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LINCOLN COLLEGE, ADELAIDE.

12th-15th FEBRUARY, 1974

"THE KINGDOM IS YOURS"

MINUTES.

N.B. Minutes of Proceedings, Friday, 15th February, are subject to approval.

TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

OPENING      President's Remarks - The President welcomed all those present  
SESSION:      and prayed that this N.C.W. would be one of fellowship and  
                 taking great strides.

GREETINGS      were received from      Mrs. Shanti Solomon  
                                                      World Federation of Methodist Women  
                                                      Church Women United  
                                                      Rev. Frank Engel  
                                                      Miss Jackie Kini  
                                                      Mrs. Label Wyllie  
                                                      Mrs. Reta Farr

                 Telegrams were read from Mrs. Elspeth Parkin  
                                                      Salvation Army Women  
                                                      S.A. State Council of Catholic  
                                                      Women's League

APOLOGIES:      Salvation Army Women  
                                                      Capt. Beryl Golding (part-time)  
                                                      Mrs. Elspeth Parkin  
                                                      Mrs. Olga Badger  
                                                      Mrs. Jessie Dennis

PRAYERS              were led by the President.

PRESIDENT'S      Mrs. Joy Smith challenged us to consider not only our  
REMARKS:              achievements of the past decade, but also the role that we  
                                                      should play in this new decade. Perhaps lack of co-operation  
                                                      with men is what we need to grapple with most of all.

ALTERATIONS      Delete      Mrs. Elspeth Parkin and Mrs. G. F. Petrie  
TO LIST OF              Alter      Mrs. Hartman to Mrs. Hartam, Mrs. J. Dennis to  
PARTICIPANTS:              Mrs. W. W. Meadows, Mrs. L. Stirling to Mrs. G. Norman  
                                                      Add      Mrs. E. Hannaford as observer from Y.W.C.A.

PROCEDURAL  
ARRANGEMENTS      were explained.  
                                                      A Steering Committee consisting of Deaconess Norris, Mrs. Kain  
                                                      and Mrs. Rowston was set up to deal with alterations to the  
                                                      agenda.  
                                                      Voting is to be by show of hands.

LIFE MEMBER-      Moved by Mrs. Bache, seconded by Mrs. Ackland (Vic.)  
SHIP OF MRS.      Mrs. Bache read citation prepared on the life and work of Mrs.  
WINIFRED KIEK:      Kiek. Deaconess Andrews and Mrs. Yule endorsed the move,  
                                                      although Mrs. Dingle raised the question of whether life  
                                                      membership was intended for other than the founding members of  
                                                      A.C.W.      The motion was carried with acclamation.

MINUTES OF      These were taken as read, approved and signed, with the following  
1973 N.C.W.:      approved corrections:-

                 N.S.W. W.I.C.C. requested alteration to page 4  
                                                      Visit to Longueville - Add "Luncheon was provided by both the  
                                                      N.S.W. W.I.C.C. and the Lane Cove-Longueville Fellowship."

                 Girls' Brigade requested alteration to page 8  
                                                      Projects No. 9 and F.L.C. submission No. 5 at the bottom  
                                                      of the page both to read, "the salary of an indigenous  
                                                      training officer for full-time work with Girls' Brigade in  
                                                      Papua-New Guinea."



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OPENING SESSION (CONT.)

N.S.W. W.I.C.C. requested alteration on page 4  
Under "State Units, N.S.W." to read - "In moving the  
reception and adoption of the report, Mrs. Dougherty reported  
as requested that N.S.W. had appointed a W.K.S. Committee  
to care for the scholar while she was in N.S.W."

BUSINESS  
ARISING:

