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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA.

February 8 - 10, 1967

WEDNESDAY, February 8

12.30pm	Lunch	
2.00	Opening Prayers	
	X Session 1:	Receiving of Agenda Minutes Appointment of Steering Committee Report from Working Committee Financial Report
3.30	Afternoon Tea	
4.15	X Session 2:	
6.00	Dinner	
7.00	Session 3:	Reports from State Units Reports from Federal Denominational Women's Groups Reports from Women's Fellowships of United Churches World Community Day in Hartford, U.S.A. - Mrs. H.T. Wells
8.45	Evening Prayers	
9.00	Supper	

THURSDAY, February 9

8.00am	Breakfast	
8.45	Bible Study	- Rev. Rex Davis
9.45	Session 4:	Special Days The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Miss Sabita Swarup, 1966 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Holder, will speak.
10.45	Morning Tea	
11.00	X Session 5:	Location of the Working Committee Report of the Planning Committee
12.30pm	Lunch	
2.00	Session 6:	Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society
3.30	Afternoon Tea	
4.00	Session 7:	Third Asian Church Women's Conference Fellowship of the Least Coin Refugees: Miss Elsie Needham
6.00	Dinner	
7.30	Session 8:	<u>OPEN SESSION</u> Subject - Communication Speaker - Rev. Rex Meyer
9.30	Evening Prayers	
9.45	Supper	

FRIDAY, February 10

8.00am	Breakfast	
8.45	Observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer	
9.45	Session 9: 9.45 - 10.30	Group Discussions 1. State Unit representatives 2. Denominational representatives
	10.30 - 10.45	The two groups unite for discussion.
10.45	Morning Tea	
11.00	Session 10: 11.00-11.45	Promotion Other Business
12.30pm	Lunch	
2.00	X Session 11:	Election of Officers Election of Working Committee Appointments to related Committees Amendment to the Constitution Recommendations to ACC Annual Meeting Any other business.
3.30	Closing Prayers	
4.00	Afternoon Tea.	

DEACONESS HOUSE
NEWTOWN, SYDNEY.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Participants

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
Treasurer	Mrs. J.F. Dey

STATE REPRESENTATION:

Queensland	Mrs. R.S. Dingle	Methodist
N. S. W.	Mrs. D.G. Badger Mrs. A.G. Ralph	Congregationalist Presbyterian
Victoria	Mrs. Colonel Saunders ✓ Mrs. V.C. Stafford ✓	Salvation Army Churches of Christ
Sth. Australia	Mrs. S. Haynes Mrs. R.D. Kay	Congregationalist Congregationalist
West. Australia		
Tasmania	Mrs. G.A. Wood	Presbyterian
A. C. T.	Mrs. A.E. Minty Mrs. A.G. Ogston	Methodist Church of England

DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATION:

Church of England	Head Deaconess M. Andrews
Methodist	Mrs. C.F. Gribble
Presbyterian	Mrs. A. Dougan
Congregational	Mrs. H.T. Wells
Churches of Christ	Mrs. O.J. Bloore
Salvation Army	Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Greek Orthodox	Mrs. J. Evangelinidis
Armenian	

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP:

Y. W. C. A.	Mrs. A.W. Burton	-	(apology received) ✓
	Mrs. S. McPhee	-	alternate

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

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

Mrs. T.H. Coates	Methodist	✓
Deaconess C. Ritchie	Presbyterian	✓

ACC Executive Committee

Mrs. T.G. Littleton	Church of England	✓
Mrs. H. Stephens	Church of England	✓
Mrs. D. Strack	Churches of Christ	✓
	(apology received)	✓
Mrs. M.G. Wyllie	Methodist	

1966 WORKING COMMITTEE:

Mrs. F. Stafford

OBSERVERS:

