President
National Executive



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Treasurer's Report for the Annual General Meeting of Australian Church Women Inc. for the year ending 30th June, 2010.

Dear Members

I present the Financial Statement for the National Executive for the year ending 30th June, 2010.,

The hand over of the books from ACT National Executive went smoothly and after "several learning curves" I was able to proceed with the business of finance for you, and complete the year started by Helen Lloyd.

My thanks to Helen for the summary of the Conference which is attached and for her diligence in the presentation of the books and transfer of funds.

As you will see from the Accounts we collected and made dispersements for Fellowship of the least Coin \$40,991.73 (less admin deduction \$508.23)

Fellowship Day Offerings and Donations for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust and Honouring Australian Church Women (\$10,880.85 less \$854.25

World Community Day and Special Project donations \$11,315.66 less \$897.66

The most complex issue was to evolve was the implementation of the Public Liability Cover. This finance will appear in the statement from July 2010 and will be referred to separately on the AGM Agenda.

Regretfully, the auditor we appointed was not able to do the audit. Under the ACT Incorporation Act more specific reporting and parameters were required and after several approaches we were able to engage the services of Mr. Jeff Byerley, and his report is attached. My apologies for the delay in getting this report out to you.

My thanks to the State Treasurers for their timely forwarding of funds collected and to the Units for their contributions to enable National Executive to carry out the necessary business of ACW. Again my sincere thanks to Helen for her good management, and to our President Margaret and members of the Executive for their support..

I have pleasure in presenting this report.



Christine Barber
National Treasurer.

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2010**

INCOME

Fellowship Day Offerings			8,542.45
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Donations			2,188.00
Honouring Australian Church Women			150.00
National Conference Travel			
Fellowship of the Least Coin			40,991.73
World Community Day Offerings		7,157.89	
Special Projects		1,839.77	8,997.66
Asian Church Women's Conference			
ACWC Donations		980.00	
ACWC Affiliation		570.00	
ACWC Newsletter Subscriptions		768.00	2,318.00
Donations National Conference Fund			275.00
National Travel Fund			679.00
Overseas Conference & Travel Fund			345.00
Sales - Circle of Prayer		710.00	
FLC Badges		181.55	
Winifred Books		312.50	
Sundry Publications		108.00	1,312.05
Interest			1,369.00
National Conference 2009 – Registration Fees		1,230.00	
Donations Conference Travel Pool	(1)	26,968.00	28,693.00
		495.00	
Post Refund			7.50
Sundries – Admin.			
Post		27.60	
Overpayment		48.00	
Petty Cash float		100.00	
Less Nat. Newsletter. Exp		(41.40)	
Less trans O/payment		(48.00)	
Reimburse Advance Incoming Nat. Exec SA		1,000.00	
Donations 2009 Conference Fund	(1)	3,750.00	
			4,836.20
Total Receipts			\$100,704.59

Note (1) Conference Income

EXPENDITURE			
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust			
Fellowship Day Offerings		7,688.20	
WKS Donations		2,188.00	
Honouring Australian Church Women		150.00	10,026.20
Asian Church Women's Conference			
Affiliation		570.00	
50% World Community Day Offerings		4,050.00	
Donations		980.00	
ACWC Newsletter Subscriptions 2010		792.00	6,392.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin			40,143.00
National Conference 2009		65,971.92	
National Conference Travel Pool	(2)	495.00	66,466.92
2009 Special Project Kaiross Outside			4,050.00

Expenses Continued Page 2.

Expenses continued from Page 1.

Administration Expenses			
Petty Cash (Postage, stationery etc)			
less Petty cash imprest		562.45	
WKS Leaflet Printing and Postage		930.85	
ACW National News		908.22	
Bank Fees		96.00	
WK Admin expenses		319.18	2,816.70
National Travel Fund – President's Travel		1,105.40	
AWC Meeting Expenses		-	
Overseas Conference and Travel Fund		1,178.00	2,283.40
Sundries			
Travel WKS Meeting		273.00	
HACW Books		60.00	
Advance Incoming Nat Exec.		1,000.00	
Vic. Bush Fire ACWC		760.57	
Gift Voucher		151.95	
Lodgement Fees		96.00	
Gift (WKS)		200.00	
Donation SACC		100.00	2,641.52
Total Expenditure			\$134,819.74
Surplus / Loss for year from activities			(34,115.15)
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year			63,831.45
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year			\$29,716.30

Note (2) Conference expenses

FUNDS STATEMENT

Balance as at 1/7/09 - Cheque A/c	\$40,344.59	
"At call a/c"	23,486.86	\$63,831.45
Plus Income		100,704.59
		\$164,536.04
Less Expenditure		\$134,819.74
Balance as at 30/6/10	Cheque a/c	\$29,716.30
	"At call"	Nil