1. A.C.W.C. Conference - to be held in Australia?  
After much discussion, it was resolved THAT WE CONSIDER  
THIS AN IMPRACTICABLE SUGGESTION AND THAT WE DO NOT  
EXTEND AN INVITATION TO A.C.W.C. TO HAVE THEIR CONFERENCE  
IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS STAGE. Carried unanimously.
2. Page 7 - Last underlining  
"Letters to all ecumenical affairs committees re youth and  
women to the next Assembly of W.C.C. in Indonesia in 1975" -  
have been sent and replies tabled.  
It was resolved THAT THE SECRETARY WRITE TO THE HEADS OF  
CHURCHES TO ASK WHO THEIR DELEGATES ARE TO THE W.C.C. MEETING.  
Mrs. Connell advised that she had received a copy of "Asian  
Focus".
3. Questionnaires on page 8 will be dealt with on Thursday  
morning.
4. Themes '74 and '75 on page 8  
Women's World Day of Prayer - "Become Perfectly One"  
Fellowship Day - "Open to be filled"  
World Community Day - "One Community under God"
5. Fellowship and World Community Days Orders of Service on  
page 8 - are ready for distribution.
6. Travel Pool on page 9 - will be dealt with on Wednesday  
afternoon.
7. A.C.C. General Meeting page 10 - Report on pages 42 and 43  
of Working Documents.
8. Archivist - A steel filing cabinet has been purchased for  
\$35 for the use of A.C.W. and N.S.W. W.I.C.C.
9. Liaison Officer - deferred.

LUNCHOPENING  
SERVICE:

This service in Brougham Place Congregational Church was  
attended by the Heads of Churches in South Australia, and  
many representatives from women's organisations. Miss Jean  
Skuse, Executive Secretary of N.S.W. Council of Churches,  
gave a challenging address in which we were urged to claim  
the Kingdom as ours now. She urged us to claim the liberation  
of all who are oppressed, not only because of their race or  
class, but because of their sex. The church's treatment of  
women needs a lot of examination.

AFTERNOON  
TEA:

After the guests had been welcomed, Life Membership was  
conferred on Rev. Mrs. Winifred Kick. Deaconess Simmons  
shared some information about the Winifred Kick Scholar,  
who unfortunately had not arrived from Korea. The ladies  
of South Australian State Unit were thanked for being our  
hostesses. Archbishop Gleeson responded on behalf of guests.

BUSINESS SESSION IINOTICES OF  
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were received.

VOTING FOR  
A.C.W.C.

A question was raised about the method of voting for A.C.W.C.  
delegates and observers. Mrs. Fran. Bailey, who is the Australian  
representative on the A.C.W.C. Planning Committee and a member



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BUSINESS SESSION II (CONT.)VOTING FOR  
A.C.W.C.  
(CONT.)

of the A.C.W.C. Working Committee, explained that the national representative on the Planning Committee of A.C.W.C. was chosen by delegates present at A.C.W.C. Assembly, not by the A.C.W. N.C.M.

REPORTS:

It was resolved THAT THE REPORTS FOR THIS SESSION FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE AND STATE UNITS BE TAKEN AS READ AND RECEIVED.

SECRETARY'S  
REPORT

was presented.

Mrs. Smith paid tribute to the work of Mrs. D. E. Ackland (Olive) as secretary of the Working Committee. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Murchland was elected as secretary for the rest of the N.C.M.

FINANCIAL  
REPORT

was presented by Mrs. Bache, as per working documents, including the additional statement from 13th to 31st December, 1973.

The following allocations were approved:-

<u>From Fellowship of the Least Coin Account</u>	
To F.L.C. International	\$4800
<u>From Fellowship Day Account</u>	
To W.K.S. Account	\$1525
" " " for bonds	\$ 300
<u>From World Community Day Account</u>	
To Women of Bangladesh Appeal	\$ 745
" Pacific Theological College	
for training Gilbertese woman	\$ 745
<u>From W.K.S. Account</u>	
To purchase Special Bonds	
from Fellowship Day Allocation	\$ 300
" Special Appeal	\$ 500
To purchase Bonds on call	
from Special Appeal	\$ 500

THE REDEMPTION AND REINVESTMENT OF BONDS AT HIGHER INTEREST RATE was approved.

It was agreed to alter paragraph 3 on page 11 of the Working Documents thus:-

"...a gift of \$100 to buy a bond for the W.K.S. Fund was received from the Queensland C.W.F."

The following motions were carried:-

Re Travel Refunds

1. THAT ONE FULL FARE FOR EACH STATE UNIT AND ONE HALF FARE FOR EACH FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL ORGANISATION BE PAID FROM ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL ACCOUNT.
2. THAT ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL ACCOUNT BE REIMBURSED FROM MONEY RECEIVED AFTER 13TH DECEMBER FROM THE SALE OF NOTELETS TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE ABOVE TRAVEL REFUNDS.

