

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA

February 3rd - 6th, 1970

TUESDAY, February 3rd

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Opening Worship
Welcomes
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea
- 4:00 Session 1: Receiving of Agenda
Minutes
Appointment of Committees
Report from Working Committee
Financial Report
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 7:15 Session 2: W.W.D.P. Greetings
Report from State Units
Reports from Federal Denominational Women's Groups
Report re United Churches
Report from Fellowship of the Least Coin
- 9:00 Evening Prayers
- 9:15 Supper

WEDNESDAY, February 4th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 Bible Study
- 9:45 Introduction of Theme 'Christian Concern' - Dr Una Porter
- 10:45 Morning Tea
- 11:00 'Christian Concern' - Alcohol - Professor D. Hetzel
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 Session 3: Winifred Kiek Scholarship
Fellowship Day and World Community Day
Report and News of 1970
'Women at Work'
F L Cole
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea
- 4:00 Session 4: S.A. Ad Hoc Committee Report re Travel Pool
Tasmania recommendation of change of name
Issues
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 7:30 p.m. 'Christian Concern' - Drugs - Dr D.J. Oldmeadow
- 9:00 Evening Prayers
- 9:15 Supper

THURSDAY, February 5th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 Bible Study

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA (cont.)

- 9:45 a.m. Session 5: Issues raised *brochure*
E.A.W.C.C.
1971 Project Fellowship of the Least Coin
- 10:45 Morning Tea
- 11:00 Session 6: Committee on Co-operation
'Christian Concern for Young Children' -
Dr Isla Stamp
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 Session 7: Special Days 1971
National Committee venue 1971
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea
- 4:00 Discussion on Issues raised by State Units
- 6:00 Evening Meal
- 7:30 'Christian Concern' - Developing Countries
- 9:00 Evening Prayers
- 9:15 Supper

FRIDAY, February 6th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 Bible Study
- 9:45 Discussion on Future Activities of A.C.W.
- 10:45
- 11:00 Session 8: Statement and recommendations to member
organizations
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 Session 9: Election of Officers
Election of Working Committee
Appointments to related Committee
Any other business
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Prayers
- 4:00 Afternoon tea.

St Hilda's College,
PARKVILLE, VICTORIA.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Participants

OFFICE BEARERS:

President	Mrs F.R. Ashton	Congregational
Vice-President	Mrs T.H. Coates	Methodist
Vice-President	Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders	Salvation Army
Secretary	Mrs G.I. Duke	Methodist
Treasurer	Mrs E. Stephens	Anglican

STATE UNIT REPRESENTATION:

Queensland	Mrs E. Dingle Mrs G. Udy	Methodist Methodist
N.S.W.	Mrs R.H. Dougherty Head Deaconess Mary Andrews	Methodist Anglican
A.C.T.	Mrs E.H. Winter Mrs C.L. Caldwell	Methodist Methodist
Victoria	Mrs R.A. Fairservice Mrs L.O. Ackland	Presbyterian Methodist
Tasmania	Mrs G.A. Wood Mrs H.B. Freeman	Presbyterian Methodist
South Australia	Mrs T.R. Howie Mrs W.K. Johns	Congregational Presbyterian
West Australia	Mrs P. Eaton Mrs P. Cook	Churches of Christ Anglican

DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATION:

Anglican	Head Deaconess Mary Andrews
Churches of Christ	Mrs A.R. Jones
Congregational	Mrs D.W. Bailey
Methodist	Mrs A.W. Pederick
Presbyterian	Mrs A. Yule
Salvation Army	Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

ACC Committee on Co-operation of Men &
Women in Church, Family and Society

Mrs T.H. Coates
Dr Isla Stamp

ACC Executive Committee

Mrs F. Anderson
Mrs D. Badger
Mrs F. Packer
Mrs A. Ralph

Congregational
Congregational
Anglican
Presbyterian

WORKING COMMITTEE:

Mrs A.W. Burton
Mrs N. Faichney

Presbyterian
Presbyterian

WORKING COMMITTEE: (cont.)

Mrs H.T. Rogers
Mrs J.A. Strack
Deaconess F. McKechnie

Presbyterian
Churches of Christ
Presbyterian

LEADERS:

Dr Una B. Porter
Deaconess Dorothy Young
Dr Isla Stamp
Professor Basil Hetzel
Dr D.J. Oldmeadow
Mr V. Hinton

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR:

Miss Veronica Kafa

Anglican

OBSERVERS

STATE UNITS

N.S.W.

Mrs R.W. Stanhope

Churches of Ch.

Victoria

Mrs A.E. Smith
Mrs R. Selby Smith
Mrs H. Downes

Baptist
Anglican
Congregational

South Australia

Mrs A. Gray
Mrs H.B. Morrow

Anglican & Presb.
Churches of Ch.

FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL GROUPS:

Anglican

Congregational

Mrs H. Downes

Methodist

Mrs A.H. Atkinson

Presbyterian

Mrs F. Coutts

Salvation Army

Mrs Lt. Col. M. Everett

VICTORIAN STATE DENOMINATIONAL GROUPS:

Anglican

Mrs K. Jago

Baptist

Mrs E.G. Chislett
Mrs R.G. Haley

Churches of Christ

Mrs M. Stafford

Congregational

Mrs J.J. Cooper

Methodist

Mrs M.G. Barber

Presbyterian

Mrs M. Macneil

REPORT OF WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 1969.
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The Committee has met regularly throughout the year in the Board Room, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne and we express our gratitude to the A.C.C.E. for making this room available to us. We also wish to thank the U.C.C. staff for their co-operation and hospitality. We appreciate all the facilities of the building which have been made available to us.

We would also like to record our thanks to Deaconess Cath Ritchie who was President of the Working Committee during its first two years in Victoria - 1967-68. We appreciate her wisdom and inspiring leadership during this period.

SPECIAL DAYS
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Fellowship Day 1969:

11,855 Orders of Service distributed
Theme: "Who Is My Neighbour"
Prepared by Queensland Church Women

World Community Day 1969:

6,450 Orders of Service distributed
Theme: "Let There Be Bread"
Prepared by Australian Christian Women's Fellowship Federal Conference, Churches of Christ

Orders of Service for 1970 have been prepared and are being printed,

Fellowship Day 1970:

Theme: "Communication"
Prepared by South Australian Church Women.

World Community Day 1970:

Theme: "It's A Small World"
Prepared by the Salvation Army

The Working Committee expresses thanks to all groups who have prepared these Orders of Service.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
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P Project: Interest in this has been extended. Gifts have been received from all Australian States and from Papua and New Guinea as well as the United Church of North Australia. Allocation received from F.L.C. to Prahran Methodist Mission and Community Centre for 'Operation Compassion'.

Promotion: Volume III Circle of Prayer continues to be circulated. 2,530 copies have been distributed. Leaflet 'Gifts of Prayer' containing projects 1958 - 1968 has been printed and circulated. "In Quest of the Least Coin" will be obtainable from Presbyterian Bookroom, Melbourne. (See separate report at end of Working Committee Report).

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP
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The Committee has received 24 applications for the 1970 Scholarship. All applicants of high standard and worthy of assistance. Scholarship for 1970 awarded to Miss Veronica Kafa, Anglican from the British Solomon Islands.

Age - 25 years.

Occupation - School Teacher at Unu.

Academic Record - Senior Certificate 1962. Graduated from Government Teachers' College, Honiara 1964.

Planned Training: February - August teaching English as a foreign language with the Education Department of Victoria. September - December visits to other States. February 3rd-6th National Committee Meeting.
(See Winifred Kiek Scholarship Report).

UNITED CHURCHES:

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During 1969 Mrs N. Faichney visited United Churches at Woomera, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin, Nightcliff, Batchelor and Kununurra. Personal contact with these groups has been valuable. Regular contact has been maintained throughout the year.
These groups support Special Days and Offerings.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

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Representation: ACW has been represented by Mrs E. Stephens and Mrs A.W. Burton.

PUBLICITY and PUBLICATIONS

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1. As directed by the 1969 National Committee "Women at Work" - News of Australian Church Women has been prepared by Mrs T.H. Coates. This has been sent out with the Minutes and also sent to 'In Unity' and Church Magazines. Some Church Magazines have been most co-operative in printing material from 'Women at Work'.
2. Ball Point Pens:
Number of Pens purchased from Scribal Pens, Prahran - 15,047
Income \$1,751.
Expenditure \$1,232.72.
Petty Cash - postage etc. \$35.
Cash in hand - profit \$507.88
Amount owing for pens \$59.20.
208 parcels have been posted or delivered by hand during this year.
336 dozen and 8 pens in hand.
Some pens which had been distributed last year have not been able to be traced. These have had to be written off.

Distribution of profits from these pens will be considered at the National Committee Meeting.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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During the year ACW was requested to send representatives to a Committee constituted to raise money for a Hall of Residence for Women at the University of Papua and New Guinea. Whilst not able to ask directly for money, the Working Committee felt that publicity within ACW could be given. Accordingly, our President, Mrs F.R. Ashton and Mrs H.T. Rogers represented ACW on the Committee headed by Mrs J.G. Norris, President of the Australian National Council of Women. Women have been invited to subscribe to this appeal which has been commended by the Working Committee.

REPORT OF WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 1969 (cont.)

A very real problem facing the Working Committee is the fact that most meetings are taken up by purely 'machinery business'. Little opportunity is available for real constructive planning as all Working Committee members are already heavily involved in work within their own denomination and other organizations. By the time the Working Committee attends to matters remitted by the National Committee Meeting and normal work which must be done there is no opportunity for widening the scope of A.C.W. Perhaps this is the task of the National Committee Meeting but again there is the frustration of 'Machinery business' which needs to be done.