Balance of funds at 30th June, 2010

National Conference Fund	\$13,569.94
National Travel Fund	3,284.42
Overseas Conference and Travel Fund	2,177.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin (Donations)	340.50
Administration (3)	10,344.44
Total	<u>\$29,716.30</u>

Note 3 Administration includes transfers from -

Fellowship Day Offerings	854.25
World Community Day Offerings	897.66
Fellowship of the Least Coin	508.23

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED

The Committee Members of the Association at the year ended 30th June, 2010 and current are :

President	Ms Margaret Leighton Flint OAM	56 Fisher Street Norwood. SA 5067
Secretary	Mrs. Judith Ivy Burge	4 Hale Avenue Hawthorn SA 5062
Vice President (1)	Mrs Dorothy Claire Ferrier	5b Windsor Road Glenside SA 5065
Vice President (2)	Major Wanda Ruth McKeand	2/4 Martin Street Glynde SA 5070
Treasurer	Miss Christine Gwen Barber	26 Whitney Street Cheltenham SA 5014
Minute Secretary	Mrs Patricia Mary Walker	U6/31 Royal Avenue Pooraka SA 5095
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor	Mrs. Maureen Elizabeth Clark	572 States Road Onkaparinga Hills SA 5163
Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor	Mrs. Margaret Alice Greenslade	18 Acorn Parade Oakden SA 5086
Special Days Convenor	Captain Judith Ann Brown	2/103 Galway Avenue Broadview SA 5083
Social Justice Convenor	Mrs. Kathleen Sarah Smith	18 Walton Avenue Clearview SA 5085
Committee	Captain Donna Terry Bryan	1/38 Aberdeen Road Blackburn South Vic. 3130
Committee	Mrs. Brenda Anne Dickinson	Unit 3/53 Kurrajong Street Sutherland NSW 2232

The Aims and Objects of Australian Church Women Incorporated are -

To unite Christian women from those Churches and Christian Communities which confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour,

To promote co-operation, understanding and reconciliation between men and women in church, family and society.

To help Christian women to take a more effective ^{place} ~~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.

To encourage fellowship, service and understanding nationally and internationally.

The principal activities for the year in fulfilling these aims :

Were to promote State and Territory Units to act as forums for discussion on matters that arose within their own areas in pursuance of these Aims, including the bi-annual National Conference.

Sponsor the Winifred Kiek Scholarships, and a Winifred Kiek Fellowship.

Promote the International Fellowship of the Least Coin as a Fellowship of Prayer and Reconciliation and Offering of the Least Coin

Promote Fellowship Day and World Community Day and encouraged the observance of the World Day of Prayer.



**REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
INCORPORATED, and in accordance with subsection 73 (1) of the Incorporations Act,**

**Statement by members of the Committee of Management (The National Executive) of
Australian Church Women Incorporated for the year ended 30th June, 2010**

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on page 1 and 2 presents fairly the financial position of Australian Church Women Incorporated (National Executive) as at 30th June, 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive and is signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by

Margaret Leighton Flint OAM


.....
President

Judith Ivy Burge


.....
Secretary

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED.**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Australian Church Women Incorporated. The report comprises the, balance statement as at 30 June 2010, the income and expenditure statement for the year ended on that date and a committee report as required under section 73 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* of the Australian Capital Territory.

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and has determined that the basis of preparation described in the financial report, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. My audit was conducted in accordance with applicable Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the officers, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Church Women Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 and its income for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the financial reporting requirements of the association's Rules and Guidelines and of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.



Jeffrey T. Byerley
B.A. (Acctcy), CPA
44 Graves Street Newton SA 5074.
Dated: 3 November 2010

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 21 – 25 September, 2009

INCOME

Registrations	6,270.00		
Conference Fees	56,184.00	62,454.00	
Donations Received –			
Southern Cross Club	2,750.00		
Chief Minister's Department	1,000.00	3,750.00	
National Conference Travel Pool		495.00	66,699.00

EXPENSES

Heritage Hotel		54,797.00	
Incoming National Executive		2,800.00	
Retiring National Executive		3,000.00	
WKS Trust Delegate		1,170.00	
Accommodation Refunds		1,507.00	
Working Papers and Minutes		1,198.72	
Buses		1,286.00	
Photocopying Conf. Service & Bible Studies		105.10	
Conference Song		50.00	
Secretarial		300.00	
Gifts		247.50	
Contribution to Transport Expenses		100.00	
Communion Service Expenses		10.00	
Postage and phone		55.60	
National Conf. Travel Pool		495.00	67,121.92
Excess Payments over Receipts			\$422.92

HELEN LLOYD

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9TH NOVEMBER, 2010**

Preamble to Motion on Public Liability Insurance.

The 2009 Conference authorised the National Executive to investigate and implement Public Liability Insurance Australia wide for a cover of \$20,000,000.