Re A.C.W. Memorial Bursary Fund

THAT, AS THE WORKING COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO INVEST, AT ITS DISCRETION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE A.C.W. MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND (N.C.M. 1973) THE MINUTE PASSED AT THE 1972 N.C.M. CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST FUND FOR THE A.C.W. MEMORIAL BURSARY BE RESCINDED.

Scribal Pens Travel Fund - The following recommendation was deferred until the session on Travel Pool - "That State Units and Federal Organisations seek ways of financing their own travel to N.C.M."

Mrs. Butler was appointed auditor. Mrs. Bache was thanked for her sterling services.

SCRIBAL PENS  
REPORT

was received after much discussion.



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DINNERBUSINESS SESSION III

The Vice President, Deaconess Norris welcomed Rev. Brian Walsh, National Promotion Officer, Division of World Christian Action, Australian Council of Churches.

REPORTS:

It was resolved THAT REPORTS BE TAKEN AS READ AND RECEIVED.

(1) Asian Church Women's Conference Report.

Mrs. Fran Bailey made a further report with more up-to-date news. The A.C.W.C. has appointed a team of women to visit Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to discover how help can best be given in rehabilitation.

The former decision about "Circle of Prayer" has been reversed - it will be reprinted (but not more than 1500 copies). Shanti Solomon's quarterly newsletter will continue. Church Women United have begun a programme known as "Causeways" in an effort to get to know Asian churches better.

Re having A.C.W.C. Conference in Australia - a possible compromise may be to invite Working Committee of A.C.W.C. to meet in Australia.

It was suggested that some of the issues to be discussed at Bangkok, e.g., changes in family unit, society and the Church should be discussed at this conference.

The report was adopted.

(2) Fellowship of the Least Coin - Report presented by Mrs. Alder Hall. This year's donations of \$4633 is an increase of \$650 on last year's. The State convenors were asked to inform Mrs. Hall of the number of F.L.C. groups in each State.

The report was adopted.

WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION PRESENTATION:

With the aid of films and word pictures, Rev. Brian Walsh introduced to us a number of "Kingdom people" - who are responding in their various ways to the urgent needs of people in various parts of the world.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

were held up for consideration. Rev. B. Walsh urged that we consider the less popular projects, particularly "Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indo-China".

EVENING WORSHIP

Rev. B. Walsh led our worship as we heard several people's eye-opening experiences of seeing people in need - experiences which they sometimes wished they could forget.

Mrs. Dougherty proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Walsh.

F.L.C. SLIDES AND TAPE

collated in Victoria were shown.

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WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY

MORNING WORSHIP was led by Deaconess Eunice Simmons.

BREAKFAST

BIBLE STUDY

"The Kingdom in the New Testament" was led by Rev. G. T. Inglis. Discussion followed. Mrs. Fran Downes proposed a vote of thanks.

BUSINESS SESSION IV.

Report from Steering Committee. Motions 1-11 were placed on the Agenda.

Resolved THAT MRS. FRAN BAILEY'S NAME BE INCLUDED IN LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

Notices of Motion were presented.



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BUSINESS SESSION IV (CONT.)MINUTES

of Tuesday, 12th February were amended and approved.

REPORTS

From Federal Denominations and Organisations were taken as read and presented.

Anglican Women

Mrs. Porter spoke to this, and mentioned that A.C.W. is strongly supported by women in the country.

Churches of Christ

Mrs. Faulkner presented this, and talked of greater involvement by women in planning their General Conference.

Congregational Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Pope stressed the need for love between the women in the three uniting denominations.

Federation of Methodist Women

Mrs. Dingle spoke to this. She shared with us how Methodist women had helped in assistance to flood victims in Queensland. The South Pacific Area Seminar of World Federation of Methodist women is being held in New Zealand in May. An invitation was extended to women of all other denominations to attend.

Presbyterian Women's Association

Mrs. Meadows brought a greeting from Mrs. Jessie Dennis. She drew attention to their study of "The quality of life" and invited all women to contribute.

Salvation Army Home League report was presented.

Girls' Brigade report was presented by Mrs. Dawn Tucker.

Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. Heather Crosby mentioned a 4-year study of the Y.W.C.A. as a Christian movement, and also as a women's movement - and what it means to-day; Study of the concerns of the family unit; the Human Rights Bill; next year as UN Year of Women; the Green Circle Programme.

Reports were received.

MORNING TEAGREETINGS

from other organisations were taken as read.

Australian Baptist Women's Board

Mrs. Warner spoke to this. Name is to be changed to Australian Baptist Women's Fellowship.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Mrs. Strack brought greetings. Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 1975 "Become Perfectly One" is being prepared by the women of Egypt. Mrs. Yule pointed out that Catholic Lenten studies "Peace is Possible" are on the same theme as the Day of Prayer, and Catholics are encouraging ecumenical participation in these.

Society of Friends. Helen Robertson stressed that Friends make no distinction between men and women.

Australian Council of Catholic Women

Mrs. Kain spoke to this. The Child Care Centre in Adelaide has been approved in spite of tremendous opposition. She spoke of Catholic women's concern about women's role in the church.

Greetings were received.

INVITATION  
TO BECOME  
MEMBER OF  
A.C.W.

It was resolved THAT AN INVITATION BE EXTENDED TO AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN TO BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF A.C.W. Mrs. Kain explained that a decision may not be possible for two years.



BUSINESS SESSION IV (CONT.)REPORT ON  
UNITED  
GROUPS

was taken as read. Deaconess Norris expressed concern about corresponding with the people in Papua-New Guinea. It should be seen as a link between equals. In North Australia, "united groups" are in many places the only existing church. Perhaps their link should not be with a national body, but with a territorial unit.

It was resolved THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE CHURCH WOMEN IN DARWIN TO FORM A N.T. UNIT OF A.C.W. AND INVITE THAT UNIT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT N.C.M.

It was suggested that the Working Committee discover how the Papuan-New Guinean correspondents feel about their relation to A.C.W.

Report was adopted.

F.L.C.  
PROJECT  
SUBMISSIONS:

Mrs. Dougherty spoke on the resubmission of the "Aboriginal Medical Centre".

Mrs. Cocks spoke of how most Papuan girls are deprived of secondary education simply because of lack of accommodation in the towns.

Mrs. Bache pointed out that F.L.C. grants are not primarily for buildings.

We were reminded that New Guinea projects can no longer be brought by Australia.

Mrs. Faulkner agreed to contact New Guinea about the provision of a river boat on Ramu River.

PRAYER IN  
ACTION:

It was moved that a charge of 5 cents be made for each copy of "Prayer in Action". Lost.

It was resolved THAT THE COST OF PRAYER IN ACTION BE COVERED BY THE F.L.C. FUND AND THAT ONE COPY OF FUTURE QUARTERLY BULLETINS BE SENT TO EACH STATE UNIT.

LUNCHBUSINESS SESSION V

Notices of Motion were received.

Report of Steering Committee was made by Mrs. Kain.

Motion that N.C.M.'s of A.C.W. be held at least biennially at a time and place to suit the incoming Working Committee, and that motion be debated during the session on Constitution. After lengthy discussion it was withdrawn.

CONSTITUTION: The Draft Constitution, as proposed by S.A. State Unit, was received. Mrs. Bache reported the alterations which had been suggested by the lawyer.  
Amendment to 6(c) that the financial year shall end on 30th June in each year and reports prepared to cover the period from 1st July to 30th June. Carried unanimously.  
Amendment in 4(f) i. (ii) that National Committee be altered to Working Committee. Carried.  
Addition 4 (f) iii. ....of each denomination or special interest group.

Draft Constitution was adopted.  
(Constitution with alterations and amendments to be circulated with minutes).

AFTERNOON TEA.BUSINESS SESSION V (CONT.)

TRAVEL POOL: Report was received.

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BUSINESS SESSION V (CONT.)TRAVEL POOL  
(CONT.)