Thanks must be expressed to all member organizations for their co-operation in assisting the Working Committee to undertake the tasks assigned to it. We trust that our theme for the 1970 National Meeting, 'Christian Concern' may inspire each one of us to press on in our aim to unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ELIZABETH ASHTON,

President.

SHEILA DUKE,

Hon. Secretary.

REPORT ON FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

I am pleased to report continued interest in the Fellowship of the Least Coin throughout Australia. This can be attributed to the enthusiastic promotional activities of all State Fellowship of the Least Coin Conveners. Throughout 1969 a continual stream of literature and information has been flowing out to all interested women.

The leaflet "Gifts of Prayer" containing lists of projects allocated between 1958 - 1968 has been readily received. There has been 5,000 extra copies of this leaflet printed and they await distribution. Some copies have been sent to New Zealand.

"Circle of Prayer" Volume III has still been used extensively - altogether 2,530 copies have been distributed in Australia. Some ladies' groups use this as a study booklet. Bendigo, Victoria, is particularly noteworthy where 200 copies are in use, another group calling themselves Fellowship of the Least Coin meet regularly for study of booklet and prayer.

Volume IV is now in the process of production and should be available in Australia by mid-year 1970. The theme being "Who is my neighbour?" - the 24 contributors are from different countries and it promises to be a wonderful booklet.

The 'novel' entitled "In Quest of the Least Coin" by Grace Nies Fletcher has proved popular overseas and will be available in Australia from Melbourne Presbyterian Bookroom from February 1970.

During the year, much publicity was given to Fellowship of the Least Coin by an article which appeared in Presbyterian Life written by Mrs Jean Yule. Many enquiries and consequent participants resulted. *Answer*

The Chairman of the Asian Church Women's Conference - Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam - has been busily engaged in promotional and administrative work of Fellowship of the Least Coin - travelling to and keeping in touch with many countries during 1969. She now reports that 50 countries are actually affiliated with Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Allocations to Australia for 1969 were \$1,000(U.S.) for:

1. Lay Training Institute in Papua and New Guinea
2. Marriage Guidance Institute
Invitation to a Ceylonese to pursue study of subject in Australia.

Allocation for 1970:

Prahran Methodist Mission and Christian Community Centre.

DOREEN STRACK

Convener.

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THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 1969 National Committee meeting, the Scholarship committee was moved to Melbourne, the location of the Working Committee. Mrs A.W. Burton was elected Convener of the Committee and during the year Mrs N. Faichney was appointed as the other A.C.W. representative. The President and Secretary were ex-officio members of the Committee and attended the meetings. This proved to be an excellent arrangement, as the President and Secretary were kept fully aware of all details of applications and arrangements as they occurred.

The Working Committee accepted the suggestion of Mrs Faichney and Mrs Burton that we invite the Australian Mission Board of each of the member churches of A.C.C. to appoint a representative resident in Melbourne to the committee. We also invited Inter-Church Aid to appoint a representative. In addition minutes of meetings were sent to A.C.C.E., the Girls' Brigade and the Y.W.C.A. of Australia, who had all expressed interest in the project.

At the first meeting the following principles were drawn up by the Committee.

- 1) Under the present terms of the scholarship Aboriginals were not eligible.
- 2) Preference would be given to applicants between the ages of 25-35 years.
- 3) Preference would be given to candidates for whom further training was not available in their own country.

In accordance with the original terms of the Scholarship, application forms were sent to the Secretary for Inter-Church Aid, the Rev. E. Arblaster so that he could make the Scholarship known to the All-Africa Christian Council, the East Asia Christian Council and the Pacific Council of Churches. Each member of the Committee reported to their Australian Mission Board, which circulated application forms to their overseas missions.

As a result of this a great amount of interest was created in the churches, both in Australia and overseas, and 22 applications were received by the end of November, the closing date. Since then several more have been received, but these were too late to be considered. We have attached to this report a brief summary of each application, so that you may see the wide range of work being covered by Christian women in other countries, and the great need for scholarships of this kind. You will also appreciate the quality of the candidates and the difficulty we had in reaching a decision.

The winner of the Scholarship for 1970 is Miss Veronica Kafa of the British Solomon Islands, and of the Anglican Church. She was strongly recommended to us by the Bishop of Melanesia, Miss Jean Beglen, Director of Education in the Diocese of Melanesia, Mr David Henry, a master at the Peninsula Grammar School who had worked in the Solomons as a volunteer, and Miss Kathleen Holgate, principal of the first co-educational secondary school to be opened in the Solomons. All of these people speak highly of her Christian commitment, her initiative, and her enthusiasm for pursuing her education. Her special concern is the teaching of English and of the new mathematics. There are 26 different languages spoken in the Solomons, and the only common one is English. We have been most fortunate in obtaining the permission of the Minister for Education in Victoria, Hon. L.H.S. Thompson, for Mr Allen Humphries, the Director of Migrant Education, to supervise her training while she is in Australia. Mr Humphries is an Anglican, is most interested in the project and has already met Miss Beglen and discussed Veronica's training with her. From September to the end of the year Veronica will visit S.A., N.S.W., Tasmania and Queensland.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP REPORT (cont.)

We would like to thank the members of the Scholarship Committee for their interest and co-operation, Rev. E. Arblaster and Rev. Brian Walsh for their assistance in many practical ways, the Hon. L.H.S. Thompson for granting permission for Veronica's being accepted as a trainee at no charge at all to A.C.W., Mr Humphries for undertaking her training, and the Sisters of the Church for providing her accommodation in Victoria. I feel sure that we have a most worthy holder of the Scholarship, and that this year that she spends in Australia will benefit both the Church in the Solomons and churchwomen in Australia.

The Committee would like you to consider the following questions at the National Committee Meeting.

The Committee had to rule out some candidates because of the high cost of fares. Should we therefore limit the applications to areas with cheaper fares?

Should we concentrate on a different area each year?

If so, which area would you suggest for 1971?

How can we raise more money so as to enable more women to take advantage of the training available here?

Can you use Veronica's visit to your State to stimulate interest and encourage donations to the Scholarship Fund?

Will you appoint a Liaison Officer in each State to be responsible for Veronica's programme during her visit to your State?

Is it possible to offer a half-scholarship as well in 1970, as we have received so much assistance with Veronica's expenses.

BETTY BURTON,

Convener.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The following applications have been received:

1. Liut. Elena Factura ALIPIO - Philippines - Salvation Army
2. Miss Mavis Sunder DAS - West Pakistan - Presbyterian
3. Capt. Frederica de FRETES - Indonesia - Salvation Army
4. Sister Rodah JOHN - Mombasa - Anglican
5. Miss Veronica KAFA - British Solomon Islands - Anglican
6. Miss Martha Yuko KIKAWADA - Japan - Anglican
7. Miss Mary Hatsue MIYAKE - Japan - Anglican
8. Miss Ngui Moi TSHIN - Malaysia - Anglican
9. Miss Grace Shigeko TANAKA - Japan - Anglican
10. Mrs Sina VAIPUNA - Tonga - Methodist
11. Capt. Regina WIJERATNE - Ceylon - Salvation Army

The following details about candidates are presented for your consideration:

1. Lietenant Elena Factura ALIPIO
1414 Leon Guinto Sr., Ermita Manila Philippines
Age - 28 years, single
Occupation - Salvation Army Officer
Languages - English
Academic Record - Has completed High School and Salvation Army Training Course
Experience - Salvation Army Officer since 1966
Object of Training - To take further responsibility in Youth Work
Health - good
Church Affiliation - Salvation Army
Sponsor - International Headquarters of Salvation Army
2. Miss Mavis Sunder DAS
H/J 155 Arya Mohalla, Rawalpindi, West Pakistan
Age - 37 years - single
Occupation - Schoolteacher
Languages - Urdu, Punjabi, fluent English
Academic Record - M.A. in Political Science, international Law & Sociology, University of Punjab
Experience - Teacher at Mission School, previously at secular school. Has spent 2 years in Brisbane 1956-57.
Object of Training - Further study in education especially elementary and kindergarten
Aim - to advance her capacity to teach and to be responsible for teaching in Christian schools.
Health - good
Sponsors - East Asian Christian Council
Church Affiliation - Presbyterian
References - C.A. Peters, Dean of Arts, Gordon Coll., Rawalpindi;
Rev. Almas Talib, Pastor 1st U.P. Church, Rawalpindi.
3. Capt. Frederica De FRETES
C/- Salvation Army, T.H.Q., Djalan Djawa 16, Bandung Indonesia
Age - 36 - single
Occupation - Salvation Army Officer
Languages - English, Indonesian
Academic Record - Trained S.A. College, Indonesia and International College for Officers, London.
Experience - S.A. Officer since 1955
Object of Training - to take further responsibility in Youth Work
Church Affiliation - Salvation Army
Health - very good
Sponsoring Organization - International Headquarters of Salvation Army. Highly commended as an excellent officer with wide interests, Guides, Youth Groups. Could make a great contribution to Youth work in the Church.
4. Sister Rodah JOHN
C/- Rev. Anne Barnett, P.O. Box 502, Nairobi, Kenya.
No details yet available. Anglican. Sister John has worked in Mombasa and is recommended by the Bishop of Mombasa and warmly supported by the Archbishop of Nairobi.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (2)

She wishes to have further training in Youth Work, so that she can take full responsibility for girls' work in the Diocese of Mombasa.

5. Miss Veronica Kafa

Unu School, Reef Islands, Eastern Outer Island, British Solomon Is.

Age - 25 years - single

Occupation - Schoolteacher

Academic Record - Senior Certificate 1962. Graduated from Govt.