Federal

Lutheran Mrs. A. Schubert

Women's World Day
of Prayer Mrs. R.S. Dingle

N.S.W. State Denominational Groups

Church of England Miss Doris Mitchell A.B.M. Women's
Auxiliary

Methodist Mrs. S.G. Cowled

Presbyterian Mrs. C. Butler

Congregational Mrs. H.S. Mason

Salvation Army Mrs. Colonel G. Dalziel

United Church in North Australia - Darwin

Mrs. B. Searle

A.C.C. STAFF (consultants):

Rev. H.L. Perkins

Mr. V.K. Brown

Rev. J.R. Neal

GUEST:

Miss Sabita Swarup

1966 Winifred Kiek Scholarship
Holder.

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REPORT OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE FOR 1966

The Working Committee has met each month, February 1966 to January 1967 (except December), the regular meeting day being the fourth Wednesday. The office bearers and various sub-committees have met as needed.

Much of the work of 1966 has put into effect resolutions carried at the 1966 National Committee Meeting. There have also been efforts in promotion, some of the seed thoughts concerning which came from that meeting.

This report is presented under the following headings:

1. State Units
2. Denominational Women's Groups
3. United Churches
4. Special interest Groups
5. Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society
6. Representation on Committees within the Australian Council of Churches
7. Third Asian Church Women's Conference
8. Church and Life Movement
9. Study Book
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 - Winifred Kiek Scholarship
 - Fellowship of the Least Coin
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1. STATE UNITS

There has been happy and co-operative relationships with State Units.

In May, Western Australia submitted the Group's draft Constitution. At the Working Committee Meeting of June 1 this draft was ratified, and Australian Church Women - Western Australia Unit - was accepted officially as the State Unit.

See Working Documents, pages 13 - 19 , for Reports from State Units.

2. FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

Links with these Groups have been strengthened through

- a) The preparation of an up-to-date list of Presidents and Secretaries.
- b) Presidents and Secretaries having been placed on our mailing list by which they receive Minutes of Working Committee Meetings and ACW literature having to do with Special Days, etc. An explanatory covering letter introduced this procedure.
- c) The request that each Group provide a brief report for the National Committee Meeting especially relating to their Denomination and ACW activities.

See Working Documents, pages 19 - 21 , for Reports from Federal Denominational Women's Groups.

3. UNITED CHURCHES

Efforts have been made to strengthen links with United Churches in North Australia and Papua/New Guinea. Some of the methods used have been:-

- a) Correspondence
- b) Mailing of Minutes of Working Committee Meetings and ACW literature to the Women's Fellowship of each United Church.
- c) Visits by the President, Mrs. M.G. Wyllie, and Mrs. D.J.A. Verco (Vice-President) to Papua/New Guinea.
- d) An invitation to send an observer to the National Committee Meeting; also a report of their activities and any suggestions as to how ACW can help.

There has been some encouraging response, e.g.

The Ladies Guild of the United Church at Darwin has decided to affiliate with ACW, and they have been accepted by the Working Committee as a Group of ACW. They will send an observer to the National Committee Meeting.

The Ladies Fellowship of the United Church at Woomera supplied ACW with a concise history of their Group from its inception in 1951 to present day activities.

The United Church Ladies Guild at Tennant Creek used the Fellowship Day Order of Service for a special Padre's Service.

There has also been correspondence with other Groups.

See Working Documents, pages 21 - 23 , for Reports from United Churches.

4. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

ACW has throughout the year valued co-operation on the part of the Young Women's Christian Association - from their Federal representative, Mrs. A.W. Burton and their Board in Melbourne, and from Mrs. F. Stafford in Sydney, who has been a member of the Working Committee.

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

There has been close co-operation between this Committee and ACW through the exchange of Minutes of Meetings.

The Convener, Mrs. T.H. Coates, advised that copies of the paper "Sex and Family Relationships" - material for study and discussion groups - was available; also the study outline, "Men and Women". Information concerning these papers was circulated through Minutes of the Working Committee.