It was resolved

- (1) THAT STATE UNITS BE ASKED TO AGREE TO SHARE EQUALLY IN THE COST OF TRAVEL OF TWO STATE UNIT DELEGATES TO THE NEXT N.C.M.
- (2) THAT WORKING COMMITTEE BE INFORMED BY STATE UNITS OF THEIR DECISION BY 30TH JUNE, 1974.
- (3) THAT WHEN DECIDING THE VENUE OF THE NEXT N.C.M. THE FARE BASIS FOR THE TRAVEL POOL SHALL ALSO BE DECIDED (E.G. RAIL, PLANE, FIRST OR SECOND OR ECONOMY CLASS)

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTSResolved THAT A LEVY OF 5% BE MADE ON THE F.L.C., FELLOWSHIP DAY AND WORLD COMMUNITY DAY ACCOUNTS TO OFFSET COST OF ADMINISTRATION.SCRIBAL PENSResolved THAT EACH STATE ORDER DIRECT TO SCRIBAL PENS AND PAY NATIONAL COMMITTEE THE PROFIT FROM SALES.STATE UNIT REPORTS:Resolved THAT THEY BE TAKEN AS READ AND RECEIVED.A.C.T.

Mrs. Gower mentioned special problems associated with being in the Capital Territory.

N.S.W.

Mrs. Dougherty spoke to this and reported that correspondent with overseas groups would be Deaconess Andrews and correspondent with previous Winifred Kiek Scholars would be Mrs. Dougherty and then later Mrs. Stanhope.

Queensland - Mrs. Haigh.S.A.

Mrs. Finnegan reported that it was now A.C.W. - S.A. Unit. "Lavender Ladies" at Royal Adelaide Hospital were explained.

Reports adopted.

DINNEREVENING SESSION"THE KINGDOM - A.C.W.'S ROLE" - Public Session

Mrs. Kain introduced Miss Jean Skuse to a well-attended mixed audience at our Open Night. Miss Skuse spoke on the various roles women can play in the Church, stressing that there is no need for separate women's organisations if they only parallel existing men's groups or have auxiliary functions. On the other hand, if they open up leadership possibilities, provide a power base to challenge existing structures or become supportive groups to help other women engaged in similar problems of struggle, they can have real value. She stressed that everyone needs the opportunity to express themselves. Women should have a choice of who they are going to be.

A lively discussion followed when members of the audience contributed much thought-provoking material. Vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Heather Crosby.  
The meeting closed with devotions led by Miss Skuse, after which supper was served.

THURSDAY, 14TH FEBRUARYMORNING WORSHIP

was led by Deaconess Eunice Simmons.

BREAKFASTBIBLE STUDY

"The Kingdom in To-day's World" was led by Father Augustine, C.P. and was followed by discussion. Mrs. Rachel Cocks proposed a vote of thanks.

BUSINESS SESSION VI

Report from Steering Committee.

Notices of Motion were given.

Minutes of 13th February were amended and confirmed.



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BUSINESS SESSION VI (CONT.)

REPORTS: Women at Work and Winifred Kiek Scholarship reports were taken as read and received.

"Women at Work" Capt. B. Golding presented this. States were urged to send news for inclusion in "Women at Work".

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Deaconess Simmons spoke to this. Report from Mr. Lex Grey on Kalpana Airan, and report on her trip to New Zealand were distributed. Deaconess Andrews and Mrs. Dougherty shared their impressions of Kalpana - the vision she had and her capacity to acquire the knowledge which she knew she needed, her real application to the work, the wide diversity of people who were touched by her.

Agreed THAT LETTER OF THANKS TO MR. GREY BE SENT.

It was reported that five applications were received for 1974 scholar. One was unable to find pocket money and therefore excluded. It was felt that while this link with the sending church was very valuable, it should not be compulsory that they provide it.

Resolved

- (1) THAT THE SUM OF AT LEAST \$2,300.00 BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$300.00 FOR EXPENSES SUCH AS LEAFLETS, ETC. FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES, TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.
- (2) IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE SCHOLAR TO BE RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF THE CURRENT WORKING COMMITTEE, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED BY STATE UNIT WHERE SCHOLAR IS RESIDENT, WHICH WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NATIONAL CONVENOR. THIS LOCAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THE SCHOLAR'S NEEDS DURING PERIOD OF STUDY. A MONTHLY REPORT SHALL BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENOR IN TIME FOR THE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING.

MEMORIAL  
BURSARY  
FUND

- (3) THAT THE ORIGINAL MINUTE RE DEFINITION OF THIS FUND BE CLARIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS -  
THAT A MEMORIAL BURSARY OF \$50.00 BE AWARDED EACH YEAR TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT FOR THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP, TO BE APPLIED BY HER TO THE PURCHASE OF STUDY BOOKS AND/OR EQUIPMENT
- (4) THAT THE FOLLOWING BE PRINTED ON INFORMATION BROCHURES:-  
TO HONOUR WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION AS AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL BURSARY TO THE VALUE OF \$50.00 WAS INSTITUTED IN 1972. THIS BURSARY IS GIVEN TO EACH WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND/OR EQUIPMENT. THE FUND ENABLES MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO BE MADE AT ANY TIME, BY ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP.

Deaconess Simmons was thanked for all her work on behalf of the Scholar.

MORNING TEA.

BUSINESS SESSION VI (CONT.)

REPORTS: On Australian Council of Churches matters were taken as read.

A.C.C. 26th General Meeting

Deaconess Norris urged us to take seriously the issues that are being wrestled with by the Australian Council of Churches and to become involved in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Deaconess Andrews reminded us that A.C.W. was represented on the Commission on Faith and Order. Mrs. Yule suggested that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity be observed by house groups.

Commission on Faith and Order

Mrs. Hall read highlights from Mrs. Ralph's report.

1. Windsor statement on Eucharist was discussed.
2. Visit of Dr. Kosuke Koyama
3. Pentecostalism and Charismatic Phenomena discussed
4. Need to appoint a new delegate.



BUSINESS SESSION VI (CONT.)A.C.C.  
REPORTS  
(CONT.)Committee on Co-operation between Men and Women

Mrs. Downes reported that this committee has gone out of existence. Paper entitled "Legal Love" not received as a document for this meeting.

Resolved THAT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVED BECAUSE OUR REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE REPORT WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Our representative (Mrs. Downes) was not informed about discussions on "Legal Love". Stressed the danger of putting in print something which is not official.

Resolved THAT REV. D. REDDROP BE INFORMED OF THIS DECISION.

Resolved THAT WE ASK THAT A.C.C. GIVE A.C.W. REPRESENTATION ON COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Resolved THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO ALTER THE WORDING OF THE CONSTITUTION TO FIT A.C.W.'S RELATIONSHIP WITH A.C.C.

Communique to Fellow Christians

President urged that this be used widely.

STATE  
UNIT  
REPORTS  
(CONT.):Tasmania

Mrs. Jetson spoke to this.

Victoria

Mrs. Olive Ackland (Vic.) presented their concern at lack of interest in World Community Day.

Western Australia

Miss Dean added to the report. World Community Day services were helpful but poorly attended. Difficult to promote Winifred Kiek Scholar when she comes so late in the year to W.A. F.L.C. is difficult to promote unless its prayer aspect is emphasised more than the money-raising aspect. A morning tea was arranged for people to meet Miss Violet Sampa.

Reports on A.C.C. 26th General Meeting and Commission on Faith and Order were received.

Reports from State Units were adopted.

LUNCHBUSINESS SESSION VI (CONT.)GREETING

Telegram received from A.C.W. Rockhampton Branch

REPORT:

Special Days Report taken as read and received.

Thanks were expressed to those who prepared orders of service -

Canberra Unit for Fellowship Day and  
Girls' Brigade for World Community Day.

It was resolved

- (1) THAT WE RECOGNISE THE FACT THAT
  - (a) THESE DAYS ARE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DURING THE SAME MONTHS - THEY ARE NOT AN AUSTRALIAN CREATION
  - (b) THESE ARE THE TWO OCCASIONS WE ARRANGE WHERE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CHURCHES CAN WORSHIP AND TALK TOGETHER.
- (2) THAT THERE BE MORE PROMOTION OF SPECIAL DAYS ON THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS, BOTH STATE UNITS AND DENOMINATIONAL BODIES. THAT THE REGULAR ORDERS OF SERVICE BE CONTINUED TO MEET A GENERAL DEMAND BUT THAT AN EXTRA LEAFLET BE PRODUCED FOR LEADERS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATE SERVICES INCLUDING EXPERIMENTAL WORSHIP, DISCUSSION, PANELS, ETC.
- (3) THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE QUESTIONNAIRE GENERALLY INDICATED THAT THE AIM TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CHURCH, FAMILY AND SOCIETY WAS NOT BEING ACHIEVED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATE UNITS SEEK TO ACHIEVE CO-OPERATION WITH THE STATE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND U.N. ASSOCIATION IN THE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD COMMUNITY DAY.
- (4) THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE APPOINT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREPARE THE ORDERS OF SERVICE.



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SPECIAL  
DAYS  
REPORT  
(CONT.)

- (5) THAT THEMES FOR AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DAYS BE CLOSELY RELATED TO C.W.U., WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THEMES WHERE APPROPRIATE.

Rev. Brian Walsh spoke in favour of making World Community Day a day of action, meeting people in need face to face, rather than a day of prayer.

Amendment on p.49 of Working Documents - "The Officer members of the Girls' Brigade in Australia" - delete "in Sydney".

Reports on Special Days, Women at Work and Winifred Kiek Scholarship were adopted.

FUTURE  
PLANS:

After handing out a leaflet entitled "Born to Die", a panel consisting of Miss Jean Skuse, Mrs. Joan Bache and Mrs. Sue Rowston led a discussion on the future role of A.C.W.

The main points which arose from this discussion were:-

1. Working Committee should look into ways of relating with women from Orthodox Churches.
2. Role and aims of A.C.W. should be discussed and decided before we set up the structure.
3. National Committee Meetings should be re-arranged so that the structure serves the aims of A.C.W.' not vice versa.

AFTERNOON  
TEA.VISIT TO  
"NUNYARA"

A scenic drive to the Adelaide Hills and tea at "Nunyara" preceded the evening session.

EVENING  
SESSION:

The presentation of a half-hour service in Nunyara Chapel by the Chancel Players, directed our thinking towards the Kingdom in the Contemporary Church. This was followed by a session in which all present divided into groups to prepare their statement of the message of the Kingdom in drama, mime, readings and song.

Mrs. Cora Connell proposed a vote of thanks to the Chancel Players.

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FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY.MORNING  
WORSHIP

was led by Deaconess Simmons.

BREAKFASTBUSINESS SESSION VIII

Notices of Motion were received.

Minutes of 14th February were amended and confirmed.

APPOINTMENT  
OF REP-  
RESENTATIVESCommission on Faith and Order

N.S.W. State Unit asked to find a suitable representative who would correspond with the Working Committee.

Committee on Co-operation between Men and Women

If A.C.W. is given representation on Commission on Christian Education, Victoria State Unit is to be asked to find delegates. Meanwhile, Mrs. Downes and Mrs. McNeil to remain on Committee on Cooperation.

A.C.C. 27th General Meeting

Appointment of delegates deferred.

RELATIONS

Resolved THAT A REPORT FROM THIS N.C.M. BE SENT TO A.C.C. EXECUTIVE WITH A COVERING LETTER, AND A VERBAL REPORT FROM A.C.C. DELEGATES TO A.C.W. BE GIVEN AT EXECUTIVE.

A.C.W.C.

- (1) Resolved THAT THE BALANCE OF THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO ENABLE A.C.W. DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS TO ATTEND THE A.C.W.C. MEETING IN BANGKOK, OCTOBER, 1974 BE PROVIDED BY A.C.W. THROUGH AN



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ALLOCATION FROM THE STATE UNITS ON A PROPORTIONAL BASIS, AFTER ALL AVENUES ARE EXPLORED TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM DENOMINATIONAL SOURCES.

- (2) Delegates to A.C.W.C. - Mrs. Joy Smith and Mrs. Rachel Cocks.  
Observers to A.C.W.C. - Mrs. Elkin Umbagai and Mrs. Maisie McKenzie.
- (3) Resolved THAT IF POSSIBLE A.C.W. EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE INCOMING WORKING COMMITTEE OF A.C.W.C. TO MEET ONCE IN AUSTRALIA DURING THE NEXT QUADRENNIUM.

WORKING  
COMMITTEE  
FOR 1974

The following were elected:-

President	Mrs. Joy Smith
Vice-Presidents	Deaconess Norah Norris
	Mrs. Nell Kain
Secretary	Mrs. Gwenda Lurchland
Treasurer	Mrs. Joan Bache
Committee Members	Mrs. Sue Rowston
	Mrs. Alder Hall
	Mrs. Beryl Golding
	Mrs. Kath Howie
W.K.S. Convenor	Mrs. Estelle Gobbett

Mrs. Gobbett accepted nomination only on the understanding that a replacement be sought as soon as possible. She expressed her frustration at the A.C.W.'s preoccupation with the structure instead of its purpose and role.