Teachers' College, Honiara 1964.

Experience - Teaching at Pamra and now at Unu. Spent 6 weeks in Tasmania in 1966

Object of Training - further Teacher training, especially in teaching English.

Languages - English

Church Affiliation - Anglican

Health - good except for malaria.

Sponsors - Anglican Church of the Solomons

References - A.J. Child, Principal Br. Solomons Training College.

Douglas Henry, Housemaster Peninsula C.E. School, Mount Eliza.

Miss K. Hollgate, Principal, Diocesan School, Pamua

Bishop of Melanesia

6. Miss Martha Kikawada

2028 DOFOCHO Sakai, Osaka, Japan

Age - 30 - single

Occupation - Social Worker at Tokogakuen Children's Home

Academic record - Bachelor of Social Work, St Paul's University, Tokyo

Experience - Case worker at Tokogakuen Children's Home since 1962

Vice-President of G.F.S. of Japan

Languages - English, Japanese

Object of training - further training in social work practice, especially child welfare work. Especially interested in women's role in the Church and relationship between women's organizations and Youth groups.

Health - good

Church Affiliation - Anglican

Sponsor - National Council of Anglican Episcopal Church of Japan

References - Rev. John Yamada General Secretary of above

Rev. John Kikawada, Superintendent of Children's Home

Masako Ito, Women's Auxiliary of St Luke's Church

7. Miss Mary Hatsue Miyake

502 Tamano City, Okayama, Japan

Age - 29 years - single

Academic record - B. Education, majoring in junior high school English education, Okayama University

Experience - Matron in girls' dormitory of industrial firm

Private English classes at home, teacher of English at Junior high schools. Member of vestry, parish secretary and secretary of Women's Auxiliary.

Occupation - Schoolteacher

Languages - English and Japanese

Health - good

Object of training - further training in Christian Education especially the role of the laity, further teacher training

Church Affiliation - Anglican

Sponsor - Rev. John Yamada, General Secretary National Council of Anglican Episcopal Church of Japan

References - Rev. John Yamada

Rev. John Komimami, Rector of St Church

Bishop of Kobe

8. Miss Ngui Moi Tshin

St Patrick's Primary School, P.O. Box 510, Tawan, Sabah, Malaysia

Age - 32 years - single

Academic record - Junior Certificate 1959 then Teachers' Training College Certificate.

Experience - School Teacher at St Patrick's Primary School

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (3)

Languages - Chinese, English
Health - good
Object of training - to learn new teaching methods
Church Affiliation - Anglican
Sponsor - Anglican Church of Sabah
References - The Bishop of Sabah
Mr Lin Fen Chong, Principal of St Patrick's Primary School

9. Miss Grace Mary TANAKA
46-8 Kanamachi 3-chome, Katsushika-Ku, Toyko, Japan
Age - 26 years, single
Academic record - Senior High School, Tokyo
Secretarial Training Course
Experience - Typist and Stenographer at Dodwell Ho Ltd. G.F.S.
Leader, chairman of Tokyo Diocesan G.F.S.
Object of training - further study in English, shorthand and commercial subjects, international affairs and Youth work in the Australian church, especially G.F.S.
Languages - Japanese, English
Church Affiliation - Anglican
Health - good
Sponsor - National Council of Anglican Episcopal Church of Japan
References - Mrs Yasu Karita - Director of Secretarial Training Course
Fr Hiroyuki Ohki - Rector of Senju Christ Church
Mrs Umeyo Iwai - Chairman G.F.S. Japan
Rev. John Yamada, General Secretary, National Council
10. Mrs Sina VAIPUNA
P.O. Box 57, Nuku'alofa, Tonga.
Age - 31 years, married
Academic record - Higher Leaving Certificate and College Honour Board
Experience - 6 years secretarial and office work in Methodist Church
Offices; Supervisor of Book Room; Members' Class leader; choir member; active in Sunday School and Youth work
Object of training - further training in commercial and secretarial subjects. She wishes to gain greater efficiency in office work and in teaching at Secondary School level.
Languages - Tongan and English
Church Affiliation - Methodist
Health - good
Sponsor - Free Methodist Church of Tonga
Reference - President, Methodist Church of Tonga, Rev. G.C. Harris
11. Miss Regina WIJERATNE
C/- The Salvation Army, 2 Union Place, Colombo 2, Ceylon.
Age - 26 years, single
Occupation - Salvation Army Officer
Languages - Ceylonese and English
Academic record - details to come
Experience - 4 years as Salvation Army Officer
Object of training - Youth work
Aim - to apply benefits of Scholarship to Youth work in Ceylon
Church Affiliation - The Salvation Army
Health - good
Recommendation - Col. Durton Pedlar, The Salvation Army, Ceylon
Sponsor - International Cl. of Salvation Army.

BETTY BURTON,
Convener.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Additional Nominations:

12. Mrs TAVAU IOSIA, Ellice Islands, The Ellice Island Church, Funafuti, Ellice Is., Central Pacific.
Age - 24 years - married.
Occupation - Secretary - Women's Fellowship of the Ellice Is. Church.
Languages - Ellice, English, Samoan, Gilbertese.
Experience - Training in N.Z. on Girls' Brigade for 6 months.
Training officer of Girls' Brigade.
Object - further training and experience in leadership of women's organizations.
Church affiliation: The Ellice Is. Church
Health - good
Recommendation - The Ellice Is. Church.
13. NEI UA ERITAI
Gilbert Is., The Gilbert Is. Protestant Church.
Address: Antebuka, Tarawa, Gilbert Is., Central Pacific.
Age - 29 years - single.
Occupation - Community worker
Languages - Gilbertese and English
Academic Record - 1st class Leaving Certificate, certificates from East and West Centre Hawaii for Community Nutrition & Home Economics for Community work.
Experience - 4 years community work among women (6 months in Government employ). Observational study tour in New Zealand.
Object - Training in Christian Communication to assist in its promotion in Gilbert Is.
Church Affiliation - Gilbert Is. Protestant Church
Health - good
Recommendation - Officers Committee of Gilbert Is. Prot. Church
14. YUKIKO SAK AMOTO - Japan Anglican
Address - 5-14 Hoei 2-chome, Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture, JAPAN
Age - 29 years - single
Education - Graduated B.A. in English and American Literature Rikkyo University, Tokyo
Occupation - High School Teacher - English
Experience - 7 years teaching at High School
Health - good
Church Affiliation - Anglican
Object - to improve her teaching of English and knowledge of the language
Recommendation - Rev. Jon Kiyoshi Hisaizuma, Holy Trinity Church of Fukui.
15. Miss LOLISI ALFRED, Rabaul - United Church
c/- Gaulim Teachers' College, Malabunga via Rabaul.
Age - 25 years - single
Occupation - primary school teacher and teachers' college lecturer
Languages - Dobuan, English
Academic Record - Form 2, now doing Form 3 exams by correspondence. Qualified teacher Territory D Certificate.
Experience - Teaching Primary classes Papuan Islands, Lecturer in Modern Maths and craft, Gaulim Teachers' College.
Object - one academic year at Western Teachers' College Adelaide to acquire further experience in craft teaching and to spend some time at the Art School, Adelaide.
Church Affiliation - United Church
Health - good
Recommendation - Rev. W.G. Dache, Secretary United Church of P./N.G. and the Solomon Islands.
16. DAPHNE MHLOM - South Africa - Salvation Army
Jabavu Children's Creche, c/- The Salvation Army T.H.Q. P.O. Box 1018, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Age - 29 - single
Occupation - Salvation Army Officer - (Captain)
Languages - Zulu, Xhosa, English

Academic Record - not yet received
 Experience - Trained at S.A. College and since 1961 served as Officer-in-Charge of Youth Work, as Assistant at Wm. Eadie Hospital, now in charge at Jabavu Children's Creche.
 Object - increased efficiency in Youth work and Child Care; to raise the standard of life for children in Africa.
 Church Affiliation - The Salvation Army.
 Health - good.
 Recommendation - Col. R. von Kliest, Salvation Army, South Africa.

17. Miss KUSUM G. PARMAR - India - Salvation Army
 The Salvation Army Emery Hospital Anand, District Kaira, Gujarat, India.
 Age - 31 years - single
 Occupation - nurse
 Languages - English and Gujarati
 Academic record - not yet received
 Experience - Nurse at Salvation Army Hospital, Anand
 Object of Training - Nursing Administration Course
 Aim - to raise the standard of nursing in India
 Church Affiliation - Salvation Army
 Health - good
 Recommendation - Commissioner Joseph Dahya, Salvation Army T.H.Q., Bombay.

18. Miss VIRAMATI M. CHRISTIAN - Salvation Army, India
 C/- The Salvation Army, T.H.Q., P.O. Box 4510, Bombay, India.
 Age - 34 - single
 Occupation - Nurse
 Languages - English, Gujarati
 Academic record - R.N.&M., B. Sc.(Nursing)
 Experience - Has served in Military Forces with rank of Lieutenant; 6 1/2 years in Nursing service.
 Object of Training - Increased Nursing Qualifications
 Aim - to lift the standard of Christian nursing in India.
 Church Affiliation - The Salvation Army
 Health - good
 Recommendation - Commissioner Joseph Dahya, Salvation Army T.H.Q., Bombay.

4. Sister Rodah John - additional information
 Age - 24 years - single
 Address - P.O. Box 72, Mombasa
 Occupation - F.F.S. worker
 Language - English
 Academic record - 2 years training at Church Army Training School
 Object - to gain experience in leading girls' work and to help in office work for writing letters and news
 Church - Anglican
 Health - good
 Recommendation - Bishop of Mombasa; Rev. Anne Barnett, Nairobi.