A policy was contracted with Ansvar Insurance through Butler and Butler in South Australia. State Units were given a summary of the preliminary enquiries made to Units and advice of the completion of the contract. Also a description of the nature of Public Liability cover. This was for an initial cover of \$10,000,000 effected in July, and renewed in September 2010.

The Motion today is centred on your recommendation to the National Executive on how we pay for this insurance as an Australia wide body.

There have been comments from States on the nature of this Insurance; i.e.

Who does it covers

How will it be paid for.

\$10,000,000 is adequate.

The intention of the 2009 conference was that each State would contribute according to their membership.

If a State doesn't contribute is it covered.

Does it cover affiliated branches (Churches require insurance for the use of premises.)

South Australia at its business meeting expressed the opinion that every State has the same amount of cover therefore it should be costed equally.

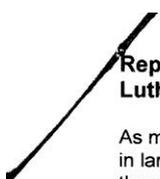
The National Executive is aware that memberships vary and hence the motion today.

The current premium is \$672 October to September.

I would also recommend that the cover increase to \$20,000,000 which would cost approximately \$1,000 (i.e. another \$300 for the current term.



Christine Barber
National Treasurer.



Report to Australian Church Women Inc. 23rd National Conference Lutheran Women of Australia – *Women loved by God, sharing this love with others*

As members of Lutheran Women of Australia (LWA) we meet together as zones, states or districts, and nationally in larger groups on a regular basis, but the true heart of LWA is each local group whose members grow together through Bible study and worship, serve their Church and community, and care for one another in true Christian love.

Our membership of about 4,500 is divided into five districts: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia/Northern Territory, Victoria/Tasmania and Western Australia, with some 400 local groups.

About us

Every three years we meet at our National Convention held in the state of the current Executive Committee. Our current Executive is based in South Australia with one extra member from Western Australia. Our next Convention is planned to take place at Immanuel College (the site of the ACW Conference) on April 18, 19, 2013, to coincide with the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the first Lutherans in Australia.

LWA has three objectives:

1. Bible Study and Worship – under God we meet together to study and discuss the Word of God and topics relating to our faith life and service
2. Service – our response to what God has done for us is our service to our fellow human beings in our Church, communities and our world
3. Fellowship – we show our love and care through supporting one another, creating a welcoming environment at our gatherings, and encouraging friendships.

Women with a passion for service

LWA is committed to support 10 national projects for this current triennium. These range from supporting our Aboriginal sisters in their leadership and service, to scholarship support for overseas students to study theology through our Australian Lutheran College, to providing funds for an orphanage in Indonesia, a home for the disabled in Malaysia, assisting with a childcare centre in the slums of Bangkok, and Australian Lutheran World Service. I am constantly amazed at the generosity of Lutheran women. The news on project support is astounding. Halfway into our term we have already met our target to supply solar panels to supply emergency lighting and refrigeration for the health workers' quarters in villages in Papua New Guinea. Thanks to God, we will be able to exceed our target. If only we could do more, the need is so great.

An additional project that helps an ongoing need is our Birth Kits for Papua New Guinea. Our local groups put together a basic birthing kit for the use of health workers in remote village areas, and we send them off by the thousands. It is our prayer that these simple kits that supply basic needs will help to save the lives of mothers and their babies who arrive in less than sanitary surroundings.

Some achievements during this triennium

During this triennium we have produced a Power Point presentation on LWA, which includes information on our current projects. This has proved a successful tool and was enthusiastically received by the 2010 graduating pastors from Australian Lutheran College. We have also produced a new, full-colour brochure on LWA to encourage interest and inform. We have our official website at <http://www.lca.org.au/action/women/lwa/>, but we were pleased to be able to launch our very own blog during 2010. It is accessible by clicking the heading 'click here to visit the Lutheran Women of Australia blog' on our website or you can go direct to <http://lutheranwomenofaustralia.blogspot.com/>. We have been delighted by the response of younger women to this site and pray that God will bless this endeavour.

Lutheran Women, the tie that binds

Our magazine *Lutheran Women* continues to be the tie that binds us all together. This popular, attractive and professionally designed periodical with six editions per year contains devotions, Bible Studies, news and inspirational articles. Subscription numbers are around 7000 and at less than \$10 per annum it is a real treasure. Where else could you get a magazine of this quality for an equal or less cost?

Challenges

As we enter the second decade of the twenty-first century in a society that increasingly does not wish to become committed, we face many challenges as we strive to become better at what we do and have to offer to women of the Lutheran Church of Australia. We need to focus on developing programs and operating to meet the needs and interests of all women no matter what their age and status. But most of all we need to remain true to our main purpose of gathering: to study and grow in the Word of God and to retain our mission and service focus.

Your fellow sister in Christ,

Grace Bock, President.