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Australian Church Women  
c/o Room 2 - 3rd floor  
511 Kent Street, Sydney.

# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of National Committee Meeting held at St. Hilda's College,  
College Crescent, Parkville, Victoria, January 19-21, 1966.

## PRESENT:

### Office Bearers:

President	Mrs. M. G. Wyllie
Vice-President	Head Deaconess M. Andrews
Vice-President	Mrs. D.J.A. Verco
Secretary	Lt. Colonel H. Cross

### State Representation:

N.S.W.	Mrs. A.A. Adam	Presbyterian
	Mrs. A.G. Ralph	Presbyterian
Queensland	Mrs. R.S. Byrnes	Presbyterian
Victoria	Mrs. H. Stephens	Church of England
	Mrs. V.C. Stafford	Churches of Christ
South Australia	Mrs. H. Wells	Congregationalist
Tasmania	Mrs. G.A. Wood	Presbyterian
A.C.T.	Mrs. E.R. Goudie	Methodist
	Mrs. A.G. Ogston	Church of England

### Denominational Representation:

Methodist	Mrs. H.B. Freeman	alternate for Mrs. C.F. Gribble
Congregational	Mrs. N. Anderson	alternate for Mrs. J.F. Dey
Salvation Army	Mrs. Colonel Saunders	
Presbyterian	Mrs. A. Dougan	
Church of England	Head Deaconess M. Andrews	
Churches of Christ	Mrs. D. Strack	

### Special Interest Groups:

Y.W.C.A.	Mrs. A.W. Burton
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### Representatives from:

ACC Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society	Mrs. T.H. Coates Deaconess C. Ritchie	Methodist Presbyterian
ACC Executive Committee	Mr. V.K. Brown Lt. Colonel H. Cross Mrs. D.J.A. Verco Mrs. M.G. Wyllie	Church of England Salvation Army Churches of Christ Methodist

### ACC Staff (consultants)

Rev. H. L. Perkins	Mr. W. V. Hinton
Rev. J.R. Neal	Miss Thelma Skiller

### Guests: (part time)

Mrs. E. K. Smart	(Principal of St. Hilda's College)
Mrs. R.M. Rogers	(President - New Zealand Women's Committee of National Council of Churches)
Mrs. Paul Anderson	(wife of Dr. Anderson - Migrant Welfare Survey in Australia)
Mrs. A. Yule	(press representative from Australian Presbyterian Life)



APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Mesdames J.F. Dey, C.F. Gribble, E.C. King, E. Kemp

AGENDA:WEDNESDAY January 19

- 6.30. pm Evening meal  
 7.30. Session 1: Opening - The President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie  
 Welcomes and Greetings  
 Minutes  
 Procedural arrangements  
 Report from Working Committee  
 Financial Report  
 Reports from State Units  
 9.30. Evening Prayers. Mrs. G.A. Wood  
 9.45. Supper  
 Steering Committee Meeting

THURSDAY January 20

- 8.45. am Morning prayers and Bible Study: Deaconess C. Ritchie  
 9.30. Session 2: OUR WORLD CONCERN expressed through -  
 and .The Winifred Kirk Scholarship  
 Session 3: .Fellowship of the Least Coin  
 .Inter-Church Aid  
 10.30. Morning Tea  
 11.15. Session 3  
 1.00. pm Lunch  
 2.00. Session 4: Location of 1966 Working Committee  
 and OUR LOCAL CONCERN  
 Session 5: .The Church and Life Movement  
 .The role of the local women's group  
 .1966 Programme  
 .Studies for 1967  
 3.30. Afternoon Tea  
 4.00. Session 5  
 6.30. pm Dinner  
 7.30. Session 6: OPEN SESSION: The Ecumenical Movement.  
 9.30. Evening Prayers Mrs N. Anderson  
 9.45. Supper  
 Meeting of Steering Committee and Nominations Committee

FRIDAY January 21

- 8.45. am Morning Prayers and Bible Study: Deaconess C. Ritchie  
 9.30. Session 7: Joint session with Committee on Co-operation of Men  
 and and Women in Church, Family and Society  
 Session 8  
 10.45. Morning Tea  
 11.15. Session 8  
 1.00. pm Lunch  
 2.00. Session 9: Election of Officers  
 and Election of Working Committee  
 Session 10: Appointments to related Committees  
 Appointment to ACC Annual Meeting  
 Appointment of representative to 3rd Asian Church  
 Women's-Conference  
 3.30. Afternoon Tea  
 4.00. Session 10 Migrant Welfare Work in Australia  
 Closing Prayers: Deaconess M. Andrews  
 6.30. pm Dinner

OPENING: The Meeting was opened with prayer led by the President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie

WELCOMES:

Mrs. Wyllie welcomed the delegates to the meeting; they were introduced to each other through a roll call. Thanks were extended to Mrs. E.K. Smart, Principal of St. Hilda's College, and the Council of St. Hilda's, for all that was involved in making it possible for the National Committee Meeting to be held at the College at this time



of the year and accommodation provided. Thanks were also expressed to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria for their negotiations with St. Hilda's College on behalf of the Working Committee, and for their hospitality in receiving members of the National Committee.

#### GREETINGS:

Greetings were received from State Units in South Australia and Western Australia, and from Mrs. J.F. Dey (Treasurer).

#### MINUTES:

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

#### PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Mrs. Wyllie chaired the meeting. She explained that some members of the National Committee would take part in speaking and in leading Evening Prayers. Deaconess C. Ritchie had been asked to lead Prayers and Bible study on both Thursday and Friday mornings. Mrs. H. Wells would chair Sessions 2 & 3, and Mrs. D.J.A. Verco part of sessions 4 & 5, whilst Sessions 7 & 8 would be in the hands of Mrs. T.H. Coates and the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.

The programme, circulated with the Working Documents, was adopted by the meeting.

On the recommendation of the Working Committee a Steering Committee was appointed - Mesdames T.H. Coates, H. Wells, A.G. Ralph, the President and the Secretary. (The Steering Committee met on Wednesday and Thursday nights)

On the recommendation of the Working Committee a Committee was appointed to consider nominations for the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference - Mesdames G.A. Wood, A.G. Ogston, Deaconess C. Ritchie and the members of the Steering Committee. (The Nominations Committee met on Thursday night.)

#### REPORT FROM WORKING COMMITTEE:

The report as produced in the working documents was presented by Mrs. Wyllie (Report attached), who spoke especially to the following points:-

4.5.6: Representation on Committees within the Australian Council of Churches, laying stress on the importance of women of the churches serving on these committees.

15 - 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference: Reference was made to the conditions as set out by the Asian Church Women's Committee; also, it was pointed out that whilst Australian Church Women (along with other countries) had only been asked to contribute approx. £75 to cost of travel to Tokyo, yet it has been customary when delegates from Australia and New Zealand have attended Conferences of the East Asia Christian Conference for full travel costs to have been met by those countries. The cost of return air travel (tourist) to Tokyo is £403.15.0., so it was suggested we should think in terms of contributing more towards travel than that actually stipulated.

Immediately following the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference, the E.A.C.C. Meeting of the Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society will be held. It is desired that the person appointed remain for this meeting and represent this Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

It was reported that three nominations had been received. Further nominations were invited by 1 pm. on the following day.

20: Mrs. Wyllie expressed her appreciation of the work of the Working Committee, the Hon. Secretary and Miss T. Skiller. Mrs. Wyllie pointed out that several points in the Report of



the Working Committee would be discussed in the business of the meeting - hence did not call for comment at that stage.

The Secretary spoke to points 12 (Publicity), 17 (Amendment to the Constitution), 18 (National Committee Meeting), and 19 (administration-office work). Point 19 was amplified, and an explanation given concerning the proposed amendment to the Constitution. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Wyllie, as President, and to Mr. Vaughan Hinton and Miss Thelma Skiller of the A.C.C. Staff.

Comment was invited. Items commented on were -

6. A.C.W. representation on the Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life. - the report that no meeting had been held in 1965. Regret was expressed concerning this. It was stated that it was understood that the function of this Commission in relation to the Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society was under consideration by the ACC. It was the feeling of the meeting that Mrs. Coates and Mr. V. Brown would adequately bring forward constructive representations.
16. Church and Life Movement. par 3 - as to why the articles to be prepared by Mr. V. Hinton should appear in the Women's section of church papers rather than for all readers. The answer - it was hoped this would encourage women to take part in the Church and Life Movement.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Notice of Motion was given to amend the Constitution as set out in the Working documents. (Constitution and proposed amendment attached)

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Miss T. Skiller, on behalf of the Treasurer, presented the Financial Report (Statement attached). An explanation concerning the Income and Expenditure of this year's Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund was given.

The Financial Statement was received and adopted.

Mrs. Wyllie commented concerning the very generous gifts in money and in providing hospitality for Miss Connie Tan which had made the scholarship so low in cost.

Mrs. T. Wells (South Australia) said it would be her pleasure to take home to the Rev. Winifred Kiek the assurance that the Scholarship Fund was appreciably in credit at the close of 1965.

Attention was drawn to the second par. of point 13, Finance, in the Report from the Working Committee.

It was resolved that the A.C.W. reimburse A.C.C. funds £15 for stationery and postage used in 1965.

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the recommendation of the Working Committee concerning Finance - Constitution 8.i.- that for 1966 finance from Special Days, after expenses are met, be divided 40% to the administration of the State Unit and 60% to Australian Church Women for administration and projects.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria stated their Council did not favour a specific allocation on a percentage basis, although wishing to co-operate in A.C.W. enterprises. It was pointed out by the Chairman that the National Committee Meeting is required by the Constitution to annually make a decision as to what proportion of collections from Special Days shall remain with the State Units and what proportion shall be forwarded to A.C.W. It was agreed that at that stage of the meeting attention was but being drawn to this recommendation and that it would be more fully discussed in Session 5 - 1966 Programme.



EXTENSION OF TIME: It was resolved that the duration of Session 1 be extended by 15 minutes.

REPORTS FROM THE STATES:

Reports had been received from State Units, and these were included in the Working documents. (Reports attached) A representative from each State spoke briefly to the respective reports - Queensland, Mrs. R.S. Fyrmes, N.S.W., Mrs. A.G. Ralph; Victoria, Mrs. H. Stephens; S.Australia, Mrs. H. Wells; Tasmania, Mrs. G.A. Wood; A.C.T., Mrs. E.R. Goudie.

Tasmania: The draft Constitution of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was tabled. This was ratified by the National Committee Meeting, and pleasure expressed concerning this body being State Unit for A.C.W.

Western Australia: A letter from Mrs. M. Eaton, Secretary of the W.A. Committee expressed regret that they were not able to send a representative to the National Committee Meeting. She said - "As a Committee we feel strongly that our task in Western Australia is still an educating one in which we help groups and individuals to accept our aims and proposals."

OUR WORLD CONCERN - THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP.

Miss T. Skiller introduced this subject and stated our considerations would need to be concerning -

1. Report of 1965 Scholarship
2. Policy
3. Proposal for 1966 Scholarship Holder.

1. Miss Skiller spoke to the Report of the 1965 Scholarship, which appeared in the Working documents (Report attached), and stated it was thought the N.S.W. and Victorian programmes had complemented each other. Miss Skiller said she believed that at this particular meeting Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa would wish to express her appreciation to all who had helped in preparations for, and the carrying through of her course of study, and to those who had provided hospitality. The appreciation of the National Committee for all this, and to Miss Connie Tan herself for what she had contributed in influence and understanding between the people of her country and our own, was also expressed.

Mrs. Wyllie told the National Committee that Miss Connie Tan had been asked to write an assessment of what the Scholarship had given to her; it was thought this <sup>received</sup> could help in future planning. It had been hoped this might have been <sup>received</sup> prior to the National Committee Meeting, but had not yet come to hand.

2. The Policy, and accompanying Recommendations concerning the Working arrangements of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder's Programme (both included in the Working Documents) were presented by Mrs. Wyllie. (Policy and Recommendations attached)

It was taken into account -

- a) that the Policy was a document outlining what the Winifred Kiek Scholarship is, and how it operates, and that this document is sent outside Australia to National Christian Councils who may nominate Scholarship Holders, as well as being used within Australia.
- b) that the Recommendations concerning the Working arrangements of the Scholarship holder's programme applied within Australia.

Discussion was invited. The main points which emerged were

- a) The need for flexibility and adaptability in planning the Scholarship holder's programme.
- b) that where possible, and exchange does not preclude this, there should be encouragement for the Scholarship Holder, her family, or her Church, to make some contribution, however small, towards expenses.
- c) The need to guard against the Scholarship Holder being harassed by too many invitations to address Church meetings.



On the recommendation of the Working Committee, THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP POLICY was ratified by the National Committee Meeting.

It was resolved that the RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER'S PROGRAMME be adopted.

It was resolved that the first undertaking of the Winifred Kiek National Scholarship Committee be to examine and redraft, as considered necessary, the two documents - the Policy and the Recommendations - (the wisdom of the insertion of a clause in the Policy to protect the Scholarship Holder from being involved in the acceptance of too many invitations to address Church meetings was emphasised). See "Appointments and Elections" for members of the National Scholarship Committee.

### 3. 1966 Proposals:

Mrs. Wyllie introduced this part of the subject, and said she expected the handling of this would now become the responsibility of the National Scholarship Committee, which would report to the Working Committee.

It was reported that through the Rev. V. Toma, of the Pacific Conference of Churches, an application had been received from Mrs. Savali Fiti Sunia of Fagatogo, Pago Pago, American Samoa. Mrs. Sunia, who is 50 years of age, is the wife of the Congregational Pastor at Fagatogo, and is the leader of the Women's Church Association and is also very interested in Youth work. She has received education to Leaving Certificate standard, but has no higher standard of education along any specific line.

The opinion of the Working Committee was that whilst Mrs. Sunia, it would seem, was a very fine person, yet she was hardly the kind of person it was desired to help through the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. The Rev. F. Toma had, therefore, been asked to supply a further nomination - from someone not beyond 35 years of age, and from another of the Pacific Islands. He had promised to do this, but this had not yet been received.

It was, therefore, not possible for the National Committee to make plans concerning the 1966 Scholarship holder.

### OUR WORLD CONCERN - THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

Deaconess M. Andrews introduced this subject and emphasised that part of the programme of A.C.W. is to promote the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Circle of Prayer. The PURPOSE of the Fellowship is to encourage prayer and the giving of the Least Coin to the Church at home and overseas. Whilst the response up to date had been thrilling, Deaconess Andrews suggested more should be done in the promotion of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and put forward recommendations for the following organisation to be put in hand:-

- a) A system for the collection of Least Coin contributions.
- b) Promotion of the Circle of Prayer.
- c) The appointment of Conveners in local branches and on State and National levels.
- d) Production of labels for jars, prayer leaflets and press releases.
- e) Fellowship with the 5,000 overseas students already in Australia, especially women students.

### Discussion included -

- a) As to whether Fellowship of the Least Coin collections could be devoted to a specific objective, and as to whether this could be advised at the beginning of a year.

The answer was -

1. Money from the Fellowship of the Least Coin is allocated after it is received.
2. If projects were decided upon beforehand, the Fellowship of the Least Coin would then become another ACC project, which is not desirable.
3. It is important to keep the Fellowship of the Least Coin pure in its characteristics; the allocation of money after it is received fosters the Fellowship of Prayer.



It was resolved that the Working Committee, at the National level, and the State Units at the State level, appoint an officer to be responsible for the Fellowship of the Least Coin - that these officers be responsible for promotion of the Fellowship and for the production of up-to-date information.

It was resolved that £394. 7.11., the amount in hand at December 31st, 1965, for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, be remitted to Geneva.

The booklet, the Gifts of Prayer, was tabled. This gives the latest report of the allocation of funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, 1958-1965.

#### OUR WORLD CONCERN - INTER-CHURCH AID.

The Rev. Harvey Perkins spoke to this subject, this session being of an informative nature.

#### Introduction:

1. There is an International Christian Community. Inter-Church Aid is one of the strategies of this, enabling us to reach beyond our national concern as Australian citizens and take in the horizon of the World.
2. We are not givers, for we have nothing to give. God has given all; we have no grounds for pride in material possessions.
3. Inter-Church Aid emphasises the acute human need of the world. The balance of the century will show as to whether the human race has the ability to survive. Inter-Church Aid is deeply involved in all this, involving terrific responsibility, which must be shared by the Churches.

#### "In Unity" December. 1965:

Copies of this issue were distributed to members of the National Committee and attention drawn to the summary of the Australian 1966 Programme shown on page 15, amounting to £250,000. Comment was made concerning items in "In Unity", referring in particular to -

- a) Care of Refugees overseas.
- b) Refugee resettlement in Australia; this is of a world-wide nature, so qualifies for support by Inter-Church Aid.
- c) The Development side of the Inter-Church Aid programme, e.g. Education, Medical, Industrial, Youth work, Agriculture, Community.

It was pointed out that there is no limit to the kind of need which may be supported through Inter-Church Aid, e.g. Theological Seminaries, Lay Leadership Training, Scholarships, etc.

The important thing is that the needs of the World come before the Churches of the World and, in giving their support, they work out priority needs.

#### Response:

- 1) Australia's response is still growing, £245,000 having been contributed in 1965. This is still a small sum.
- 2) We need to find ways of getting the magnitude of the problem through to the Churches. It is estimated that 35% to 40% of the Churches in Australia are not involved in Inter-Church Aid, and that because of institutionalism, stewardship programmes, etc. many people are being prevented from making a total Christian response. There are things which the Church can achieve for Inter-Church Aid only by 'muscle in the arm' being developed by people within the Church. Inter-Church Aid cannot be supported by a community fund raiser.

#### Conclusion:

It was agreed that we need a more effective way of getting Inter-Church Aid material into the hands of people in the Church. To the enquiry as to how women can help, advice was given -

- a) not to 'rush in' independently to do something for some publicised emergency, but realise the best way of helping would be through Inter-Church Aid.
- b) to work for the needy people of the work and send the money raised to



#### LOCATION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Members of the National Committee were referred by Mrs. Wyllie to the recommendation of the 1965 Working Committee, as contained in the Working documents viz:- "That consideration be given to the possibility of locating the Working Committee in Melbourne for 1966"

Mrs. Wyllie stated what we needed to consider was the best policy at this particular juncture, and for the future. It was desirable that there be shared leadership. Further, it should be realised that in whatever Capital City the Working Committee should be located, it needed to operate independently of the Women's Inter-Church Council of that City, being the Working Committee of the National Committee of Australian Church Women - that whilst it would be expected some members of the Working Committee would be associated with the Women's Inter-Church Council, it was important that some of the personnel be not related to that Council. Discussion followed.

It was resolved that the Working Committee for 1966 be located in Sydney, and that a small committee be appointed to work out the implications involved in, and the possibility of, transferring the Working Committee to another Capital City in 1967.

#### OUR LOCAL CONCERN - THE CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT

This subject was presented dually by Mr. Vaughan Hinton and Miss Skiller and included -

1. A film strip - "Where we are going and why"
2. An explanation of the method by which the Church and Life Movement will work at the local level.
3. An introduction to the Study Book to be used, "Life to Spend"; also, "Light on Life" - a book of Bible Readings to be used personally during the Church and Life Movement.
4. A sighting of posters; also of cartoons especially for interesting young people in the Movement.
5. A tape recording by the Rev. Edwin Robertson.

The objective is to have 3,000 centres registered at which the Study Programme will be carried out.

Mr. Hinton threw out the questions, "What can A.C.W. do?" "What can Women's Groups do?" and answered by saying -

1. The Central Committee is encouraging Leadership Training amongst Youth and Women, as well as Men.
2. The Church and Life Movement is trying to merge the Church and the World in dialogue.
3. We are going to endeavour to listen to what God will say to us.

#### OUR LOCAL CONCERN - ROLE OF THE LOCAL WOMEN'S GROUP.

Mrs. D. Strack spoke to this subject.

At the National level of Church Women's activities we are enthused at the new concept of Christian Fellowship and service. This needs to be transmitted to State and denominational organisations, and then to the local group. We can plan, propagate, print, publicise our projects and programmes, but without people participating we've made no progress. Jesus said, "GO ye into all the World and preach the gospel". This is an era of changing ideas. Too long the local women's groups have clung to traditional styles within themselves. The law of life demands that we break out of our self-contained shells and erupt into the outside world - to live.

Three points in particular were put forward for consideration:

1. Disinterest of Church women in the local women's group; whilst these groups still engage in money raising, is this enough to meet the need of the Christian woman?
2. The woman working as well as managing a home. How can these women be included in the local programme?
3. The need to discern our times and adapt our programme to present-day requirements.



Ideas and Questions were invited.

It was agreed that all that is put out nationally by ACW should be brought to the local level, thus encouraging united fellowship, study and discussion together and the outreach of evangelism.

It was resolved:

1. that at the next National Committee Meeting a collection of Church literature having to do with women's work - both in Australia and Overseas - be displayed, and that this be high-lighted in a session of the meeting.
2. that an invitation be sent to Federal denominational women's groups to send a report for the next National Committee Meeting, these reports to be included in the Working documents.
3. that the Working Committee be asked to invite a representative from each of the following to attend the next National Committee Meeting as an observer -
  - . The Women's World Day of Prayer
  - . The Baptist Women's Federation
  - . The Women's Groups of other Churches not involved in A.C.W.

OUR LOCAL CONCERN - 1966 PROGRAMME

Comments concerning the observance of Special Days in 1965 were invited.

It was agreed -

- a) that study questions should be included with the Order of Service for both Fellowship Day and World Community Day.
- b) that hymns chosen should be well-known and metre of tune be shown on the Order of Service in preference to name of tune.
- c) that the Order of Service be not too lengthy, thus allowing ample time for group discussions.
- d) the dates for observance should be within the period of a week rather than a specific day.

Miss Skiller explained the methods by which Orders of Service could be produced, i.e. either duplicated or by the use of prepared metal plates, the latter being a more expensive method, but of a more satisfactory nature.

It was reported that the Working Committee had invited the Rev. Edwin Robertson to write the Order of Service and Study Questions for Fellowship Day, the study questions to be related to material which would have been already covered in the Church and Life Movement, and that he had agreed to do this.

The National Committee would need to decide who would be invited to write material for World Community Day.

It was resolved:

1. that in future metal plates be used for the production of programmes for Special Days.
2. that the National Committee Meeting recommend to State Units that for 1966 and 1967 Fellowship Day be observed during the last week in July, and World Community Day during the last week in October.
3. that the National Committee endorse the action of the Working Committee in inviting the Rev. Edwin Robertson to prepare the Order of Service and Study Questions for Fellowship Day, 1966.
4. that a small Committee be appointed to bring a recommendation to the meeting concerning World Community Day, having to do with - (a) Topic, (b) the writer of the Order of Service and Study Questions, (c) financial objective. Those appointed were Mesdames Ogston, Stafford, Verco and Deaconess Ritchie.

At a later session, on the recommendation of this Committee, it was resolved:

1. that the topic be - an aspect of Christian Family Life.
2. that the Women's United Church Association of South Australia be asked to prepare the Order of Service and Study Questions.
3. that the project be, Inter-Church Aid - the needs of migrant women in Australia.



### Finance:- Collections from Special Days:

Reference was made to the recommendation of the Working Committee as found in the Working documents.

The resolution concerning collections from Special Days was as follows:-

It is recommended that for 1966 finance from Special Days, after expenses are met, be divided - 40% to the administration of the State Unit and 60% to A.C.W. administration and projects. It is recognised that State Units may contribute more or less than the 60% according to their financial situation.

### OUR LOCAL CONCERN - STUDY BOOK FOR 1967:

There was discussion as to whether A.C.W. should produce a Study Book for 1967. It was agreed that this was desirable.

It was resolved:

1. that A.C.W. produce a Study Book for 1967.
2. that this book be suitable for use also by groups other than Inter-Church women's groups, e.g. denominational women's groups, mixed groups - either denominational or inter-church, youth groups.

Suggestions concerning what this study should be, were made -

- a) Geo. Webber's book - "Congregation in Mission"
- b) "A study in Mission", prepared by the Church of England
- c) A devotional subject (such as Prayer) related to our personal experience and our association with others.

It was resolved that the consideration of the nature of the study and who would be the writer be placed on the first agenda of the 1966 Working Committee.

### OPEN SESSION - THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT.

Several friends joined with members of the National Committee for this session. A welcome was extended by Mrs. Wyllie, who chaired the session, to Archbishop F. Woods and other visitors.

Mr. Vaughan Hinton in introductory words, said it was hoped the evening would provide information concerning

The Ecumenical Movement in the World  
What was taking place within the Ecumenical Movement.

A film strip, "Before New Delhi" was shown, with commentary.

During the second part of the session questions concerning the Ecumenical Movement were put forward to a panel of speakers. Members of the panel, chaired by Mr. V. Brown were ..  
Archbishop F. Woods, Mr. V. Hinton, Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Coates.

### JOINT SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE CO-OPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN CHURCH FAMILY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. E.H. Coates, Convener of the Committee on Co-operation opened the session. She welcomed Archbishop F. Woods and Mrs. Woods, Mrs. R.N. Rogers and Mrs. Paul Anderson. Apologies were made on behalf of Rev. P. Mathews and Mrs. J. D. McCaughey. The Rev. N. Faichney was introduced as Chairman.

- a) Service and Status of Women in the Church:  
Mrs. H.T. Wells, on behalf of Mrs. M.J. Wilmshurst, presented an interim report of the Working Group in South Australia, written in December, 1965.

The Study: In July, 1965, the Convener of the ACC Committee on Co-operation asked that a Working Committee be set up in Adelaide to study and report on the Service and Status of women in the Churches in Australia. This Committee was formed and is made up of representatives of most of the Protestant Churches and has Roman Catholic representation. The Women's United Churches Association and the Y.W.C.A. have shown their interest by sending a member of their respective Executives to take part in discussion.

The first meeting was held in September. At this meeting the Rev. Winifred Kiek spoke of the work done on this subject by her Committee in 1952-55.



Mrs. Kiek has made available to the present Committee both the Questionnaire used in 1952 and the answers received from each denomination. Whilst the terms of reference for the present study were not rigidly set down, it was suggested that the findings of the Rev. Winifred Kiek in 1952 might be reproduced or summarised and that these facts be brought up to date, so that there is a contemporary picture, and to comment on any trends discernible since the initial work by Mrs. Kiek; also to make any general observations which would be of value to women and to the Church as a whole.

A Questionnaire has been prepared in two parts -

1. Women in the Church Organisation
2. The practical acceptance of Christian responsibility.

It was agreed by the Committee that each representative seek to form a group within her own denomination to undertake a study of the Service and Status of Women in the Church; also, seeing this was an enquiry from a Committee of the ACC, that it would be desirable to send the Questionnaire to the head of each Church, asking him to appoint a Committee, preferably of both men and women, to give answers on behalf of his denomination.

Attention was drawn to this being a progress report.

b) An experiment in Prahran:

Mrs T.H. Coates gave a report concerning this experiment by Australian Frontier in which men and women had worked together. The objective was to discover the real needs of the people of Prahran. The interest of the Town Clerk was enlisted, who made available a room at the Town Hall for meetings; the co-operation of the Ministers' Fraternal was sought, also of the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. A series of planning meetings were held and the Consultation "Meeting the Challenge of Community Life in Prahran" was held at the Town Hall, July 23-24, 1965. By then there were 43 participants from local organisations, Doctors, representatives of the Churches including a Roman Catholic Priest. An address was given by Dr. Alan Stoller - "Urbanization and its human consequences", and there were comments from Dr. L. Benyei and Mr. R. Gaensler from the migrant angle. The whole of the Saturday was given over to discussions, recommendations and proposals for follow-up.

There was a limited supply of the report of this Consultation available to members of the National Committee, and a full supply of Minutes of an enlarged meeting held on 7th December, 1965, to consider support for a Community Social and Health Survey in Prahran. It now seems possible this survey will be held.

c) Work of the Committee on Co-operation in 1965:

Mrs. H. Stephens, A.C.W. representative on this Committee, reported on this. (see this report - Working Committee Report, 5)

d) Congregational Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women:

Mrs. Wells, who is the Convener of this Committee, commented.

The Committee was set up 11 months ago by the Congregational Union of Australian, the terms of reference being-

1. To carry out research into the relation of men and women in the Church
2. Suggest ways and means of uniting men and women in the full mission of the Church.

It is recognised that whilst, for decades, the principle that "there is neither male or female, but all are one in Christ" has been acted upon, yet this Committee has been set up because it is considered there has not been effective action together by lay people.

A Questionnaire was sent out to all Congregational Churches in South Australia to ascertain what groups operated within the Churches, what were the positions of leadership and by whom they were held (deacons, Sunday School Superintendents, leaders of clubs). Most Churches had returned the Questionnaire.



Before Christmas representative men and women met together to deal with part 2 of the terms of reference. This meeting emphasised with the Committee the need for it to do its own work, and it is now deeply immersed in point 2 of the terms of reference.

e) W.C.C. Committee on Co-operation:

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie, who is a member of the Working Committee of the W.C.C. Committee on Co-operation reported that Dr. Madeleine Barot, director of the W.C.C. Committee on Co-operation will be resigning at the end of 1966, and that the Rev. Bill Clarke, co-director, has resigned from that position. The Rev. M. Johensuu from Finland, has taken up work as a director of the Committee on Co-operation. He will work for 12 months with Dr. Madeleine Barot and then assume responsibility for the leadership of the W.C.C. Committee on Co-operation.

f) The E.A.C.C. Committee on Co-operation:

This Committee has requested an Australian Report for their meeting to be held in Tokyo in July, 1966. To assist with this, group discussions were held on prepared questions -

Men and Women in Australia: How far have we come to a satisfactory partnership?

1. What do you see on the credit side?

2. Where do we fail in co-operation?

Findings were handed to Mrs. Coates.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

OFFICERS:

Officers elected for 1966 were:

President:	Mrs. M. G. Wyllie
Vice-Presidents:	Mrs. D.J.A. Verco
	Head Deaconess M. Andrews
Secretary:	Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Treasurer:	Mrs. J. F. Dey

WORKING COMMITTEE:

The following were elected to form, with the officers, the Working Committee for 1966:

Mrs. A. Dougan  
Mrs. C.F. Gribble  
Mrs. L. Evangelinidis  
Mrs. A.G. Ralph  
Mrs. F. Stafford

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

It was resolved that appointments to this Committee be -

Convener	Deaconess M. Andrews
	Mrs. Frank Whyte
	Mrs. F. Stafford
ex-officio	the President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie
	-with power to co-opt where necessary

RELATED ACC COMMITTEES:

Scholarship Committee: Mrs. J.D. McCaughey and Deaconess C. Ritchie were appointed to continue to represent ACW

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

Mrs. D. Strack and Mrs. H. Stephens were appointed to continue representation.

Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life:

It was agreed that we ask Mrs. T.C. Rentoul to continue to represent ACW.

ACC ANNUAL MEETING:

Lt. Colonel H. Cross was appointed consultant to this meeting.

3rd ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

It was resolved that Mrs. D.G. Badger be appointed to represent A.C.W. at the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference, to be held at Tokyo, July 15-26, 1966.

It was resolved that the Working Committee set up a travel fund for the purpose of providing finance to send Mrs. Badger to this conference, those to be approached to be -

- a) State Units of ACW, especially N.S.W.
- b) N.S.W. State Committee of ACC
- c) Congregational Women's Fellowship of N.S.W.
- d) Congregational Church, Epping - Mrs. Badger's Church.

PERMANENT TRAVEL FUND:

It was resolved that the Executive of the Working Committee look into the possibility of establishing a permanent Overseas Travel Fund.

MIGRANT WELFARE IN AUSTRALIA:

Mrs. Anderson, whose husband, Dr. Paul Anderson, has been making a Migrant Welfare Survey in Australia, spoke briefly concerning this, and Mrs. A.W. Burton was invited to tell something of what is being done by the Y.W.C.A. to help migrant women.

THANKS:

Mrs. R.S. Byrnes expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mrs. E.K. Smart (Principal) and the Council of St. Hilda's, and to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria, for the hospitality provided. Thanks were also expressed to Mrs. Wyllie for her leadership, to the office bearers, and to those who had chaired sessions of the meeting or participated in other ways, and to Deaconess Ritchie for her leadership of Morning Prayers and Bible Study.

CLOSING: Closing Worship was led by Deaconess M. Andrews.

CONFIRMED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## REPORT OF WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 1965

1. The Working Committee has met each month, March to November, the regular meeting day being the fourth Tuesday. Attendances have been consistent, and members have applied themselves with interest and enthusiasm to their task of stewardship on behalf of the National Committee. In December a meeting of the Executive, authorized by the Working Committee, was held.

Business arising from the National Committee meeting held in February 1965 received attention.

2. STATE UNITS: There has been close relationship with State Units, whose co-operation in connection with Special Days, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, and Fellowship of the Least Coin has been very much appreciated.

On July 27 the Constitution of Canberra Church Women was ratified, and they became the Unit of Australian Church Women in the A.C.T.

In September word was received from Western Australia, stating that whilst they have needed to proceed with caution in presenting the aims and purposes of Australian Church Women, this has been taking place and interest has been growing throughout Women's Groups in Western Australia. Mrs. George Appleton was in Sydney in October and met the President and some other members of the Working Committee for discussion. At the time of writing this report, Western Australia was giving attention to the forming of their constitution.

In May the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was formed. The inaugural meeting, held on 1st May under the auspices of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, resolved that the Council be affiliated with Australian Church Women. On December 14th, the Constitution of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Tasmania was approved by the Executive of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, and official acceptance as State Unit of Australian Church Women sent to the Council.

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

Information has been received periodically from the Convener, Mrs. T.H. Coates, and presented to the Working Committee. This included findings of a group asked by the Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life to study certain articles from "Together", a suggestion as to whether 'We of One House' by the Rev. Winifred Kiek might be reprinted, and the first of a series of articles being produced by the Committee on Co-operation, together with copy of a report, which had been prepared for a mid-year Divisional Meeting on Church and Community, having to do with both Australian Church Women and the Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society.

### REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

4. Scholarship Committee: This has been undertaken by Deaconess C. Ritchie and Mrs. J.D. McCaughey. It is reported that in 1964/5, 183 scholarships were awarded by the World Council of Churches' DICARWS. The number of awards for 1965/6 has been reduced to 127, because of increased costs of scholarships and travel. Two meetings of the Scholarship Committee have been held since this representation was accepted. The main business of these meetings is that of assessment of applications and recommendation to Geneva of applicants for Ecumenical Scholarships.



5. Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society.

Mrs. D. Strack and Mrs. H. Stephens represent Australian Church Women on this committee. They express appreciation for the opportunity afforded them and record interesting meetings under the chairmanship of Mrs. T.H. Coates. They report -

The Committee has concentrated on the following various activities: Time was given to preparing a series of articles which can be published in church papers and used as study material.

The Committee has also co-operated, with other groups in the community, over the role of women, e.g. United Nations, Status of Women Committee and has co-operated with the Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life, to examine possible study material on sex and family relationships. Special speakers have presented through provoking topics as:

- . July - Men and Women in Bible Times. Professor Norman Young
- . September - Men and Women in the Churches in Australia.

Mrs. C.J. Wright

- . November - Men and Women in the Australian Community.

Mrs. J.G. Norris.

The Committee has commended the Church and Life Movement and is urging women along with men to take a full part in the leadership training and the group programme.

Constructive suggestions are coming to the committee about ways of integrating the work of men and women both in the churches and the community.

6. Commission on Christian Marriage & Family Life.

In April an approach was made to the Australian Council of Churches concerning the possibility of direct relationship of Australian Church Women with this Commission. This was approved and a nomination invited. Mrs. T.C. Rentoul agreed to accept such nomination and her appointment to the Commission took effect in July.

Mrs. Rentoul reports that no meeting of the Commission was held in 1965.

7. INDONESIAN CHURCH TEAM VISIT: An informal Luncheon Party was held at the YWCA Sydney, on April 1st, when members of the Working Committee met with the six ladies of the Indonesian Church Team.

SPECIAL DAYS:

8. Fellowship Day. Order of Service, with the theme "Bridges to Asia" was prepared by the President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie. Study material, with questions, was prepared by the Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Dicker who had been fraternal workers in Indonesia. This study laid emphasis on the equality of all men in God's sight, and of the need for this to be the mental and heart attitude of people everywhere. Several questions were closely related to south east Asia. The choice of the theme for this day was influenced by the presence in Australia of Miss Connie Tan KwieHwa, the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder. Miss Connie Tan attended and took part in Fellowship Day in Brisbane and at several centres in Sydney.

Fellowship Day was observed in Queensland, N.S.W., Victoria, South Australia and the A.C.T.

Programmes covering the Order of Service and studies were produced at the office of the Australian Council of Churches. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria used the Order of Service and Studies, but arranged for their own printing. Approx. 18,000 publicity leaflets concerning Miss Connie Tan were produced by the ACC, and these were used prior to and in connection with Fellowship Day.

Collections from Fellowship Day were devoted to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.



9. World Community Day. Order of Service, including meditations on the theme, "God at Work", was prepared by Archbishop George Appleton, of Perth. It was recognised that this fine service was really complete in itself, but to meet the growing interest in, and desire for, discussion groups, suggestions in this respect were added.

World Community Day was observed in all States and the A.C.T. Miss Connie Tan participated in services in Melbourne.

Collections from World Community Day were for overseas projects of Australian Church Women. Offerings for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were also received on this day.

In harmony with a resolution of the National Committee meeting in February 1965, State Units were asked to encourage the attendance of men at World Community Day meetings. The proposal has been favourably accepted in some States for future occasions, although little was felt to be possible in that respect this year.

10. WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. This year has seen considerable work in connection with this project of Australian Church Women. This is briefly outlined below.

- a) The first Scholarship holder, Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, arrived in Australia on May 21. Miss T. Skiller, of ACC, had been handling this business prior to the forming of the Working Committee. At the first meeting of the Working Committee in March, Miss Skiller agreed to continue to conduct business associated with Miss Connie Tan.  
(see separate report)
- b) Policy. The need for a clearly defined policy having to do with the selection of scholarship holders, the relationship of Australian Church Women with Inter-Church Aid, and other aspects of this subject were apparent. At the Working Committee meeting on May 25, it was requested that the Rev. H.L. Perkins, Mrs. F. Stafford and Miss T. Skiller prepare a proposed policy. This was submitted to the Working Committee meeting on July 27 and approved. Terms of the Policy are included in the Working Papers of this meeting.
- c) In harmony with point five of the policy, letters were sent to the East Asia Christian Conference, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Pacific Conference of Churches, giving information concerning the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and terms of the policy. A further letter was sent to the Pacific Conference of Churches, inviting them to nominate a Scholarship Holder for 1966.
- d) Copies of correspondence have been sent to the Scholarship Committee of the ACC. This Committee, on their part, have asked the Working Committee to obtain information for them concerning women's residential colleges where it may be possible to obtain accommodation for women coming to Australia on ecumenical scholarships - Australian Church Women and others. This has received attention.
- e) The Rev. Winifred Kiek donated £100 to the Scholarship Fund for investment. At the request of the Working Committee this amount has been invested by the Australian Council of Churches' Association Ltd in Commonwealth Special Bonds at the current rate of interest.
- f) In December, application forms and recommendations were received relating to Mrs. Savali F. Sunia, of American Samoa. These were presented to a meeting of the Executive of ACW on December 14. It was agreed that we should invite the Rev. V. Toma to make a second nomination, which could be considered



by the National Committee meeting along with that of Mrs. Sunia - of a younger woman from one of the other Islands of the Pacific.

11. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. Interest in this Fellowship of Prayer has continued to grow. Officially launched at World Community Day 1964, Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings were received at World Community Day meetings this year. In addition, many contributors have sent their offerings direct to the Working Committee. (See the financial statement for details of amounts and receipts from the States.)

The Working Committee would like to make two observations:-

- a) It is apparent, as new ground is broken in establishing centres at which Fellowship Day and World Community Day meetings are held, there are very many still uninformed concerning the Fellowship of the Least Coin, yet ready to become part of the Fellowship when it is explained. Further supplies of Fellowship of Least Coin leaflets were made available at World Community Day, together with labels.
- b) In presenting information concerning this Fellowship, it is desirable that emphasis be placed on it being primarily a Fellowship of Prayer, and that the offering desired each month is actually that of the least coin.

It was agreed at the Working Committee meeting on October 26th that money from these offerings be held until the end of the year and then remitted to Fund in Geneva.

12. PUBLICITY. This has largely been in the hands of State Units, although Mr. Vaughan Hinton of the Australian Council of Churches has co-operated in Sydney in Press Releases associated with Special Days. A Newsletter was circulated in May. Publicity folders concerning the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder were made available to all States in equal quantities to their orders for Fellowship Day material and, independently of this approx. 8,000 were made available to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria for publicity in association with Fellowship Day.

At the time of writing this report, Mr. Hinton has been asked to prepare (1) a short report covering the activities of Miss Connie Tan, incorporating some of the material received from South Australia (which had been sent to all church papers in that State), with other information to be supplied by Miss Skillier; (2) a Press Release (instead of Newsletter) following the preparation of this report of the Working Committee.

13. FINANCE. A bank account, in the <sup>names</sup> of Australian Church Women, was opened with the Bank of New South Wales, the signatories being the President; Secretary and Treasurer - any two signatures being sufficient to operate the account.

It should be noted that thus far no system has been introduced whereby any money has been received in for administration costs of Australian Church Women. Stationery, postage and related expenses, have been met from Australian Council of Churches funds. It is the opinion of the Working Committee, as recorded in Minutes of October 26, that a system of financing should be adopted.

14. ARTICLES FROM "TOGETHER" MAGAZINE. In June a request was received from the Commission on Christian Marriage & Family Life that the Working Committee study certain articles from "Together" which could be edited and printed separately for use in women's groups. Copies of the articles were made and distributed to each member of the Working Committee to study prior to discussion at the next meeting.



In the interval between meetings a letter was received from Mrs. T.H. Coates, giving views of a group from the Committee on Co-operation, who had also been asked to study these articles. These views were placed before members of the Working Committee at the July meeting and there was agreement with much that was expressed.

It was the considered opinion of the Working Committee that the articles, whilst good as articles, were too general to be of much service in getting down to really helping women in teaching and answering questions concerning sex, or helping with teenage problems. The opinion was illustrated by the concluding paragraph of the article, "There's more than teaching in sex education" by Dr. W.L. Carrington, in which he says, "There are books. This article is limited to sex education of young children, and it has set out to discuss the general perspective and attitude rather than the details of any actual teaching or answering of questions. These are well covered in many <sup>books</sup> books and pamphlets." The Working Committee's view was that it would have been helpful if, instead of a general statement of this nature, these books had been listed.

It was resolved that we write to the Rev. J.R. Neal, who conveyed this request on behalf of the Commission on Christian Marriage & Family Life, stating that the Working Committee did not recommend the republishing of these articles for use by women's groups, and that in our opinion the preparation of a bibliography, dealing with these subjects would be the most likely medium of assistance; also that we would appreciate this being undertaken under the direction of the Commission on Christian Marriage & Family Life.

15. THIRD ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: An invitation has been received for Australian Church Women to send a delegate to this Conference, to be held at Tokyo, Japan, from July 15 - 26, 1966. The following qualifications were outlined:-

1. Delegates should be actively related to the women's organisation of the church where they hold membership.
2. They should be those who have never had an opportunity of attending an international Christian conference outside their country before.
3. They should be elected representatives of the church's national women's organisation.
4. That in case there is no such national women's organisation in a country, the church assembly or their executive committee be requested to elect their delegates to the conference.
5. In choosing delegates a reasonable weightage should be given to United Churches.
6. There should be reasonable denominational balance.

Concerning finance, the letter said - "The Asian Church Women's Committee anticipates to practice the principle of stewardship and self-support. If the National Council or the Women's organisation within it will contribute US 150 dollars plus passport and visa expenses for each delegate, the Conference will pay the balance of the total costs of return air passage (tourist). For those countries where the return air passage expense is less than US 150 dollars, we request the National bodies to be totally responsible. Hospitality will be provided in Japan."

This information was presented to the Working Committee on August 24th and it was resolved: (1) that we write to the Asian Church Women's Committee, stating we hope to send one representative; (2) that we advise State Units of the contents of the letter and invite them to make nominations and suggestions concerning how our share of travel expenses be met; (3) that the decision as to who the representative will be should rest with the National Committee.



16. CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT. In early August the Working Committee wrote to State Units, suggesting they co-operate with Panels in their State in the training and study programmes; also, to Federal Denominational Women's Organisations, asking them to communicate with their State Committees and encourage co-operation with the Church and Life Movement.

As the anticipated date of Fellowship Day, 1966, will be held towards the close of the Church and Life Movement, the Rev. Edwin Robertson has been asked to prepare an Order of Service and study questions for this day. It has been suggested to Mr. Robertson that these study questions be related to study material already covered in the Church and Life Movement programme. The Rev. Edwin Robertson has agreed to prepare this material.

Mr. Vaughan Hinton has been asked to prepare two or three articles concerning the Church and Life Movement suitable for publication in the women's section of church papers.

17. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. At the Working Committee of November 23rd, it was resolved that the Working Committee give notice of motion to amend the Constitution in respect to Clauses 4 and 5. The Constitution and proposed Amended Constitution are to be found in the Working Papers.

Recognising that this notice could not be given three months before the National Committee Meeting, State Units were informed through the Minutes of the meeting.

18. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1966. It was considered that this should be held near to the dates of the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches, as some members of the National Committee would also be involved in this Meeting. It was found necessary to bring dates of the National Committee meeting forward to January 19 - 21, as inter-divisional meetings of the ACC will be held immediately following these dates and the Annual Meeting of the ACC opens on January 24.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria was asked to be Hostess for the National Committee Meeting, and to this they very graciously agreed and have been most co-operative in arranging accommodation at St. Hilda's College, and other details.

In early August letters were sent to State Units and Federal Denominational Women's Organisations advising the dates of the National Committee Meeting, requesting nomination of representatives, and inviting suggestions for subjects to be considered. Following the Working Committee Meeting on August 24, members of the 1965 National Committee, and the Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and Society, were also invited to send suggestions for consideration at the National Committee meeting. The Working Committee would like to acknowledge the helpful suggestions sent by the Committee on Co-operation, and also to thank others who sent proposals. The response to the request for suggestions was meagre.

At the Working Committee Meeting on September 28 the Executive of ACW was asked to prepare a Proposed Agenda for presentation at the next meeting of the Working Committee. This was done, and consideration given to this on October 26. The draft agenda was accepted as a basis and included in the Minutes of that meeting. Further work needed to be done on this in the choice of speakers to introduce subjects. This, together with other aspects of preparation, came under consideration at the Working Committee meeting on November 23; members of the Executive were authorized to finalize details.



Following the Working Committee Meeting on October 26, State Units were asked to make a report, with recommendations, concerning Special Days, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, and Fellowship of the Least Coin, to be included in Working Papers. Our representatives on Committees within the Australian Council of Churches, viz - the Scholarship Committee, the Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society and the Commission on Christian Marriage & Family Life - were also invited to comment, such comments to be considered for inclusion in the report of the Working Committee.

State Units were also invited to give consideration to a recommendation concerning finance - Clause 8, i. Constitution - the recommendation being that for 1966 offerings from Special Days be divided, 40% to the administration of the State Unit, and 60% to Australian Church Women, this 60% to be allocated, as determined, partly to administration of Australian Church Women and partly to projects sponsored by Australian Church Women.

19. ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE WORK. As this is the first year of Australian Church Women's establishment, and in which a Working Committee has functioned, it is considered some information as to how office work has been handled may be useful.

The Honorary Secretary has prepared Agenda for Meetings, and recorded and written up the Minutes. These have been typed at the ACC office and dispatched from there. Correspondence has been drafted by the Honorary Secretary. In the main this has been typed at, and posted from, the ACC office. Certain related matters of organization have been undertaken by the Honorary Secretary, in consultation with the President and Miss T. Skiller, Administrative Secretary of the ACC. Approximate time needed for this work has been an average of four days per month - full working hours per day. It is estimated that if typing of the material stated were included a further day's work per month would be involved.

The following additional work has been carried through by Miss Skiller and the ACC staff, on behalf of the Working Committee:

1. Production of Orders of Service for Special Days and dispatch of material to State Units as orders have been received.
2. Production and dispatch of Newsletter, Publicity folders in connection with the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder, Fellowship of the Least Coin information and labels.
3. Keeping of accounts related to finance.
4. Miscellaneous items in which Miss Skiller has been liaison for the Working Committee.

Special mention should be made of Miss Skiller's work in the promotion of Miss Connie Tan's programme in N.S.W., Queensland and South Australia, and as liaison with the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria concerning the Scholarship Holder's programme in Victoria.

Miss Skiller and the Honorary Secretary have shared the office work entailed in the organization of the National Committee Meeting, 1964. The Report of the 1965 Working Committee was drafted by the Honorary Secretary. Typing and dispatch of Working Papers was done at the ACC office.

20. APPRECIATION: The Working Committee would like to express thanks to Miss T. Skiller and the ACC staff for work undertaken on behalf of Australian Church Women, and to thank Miss Skiller especially for the very large task undertaken and fulfilled so ably in connection with the presence of the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder in Australia.



Our thanks are also expressed most warmly to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria for their very ready co-operation in planning and putting into operation Miss Connie Tan's programme in Victoria, and for arrangements made for her accommodation. We would like also to thank the Women's Inter-Church Councils of Queensland, South Australia and N.S.W. for their interest and co-operation when Miss Connie Tan visited those States, and to all States for response in the matter of finance.

Appreciation is expressed to Universities, Government Social and Child Welfare Departments, and Church Welfare Institutions, for their readiness to provide opportunities for observation and training. Our thanks, too, to friends who entertained Miss Connie Tan, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dey who received the Scholarship holder into their home when she arrived in Sydney from Indonesia, and helped her in so many ways in the early period of adjustment.

M. G. Wyllie  
President

H. V. Cross  
Secretary

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## REPORTS FROM STATE UNITS

### 1. QUEENSLAND.

Mrs. A.G. Ashton, then President of the Council, attended the first meetings of the National Committee of Australian Church Women held at Deaconess House within the University of Sydney. A special meeting of the Council was called for 19th February to hear the very detailed account of the business of these meetings, given by Mrs. Ashton.

The 'Winifred Kiek Scholarship' was implemented this year. Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, on our invitation, came to Brisbane. Miss Tan was met at the inter-state station by Mrs. Ashton and other members of the Council, in whose company she was driven to Southport by Mrs. M. Reid after lunching at her home.

Fellowship Day was observed in Brisbane this year, the Service being held in the Salvation Army Citadel, Ann Street, at which Miss Tan was guest speaker. The theme 'Bridges to Asia', was well handled by our guest, and to conclude the service, questions arising were discussed by a panel led by the Rev. T. Rees Thomas, and including Miss Tan who endeared herself to all who had the privilege of meeting her. Miss Tan also addressed the Fellowship Meeting at Southport arranged by the Inter-Church Fellowship. From the offerings at these two meetings, an amount of £ 36/2/9 was forwarded to the Working Committee towards the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

While in Brisbane Miss Tan was the guest of our treasurer, Mrs. S.Y. Potter, and was driven to visit institutions by Colonel Lilian Samson and Mrs. S.L. Richardson to note the social work being carried on for children and for aged folk.

Of gratification to us were the gifts by the Women's World Day of Prayer, £20, and the Methodist Women's Federation, £10, to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

Throughout the year representatives have attended Annual Meetings and Conferences of affiliated churches, and on occasions gave greetings on our behalf. Again our Council was invited to be associated with the "Warana" Women's Thanksgiving Service in the Albert Hall on 30th September.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. R.S. Byrnes on her election as President of the National Council of Women, with which body our Council is affiliated.

A Vice-President of Australian Church Women, Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, was invited by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union to be guest speaker at their annual conference held in the City Hall in May. Mrs. Verco's address was most informative and greatly appreciated.

The secretary, Mrs. Dennis, spoke to a group of Deaconesses of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, telling of the formation of Australian Church Women.

World Community Day was observed at one centre and whilst not a large meeting was a very worthwhile one.

Interest is continuing to grow in the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

..... Jessie Dennis, Honorary Secretary.



## 2. NEW SOUTH WALES.

At the Annual Meeting in May, Lt.Col. H. Cross retired as President and the Presbyterian nominee, Mrs. A.A. Adam, was installed into office. For health reasons, Mrs. H.J Lilley, did not seek re-election and Mrs. A.G. Ralph was appointed to this position.

The Council continues to maintain the Wybalena Hostel for approximately 20 students and business girls and the Wybalena Committee has worked to raise funds and create interest in the Hostel. Social functions have been held and Christmas cards sold.

Much progress has been made during the year in the formation of local branches and groups which we hope will soon decide to become branches. These branches simplify the task of arranging for Special Days.

### Special Days:

Suitability of day of the week. Many think that Friday is not the best day. Certainly women could not be expected to attend a gathering to last more than half a day on Friday. Ordinary monthly meetings of women's groups are usually held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. If any of these days are chosen, the same groups will miss out each time, unless they are prepared to forgo their meetings or alter their dates.

The Executive of this Council recommends that the fourth Fridays of July and October be retained for 1966 at least, as these dates are becoming known and accepted.

The suggestion has been made that World Community Day might be held on Sunday afternoon or evening, so that men might participate. Some districts feel that three combined services are too many. They have the Women's World Day of Prayer and think that either Fellowship Day or World Community Day should be enough in a particular centre.

### Centres and attendance figures.

	<u>No. of Centres</u>		<u>Numbers attending</u>	
	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>
Fellowship Day	8	3	340	170
World Community Day	15	4	672	200 approx.

More Sydney women might have attended World Community Day but in October the Anglican Synod, the Methodist Conference and the Baptist Assembly met, the Church of Christ women had a big meeting the day before and many hundreds of Presbyterians worked at their Market on the Wednesday.

Discussion groups. More and more interest is being shown in discussion groups. Some show a real desire for these to continue although in some cases, women stay away when they know there will be discussion groups. Questions should always be direct and simple. Preparation or training of leaders is most desirable, and leaders have expressed that the meeting together before the Day is a most profitable experience. When summing up is done, it must be skilfully handled and concise.

The larger gatherings have divided into groups of 6 to 12, but when only 20 are present, they might discuss the questions as one group.

When a basket lunch follows the meeting, it is usual for the discussion to continue and the women enjoy the fellowship of members of other churches.

Some areas have yet to try discussion groups.



Orders of Service. On the whole comments are most favourable. The only criticism is that there are too many hymns or that the hymns are too long. The inclusion of suggested hymn tunes is very helpful.

Great appreciation was expressed on the form of the World Community Day service, which would be suitable for a service on Sunday or in a school.

Offerings and expenses.

	<u>offerings</u>	<u>expenses</u>
Fellowship Day	£100 approx.	£10 approx.
World Community Day	£ 75 "	£10 "

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

Response is difficult to estimate and can really only be gauged on the amount of least coins collected sometimes a year after the women have been introduced to it. Interest is gradually growing. We have continued to recommend the use of "Circle of Prayer" for devotionals at monthly meetings and suggest that the collection of least coins be taken at this time. Many city groups are doing this. (see financial statement of Working Committee for receipts.)

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP.

Local response to meeting Miss Connie Tan was excellent. She was the first "bridge to Asia" for many women's groups. Another time more of these local visits might be arranged. A letter from Connie as she leaves Australia, and a report on her stay here, might sustain interest in the Scholarship in these groups, and might be profitably used to introduce the idea to other groups.

The N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council strongly recommends that a scholarship be awarded each year if possible.

..... Margaret Ralph, Honorary Secretary.

3. CANBERRA.

Special Days: As Friday has not brought a large response from the women of the A.C.T., we think that perhaps another day may be more suitable. In the event of night services being held, we favour Thursday to Friday, as Canberra has late shopping on Friday nights.

It has been suggested that we may get more women to attend if we have smaller meetings in more areas.

All are in favour of discussion groups which have been approached with great enthusiasm by those attending.

Orders of Service: Most agree that the Orders of Service were excellent, but that care should be taken to choose suitable hymns that are wellknown to all churches and that tunes should be suggested at all times.

We are prepared to send all the offerings to Australian Church Women, subtracting only those expenses necessary to cover costs of Orders of Service and any other material from Australian Church Women pertaining to the Special Day.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

We have had very good response from the churches with regard to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP.

We are quite happy with your arrangements for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.



FINANCE: With regard to the Resolution to be considered at the National Committee that we retain 40% of the Day's takings and forward 60% to Australian Church Women, this was fully discussed and it was felt that, as it was specified that the collections were for a special project, that all the money should be forwarded to Australian Church Women, except a small amount necessary for expenses, etc. relating to the Day.

Members of Canberra Church Women pay an annual affiliation fee to cover any other expenses, such as general administration, fare to conference, etc.

..... May Goudie, Honorary Secretary.

#### 4. VICTORIA.

Since the first National Committee meeting held at Deaconess House, Sydney, in February 1965, the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria has been busy developing the work of inter-church groups within the State. At our Annual Reports Day in August, we were able to meet together and learn from each other. One country group, invited an Asian student at the local High School, to speak on "Bridges to Asia".

Special Days: The Council decided after consideration, that the dates for 1966 should be: Fellowship Day, Wednesday July 27 and World Community Day, Friday, October 21. For many years, the groups have been accustomed to these dates, but we trust as soon as possible, we shall be able to join in the Australia-wide days, as fixed by Australian Church Women.

Fellowship Day. Fellowship Day meetings were held in 55 centres. Unfortunately, not all groups held Fellowship Day meetings in 1965. We received attendance figures from 21 groups, and the total for these was 1371. Our offerings were considerably down on 1964.

World Community Day. Meetings were held in 18 centres, and reports were very encouraging. The Service was very beautiful, and ladies commented on the help they received as we worshipped together.

Discussion Groups: were conducted in only a few centres, though at one suburban meeting, they had no speaker, and concentrated on the discussion.

Orders of Service: In a recent letter to the Working Committee, we asked whether future programmes could be one sheet folded in three? The turning of three sheets did make some noise, and we should be grateful if this could be avoided. Some of the hymns for the Fellowship Day programme were not known by all the churches, and this caused a problem. Could the choice in future, be for widely known hymns?

Offerings and Expenses: For Fellowship Day, we used the material supplied by the Working Committee, and had our programmes printed. With these programmes, we sent letters informing our groups, that in future, we shall use the programmes as printed by Australian Church Women. Our offerings for Fellowship Day were only half of the previous year, and World Community Day, just a little down.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: This Fellowship has been accepted and developed right through our groups. The ladies are joining the "Circle of Prayer" and giving their least coin; grateful for this avenue of service. We are sure the women of the churches are being blessed in their own lives, and are encouraging their families and friends to join them in fellowship.



Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Miss Connie Tan has been with us for 3 months, and we have greatly enjoyed her friendliness, as she has fulfilled splendidly the heavy programme of study and serviced planned for her. She studied our social services, both Commonwealth and Church, and spent time in the Social Service Departments of each church. Miss Tan did 4 broadcasts over Radio Australia to Indonesia, on our social work. Miss Tan attended lectures at the University and at Rolland House. We are very grateful to Deaconess Ritchie, for all her kindness to Connie, whilst she stayed at Rolland House. Connie has spoken in deep appreciation of her comfortable flat, and all the kindness by the staff, students and friends she made.

The Victorian Council has asked that consideration be given to awarding the Scholarship bi-annually, and that some humanitarian project be considered as well as the Scholarship.

..... Florence Saunders, Honorary Secretary.

## 5. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

In South Australia the year has been devoted to consolidating our position as State Unit of Australian Church Women. It takes time to penetrate the busy lives of dedicated Christian women and to convince them that the extra mile entailed in the Australian Church Women programme is necessary and valuable.

The withdrawal of the Baptist Women's League in March is recorded with sadness but we cherish the hope of a reunion sometime in the future.

The Women's United Church Association's new Constitution, providing for six delegates instead of two from each church or inter-denominational body was formally adopted at the Annual Meeting in October.

Since the inception of W.U.C.A., an annual musical "At Home" has been held to assist an undenominational good cause. This year a cheque for £100 was presented to the Home for Incurables Building Fund.

Fellowship Day was observed at one central meeting, the venue being Scots Presbyterian Church. The attendance was disappointing, 75 attending the service, 54 remaining for the pre-lunch discussion and 46 after lunch. The sermon and two speeches introducing the discussions were taped for future use. The Order of Service was considered excellent and the questions searching.

The fact that none of the group leaders felt in any way competent to lead such a discussion points up the need for women to study and think their way through these vital questions. To adequately consider them, much more time was needed than that available to us, but for those who attended, the day was considered very worthwhile.

As an executive member of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, Mrs. Playford, has had opportunities to speak of our work and use Fellowship Day material in country and suburban centres. As well she has successfully sought volunteers to receive our literature and act as correspondents. It is expected that the greatly increased number of delegates will stimulate interest in the metropolitan area.



The offering was £14/16/7d with donations amounting to £7/3/5, totalling £22. Expenses were £ 4/8/= but were taken out of general funds. An occasional trading table together with donations, affiliation, delegates' and associates' fees provide the W.U.C.A. with the bulk of their working expenses.

World Community Day was observed at one central lunch hour service held in Pirie Street Methodist Church on 22nd October, when only 70 people attended. This was also disappointing and the wisdom of persevering with a lunch hour service is questioned. It is further considered that the fact of it being sponsored by women hinders the participation of men and youth. Desiring that men and women of all ages should share happily and fully in the spirit of the World Community Day observed a letter was sent to the Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and Society asking that consideration be given to the proposal that the State Councils take the initiative in arranging World Community Day observances, with the co-operation of the Women's Inter-Church Councils. It might be wise to invite the Christian Youth Councils to share responsibility too.

No discussions were planned in South Australia this year. Instead copies of booklets such as "United Nations and Women" and "Christian's Primer of the United Nations" (Margaret Bender) are circulating among interested members.

Everyone agreed that the Order of Service was outstandingly good. The offering amount to £13/5/3d. Expenses were approximately £5.

The financial response to the Fellowship of the Least Coin totals £26/17/6d. The number of participants has been growing as the year progressed.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. The visit of Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa to South Australia was the highlight of the year. If this year's experience can be regarded as a true indication, we must surely recognise that this Scholarship is of great value to us. It has enriched our understanding and knowledge of Indonesia and kindled a flame of love for one of her citizens. We hope it has been of at least equal value to Connie and Indonesia. South Australia has contributed £90 to the Scholarship.

The suggestion of the Working Committee regarding finance was favourably received, with minor provisions.

..... Edith Pitman, Honorary Secretary.

## 6. TASMANIA.

The inaugural meeting was held concurrently with Annual Meeting of Tasmanian Council of Churches on May 1st, 1965, at Campbelltown. The Rev. G.A. Wood chaired the meeting and there were nineteen representatives present, from Churches of Christ, Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and Hobart Inter-Church Fellowship and Women's Auxiliary for Church Unity and Inter-Church Aid, Lindisfarne. The Society of Friends did not attend as they have no separate women's organisation.

The Council was formed as per Constitution, the State Unit of Australian Church Women, with three reservations. Congregational and Baptists had first to refer to their women's groups and have later affiliated. The Anglican representative had also to refer



to her women's groups who decided not to affiliate although they participated in a small way in World Community Day. Reasons given verbally were quite legitimate objections - a resistance to yet another women's group when they are trying to combine their own women's groups, and doubts about the wisdom of separating women from the Council of Churches rather than encouraging them to attend these meetings, in a time when there is a questioning of the place of women's groups in the church.

Officers elected were: President: Mrs. G.A. Wood (Pres.)  
 Vice-Presidents: Mrs. A.N. Kemp (Meth.)  
 Mrs. D. Hartam (C. of C.)  
 Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E.A. Clothier (Meth.)  
 Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. Downie (C. of E.)  
 - resigned later.

The draft Constitution with minor amendments, was approved by the Executive of the Tasmanian Council of Churches.

World Community Day was held on October 25th at 2pm. Hobart reported about 40 members present, Launceston approx. 60. Some Anglicans attended although not affiliated, and several Roman Catholics took part in the worship and study programme with permission and made a positive contribution to discussion.

- Comments:
1. Monday was considered the most suitable day.
  2. Meetings were held at Hobart and Launceston; at Ulverstone Methodist only, but it is hoped others will participate next year.
  3. Attendance: Hobart 40; Launceston 60.
  4. Reaction to discussion groups: more time needed here, less worship time, less time summing up. (Felt Women's World Day of Prayer allowed for worship together more fully, allowing a stress on study groups on this day.)
  5. Orders of Service - all good comments except for time factor.
  6. Offerings and expenses:  
     Ulverstone - not to hand  
     Hobart & Launceston -  
         Offerings £10/4/9  
         Expenses £ 2/1/8  
         Fellowship of the Least Coin £ 20/3/-

Great interest in Fellowship of the Least Coin, more initial interest than in special days.

Launceston preferred to only have World Community Day, and to support Women's World Day of Prayer and Council of Churches. Hobart will do this also, but will leave Fellowship Day as well, in 1966. Each will support Church and Life Movement.

Executive Meeting held on November 9th.

..... J. Clothier, Honorary Secretary.



## REPORT OF 1965 WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

### Introduction.

During the planning prior to the calling of the First National Committee of Australian Church Women, discussions had taken place on the programme and projects of Australian Church Women. Two projects were suggested to the first National Committee -

- . The Fellowship of the Least Coin
- . The Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

The suggestion of offering a scholarship was felt by many to be one of the key ways of drawing together the church women of Australia and linking them with women across national boundaries. The Interim Committee brought the suggestion to the First National Committee in February 1965 that a scholarship be given during the first year of Australian Church Women's activities. The name put forward was that of Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa from Indonesia, and the National Committee resolved: ..... "the National Committee endorse the action of the Interim Committee in extending an invitation to Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, directress of Dorcas' Children's Home, Djakarta, Indonesia, to be the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder."

The Interim Committee recognised, when suggesting the scholarship for 1965, that in future years the processing of a scholarship would be done through the channels of a National Council of Churches; the Scholarship Committee of the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Church Women. It would appear, looking back over the events of the past 15 months, that the action of the Interim Committee was a wise one and has contributed much to the churches in Australia.

### Extract from application by Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa.

Name:	TAN KWIE HWA, M. Ed.
Residence:	23 Djl. Kotaoradja, Salatiga, Mid Java
Age:	33 year (19.7.31)
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	1962 Directress, Dorcas Children's Homes, Djakarta and 1963 Assistant Lecturer, University of Indonesia, Djakarta
Academic	Dutch Secondary School, Samarang, 1950
Qualifications:	Teachers Training School, Surakarta, 1950-52 Teachers Training College, Surakarta, 1953-56 B.Ed. University of Indonesia, Faculty of Education, Djakarta, 1960-64 M.Ed.
Experience:	1952 - 56 Teacher - Christian Primary School, Salatiga 1956 - 59 Head Mistress, Christian Junior Secondary School, Salatiga Assistant Lecturer, F.K.I.P. Salatiga 1959 Assistant Lecturer, Christian University Djakarta 1961-65 Assistant Lecturer, University of Indonesia, Djakarta.
	<u>Church</u> Sunday School teacher Member of Commission on Evangelism, Christian Church of Indonesia, Kwitang, Djakarta. Secretary of Christian Youth, Central Java.
Purpose:	To serve in field of Child Welfare and to lecture in the same at the University of Indonesia (Education and Psychology).
Objective:	Further equipment in field of dependent and delinquent children; from study in Australia.

### Organisation.

As the preliminary work had been done by the Interim Committee through the office of the Australian Council of Churches, Miss Skiller was asked to continue to act as secretary. A small committee was brought together which included two social workers who had visited Indonesia in 1964 with the



Australian Council of Churches' Church Team - Miss Betty Vaughan and Miss Greta Nicholas. Others who had experience in university and institutional life as well as representatives of the women's inter-church council were also included on the committee.

Committee members shared the responsibility of making contact with key people in various church and community institutions and we were grateful to these people for the valuable suggestions and contacts they were able to make.

#### Programme Outline.

May 21 - 30      Orientation period.      Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Dey.  
June/July/August

Visited church and community institutions and was able to live in in almost every case. This was of considerable personal help to Miss Tan as it enabled her, not only to observe, but to participate in the life of the various homes as well.

#### Residential experience:

- . Burnside Children's Home (Presbyterian)
- . Werrington Park, St. Marys for dependent children, mentally retarded of varying degree (Child Welfare)
- . Dalmar, Methodist Children's Home.
- . Ormond School, Thornleigh, for school age girls who have been committed to the Department by the Children's Court.
- . Thornbury Lodge, Baulkham Hills - receiving home (Child Welfare)
- . Parramatta Training School (Departmental)
- . Carramar - home for unmarried mothers (Church of England)
- . Dr. Barnardo Home, Belmont.
- . Social Worker's Christian Fellowship annual retreat.
- . National Fitness Camp with children from Werrington Park.

#### Visits

- . office of Dr. Barnardo Children's Homes observe administration, etc.
- . field work with officers of the Department of Child Welfare (case work and visiting court)
- . various women's church groups for Fellowship Day and also a number of denominational women's State Council meetings, etc.

#### University of Sydney lectures:

- . distinction course in Education III.
- . post-graduate in Education
- . tutorial classes on child care (Board of Social Studies)

Brisbane visit - during June Miss Tan was able to visit Brisbane at the invitation of the Queensland Women's Inter-Church Council for their Fellowship Day. Arrangements were also made for her to visit children's homes.

August:

Adelaide. During August Miss Tan attended the Ninth National Conference of the Australian Association of Social Workers held in Adelaide. After the conference Miss Tan visited children's homes and attended various women's church groups as arranged by the South Australian Unit. Miss Tan was also able to meet the Rev. Winifred Kiek during her visit to Adelaide.  
Bordertown visited on route to Melbourne.

September/  
October/  
November/

Melbourne. Colonel Saunders acted as secretary for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship in Melbourne and arranged the programme for Miss Tan. The programme included:-

- . lectures by Presbyterian Social Service Department
  - . Visits to St. James & St. John's Mission
  - . Salvation Army Social Services - visits & lectures
  - . Marriage Guidance Council of Victoria - lectures
  - . Visit to children's court
- continued...



- . Visit to "Janefield" and "Turana"
- . Visit to Orona Methodist Children's Home
- . Attended lectures at University of Melbourne.
- . World Community Day functions and various women's inter-church council meetings and women's groups.
- . Radio Australia broadcasts to Indonesia.

Accommodation was made available at Rolland House by arrangement with the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria,

#### Finance:

The Australian Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service agreed to underwrite the Scholarship and the expenses of Miss Tan's visit have been carried on the Division's books. The expenses have been:

1) Travel - return air ticket Indonesia/ Australia/Indonesia	210	4	4
2) Travel within Australia	36	8	3
3) Pocket Money (£3 per week)	99	0	0
4) Clothing Allowance and general expenses	32	12	3
5) Dental expenses	44	3	0
	£	422	7 10

#### The receipts were:

Transferred from ACC (receipts prior to 1965)	46	2	9
Queensland	6	1	0
N.S.W.	140	10	9
Victoria	203	11	0
Tasmania	-		
South Australia	83	16	0
West Australia	-		
A.C.T.	18	0	0
	£	498	1 6

Investment: £100 has been received for investment, the interest to be used for the Scholarship Fund, from the Rev. Winifred Kiek. This has been invested by the ACC Association Limited in Commonwealth Special Bonds at the current rate of interest

While in Australia Miss Tan received an invitation to spend 8 months for further study in Holland before returning to Indonesia. In cooperation with the DICARWS we were able to arrange for her passage to Holland.

Passage for the "Marooni" to Genoa and then rail to Utrecht and an advance of £10 pocket money £ 200 13 3

The study programme has been arranged with the Generale Deputaten voor het Algemeen Dioconaal Bureau and arrangements have been made with them to pay £ 148/13/3 of this account. We have also entered into negotiations for the refund of the return air fare to Djakarta =£105/2/2 approx. Therefore the financial arrangements for the Scholarship cannot, as yet, be completed. Australian Church Women have reimbursed DICARWS with £300.

#### SUMMARY of PAYMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS UNDERWAY -

Scholarship costs	422	7	10	Paid by ACW to DICARWS	300	0	0
Fares to Holland	200	13	3	Credit on return air fare	105	2	2
				Credit from Holland	148	13	3
				DICARWS share of fare to Holland	52	0	0
					605	15	5
				Balance estimated to be paid by ACW	17	5	8
	£	623	1 1		£	623	1 1



Conclusion:

There has been general agreement that the choice of Miss Connie Tan as the first scholarship holder was a very wise one and our thanks must go to Miss Jennifer Dey (Fraternal Worker from the Australian Council of Churches in Djakarta) for her suggestion and encouragement given to Connie in making her application.

Many people have contributed to the planning and carrying through of the programme for the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder and our thanks to all who have played any part in this venture.

The Working Committee is sure that the project, and the consequent friendships made, are a worthwhile contribution to the developing of better understanding between the peoples of Indonesia and Australia.

Thelma Skiller on behalf of the  
Working Committee.



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

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### WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP.

- 1) AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, as part of its programme, will include the granting of a Scholarship to be known as the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. Where possible a scholarship will be given each academic year.
- 2) The PURPOSE of the scholarship is to offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training. The scholarship is intended for those who give leadership in church life and for those who need strengthening as Christians for their work in the world.
- 3) The scholarship to be tenable for 10 months (one academic year) and part of the year to be spent in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutions, and part in speaking to women's groups and church groups.
- 4) The scholarship to be part of the Australian Council of Churches' inter-church aid scholarship operation and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service to be asked to underwrite the scholarship; Australian Church Women having a funding account, reimbursing the inter-church aid operations as donations are received through their appeal on Fellowship Day and any other donations given for the scholarship.
- 5) The terms of the scholarship will be circulated through the national Christian councils of the East Asia Christian Conference, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Pacific Conference of Churches. Applications to be received by the Working Committee of Australian Church Women for selection. The successful application to be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the Australian Council of Churches for perusal before going to the Division for adoption. Australian Church Women to be represented on the Scholarship Committee by two members.

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6) The application to be made on the prescribed forms used by the Scholarship Committee, viz:

Application in triplicate		
Academic Record	Appendix A.	3 forms
Language certificates	" B.	
Recommendations	" C.	3 forms
Health Certificate	" D.	
Statement by Church	" E.	
Place of Study	" F.	

7) Forms to be made available upon request through the Working Committee of Australian Church Women. Applications forms to be channelled through the relevant national Christian council whose recommendation will accompany the application.

8) The co-operation of training schools and universities will be sought to provide for places and facilities.

9) The Working Committee of Australian Church Women will be responsible for the arrangements made for the scholarship holder concerning her training; accommodation and personal requirements. The co-operation of State Units of Australian Church Women will be sought in the carrying out of the arrangements.

All inquiries: Australian Church Women,  
Room 2, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.



RECOMMENDATIONS concerning the WORKING ARRANGEMENTS of the  
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER'S PROGRAMME.

1. The National Committee of Australian Church Women shall appoint annually a Winifred Kiek National Scholarship Committee. This committee shall have general oversight of the programme planned for the scholarship holder.
2. The committee shall be closely associated with the National office of the Australian Council of Churches and especially with the secretaries of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service and the Division of Mission.
3. The committee shall include those who have had experience with overseas students in both academic and institutional life and who can readily understand the problems facing individuals coming from different cultural backgrounds.
4. The committee shall present regularly reports to, and consult with, the Working Committee of Australian Church Women on matters of policy and finance.
5. Each State Unit be asked to appoint a small sub-committee to work in co-operation with the Winifred Kiek National Scholarship Committee in matters of publicity, programme and accommodation arrangements. Comments in No. 3 above should be kept in mind when appointing the committee.
6. Because of the nature of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, there can be no set financial arrangements. Therefore the Winifred Kiek National Scholarship Committee shall, in consultation with State Units, prepare a programme and set out the financial requirements for each scholarship.
7. Items such as travel, academic training expenses, pocket money and clothing allowance will vary according to courses available and extent of assistance needed by the scholarship holder.
8. It is anticipated that the training programme facilities and accommodation will be provided free or made available at very nominal fees by churches, universities, and welfare academies, etc.
9. In preparing the programme a short orientation period should be provided especially for those coming from non-English speaking countries. The committee should see that at least one person is co-opted to it from the same academic field as the scholarship holder who can act as guide, philosopher and friend.
10. The Winifred Kiek National Scholarship Committee be requested to prepare a small booklet setting out, for the guidance of all who will assist in carrying out the programme, details of the scholarship holder. This should include:
  - . full biographical notes
  - ..cultural background notes, etc.
  - . anticipated difficulties likely to be experienced because of our different way of life - e.g. food, clothing, customs, etc.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO THE NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. Working Committee. That consideration be given to the possibility of locating the Working Committee in Melbourne for 1966.
  2. Finance. Constitution 8.i. That for 1966 finance from Special Days, after expenses are met, be divided - 40% to the administration of the State Unit and 60% to Australian Church Women for administration and projects.
  3. Winifred Kiek Scholarship. That the proposed Policy of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be ratified.
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NOTICE OF MOTION CONCERNING ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION.

That sections 4 and 5 be as follows and number<sup>ed</sup> 4, 5 and 6 and sections 6 to 10 be re-numbered 6 to 11.

"4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

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- i. one representative of the Federal women's organisation of each church, appointed by whatever means is appropriate to the particular church.
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- iv. two representatives appointed by the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society.
- v. four representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.
- vi. the office bearers (see 5).

The National Committee shall meet at least annually at a time and place to be determined in consultation with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society. Fifty percent of representatives under 4 i. and ii. shall constitute a quorum. Alternatives may be appointed for all representatives to the National Committee.

5. OFFICE BEARERS.

The office bearers shall be (1) a President; (2) two Vice-Presidents; (3) a Secretary; (4) a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the National Committee provided always that the President shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years.

6. WORKING COMMITTEE.

The Working Committee shall be appointed by the National Committee to carry out its work between meetings. The Working Committee shall consist of 10 members resident in one State and shall include the office bearers. The location of the Working Committee shall be determined by the National Committee. The office bearers shall act on behalf of the



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The programme of Australian Church Women shall be planned to serve this aim.

3. RELATIONSHIPS:

- a) Through the Australian Council of Churches, Australian Church Women shall be linked with the World Council of Churches and the regional conferences of churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.
- b) Australian Church Women shall function in relationship with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society, within the Division of Church and Community of the Australian Council of Churches.

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  - v. four representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

The National Committee shall meet at least annually at a time and place to be determined in consultation with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and Society. Fifty percent of representatives under 4 a) i. and ii. shall constitute a quorum. Alternates may be appointed for all representatives to the National Committee.

- b) A Working Committee shall be appointed by the National Committee to carry out its work between meetings. The Working Committee shall consist of 10 members of the National Committee resident in one State and shall include the office bearers. The location of the Working Committee shall be determined by the National Committee.

5. OFFICE BEARERS:

The office bearers shall be (1) a President; (b) two vice-Presidents; (3) a Secretary; (4) a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the National Committee provided always that the President shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years. The office bearers shall act on behalf of the Working Committee between meetings.



6. STATE AND LOCAL ORGANISATION:

- i. Each State Unit shall co-operation with the Council of Churches associated with the Australian Council of Churches in the State.
- ii. Committees in local areas which carry out the purpose of Australian Church Women shall be affiliated with the State Unit.

7. PROGRAMME OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:

The National Committee of Australian Church Women shall prepare a statement of its programme each year.

8. FINANCE:

- i. Collections taken at special days and services included in the Australian Church Women's programme (after local expenses have been met) shall be divided, as determined each year by the National Committee in consultation with its State Units, between
  - (i) the administration of the affiliated State women's inter-church council organisation;
  - (ii) administration of the National Committee of Australian Church Women and
  - (iii) national projects sponsored by the National Committee in co-operation with State Units.
- ii. The funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin shall be paid annually by the State Units to the National Committee for remittance to the Department on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society in the World Council of Churches.
- iii. a) Accounts shall be kept as determined by the National Committee in consultation with the Honorary Treasurer of the Australian Council of Churches.
  - b) Bank accounts shall <sup>be</sup> operated by the President, Secretary and Treasurer and such others as may be appointed, the signatures of any two of whom shall be sufficient discharge.
  - c) Statements of accounts shall be presented to the meetings of the Working Committee, and audited annual statements to the National Committee and to the Australian Council of Churches.
  - d) The financial year shall end on December 31.

9. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution shall be amended by a vote of a two-thirds majority of members of the National Committee present. Notice of motion to amend the Constitution shall be given to the Working Committee by an organisation having representation on the National Committee. All constituent bodies shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendment not less than three months before the meeting of the National Committee. Amendments shall be operative upon ratification by the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches.

10. DISSOLUTION.

In the event of the dissolution of the National Committee, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to the Australian Council of Churches.

February 11, 1965  
Sydney.



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Financial Statement for year ended  
December 31, 1965

## RECEIPTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship	498	1	6
- donations			
- for investment	100	0	0
Fellowship of the Least Coin			
- donations	394	7	11
World Community Day offerings			
	66	10	10
Asian Church Women's			
Conference - donation	2	0	0
Bank Interest	13	6	

## : PAYMENTS

To Australian Council of Churches' Association Ltd for investment	100	0	0
To DICARWS for Winifred Kiek Scholarship	300	0	0
- presentation to Miss Tan		3	0
Administration:			
Secretary's expenses	10	0	0
Secretary's travel to National C'tee	11	0	0
Promotion:			
Fellowship of the Least Coin	10	0	0

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Credit balance c/f 627 10 9

£ 1061 13 9

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Subject to audit.

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM STATES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship.			
Transferred from ACC (receipts prior to 1965)	46	2	9
Queensland	6	1	0
N.S.W.	140	10	9
Victoria	203	11	0
South Aust.	83	16	0
A.C.T.	18	0	0
	498	1	6

World Community Day offerings			
Queensland	3	11	4
N.S.W.	38	6	3
Victoria	6	13	3
South Aust.	8	0	0
A.C.T.	10	0	0
	66	10	10

## SUMMARY OF CREDIT BALANCE

Fellowship of the Least Coin.			
Transferred from ACC (receipts prior to 1965)	79	12	9
Queensland	79	18	0
N.S.W.	91	4	3
Victoria	72	12	8
Tasmania		12	6
South Aust.	31	4	0
A.C.T.	18	11	9
Northern Territory	2	2	0
Overseas (Nauru)	18	10	0
	394	7	11

Winifred Kiek Scholarship	194	18	6
Fellowship of the Least Coin (less promotion)	384	7	11
Asian Church Women's Conference	2	0	0
Administration and general	46	4	4
	£ 627	10	9



MORNING WORSHIP.

*Morning Prayers*  
*Bible Study - 20.1.66.*  
*Deaconess R. Robie*

LEADER: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to recall the blessings granted us.

Almighty God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we remember your love and mercy which from the first and until now has never failed. With gratitude we offer our thanksgiving.

READER: For all the gifts of love given to us and all mankind.

ALL: We praise you O God.

READER: For the life you have given us, and the world in which we have this life,

ALL: We praise you O God.

READER: For the work we are able to do;  
For the truth we are permitted to learn;  
For the hope that leads us on;

ALL: We praise you O God.

READER: For Jesus the Christ and your grace in Him;  
For His life, death and resurrection;  
For our redemption through Him,

ALL: We give thanks O God.

READER: For communion with you through Christ;  
For the gift of faith;  
For a purpose in life,

ALL: We give thanks O God.

READER: For the opportunities to respond to your love in Jesus Christ;  
For every opportunity to serve this generation;  
For the power to speak of your grace to the world,

ALL: We give thanks O God.

LEADER: For all the disciplines of life, the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience;  
For self-knowledge and self-conquest;  
For all the circumstances which bring us to a closer sympathy with those in need.  
We praise and glorify you O God, through Christ our Lord,

ALL: Amen.

READING.

PRAYER.

LEADER: God of grace and mercy, we have praised you with our lips; grant that we may also praise you with our lives through faith.

ALL: Our Father . . . . .

LEADER: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to Himself;  
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in His service.  
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls,  
now and always.

ALL: Amen.

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MORNING WORSHIP.

*Morning Prayers +  
Bible Study - 21.1.66  
Deane Ritchie*

CALL TO WORSHIP.

READER: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: The all-merciful Father.

READER: The God whose consolation never fails us.

<sup>ALL</sup>  
LEADER: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.

LEADER: I confess before God and before you, my disobedience to God, my failure to respond to the Gospel, my weakness in service to others.

ALL: May the merciful God grant you pardon and peace.

LEADER: Amen.

ALL: We confess before God and before you, our disobedience to God, our failure to respond to the Gospel, our weakness in service to others.

LEADER: May the merciful God grant you pardon and peace.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Lord, we acknowledge our unworthiness to be called your people. We have hope only in your promises of life and forgiveness. Take from us the burden of our guilt, and set us free to serve as we ought. We ask this only through the worthiness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION.

LEADER: Col. 1: 13-14.

THE WORD OF GOD.

THE WORD OF GOD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: ~~Col. 1: 13-14.~~  
~~John 8: 31-38.~~

READER: May God bless to us these readings of his Word, and to his name let us give glory and praise.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.

CLOSING DOXOLOGY.

ALL: Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost to Thee,  
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,  
And unwearied praises be,  
Honour, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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