The following applications which did not arrive until December 2nd, unfortunately could not be considered by the committee.

19. Miss ETA SEINI DARO
 c/- Dudley High School, Eden St., Suva, Fiji of the Methodist Church in Fiji.
20. Miss CATHERINE HI TOMO KATO
 c/- St Stephen's Church, Tokyo, Japan of the Anglican -Episcopal Church of Japan
21. Miss CLARE ATSUKO IIZUKA
 c/- Mr Suzuki, 3-5-9, Kitazawa, Tokyo, Japan of the Anglican-Episcopal Church of Japan.

REPORT OF RELATED COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION OF MEN & WOMEN IN CHURCH, FAMILY AND SOCIETY.

SAY THAT AGAIN?

This Committee of the Australian Council of Churches deals with a very important aspect of human life, the basic relationship between men and women: How does a man look at a woman?

How does a woman look at a man?

What makes a good relationship in marriage?

or in society?

or in the Church?

Do men and women succeed in coming to terms with each other, so that they really can co-operate without undue rivalry and without condescension?

These are not easy questions, and this may be the reason why we tend to look the other way and hope that everything will work out all right. The Committee believes that a right view of the man-woman relationship is basic to all the questions it faces:

social issues relating to family life, which include family planning, premarital sex, abortion, divorce and desertion;
the relative status of men and women;
the place of women in the church and community;
marriage counselling and family welfare.

PARENTS AND THE TEENAGE REVOLUTION

Early in 1969 the Committee printed a leaflet under this title, designed chiefly for church groups of men and women, or for groups of women, who wanted to understand the mood of young people and guide them towards maturity. Although it was designed for the middle generation, it was also studied by some groups of young people as a starting point for discussion. The first edition of two thousand copies is running low and a reprint will probably be needed in 1970.

The leaflet is divided into three parts, each with questions for discussion, and can be used to introduce the topic at a single meeting or at a week-end conference or series of meetings.

Copies are available from the Convenor of the Committee:

Mrs T.H. Coates,

Wesley College,

PRAHRAN, Victoria, 3181,

at \$1.20 per dozen copies, post free.

EVE WHERE ART THOU?

The earlier publication of this Committee, "Eve Where Art Thou?", is a study of women's role in the Church, based on a factual survey, carried out in 1966. The work done by a group in South Australia, headed by Mrs R.E. Wilmshurst, who added valuable comments and discussion questions. Some copies are still available and some are being reserved as research documents.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage and family counselling was the theme of the Joint Session organized by this Committee during the National Committee of Australian Church Women in February, 1969, at St Hilda's College, Melbourne. The Rev. Bruce Reddrop, the Chairman of the Committee, gave a report on the Institute on Marriage and Family Counselling, organized by the East Asia Christian Conference in July, 1968, in Bangkok, with recommendations arising from it.

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION (cont.)

Those who attended the Institute were convinced that the problems of human relationships, including family relationships, were basically similar in all countries represented, in spite of wide diversity of social conditions, and this encouraged them to plan for an interchange of training within the region.

Mrs H.T. Rogers gave an interesting account of the Family Life Centre at Blackburn, Victoria, which was set up by a local church, and runs in association with the Cairnmillar Institute. The Chairman of the session was the Rev. Lloyd Phillips, Director of the Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria.

OTHER SPEAKERS

During 1969 Mrs Madge Anderson spoke to the Committee on the background and activities of the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in the Congregational Church, the only denomination with a committee of this sort.

Professor Carl Wood reported on research he has carried out at the Queen Victoria Hospital on attitudes to premarital sex. He obtained his data from two groups of women, 200 married women, and 100 unmarried women, all of whom had babies at the hospital.

From the replies of the first group it was clear that over two thirds of the women had had intercourse before marriage, and that very few of them used adequate contraception (only eleven reported using the pill). Information obtained from the 100 unmarried mothers indicated very similar behaviour. There is little information available about other sections of the community, but there are indications that there is a high incidence of premarital intercourse, and a high risk of premarital pregnancy.

Such pregnancies can lead to criminal abortion, illegitimate births or hasted marriages, any of which can cause unhappiness and medical problems. The question arises, how do you help people to be responsible about sex. This is a broad social problem, as well as an individual one.

GRANT FROM FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Each year the Fellowship of the Least Coin makes allocations to projects of Christian service all over the world. Early in 1969 they made an allocation of \$1000 U.S. to this Committee for the purpose of bringing a man or woman from an Asian country to train in marriage guidance counselling. A nomination has been received from Ceylon, and it is hoped that the scholarship will be taken up early in 1970. The Rev. Bruce Reddrop, in consultation with other members of the Committee, is planning a course of study and interview experience for the recipient of the scholarship.

CONCERN FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

What happens to the children of working mothers? Dr Isla Stamp, a member of the Committee, who was until recently a Psychologist with the Victorian Department of Health, Maternal and Child Welfare Branch, and is now Convener of the Committee on Day Care for the Victorian Branch of the Australian Pre-School Association, spoke to the Committee about the thorny problems of providing adequate care for the children of working mothers.

At the National Committee of Australian Church Women in February, 1970, she will arrange a session on Christian Concern for Young Children, in which Dr D.J. Oldmeadow will also take part. Should we provide more care for the children of working mothers? Which working mothers? Those who must work, or all those who wish to work?

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION (cont.)

Those who can afford to pay? or those who cannot? Which children? Infants under three years, pre-school children, school-age children out of school hours?

As a result of this session the Committee plans to publish a discussion leaflet to help people to make informed judgments on this important aspect of family welfare.

IT'S UP TO YOU

The Committee realizes that it does little more than raise a question here and there. It believes that it is important for everyone to look at human relationships in the light of their deepest convictions; for Christians this means in the light of their Christian convictions.

JOAN G. COATES,
Convener.

REPORTS FROM STATE UNITS

QUEENSLAND

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Queensland, acting as the State Unit of Australian Church Women enjoys the privilege of planning opportunities for Church Women to worship, study and serve together, also of helping to promote a stronger spirit of friendship and understanding.

Activities 1969.

Writing to Archbishop Strong, Primate of Australia, we asked if the position of the Church of England's two observers on the Council, could be reviewed and these Observers appointed delegates with full voting power. We now have full representation from this denomination, four delegates.

At recent meetings we have welcomed two Observers from the Catholic Daughters of Australia.

Alterations to our Constitution have enabled us to call for six delegates from each denomination instead of four.

A NEW BRANCH has been formed at Mackay.

To finance our delegate attending National Committee Meetings held in Melbourne in February, 1969, a fund raising effort was made in February.

To an OPEN MEETING in MARCH came leaders of Church Women's Groups and interested friends. We heard the report from the National Committee Meetings presented by Mrs F.G. Dennis and an Address on Industrial Chaplaincy, an Inter-denominational Venture given by Mrs Armstrong of the Church of Christ.

WARANA FESTIVAL. At the suggestion of the Women's Inter-Church Council a Women's Thanksgiving Service has been included in the festivities for the past five years. This year planning for the Service was given to the Council who operated through a sub-committee. The Theme chosen was "This Day of Challenge" and the Speaker was Mrs T.C. Bray. A more satisfying Service resulted.

SPECIAL DAYS. Services have been held observing Fellowship Day and World Community Day. Seven services were held in Queensland on Fellowship Day, three in Brisbane, one each in Rockhampton, Mackay, Millmerran and Southport. Three only on World Community Day, in Brisbane, Rockhampton and Millmerran. It has been encouraging to have Roman Catholic Women sharing in these Services.

PLANS 1970.

We are planning more executive meetings to deal with much of the routine business, enabling the General Committee Meetings to concentrate on a programme to service our aims of fostering friendship and co-operation among Church Women. A Panel of Speakers on the value of Inter-Church co-operation could be used.

We are planning to appoint various Conveners who will specialise on different aspects of the work.

PROBLEMS

Perhaps the greatest of these is the limited time busy Church Women can give to the united work. Without a travelling secretary it is difficult to find the women within the various districts who can undertake to organise the services on the Special Days. We need district committees or Branches.

QUEENSLAND (cont.)

ISSUES

- (a) How to achieve the involvement of other Church Women such as Lutheran, Greek Orthodox and Society of Friends.
- (b) The encouraging of the co-operation of men and women in the total mission of the Church.
- (c) To counter the propaganda which makes a permissive society appear to be the accepted thing.

PRIVILEGE

Queensland Church Women are conscious of the honour and privilege coming their way as the Working Committee of Australian Church Women moves to their State in 1971. Our trust is in Almighty God that He will give VISION, WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING for the responsibility that will be ours.

MARGARET REID.

Hon. Secretary.

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CANBERRA

Once again we are pleased to report that Canberra Church Women have had a very happy and favourable year.

Unfortunately our achievements are very small, if any. We are endeavouring to encourage the Church women's Groups in the new areas to participate with us and in the Special Days, but so far have not been very successful. As reported in previous years the A.C.T. is growing so fast that the Churches are finding it difficult to keep pace with the growth.

The observances of Fellowship Day and World Community Day were both held during the year with a great deal of help and inspiration to all who attended.

The plan for an Emergency Volunteer Service, outlined in our last year's report, has been finalised and all Ministers and those responsible for this type of voluntary work are willing to assist in any way they may require.

We also organised two Women's World Day of Prayer Services in March.

A number of affiliated Church Women's Groups participated in the Fellowship of the Least Coin. We hope to further encourage this worthwhile collection next year.

MAY GOUDIE

Hon. Secretary.

Having been asked specifically to prepare this report under the four headings of Activities, Plans, Problems and Issues, we ask indulgence that we have only created two of the headings sought but feel these are really inclusive of the others.

