

Australian Church Women National Life Member

Mrs Keelah Pulsford Dey – NSW - 1973



Mrs Dey was one of the founders of Australian Church Women. She was the first Treasurer of the ACW and was a gracious, loving, committee member.

Mrs K.P. Dey was born on 8th February 1910 and died on 5th January 1987.

Education: Diploma of Sydney Kindergarten Training College.

Denomination:

Congregational until 1977 then became a member of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Ecumenical Concerns:

Long standing interest in and support of the Australian Council of Churches.

Elected by the Congregational Union of Australia to be the first woman member of the Board of the Uniting Church in North Australia [a co-operating body in which Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian denominations participated].

Represented the Congregational Union of Australia on the Australia Council of Churches.

In the 1960's was a member of a group describing itself as Christian Women Concerned [consisting of Roman Catholics, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational and Society of Friends] who sought to study and take action "Love Thy Neighbour".

A member of Commission of Status of Women of ACC

A member of Magdalen Collective – a group of women which has published Magdalen. In a paper on Enquiry into the Status of Women in the Church Submission, Mrs Dey wrote:

"I would like to see the status of women in the Church as one of sharing equally with men on the basis of complete equality in all aspects of the Church's activities with everyone giving leadership and discharging responsibilities upon the basis of their capabilities without regard to their sex and with no functions regarded as especially suited to one sex or the other.

It seems to me that the achievement of a proper status for women within the Church is a part of the struggle and that many of the factors involved in the general movement find their counterpart in the special situation of the Church."