Mrs. D.G. Badger, who was ACW's delegate to the Third Asian Church Women's Conference, held at Tokyo in July, also represented the Committee on Co-operation of the Australian Council of Churches at the Meeting of the Committee on Co-operation of the East Asia Christian Conference, which was also held at Tokyo following the Asian Church Women's Conference.

6. REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The names of ACW's representatives are stated below, together with reports:

Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women
in Church, Family and Society: Mesdames H. Stephens and D. Strack

Throughout the year bi-monthly meetings, chaired by the Convener, Mrs. J. Coates, have been held at Rolland House, Melbourne.

Mrs. Wilmshurt's group in South Australia has prepared and distributed a questionnaire to Heads of Churches throughout Australia, seeking information about the work of women and the development of co-operation between men and women in the churches. It is anticipated that this will be followed by study outlines inviting discussions on the broader issues raised.

A report was prepared for the E.A.C.C. Committee on Co-operation which met in Tokyo in July 1966. This was presented by Mrs. D.G. Badger, who later reported on the Tokyo meeting at a special meeting of the ACC Committee on Co-operation in Melbourne on October 21st, 1966.

At the May meeting Mrs. E.K. Smart, Principal of St. Hilda's College, presented a most interesting paper on "The Role of Women in Australia", and at the September meeting Dr. W.L. Carrington led a discussion on Young People and Morals.

Papers presented at meetings of the Committee are being made available by the ACC, and it is anticipated that these will be found helpful for discussion in Church Groups. Already there is some demand for duplicated papers giving study material as well as questions.

The Committee has given consideration to producing a series of leaflets on "Understanding our Neighbours". These would deal with family problems as they occur in New Guinea, in the Islands of the Pacific, amongst Aborigines, and amongst Migrant National Groups.

A merger has now taken place between the ACC Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life and the Committee on Co-operation.

Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life: Mrs. T.C. Rentoul

At a meeting of the Commission held on March 10, it was recommended that the Commission on Christian Marriage and Family Life and the ACC Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society merge.

A combined meeting of the two Groups was held on July 7, when it was jointly recommended to the ACC that the two groups merge.

This was approved by the Executive of the ACC at their July meeting.

Ecumenical Scholarship Committee: Mrs. J.D. McCaughey
Deaconess C. Ritchie

The Ecumenical Scholarship Committee has met four times during the year and has dealt with the routine business of recommendations for scholarship and travel grants.

The appointment by Australian Church Women of Miss Sabita Devi Swarup of Fiji as Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder for 1966 was accepted by the August meeting of the Committee.

A significant decision by the Committee is the recommendation of a new item for 1967, namely, the provision of scholarship assistance for Orthodox Churches in Australia. This proposal, which is the outcome of consideration given to Dr. Paul Anderson's report on the Orthodox position in Australia, has the approval of the Geneva office. Dr. Anderson's report revealed that there is a shortage of clergy in the various branches of the Orthodox Church, and consequently a need for training of priests of these Churches for service in the Australian situation.

The inauguration of the Pacific Conference of Churches will facilitate the procedure for dealing with applications for scholarships by the Pacific Churches.

7. THIRD ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Mrs. D.G. Badger was the elected delegate to this Conference which was held at Tokyo, July 15 - 26.

Mrs. J.F. Dey, the Treasurer, accepted responsibility for organising a Travel Fund by which it was hoped it would be possible for ACW to meet the whole of Mrs. Badger's return fare of \$807.50. The total amount donated was \$919.52.

In March word was received that ACW could also send an observer to this Conference, all expenses to be the responsibility of the person attending.

The Rev. Winifred Kiek attended in this capacity.

Mrs. Badger's official report was sent to all members of the National Committee, to State Units, Federal Denominational Women's Groups and State Secretaries of the ACC. (See pages 25 - 27 for Report)

Mrs. Badger, at the invitation of the State Units in Victoria and Tasmania, visited those States and reported on the Conference. In addition, Mrs. Badger has fulfilled several speaking appointments in the Sydney area.

8. CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT

At the National Committee Meeting held in February 1965 it was resolved that ACW give support to the Church and Life Movement, and this was supported by the 1966 Meeting.

The Rev. Edwin Robertson, at the request of ACW, prepared the Order of Service used at Fellowship Day Services, which were held towards the close of the concentrated period of the Church and Life Movement.

9. STUDY BOOK

Considerable work has been put into the production of a set of studies, the theme of which is Worship.

Mrs. A. Dougan was asked to convene a small committee for early discussions, other members of the Working Committee forming the Committee being Mrs. M.G. Wyllie and Mrs. J.F. Dey.

The Rev. A. Dougan agreed to prepare a draft of the studies, which were then submitted to test groups.

The Rev. Rex Davis and Mr. Vaughan Hinton, of the ACC Staff, at the request of the sub-committee dealing with the studies, agreed to handle the production of the study book.

It is hoped the studies will be used extensively by Women's groups and mixed groups.

10. SPECIAL DAYS

Fellowship Day and World Community Day were observed in all States.

The title of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day, prepared by the Rev. Edwin Robertson, was "New Horizons". Questions for Group Discussions were prepared by the Rev. Rex Davis.

"Our Common Life and Responsibility in Family and Community" was the theme for World Community Day. The Order of Service and Questions for discussion were prepared by the Women's United Church Association of South Australia.

Canberra Church Women were invited by the Working Committee to prepare an Order of Service and Questions for Discussion for Fellowship Day 1967. They agreed to do this, and draft of the Order of Service has been received. This will be submitted to the National Committee Meeting.

11. PROJECTS

a) Winifred Kick Scholarship

The decision of the National Committee Meeting that a National Scholarship Committee be formed was put into effect following the February meeting of the Working Committee. This was convened by Deaconess M. Andrews and meetings have been held regularly.

See pages 23 - 24 for Scholarship Report.

b) Fellowship of the Least Coin

Implementing the decision of the National Committee Meeting, a National Convener was appointed by the Working Committee - Mrs. S.M. Barrett - and State Units appointed State Conveners.

A new Information Folder was prepared by the National Convener and both this and a new label were produced and distributed to State Units in early October. Letters, together with samples of the new literature, were also sent to the United Churches.

Widespread response in this project is evidence of growing interest, and of the special nature of its appeal.

c) Other Projects

In harmony with the decision of the National Committee Meeting, the special project for World Community Day was Inter-Church Aid - to help migrant women in Australia.

12. PROMOTION

On the State level this has been handled by State Units.

On the Federal level, the Working Committee has felt the need for more to be done in this respect.

Through circulation of Minutes of Working Committee Meetings and ACW literature to the Presidents and Secretaries of Federal Denominational Women's Groups, to the United Churches and to State Secretaries of the ACC, and some contacts with the Denominational Conveners for Ecumenical Affairs, a worth-while effort in this respect has been made; also Mrs. A.G. Ralph accepted responsibility to be liaison between the Working Committee and Mr. Vaughan Hinton, the Public Relations Secretary of the ACC.

An Information Folder concerning ACW was prepared and will be available at the National Committee Meeting. It is regretted that the production of this was delayed over a period of some months, as there was request for something of this nature from State Units in the earlier part of the year.

Whilst the methods outlined above have not been without some encouraging results, yet the Working Committee is of the opinion that more could have been done in 1966 along the publicity line.

13. LOCATION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

As requested at the National Committee Meeting, the Working Committee in February appointed a small committee (the President, Secretary, and Miss T. Skiller) to "work out the implications involved in, and the possibility of, transferring the Working Committee to another Capital City in 1967".

The Findings of this sub-committee were issued to members of the Working Committee prior to the April meeting, when the position was discussed and it was agreed that the Working Committee should form a definite opinion in this matter at the next meeting which would be on June 1.