1. ACTIVITIES

It is a fine thing once a year that we are asked to sit quietly to recall and evaluate its activities. That they have been activities is certain, that they were achievements under God's use of us is our prayer as we glance backward.

We would have wished the year to have been spent in the exciting involvement in the ecumenical togetherness with which it began, but the last few months culminated some four years of heart-searching and sheer hard work as we determined the use of the monies held in trust following the sale of the 'Wybalena' Hostel.

We would sound a note of warning here to any States who may feel bricks and mortar a necessary badge of practical ecumenism. When the need has passed or the cost of maintaining a project becomes too great, then you are left, as an ecumenical group, with the disposition of money. Money is not the root of all evil but, had the Spirit of Christ not bound us together in love, enthusiasms, temperaments and just plain personal preferences could have blinded any of us to the need to fulfil the trust we held on behalf of the women of our State. We can only say - even with the probability of litigation through the Equity Court still to come - God can and does guide us if we allow Him.

BRANCHES DAY in New South Wales has now become traditionally the first meeting of the year and is a source of inspiration as members of the suburban branches and representatives of country branches come together in discussion and fellowship - with the informality of a basket lunch breaking down many barriers. This day is a vital sharing experience, where many local problems can at least be aired if not solved. (To quote from our March Newsletter 'If only we could capture the spirit of unity of that meeting, send samples far and wide and store some for use when we feel that we are not being as effective as we should!')

CITY MEETINGS. It has been particularly hard to encourage the members of city churches to come together, let alone plan meetings for the Special Days. However, during the term of her husband's ministry as guest preacher at Pitt Street Congregational Church, our beloved American friend, Myrna Buschmeyer, convened the original meeting of city church representatives and we are thrilled that since World Community Day 1968, a small committee has come together to plan Special Day Services. It is not our policy to encourage women from the suburban areas to attend these services but to regard the city as a group of women of varying denominations who need to know and understand each other.

ROMAN CATHOLIC and LUTHERAN participation this year has given us a feeling of joyous completeness. For many years we have had representatives of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and indeed Mrs C.W. Stolz, now a Life Member, has held many offices over the past years. This year, however, the newly united Lutheran Women of Australia have sent along two young and enthusiastic Observers, with a view to full representation.

The value of Special Day Services cannot be underestimated, for it was at a Fellowship Day Service at Lane Cove-Longueville last July that one of our well-known A.B.C. T.V. and Radio personalities, Mary Rossi, went along with a Roman Catholic friend - became tremendously moved by the whole service and discussion;

became enthusiastic at its outreach; became excited at the thought of full Roman Catholic participation through their women. Being Mary Rossi and a member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism of the Roman Catholic Church, her interest became action; the Bishop approved; the Commission wrote seeking permission to send Observers to W.I.C.C. We now have Sister Helen Herlihy of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Rose Bay, and Mrs Joan Curtin (the friend who introduced Mary Rossi to Fellowship Day) as Observers, with a view to their becoming full representatives this year.

Rev. M.A. Thomas from Bangalore, India, that noted Priest of the Matoma Syrian Church, talked with us over coffee one morning on THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN INDIA TODAY, with particular emphasis on the involvement - and lack of involvement - of Christian women. A suggestion came from this meeting that perhaps regular communication between our Council and some similar body in India would prove very enriching and give us greater understanding of world problems from a woman's viewpoint.

2. PLANS

Plans? Well, what does God want of us as a Council? We live in a wonderful time and feel a sense of deep gratitude to Him as we experience to some degree at least, the fulfilment of our first-stated aim " ... fellowship and co-operation between women of all Branches of the Christian Church". We have travelled far this year to country cities, towns, local suburban areas, Sydney city itself, and the interesting thing we realise is that, after 38 years of trying to look down from the Council to the pew, our pew members are shouting to us loudly 'Come, join us out here where we are united!' In area after area the pew members themselves, feeling the urgent need for greater fellowship and communion, have come together as inter-church groups and only then have they felt the necessity to link themselves with other similar groups throughout the State by membership of this Council.

AND SO, at the end of 1969, we pause to give praise and glory to God that church women are finding within themselves a very definite need one for the other, no matter what their denomination, as they seek for greater understanding and avenues of service. Our plans are to be used as and when He needs us.

W.D. DOUGHERTY

Secretary.

VICTORIA

ACTIVITIES

1. OPEN DAY this year replaced the usual reports day. Many from local Church Councils attended. Demonstrations, tapes and talks covered the principal areas of our concern. 46 reports from local groups were summarised and given in a "Report of Reports".
2. Two numbers of "Newssheet" March and October have helped in the problem of communication at state and local levels.
3. Revision of Constitution has been completed. Tenure of office accepted.
4. A history of the V.I.C.C. up to the present is being written.
5. Part of each meeting has been given to speakers or to discussion on some current problem.
6. Representation on the Alcoholism Foundation Special Committee on the Rehabilitation of Women Alcoholics.
7. Meeting with Jewish Guild of Temple Beth Israel in December.

PLANS

1. To hold a conference in August 1970. Members of local Inter-Church Councils to be invited.
2. To make known that women of Inter-Church groups are welcome as observers at all Council meetings.
3. To make a Fixed Order of the Day for each meeting to hear speakers (followed by questions and discussion) on social problems with the objective of finding out what we can do as individuals or groups.
4. To encourage the formation of more local groups.
5. To meet women of other faiths. *Jew. Muslims.*

PROBLEMS

1. SOCIAL PROBLEMS

We can only speak as a concerned group of individual women representing the churches and not as the official organ of women of the Churches they represent.

2. COMMUNICATION - especially to make clear the work of the A.C.W. and the W.I.C.C.

ISSUES

1. Moral standards in the community - cf. letter in Herald dated July 18th.
2. Drugs
3. A completely new set-up for Community Day.
4. The question of payment for printing and distribution of Fellowship and Community Day material.

RAE FAIRSERVICE

Hon. Secretary.

TASMANIA

ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been good this year to see the growth of interest among our country groups, particularly in the Fellowship of the Least Coin project. To date this year we have received \$116 from groups throughout the State and we know there is still more to come. With regard to special days, one new country area (Penguin) held Fellowship Day this year (five areas in all), and one (Queenstown) held World Community Day (making Services in five areas).

We have been pleased, too, to receive such a splendid response to the request to sell ball point pens. We have had 128 dozen pens of which only about 8 dozen REMAIN TO BE SOLD.

PLANS

At our recent World Community Day Service in Hobart, it was decided to divide the city and suburbs into areas for special days and to appoint a "link" in each area to be responsible for organising a service in that area - in the same way as we now do in the country areas. It is hoped that, in this way, we may in future have four or five groups meeting in the greater Hobart area.

PROBLEMS

Our greatest problem is still that of communication. The secretary sends reports, newsletters etc. to a denominational State secretary or, in some cases, to three or four zone secretaries, but it is felt that insufficient information gets to the individual groups. If more funds were available it would be possible to send all information direct to individual groups which, it is believed, would be a more satisfactory method. It would appear, therefore, that lack of finance is once again the problem.

ISSUES

Although the Anglican women in this State have now formed an Anglican Women's Fellowship which embraces all areas of their work, they are still not ready to affiliate with this Council. As they form the greatest proportion of the State's Church Women, we believe their disinclination to join with us officially is to be regretted, as they would undoubtedly make a very worthwhile contribution to our work. However, we are happy to say that, in almost all districts, they are quite prepared to support our special days and, in some areas, have taken their turn at organising the services. It is worth mentioning that this also applies to the Catholic women from whom we receive splendid co-operation.

DOROTHY C. HARTAM

Hon. Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ACTIVITIES

1969 has been an exciting year in the life of the W.I.C.C. of S.A. Activities have been challenging and very worthwhile.

Twelve centres celebrated Fellowship Day; nine in the country and three in the City. The interest being shown and the comments made have been useful (see plans and problems).

World Community Day was promoted centrally by the S.A.C.C.; the United Nations Organization and ourselves. We see this as an opportunity to promote that aim of the A.C.W. viz. Co-operation of men and women in Church, Home and Society. Five country and one suburban group also celebrated this day (see plans and problems).

Because of an increasing number of invitations to visit local groups the interest in W.I.C.C. and A.C.W. has grown. Especially our two projects: the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. (see balance sheet).

The executive members have addressed many meetings in town and country and found that many women have never even heard of A.C.W.!!

The W.I.C.C. of S.A. holds an Annual 'At Home' money going to a different non-denominational group each year. This year the Aboriginal Women's Council was supported. This Council is administered by Aboriginal Women and is concerned for the welfare of Aboriginal women and children. Next year's At Home will be in aid of the Women's College at Port Moresby.

An interesting activity has been the sponsoring of Miss Shammu Habibullah, a 15 year old Moslem girl who has come to S.A. to do hairdressing. She is an apprentice at the Yasmin Salon.

Early this year we began two training courses on visiting the sick. These courses covered 5 areas: (1) co-operation with hospital staff, visiting in (2) general (3) psychiatric (4) geriatric hospitals and homes and (5) domiciliary care.

During the year 17 courses have been held and over 1,000 women have attended them. About 650 in the city and about 400 in the country. Much interest has been shown in these courses

From women wanting to be trained
From Social workers in large general and psychiatric hospitals wanting to use the trainees
From Administrators of the Public Hospitals
From those responsible for the rehabilitation of the mentally ill
From doctors and clergymen
From the Phoenix Society; the Colostomey Society; the Cancer Research Hostel and the Mentally Retarded Children's Association
From the Minister of Health and his Department. All are interested.
At a conference held in September it was decided to appoint a liaison officer in each Council area whom those looking for our trainees could contact. She would approach a trainee from her Council area to follow up the particular aid requested. It was further decided by those trainees attending the September conference to co-operate and co-ordinate the visiting done, that no hospital would be left without a regular visitor to those who are lonely.

