

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held
FRIDAY, 21st August, 1970, at 10 a.m., 100 Flinders St., Melbourne.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F.R. Ashton, opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT: Mesdames F.R. Ashton (Chair), A.W. Burton, Col. H.W. Saunders, E. Stephens, J.A. Starck, M.I. Duke. A special welcome was extended to Mrs Strack who had just come out of hospital.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames T.H. Coates, H.T. Rogers, Deaconess F. McKechnie, N. Faichney.

MINUTES of MEETING held Friday, 17th July, 1970 were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: As the recommendation that Mrs Ashton be appointed as an Observer to the 4th Asian Women's Conference had been endorsed by a number of member units it was resolved that Mrs Ashton be appointed as our observer in place of Mrs Crosbie.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs Howie S.A. (2) endorsing Mrs Ashton as observer.
Mrs Bailey S.A. - re Winifred Kike recording
Mrs Dingle Qld.: re Working Committee going to Qld.
Mrs Strack - thanks for good wishes & flowers whilst in hospital
Mrs Cramb Qld. - extra orders of service for Fell. Day
Mrs Mitchell - Dandenong: expressing thanks for Fellowship Day service and requesting extra copies for local service
Mrs Yule: S.A. - report to P.W.A. Meeting in N.S.W. & information re Miss Kafa.
Mrs Coates: Greetings from Geneva.
Church Women United: 2 magazines
New Zealand - enclosing Annual Report.

FINANCE: The Treasurer presented the following Financial Statement:
July 17th to August 20th 1970

Receipts		Expenditure	
Bal. July 17th	3939.94	3939.94	World Com. Day
F'ship Least Coin			Delivery Kwikasair
Prs. W.A. Terrigal	1.55		General
St And. P.W.A.			W.&J. Barr 10,000
Brighton le Sands	3.95	5.50	Booklets A.C.W.
Circle of Prayer Vol III			Delegate to A.C.C.
W.A.A.C.W. Unit	6.00	6.00	Acc. & 2 Regist.
W. Kiek S'ship Fund			
Nightcliff N.T.	20.00		W. Kiek S'ship Fund
Q.W.W.D.P. per			Monthly Allowance
W.I.C.C. of Qld.	100.00	120.00	
F'ship Day			
Orders of Service			Balance
W.A. Unit	1.25	1.25	
Offerings			
United Ch. F'ship			
Woomera S.A.	11.40	11.40	
Overseas Fund			
W.I.C.C. of Victoria	180.00	180.00	
Scribal Pens			
F. Saunders	4.80		
W.I.C.C. Qld.	91.45	96.25	
General			
P.W.A. of Aust.	2.00	2.00	
	<u>4362.34</u>	<u>4362.34</u>	
			<u>4114.98</u>
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Balance includes: W.Kiek Scholarship Fund 1406.25 Pens 401.03
Overseas Fund 312.02 Least Coin 499.63

A.C.W. WORKING COMMITTEE MINUTES Friday, 21st August 1970.

The Treasurer reported that the half year Balance had been audited. The following accounts were passed for payment: \$35 to Secretary for travel expenses to A.C.C.; petty cash for Mrs Saunders \$10; \$150 U.S. for two delegates and accommodation expenses of \$U.S.5 per day for observers to Asian Women's Conference.

WINIFRED KEIK SCHOLARSHIP:

Mrs Burton reported that Miss Kafa had stayed with Mrs Ackland, President W.I.C.C. of Victoria for a week. and met with W.I.C.C. on 17th August. Fares to Hobart and Adelaide were passed for payment. It was felt that States should be responsible for travel arrangements within the State. It was also resolved that return fare to Honiara be passed for payment. The program arranged in both Tasmania and N.S.W. was outlined. The possibility of a day in Canberra could be raised with N.S.W. Applications had already been received from Sierra Leone, Samoa, United Church Zambia, and Malaya. The next meeting of the scholarship Committee would be held on October 9th.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

Mrs Strack reported that Volume Iv of Circle of Prayer still had not arrived. A parcel of leaflets had been sent to N.S.W. There was a large quantity of blue allocation books on hand.

BALL POINT PENS:

Mrs Col. Saunders reported that she was expecting a further 2000 pens to be delivered during the following week. 7 boxes were on hand. States had on hand pens worth \$630.65. It was resolved that the Treasurer pay the account from Scribal when it arrived.

A.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING:

The Secretary reported that she and Mrs Stanhope (President W.I.C.C. of N.S.W.) had attended the meeting. It was stated that A.C.W. came under the direct care of the Secretary of A.C.C. with the suggested new structuring of A.C.W. Programs had opened with Bible Study each morning and other sessions had been occupied with business. The A.C.C. Changed its Constitution so that it no longer meets annually. It was probable that the next General Meeting would be held in February 1972. A.C.W. report was given on Wednesday evening. All brochures and literature left on the display table had been taken. The name of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee & World Service would be gradually phased out and replaced by World Christian Action. It was hoped to set up a Division of Church & Society should finance permit. It was evident that many plans had to be curtailed because of lack of finance. Perhaps all Units of A.C.W. should encourage membership within the World Council of Churches and thus support the work of A.C.C. Throughout the meeting the guidance of the General Secretary was very evident and thanks was expressed to him both for the running of the meeting and for the most comprehensive report which he gave. There are two women members of the Executive - Mrs Lilian Wells, who is known to A.C.W. members and Deaconess B. Nicholl, a Presbyterian Deaconess with the Department of Christian Education and one the under '25' members to be elected. The establishment of a Joint Secretariat was approved and the Australian Episcopal Conference which met a week later than A.C.C. also approved of this step. The meetings had been most interesting and tribute had been paid to the retiring President, the Rt. Rev. N. Faichney. The new President is Bishop Gransey.

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The Secretary had spoken with various staff members of the A.C.C. and it was resolved to ask Rev. Dr. D. Wood to lead the Bible Study. Rev. E. Arblaster and Mr Vaughan Hinton had been most helpful in suggesting possible speakers for the theme 'World Development'. It was resolved that they be asked to assist in the planning of these sessions. Units with suggestions re Fellowship of the Least Coin projects to be asked to make them prior to the National Committee meeting.

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ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Mrs Strack reported on suggestions she had made concerning the Cultural Evening for which the delegation had to plan. Mrs Selvaratnam had indicated that the Pacific Women would meet in April 1971. This would not involve Australia. Orders of Service, brochures and pens would be given to each delegation by our members. Pleasure was expressed that Mrs Ashton would be a member of the delegation. Opportunity was also taken to express good wishes to both Mrs Strack and Mrs Ashton for their journey to Djakarta.

GENERAL BUSINESS: It was noted that in the present Constitution of A.C.W. not all members of the Working Committee are members of the National Committee. In fact only the five officers, President, Secretary, 2 Vice-Presidents and Treasurer are full members. It was felt that all members of the Working Committee should be included. Member organizations are asked to give consideration to this.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 25th September, 1970 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall, Collins St., Melbourne. (Room 2, 1st floor)

CLOSING: The meeting closed with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED:

DATE: