

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Working Committee held on Tuesday, October 26th, at 2 p.m. in the 1965
Rev. John Neal's Office with the Australian Council of Churches.

OPENING: The meeting opened with prayer led by Mrs. A. Dougan.

PRESENT: Mrs. M.G. Wyllie (chair), Mesdames A. Dougan, A.G. Ralph, C.F. Gribble,
D.J.A. Verco, J.F. Dey, Deaconess M. Andrews, Miss T. Skiller, Lt. Col.
H. Cross.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mesdames F. Stafford, A.A. Adam,
L. Evangelinidis.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- a) *expected* Itinerary - the Rev. Edwin Robertson. It was reported that a proposed itinerary had been sent by the A.C.C. to State Committees, and it was anticipated that State Committees will seek the co-operation of State Women's Inter-Church Councils in proposing meetings at which Mrs. Robertson will be the speaker. This information will then be passed on to ACW for presentation to Mrs. Robertson.

It was reported that the Rev. Edwin Robertson had agreed to the request to prepare an Order of Service and Study Questions for Fellowship Day, 1966.

- b) Winifred Kiek Scholarship. A letter was received from the Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria, referring in particular to Working Committee Meeting Minutes of August 24th - regarding the invitation to the Pacific Conference of Churches to nominate a Scholarship Holder for 1966. It was stated that, in the opinion of their Executive, this Scholarship should be bi-annual or tri-annual rather than annual.

It was agreed that we reply, stating that the terms of the Policy of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, as included in Minutes of July 27th, say "Where possible a scholarship will be given each academic year"; also, that our approach to the Pacific Conference of Churches is to provide us, we hope, with a proposal to place before the National Committee Meeting with whom such decisions in connection with the scholarship rest.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence, as outlined below, was received.

- a) A letter from the Women's United Church Association of South Australia, covering a very fine report concerning Miss Connie Tan, which had been sent to all Church papers in South Australia. This spoke of the Scholarship Holder herself, her work in Indonesia, and also of her activities whilst in South Australia. It was the opinion of the Working Committee that this good material should have wider circulation.

It was resolved that Miss Skiller confer with Mr. V. Hinton concerning preparing a more comprehensive report for circulation, incorporating some of this material with information concerning the activities of Miss Connie Tan in N.S.W. and Victoria.

- b) Letter from the Rev. F. Byatt requesting list of Residential Women's Colleges in N.S.W. It was agreed that the Secretary follow this through with Mr. Byatt.
- c) Letter from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria submitting nominations for the 3rd Asian Women's Conference. These were noted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Financial Statement, as given below, was received.

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Statement of Account as at October 25, 1965

Received for :

Winifred Kiek Scholarship	351. 6. 6.
Fellowship of the Least Coin	123.12. 2.
Asian Church Women's Conf.	2. 0. 0.
For investment on behalf of Winifred Kiek Scholarship	100. 0. 0.

£576.18. 8.

Paid:

To ACC Association Ltd. for investment	100. 0. 0
Credit balance c/f	476.18. 8.

£576.18. 8.

It was resolved =

- 1) that £300 be paid to DICARWS against the advancement on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.
- 2) that we request the ACC Association Ltd to invest the £100 in Commonwealth Special Bonds at the current rate of interest.
- 3) that the Fellowship of the Least Coin money be held until the end of the year before remitting to Geneva.

It was noted that expenditure up to date on account of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder, Miss Connie Tan, is as follows:

Payments:	Return air fare Djakarta/Sydney/Djakarta	210. 4. 4.
	Paid to Miss Tan for Pocket Money (to end of November)	93. 0. 0
	Paid for Miss Tan Spectacles/Dental work	48.13. 0
	Fares	36. 8. 3.
	Clothing allowance	22. 6. 3.
	Conference fee for Miss Tan	4. 0. 0
		<u>£414.11.10.</u>

It was noted in discussion that thus far no system had been introduced whereby ACC funds had been reimbursed in any way for cost of stationery, postage, etc. nor had any charge yet been made against the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund for publicity, thinking especially of the folders concerning Miss Connie Tan. Whilst there was no resolution in this regard, it was the opinion of the Working Committee that such expenses should be debited against the income of the special event to which they applied.