An interesting note expressed was that 'denominational' visitors in the large general hospitals are not encouraged. The time of those doing the visiting could be more profitably used, without denominational labels, for those in real need.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (cont.)

PLANS

We plan to continue in 1970 an item which we included on our agenda this year. That is hearing at each council meeting from a member group of its aims and activities. Thus we will all learn more of other denominations and groups. This has proved very worthwhile. We also plan to use our conveners (Winifred Kiek, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Social) to promote the special days. Sub-committees will be formed for this purpose; each headed by the convener. A similar sub-committee will be formed for the training courses.

The member groups have all appointed a liaison officer and it is her responsibility to make use of the news sent to her in a monthly news sheet; in denominational papers and notices.

Members of the executive will continue to accept speaking engagements to promote our work.

Tentative plans are under consideration for the holding of a Service of Witness. This in co-operation with the S.A.C.C. and probably the Roman Catholics, on a large scale; using the showgrounds or the Adelaide oval or some other large meeting place.

PROBLEMS

Communication and Promotion

Whilst the use of a monthly news sheet sent to the member groups' Liaison Officer (see plans) has helped considerably, there is still a gap. So many still know not of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. So few observe the celebration of Fellowship Day and World Community Day.

Promotional material for the two days, to be used on church notice boards and for copy in local papers is seen as a MUST to help promotion. Also some information on the program of how the day began, where the day began, why it began, and how many years it has been held. It is felt that the footnote now used is uninterestingly presented and inadequate.

ISSUES

There are two issues we wish to raise. One regards World Community Day. The other, future content of A.C.W. Annual Meetings.

World Community Day

Could serious consideration be given to the preparation and promotion of this day. It seems that 'denominational' preparation cuts across our aims. We suggest that the A.C.C. be asked to support us in this and that one of their committees be asked to prepare it. Their Study Committee, Christian Education Committee, Mission Committee or whatever Committee they feel is the right one. This way we would be tapping the thinking power of another interdenominational group and a group to which we are closely linked. We also ask that the State Units of the A.C.C. be asked to promote and support this day. Thus we would be honouring that clause in our aim with regard to co-operation of Men and Women.

Future A.C.W. Meetings

We suggest that future A.C.W. meetings deal with the work of formulating Policies and Plans and give ample time for states to share with each other their problems and plans. We see that generally speaking Church members come from the middle class income group. How can we reach the poor and the affluent? Those struggling to cope with low incomes, two jobs, time payment. And those on high salaries struggling to cope with their leisure.

K. HOWIE
Hon. Secretary.

WEST AUSTRALIA

The first meeting for the year was held on the 21st February, when delegates discussed the general programme for 1969.

A morning tea was arranged to say farewell to Mrs Appleton, our Foundation President, prior to her departure for Jerusalem. All who had been associated with A.C.W. expressed sincere appreciation of the gracious leadership given by Mrs Appleton, and also of the help and guidance that were always available from His Grace the Archbishop.

At subsequent committee meetings held in March, June and August, Mrs Box gave a report from the A.C.W. Annual Meeting which she had attended, and discussions took place on a number of social questions. Encouraging reports were received at each meeting of greater co-operation amongst various Church Women's groups in the suburbs. The President and Secretary attended the Annual Meeting of the W.A. Council of Churches as Fraternal Delegates. During the year two members of the Catholic Women's League have been welcomed to the meetings.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN has once again been administered by Mrs Couche. It is difficult to assess exactly how many groups or individuals are associated with this fellowship, but the Annual offering of 'Least Coins' amounted to

A.C.W. PENS. Over 200 of these have been sold during the year - the profit going to the National Travel Pool.

FELLOWSHIP DAY was again held at Le Fanu House on the 31st July, the attendance being approximately 30. Rev. N. Watson conducted a Devotional Hour in the morning, and after lunch Mrs Roberts, a visitor from South Africa spoke of the Christian witness in that country, particularly in Johannesburg, with special reference to the work of the Christian Institute. During the discussion which followed those present expressed appreciation of the opportunity of learning at first hand of the difficulties confronting Christians in South Africa.

COMMUNITY DAY was observed on the 28th October at the Salvation Army Fortress, Perth and was attended by 43. The Order of Worship prepared by A.C.W. by women of the Churches of Christ was used, the speaker being Mr I. Allsop of I.T.I.M. Most of those at the service remained for lunch and a discussion with Mr Allsop on the Church's mission in Industry and the extent to which this work has progressed in W.A.

On the 10th October an informal meeting gave delegates the opportunity to meet Mrs Faichney, a member of the National Committee who was on a brief visit to Perth. We very much appreciated hearing Mrs Faichney speak and discussing with her the work of A.C.W. on a National basis.

THANKS Sincere thanks to the Salvation Army for the use of their Fortress on Community Day and also to the Y.W.C.A. who have so willingly made their Meeting Room available to us on many occasions.

V. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary.

REPORTS FROM FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

ANGLICAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA

The growing together of Anglican women in Australia was highlighted at a gathering of the wives of synodsmen at Bishopscourt on September 18th, when members from different dioceses discussed anew the progress of "The Anglican Women of Australia".

Anglican Women, which seeks to combine all Women's organizations in the church, is working in Armidale, Bathurst, Gippsland, Newcastle, Riverina, Rockhampton and Tasmania. At the meeting a Secretariat was formed - its purpose being -

- a) To receive annually reports from all dioceses
- b) To edit an annual news sheet of the news and ideas received, and forward this to every diocese
- c) To be able to suggest the appropriate person to represent the Anglican Church at Commonwealth gatherings should one be required, and to circulate her report to all dioceses.
- d) To call an informed meeting at the time of next General Synod.

The present Secretariat is -

Mrs J. Housden - Newcastle leader
Mrs D. Garnsey - Gippsland
Mrs K. Leslie - Bathurst

Each Diocese has been written to asking for a responsible correspondent - willing to send news of what women of the Diocese are doing, planning etc., and who will receive the news letter when printed.

We rejoice that a way has been found to co-ordinate Anglican Women on a national level, and we trust that A.C.W. news will be better distributed to Anglican Women's groups in the future.

In N.S.W., Anglican Women's organizations have been represented on the Women's Inter-Church Council.

The Women's World Day of Prayer, World Fellowship Day and World Community Day have been supported by Anglican Women. A good deal of interest has been aroused, especially in Mothers' Union groups, in the Fellowship of the Least Coin. and Prayer.

The Anglican members of the N.S.W.W.I.C.C. meet from time to time to discuss matters in connection with the Council's work. We are grateful for the support of the Primate and the Archbishop of Sydney.

Although there are still many hurdles to get over, 1969 will be marked as a year of good progress in the work of integration with W.I.C.C. and A.C.W. under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit.

MARY M. ANDREWS,

Representative of Church of England
in Australia.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

ACTIVITIES

1. ABORIGINE MISSION FIELD

In addition to fully supporting a woman missionary on our Aborigine Mission Field at Carnarvon, West Australia, the women of Churches of Christ in Australia send clothing and Christmas gifts to the children at our Missions in W.A., viz., Norseman, Carnarvon and Esperance, in all numbering 200 children.

The clothing lists are prepared by our Federal Board, and the name, size and requirements of a particular child is sent to the local church, so that our women have a very personal interest in the child they clothe for that year.

2. HAITI

The underprivileged women of Haiti are being supported by our World Christian Women's Fellowship, of which our Australian Women are a part. Books on food, health, hygiene are given these women in an endeavour to raise their standard of living.

Donations and offerings are received from the women in our individual churches and forwarded through our World C.W.F. Headquarters in America. This project has been in operation for 9 years and will be reviewed at the World Convention in Adelaide.

PLANS

The next World Convention of Churches of Christ will be held in Adelaide from 20th - 26th October, 1970. This convention is held every 5 years. A meeting of our World Christian Women's Fellowship will be held at Centennial Hall, Wayville on October 22nd, together with a Women's Luncheon. Prior to the World Convention we will hold a weekend Retreat to be attended by representatives from 20 countries participating. Mrs E.V. Lawton, our World President has travelled extensively throughout Australia, New Zealand and America on deputation work for this very exciting and inspirational gathering of women in Australia, with our women from around the world.

Our Federal Conference is bringing a native woman from the New Hebrides to our World Convention. We feel it a very real privilege to enable someone from our Mission Field to attend.

Our Federal Women's Conference will be held immediately prior to the World Convention in Adelaide. Federal Conference is held bi-annually.

G. COOMBE

Secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

ACHIEVEMENTS

1969 was the Golden Jubilee Year of the C.W.F. of Australia and to mark this historic event all constituent fellowships agreed to contribute to the Golden Jubilee Fund to assist the work of Rev. J. Downing among Aborigines in and around Alice Springs. Mr Downing is a member of the ministerial team at the Flynn Memorial Church and is a Congregational social worker. Over \$3000 was contributed by the six Australian State Fellowships and the Naruan Protestant Women's Fellowship and the money is being used in three ways ...

1. To provide flying lessons for Mr Downing as it has been found more economical to hire a plane for journeying out from Alice Springs than to use overland transport. It is also far less tiring for him.
2. To provide some much needed secretarial help for Mr Downing whose time is better spent in places other than his office.
3. To help improve the accommodation for families of Aboriginal patients receiving treatment in hospital in the town. At present they crowd into a shed at the rear of the Downing home.

The C.W.F. of Australia met in Sydney in May 1969 as part of the Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia. One session took the form of a workshop at which we invited Mrs A. Yule, National President of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia to be present, while we discussed factors pushing towards change, holding us back from change and the future of the C.W.F. Two of a number of recommendations sent to Constituent Fellowships were

1. Do alone only that which cannot be done together and
2. Work for combined local meetings.

Following the visit of Mrs Yule to our Council and earlier to the Methodist Meetings in Brisbane, it was agreed that the National Committees of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational women's organizations should begin conversations. The first such meeting was held in Melbourne in August, 1969 when we learnt of the others' organizations, problems and suggestions for the future when all may be one in the Uniting Church in Australia. The next meeting will be on February 9th, 1970, again in Melbourne.

A more recent achievement has been the establishment of a travelling library by the C.W.F. of Western Australia following a suggestion made by the National President during a visit to W.A. This is seen as a means of overcoming the problem of isolation so keenly felt by scattered groups and a way of providing material for which these groups expressed a need.

PLANS

C.W.F. of Australia has as its immediate aim the fostering of closer co-operation with Methodist and Presbyterian women on National, State and local levels and the provision of a programme of education for union, and views the forthcoming meeting on 9th February as an important step in this direction.

PROBLEMS

Two problems stand out among our Fellowships -

1. The attitude towards change and the widening gap between those prepared to change and those unwilling to do so.
2. Communication - the realisation that plans on a National level are useless unless they are grounded at Local level and the difficulty in communicating with some groups and individuals.

ISSUES

Our National President, Mrs D.W. Bailey of South Australia, has visited all other mainland States and will visit Tasmania in February 1970.

CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA (cont.)

She has seen her role as one in which she creates a situation in which the sharing of ideas becomes easy and she has found that women throughout Australia are ready and willing to talk and to raise issues which are concerning them in local groups. It is important to listen to such women, and to keep in touch with them. Some are questioning the necessity for women's guilds and fellowships as they are now organized and are seeking more meaningful programmes and outreach.

JOAN M. BACHE,

General Secretary,
C.W.F. of Australia.

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AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Triennial Meeting held in Brisbane, with representation from all States of Australia, Samoa and Fiji met in May 1969. Mrs A.W. Pederick became the first elected President. The Executive now resides in Melbourne, meeting every three months. With a forward look to Union, discussions were held with National Executives of the Congregational Fellowship and Presbyterian Association.

Last year, an Australian Methodist woman, Miss Jean Skuse of New South Wales, a member of World Understanding Team, engaged in a Poverty Survey, was appointed Seminar Assistant at the Methodist Office of the United Nations, in New York.

PLANS

Further discussions to be held with the above National Women's Executives.

A Seminar is being arranged in Fiji, with women from Australia; New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, and it is hoped New Guinea. An endeavour is being made to include one or two Aborigines in the Australian Delegation. This is being arranged at the request of World Federation of Methodist Women.

A Delegate from Australia is to be elected to attend the World Federation of Methodist Women in Denver, in 1971, with Mrs A.W. Pederick, Area President, and Mrs R.J. Latham, President Emeritus.

PROBLEMS

The increased number of working women in the Community depletes the number attending local Church meetings, and increases the average age. At State level, the difficulties in combining denominational Women's meetings, in order to be able to continue discussions at Interdenominational level.

E. ATKINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATE UNITS through their affiliated Organizations have worked in various ways throughout the year to co-ordinate the Total Mission of the Presbyterian Church.

A new CONSTITUTION for Federal P.W.A. has been formulated and is before State Units for their approval.

CONVERSATION has been held with the Federal Committees of the Methodist and Congregational Women's Organizations to enable each Denomination to understand more fully each other's Organizations so that if and when Union comes the task of Uniting Women's Work will be made easier.

A SYLLABUS ITEM "The Role of Women in the Church and Community" was prepared by Federal Executive and distributed to State Units.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE of P.W.A. will be held in Sydney in September 1970 when the New South Wales Unit will take office.

FLORENCE W. COUTTS,
Federal Secretary.

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THE SALVATION ARMY

INTRODUCTION

The following report on the work of Salvationist women, as it applies to all States in the Australian Southern Territory.

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS: Women Officers in The Salvation Army hold positions as Departmental heads, effectively and efficiently, carrying the responsibility of certain types of work.

BUSINESS POSITIONS: These include: Auditors, Secretaries, Typists, Accountants, and Saleswomen.

ACTIVITIES

1. **CHURCH.** Equal status with men as Salvation Army Officers, with responsibility for a Corps (Church), with all the ministerial duties of conducting funeral services, and the Dedication (christening) of infants, plus the control of Church business and representation on local Committees. The care of the people spiritually - mentally - and physically, within and without the Church.
2. **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
 - a. Voluntary Service by married women. There seems no limit to the need for such an expression of Christian Charity, with our women involved in Money raising Projects to support Institutions, hospitals, local demands for the poor, work on the mission fields, and many other worthy causes, to which donations are given.
 - b. **Interests:** The Salvation Army is represented on most, if not all Committees such as the National Council of Women etc.

THE SALVATION ARMY (cont.)

- c. Christian Education in Schools: Women Officers and voluntary lay women give religious instruction regularly.
- d. League of Mercy: Regular visitation of the sick in hospitals is made, also in institutions or in their own homes, providing gifts and entertainment at Christmas time and on other occasions throughout the year. At times making a link with the family, writing a letter, or when necessary attending to domestic duties.

3. SOCIAL

- a. Institutions and Hospitals: The matron and a number of the staff at all our Institutions and Hospitals are Salvationists. These cover, the Homes for the Aged, Girls' and Boys' Hostels, Children's Homes.
- b. Prison and Police Court Work: There are full time probation officers; with interest in women prisoners and court cases.
- c. Services: Officers are employed full time at our Headquarters to deal with domestic problems and provide help for the poor.

3. PLANS

We plan to continue all avenues of service which have been established over many years, to improve standards where possible, and to meet new challenges as personnel and finance are available for the extra work involved.

4. PROBLEMS

Insufficient workers to cope with the present day opportunities. On a voluntary basis those women who would be good leaders of local groups return to work as soon as the children are at school.

The need for modern and adequate buildings essential for efficient working can only be provided when sufficient money is available.

To make an effective and lasting impact for good upon persons in the community who obviously need such help.

5. ISSUES

Children have found a home with love and a good basic training to prepare them for adult life.

Wayward youth have discovered a new standard of living. A large percentage make good and are happy to return in later years to express their gratitude and to show off their own children.

The aged are grateful for the security of a home and hospital with the companionship of people of their own age.

Young men and women appreciate the provision and care provided for them at our hostels.

A place of refuge means much to the unmarried girl about to become a mother.

The Probation and Police Court Officers at times have a disappointing and frustrating task trying to help wayward girls; nevertheless there is satisfaction in befriending these needy souls, and there are some encouraging results.

To undertake a simple service, or speak a word of cheer to the sick is a most rewarding work. Through the ministry of our women in all fields of service people are being introduced to real Christian living and discovering for themselves a happiness and satisfaction unknown before.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969

RECEIPTS

<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin</u>			
Balance in hand 1/1/69	\$2502.39	2313.13	
Donations	<u>3434.73</u>	2	5937.12
<u>Circle of Prayer Vol III</u>			
	<u>260.90</u>	214.05	260.90
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund</u>			
Balance in hand 1/1/69	1269.31		
Donations	303.80	683.93	
Interest on Bonds held by ACC	<u>7.00</u>		1580.11
<u>Fellowship Day</u>			
Balance in hand 1/1/69	338.54		
Offerings	924.27	338.54	1262.81
Orders of Service	<u>141.60</u>		141.60
<u>World Community Day</u>			
Balance in hand 1/1/69	265.79		
Offerings	934.20	245.00	1199.99
Orders of Service	<u>110.00</u>		110.00
<u>Administration & General Fund</u>			
<u>including National Com. Meeting</u>			
Balance in hand 1/1/69	<u>257.74</u>		257.74
<u>National Comm. Meeting</u>			
(Registration 80.00)			
(Trip 47.50)			
(Accommodation 568.00)	695.50		
Donations E.L. Williams	2.00		
" Ch. of Christ Vic.			
Tas. Ch. W. F'ship	<u>10.00</u>		707.50
Donations ACW & Postage refund	<u>6.58</u>		6.58
Levy (7)	<u>28.00</u>		28.00
Teenage Literature	<u>3.20</u>		3.20
Scribal Pen Sales	<u>1790.00</u>		1790.00
Overseas Fund	<u>132.02</u>		132.02
Literature	<u>.30</u>		.30
Bank Interest	<u>94.43</u>		94.43

\$ 13512.30

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ELEANOR A. GRIEVE

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT 8/1/1970

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969

EXPENDITURE

<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin expenses</u>		
Donation to Geneva	\$ 2200.00	\$ 2200.00
Printing 7000 Leaflets 'Gifts of Prayer'	112.00	
Petty Cash - Convener	10.00	122.00
<u>Circle of Prayer Vol. III</u>		
Petty Cash	146.50	
	5.00	151.50
<u>Winifred Kiek S'ship Fund Expenses</u>		
Air return fares - Jackie Kini	278.80	
Accommodation in Adelaide	154.00	
Dental attention	48.00	
Working Equipment	17.87	
Secretarial Expenses	16.80	
Petty Cash	5.00	520.47
<u>Fellowship Day Expenses</u>		
Orders of Service 11,000 copies	145.00	
Petty Cash including postage	20.00	
Parcel Delivery	6.90	171.90
<u>World Community Day Expenses</u>		
Donation to Inter-Church Aid ACC	200.00	
Orders of Service	118.00	
Parcel Delivery	4.52	322.52
<u>Administration including National Comm. Meeting expenses</u>		
Working documents, Minutes & Secretarial expenses	655.60	
	63.47	719.07
ACW Representative to ACC Annual Meeting	25.59	25.50
Duplicating material & envelopes	42.23	42.23
<u>Petty Cash</u>		
Sec. \$40 Treas. \$20 Conveners (2) \$10	70.00	70.00
Scribal Pens (cost)	1070.53	1070.53
Balance 31st December, 1969	8096.58	8096.58