APPRECIATION OF  
MRS. OLGA  
BADGER

Resolved THAT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF A.C.W. MEETING IN ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 12th-15th FEBRUARY, 1974, RECOGNISES THE SPLENDID MANNER IN WHICH MRS. OLGA BADGER HAS DISCHARGED HER RESPONSIBILITIES AS REPRESENTATIVE OF A.C.W. TO THE ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION SHE HAS MADE AS A MEMBER OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THAT CONFERENCE 1966-1974. THIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE RECORDS ITS DEEP APPRECIATION OF HER LOVING SERVICE.

NEXT  
N.C.M.

- (1) Resolved THAT THE NEXT N.C.M. BE HELD IN ADELAIDE
- (2) Resolved THAT THE FARE BASIS FOR THE TRAVEL POOL FOR N.C.M. IN 1975 BE RAIL FARE WITH SLEEPERS (USING INTERCAPITAL DAYLIGHT WHEN POSSIBLE) AND ECONOMY AIR FARE FROM TASMANIA TO MELBOURNE FOR THE TASMANIAN DELEGATES.
- (3) Resolved THAT THE NEXT N.C.M. SHALL BE HELD IN AUGUST, 1975. REPORTS AND STATEMENTS TO BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED AT THAT MEETING SHALL COVER THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1974 TO 30TH JUNE, 1975.
- (4) Resolved THAT THE WORKING COMMITTEE ELECTED AT THIS N.C.M. (FEB. 1974) SHALL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL AUGUST, 1975.

NEXT  
WORKING  
COMMITTEE

Resolved THAT AN INVITATION BE ISSUED TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA TO PROVIDE THE NEXT WORKING COMMITTEE AND THAT IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT, THE WORKING COMMITTEE MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

FUTURE  
N.C.M.'S  
ACTION

Resolved THAT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE HELD BIENNIALY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE 30TH JUNE. THE COMMITTEE WILL SEND THE WORDS "AUSTRALIAN" AND "QUARTERLY" FROM THE "PRAYER IN ACTION" BOOKLETS WHICH THEY WILL RECEIVE FOR DISTRIBUTION.



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- COPIES OF ADDRESSES Resolved THAT DUPLICATED COPIES OF MISS JEAN SKUSE'S ADDRESS AT THE OPENING SERVICE, A COLLATION OF OPEN NIGHT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND THE TWO BIBLE STUDIES BE CIRCULATED TO ALL ORGANISATIONS HAVING REPRESENTATION ON N.C.W.
- A.C.C. STUDY MATERIAL Resolved THAT A.C.W. ENCOURAGE THE CIRCULATION AND STUDY OF MATERIAL PREPARED BY COMMISSIONS OF THE A.C.C. AND STATE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. WORKING COMMITTEE TO INFORM STATE UNITS OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS, E.G. CATHOLIC.
- HUMAN RIGHTS BILL Resolved THAT STATE UNITS BE ASKED TO STUDY THE HUMAN RIGHTS BILL
- FUTURE OF N.C.W.'S Resolved THAT DEACONESS ANDREWS' MOTION ON THE FORM OF FUTURE N.C.W.'S BE CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING COMMITTEE.
- F.L.C. PROJECT Aboriginal Medical Centre, Redfern to be recommended.
- PROJECT FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY (1) Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indo-China to be project for 1974.  
(2) Resolved THAT WORLD COMMUNITY DAY OFFERINGS SHOULD SUPPORT ONLY ONE PROJECT EACH YEAR, PREFERABLY FOR WORLD CHRISTIAN AC
- APPEAL FOR LEAST COIN Resolved THAT A.C.W.C. BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF THE APPEAL BY MRS. COOKSON FOR A LEAST COIN OFFERING.
- THANKS were expressed by the President to the Working Committee and all present.  
Mrs. Dingle moved a vote of thanks to the President, and to the S.A. State Unit for hostessing delegates.
- CLOSING SERVICE led by Mrs. Joy Smith, address by Mrs. Alder Hall

Confirmed .....

Date .....