It was resolved that an imprest of £10 be made available to the Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF TASMANIA

It was resolved that we write to the Council, enquiring if they have reached the place where they are able to become the State Unit of ACW, and conveying our hopes that this will eventuate so that they can have representation at the National Committee Meeting in January, 1966, If this is so, copy of Constitution to be forwarded for ratification.

NEWSLETTER

Consideration was given as to whether a Newsletter should be prepared. It was resolved that instead of a Newsletter, which has usually been circulated prior to Christmas, we ask Mr. Vaughan Hinton to prepare a Press Release following the writing of the Report of the Working Committee.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 1966

- a) Proposed Agenda: This, as prepared by the Executive, and given below was submitted and it was agreed that this be accepted as a working basis for the National Committee Meeting.

Session 6 especially came under discussion, as the Executive had suggested three subjects for consideration - Women

- Community responsibilities
- The Ecumenical Movement
- Relationships with other churches (e.g. Roman Catholic, Orthodox).

It was thought that the subject now shown on the Proposed Agenda will provide the kind of material likely to be helpful in an Open Session - being informative, in opening up discussion, and in presenting a challenge on the local level.

DRAFT AGENDA - NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY January 19.

Evening Meal

Session 1: Opening
Receiving of Agenda
Appointment of Committees
Report from Working Committee
Report from State Units.

Evening Prayers

Supper

THURSDAY January 20

Breakfast

Prayers and Bible Study

Session 2: Our World Concern expressed through
. The Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Morning Tea . Fellowship of the Least Coin

Session 3: . Inter-Church Aid

reports/discussion/recommendations

Lunch

Session 4: Our Local Concern
(suggested papers/discussion/recommendations on the role of
the local women's group - the Church and the Community).

Afternoon Tea

Session 5: Finance
1966 Programme: Report of Days held in 1965 and
recommendation for 1966.

Dinner

Session 6: Open Session - Forum - suggested theme -
The Ecumenical Movement - in the World - Nationally - on
the Local level.

Evening Prayers

Supper

FRIDAY January 21

Breakfast

Prayers and Bible Study

Session 7: { Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in
Morning Tea { Church, Family and Society.
Session 8: {

Lunch

Session 9: Election of Officers
Election of Working Committee
Appointments to related Committees
Appointment to 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference
Recommendations to ACC Annual Meeting
Any other unfinished business.

Afternoon Tea

Session 10: Church and Life Movement
Closing Worship.

Dinner

Suggested contents for Working Papers:

- . Report from Working Committee and recommendations
- . Financial Statement and report
- . Report from State Units concerning Special Days
 - suitability of day of the week
 - report of how many centres for each Day in 1965
 - report on attendance
 - reaction to discussion groups
 - comments on Orders of Service.
 - offerings and expenses

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- . Fellowship of the Least Coin - report from State Units on response.
- . Scholarship - report and recommendations from State Units.
- Suggested Committees: Steering
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- Nominations.

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b) Constitution of ACW 8 - Finance, i.:

It was considered that an approach in this matter should be made now, so that State Units can discuss this prior to the National Committee Meeting.

It was resolved:

- 1) That the Working Committee recommend to the National Committee Meeting that for 1966 finance from Special Days be divided - 40% to the administration of the State Unit and 60% to Australian Church Women, a proportion of this 60% to be allocated to the administration of ACW and a proportion to projects sponsored by ACW.
- 2) That this information be sent to State Units.

NEXT MEETING: This will be held on Tuesday, 23rd November, at 2 p.m.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. Wyllie.

Confirmed Nobel G. Wyllie

Date 23. 11. 65.