\$ 13512.30 \$ 13512.30

ENID G. STEPHENS

Hon. Treasurer

SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN VARIOUS FUNDS 31st December, 1969

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN	\$ 3615		
Transferred to Administration	50	Balance .	\$ 3565.12
WINIFRED KIEK S'SHIP FUND	\$ 1069		
Transferred from Fellowship Day	200		
	<u>1269</u>		
Transferred to Administration			
Accommodation at St Hilda's Coll.			
Nat. Com. Jackie Kini	24	"	<u>1245.64</u>
FELLOWSHIP DAY	1190.91		
Transferred to W.KiekS'ship	<u>200.00</u>	"	<u>990.91</u>
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY		"	<u>877.47</u>
SCRIBAL PENS	719.47		
Debit refunded to General Fund	<u>197.19</u>		<u>522.28</u>
OVERSEAS FUND	132.02		<u>132.02</u>
ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL FUND	<u>763.14</u>		<u>763.14</u>
			<u>\$ 8096.58</u>

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FELLOWSHIP DAY OFFERINGS 1969

N.S.W.W.I.C.C.

W.I.C.C. Queensland	177.52
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	61.62
W.I.C.C. Victoria	23.96
Canberra Church Women	570.68
United Church Women's Fellowship Nightcliff	30.00
" " " " Woomera	8.85
" " " " Katherine	12.86
Kingston South Australia	35.36
	<u>3.42</u>

Total \$924.27

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY OFFERINGS 1969

N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	152.88
W.I.C.C. Queensland	43.02
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	20.65
W.I.C.C. Victoria	481.90
Canberra Church Women	25.00
United Church Ladies' Guild Darwin	28.85
W.I.C.C. S.A.	143.00
A.C.W. West Australia Unit	<u>38.90</u>

Total \$934.20

W.K. 400
Adm 190

W.K. 600
Adm 277.47
877.47

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Meals: Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

There are no bells for meals. Will you please assemble in the Dining Room. We are expected to serve ourselves at breakfast and lunch. We have also been asked to clear our dishes to the kitchen on the completion of these two meals.

If you are to be absent for a meal or if you are inviting a guest would you please let me know as soon as possible.

Mail: Incoming mail will be distributed at the lunch time.
Out going mail - there is a post box directly in front of the College.

Telephones: No incoming calls can be received after 5 p.m. as this is when the Office closes. Incoming calls during the day will be taken at the Office and given to the Leader. There is a multi-coin telephone in the residence block which will enable members to make out-going calls without going through the administration phones. The College telephone numbers are 34.2858 and 34.3709.

Parking Facilities: There is free all day parking in College Crescent. If parking in the College grounds please observe specially reserved bays.

Keys: All members are asked to return the key of the room on Friday afternoon by afternoon tea time. Members are asked TO LOCK ROOMS AT ALL TIMES. This is necessary because of the easy access to the College from the street.

Charges for meals: 80 cents per meal NOT as shown on registration form.

As bells are not used please try to arrive at sessions at times shown on programme.

Nominations for Working Committee close Wednesday, 4th Feb. at 9:30 p.m.

All residential block should be locked from the inside after the last person is in. If anyone intends being very late in at night would they please indicate this before leaving.

Sheila Duke.

SUGGESTED MEANS OF RAISING MONEY FOR DELEGATE TO E.A.W.C.C.

1. a. That consideration be given to asking that funds be made available from the Fellowship of the Least Coin
b. That a proportion of 1970 World Community Day Service be used for this purpose. (Tas.)
2. As N.W.S.W. WICC has no income, we wrote to the member churches through their State women's body and suggested that as this honour was being given to the State itself and that on her return they would have an opportunity of sharing her insights of the Conference and greater understanding of the Asian countries concerned, they should invite their local women's groups to each make a donation of 50 cents towards the cost of fares. (NSW)
3. Direct appeal to denominational groups as well as State units as last time. (S.A.)
4. State Units to be asked to provide an equal share. State Units could then decide whether to raise this money by holding a function, or by asking their member organizations to contribute equally. (C.W.F. of A.)

Approaches were made to the Department of External Affairs but no money was available from this source.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY

ACTIVITIES

The women of the Salvation Army, both officer and lay personnel are basically engaged in every aspect of Devotional, Evangelical, Educational and Social Services as carried out by the Salvation Army. Activities in these areas would include LAY LEADERSHIP of Women's Groups and Youth Groups. Women take their place on the central Councils of each Salvation Army Corps, as also on boards of management on all levels of administration. Representative work as delegates to many Ecumenical and other Women's Groups is carried through constantly.

Activities would include also the work of the more than five hundred League of Mercy members, most of whom are women. Hospital visitation with a purpose - General Hospitals, Aged, Convalescent, Mental, and Children's Hospitals visited regularly twelve months of the year.

Other community efforts:

Meals on Wheels; Handicraft classes in therapy groups; Group Leaders in Discussion groups, in Alcoholic and Drug Clinics; Voluntary guides - attached to Hospitals; 10,000 sunshine bags filled and distributed at Christmas; Music Appreciation given; Literature (such as 6000 copies of Christmas Story in New English translation - in NSW; Literature for New Australians.

The work of the Social Services was extended most profitably during the year. By application to their task, eagerness to learn, and preparedness to accept a heavier load of work, our officers have overcome shortages resultant from depletion of staff, e.g. special training and missionary service. Eighteen officers, in addition to lay personnel, have obtained degrees or diplomas during this year. Social Services Officers are represented on: National Council of Women; Australian Council of Social Services; NSW Council of Social Services; Voluntary Geriatrics Association; Old People's Welfare Council; Civil Rehabilitation Committee; Australian Institute of Welfare Officers

Our Homes and Hospitals for care of the aged, the sick, the unmarried mother, children, the working woman, etc. in our Units for Senior Citizens, Hostels, and Rehabilitation Home, are aided by invaluable assistance from auxiliary ladies. Service in the courts, reformatories, prisons and other places of correction, continues, with 4000 interviews being held, family welfare, care of released women, situations found, part of the ongoing programme.

PLANS

That the full programme should continue and be expanded as possible, within the framework of the Salvation Army provision and ecumenical fellowship.

Attendance of our delegates at the 29th International Congress on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence is anticipated with great interest.

PROBLEMS:

The basic problem is that of securing sufficient workers and financial aid to meet the ever increasing needs of all Christian work. The uppermost concern being that we may have a share in widening the scope and sphere of definite Christian witness, particularly that truly Christian home life might be an increasing reality in our land. With others we share the responsibility of Papua/New Guinea. The women of the Army, in addition to support of many missionaries in several parts of the world, share keenly in the support of our work in our nearest missionary area. The Army mission stations in Papua/New Guinea, schools, copps (churches) require an annual outlay of \$100,000.00, the women shouldering their share in a worthy manner.

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTERN TERRITORY - (Cont.)

ISSUES

We share with all Christians, concern regarding lack of moral standards, the great needs of young people in this age, the decline of Christian attitudes and values in relation to national and civic life. The issues which concern us, then, are those of maintaining an increasing vital Christian witness and example.

ISSUES AND PROBLEMS RAISED BY MEMBER GROUPS

1. How to achieve the involvement of other Church Women such as Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, and Society of Friends. (Qld.)
2. Tasmania- Anglican Women still not ready to affiliate with Council.
3. The encouraging of co-operation of men and women in the total Mission of the Church. (Qld.)
4. Limited time busy women can give to united work. (Qld.)
5. Communication -(Victoria and South Australia) (C.W.F. of Austa.)
6. Increase of Working women depleting numbers at Church meetings (A.F.M.W.) (Sal. Army). Insufficient members to cope with present day opportunities. Questioning of Guild patterns (C.W.F. of A.)
7. Impact on community where help is needed (Sal. Army).
8. Resistance to change and attitude to change (C.W.F. of A.)
9. Moral questions - pmissiveness of society (Qld.; Vic. Ability to speak only as individuals (Vic.)
10. World Community Day - new setup (South Aust., Vic.)
11. Future of A.C.W. Meetings (S.A.)(Working Committee).
12. Whom should the Church be trying to meet? (South Aust.)
13. Difficulty within denominations of achieving
14. Lack of finance as a bar to so many plans.
15. Anyway we can help women of N.T.
16. Co-op between W.W.D.P. & A.C.W.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN W.A. UNIT

ACHIEVEMENTS

Delegates to meetings have by general discussion learned more about the various Church Women's organizations, their aims and achievements.

Fellowship Day and Community Day have given a wider circle of women the opportunity of worshipping, learning, and discussing together the topics introduced by the speakers. Fellowship of the Least Coin is gradually infiltrating into local groups. A.C.W. Pens are helping the organization to become known.

PLANS

Plans for next year include trying to widen interest in Fellowship and Community Days, to increase membership of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and to give some financial support to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

PROBLEMS:

Our main problem is still communication with local women's groups. Another, of course, is that women who are vitally interested in the aims of A.C.W. are also so involved in their own Church Women's groups and other community organizations that they often have not the time to attend combined gatherings.

ISSUES:

One issue still confronting us is that of lack of any real co-operation between Women's World Day of Prayer Committee and A.C.W. and also isolated groups in various denominations who are opposed to the platform of the Australian Council of Churches.