At the Working Committee Meeting on June 1 it was resolved

- 1) that the Working Committee recommends that the location of the Working Committee move in 1967, and thereafter biennially.
- 2) that the Working Committee recommends that for the period 1967 and 1968 the Working Committee be located in Melbourne.

The President, Secretary and Miss Skiller were authorised to proceed with the preparation of a document to be sent to each member of the National Committee, Leaders of Federal Denominational Women's Groups, and State Units, giving each an opportunity to give an expression of opinion. This document was to be presented for approval to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

At the meeting held on June 29 this draft document was submitted to the meeting, and revisions made as agreed upon. It was agreed that this document be sent to constituent members, and that the information requested on the form accompanying the document reach the Working Committee by August 5.

At the meeting held on August 24, it was reported that thirteen forms had been returned, and that there was fairly general agreement in the opinions given. The general opinion was

- 1) that it would be in the interests of ACW for the location of the Working Committee to move every two years.
- 2) that Melbourne would be the suitable location for 1967 and 1968.
- 3) that a Planning Committee to prepare for this change-over should be set up in Melbourne.

It was resolved that a meeting of the office bearers of the Working Committee be held as early as possible to study the information on the forms which had been returned, and to consider what steps should be taken in convening a Planning Committee.

At the meeting held on September 28 the report of the office bearers was received and discussed.

It was resolved:

1. That the Working Committee invite the following to form a Planning Committee, to function in Melbourne between now and the next National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women. The purpose of the Planning Committee will be to look into the future, and bring forward enquiries concerning matters of procedure, etc., to the present Working Committee and/or to the National Committee Meeting in February, 1967. As to how many times this Planning Committee will need to meet will depend upon what the members feel the need to be.

Mrs. N. Anderson, Mr. V.K. Brown, Mrs. T.H. Coates,
Rev. D.A. Dargaville (State Secty. of the Victorian Council
of Churches), Deaconess C. Ritchie, Mrs. Colonel Saunders
(Secty. W.I.C.C.), Mrs. V.C. Stafford (President W.I.C.C.),
Y.W.C.A. - one representative to be appointed by that body.

2. That Mr. V.K. Brown be asked to convene the first meeting of the Planning Committee, which meeting shall then elect a Chairman and Secretary of the Planning Committee.
3. That the Secretary of the present Working Committee communicate with the proposed members of the Planning Committee inviting participation, and referring them to documents concerning Australian Church Women already in their possession such as the Constitution of ACW, Minutes of the 1966 National Committee Meeting, Minutes of Working Committee Meetings, and inviting whatever enquiries the Planning Committee desires to make.
4. That Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings be forwarded to the Working Committee.
5. That the Planning Committee will cease to exist with the election of the office bearers and other members of the Working Committee at the National Committee Meeting in February, 1967.

It was recognised that the final decision concerning the proposed transfer would rest with the National Committee Meeting.

Each of those requested to be a member of the Planning Committee agreed, and word was received from the Y.W.C.A. that their representative would be either Miss Florence Christian or Mrs. A.W. Burton. Mr. V.K. Brown agreed to convene the first meeting, which was held on November 28.

Enquiries from this meeting were directed to the Working Committee, having to do in particular with the constitution of the Working Committee and finance. These enquiries were submitted by the Secretary of the Working Committee to the office bearers, who replied to the Planning Committee on their behalf. A second meeting was held on December 8, and a further meeting is planned for January 26. Mrs. A.W. Burton has been the Y.W.C.A. representative at these meetings.

14. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

As certain business associated with the National Committee Meeting, including finance, had for previous meetings been handled by Miss T. Skiller of the ACC staff, the Working Committee found it necessary to seek clarification from the ACC as to whether it was **desired** that anything of this nature obtain for the 1967 meeting, or as to whether ACW would work independently in organising the meeting and in finance passing through ACW books.

The advice received from the ACC was for ACW to work independently in these matters.

The preparation for the meeting and production of working documents has been undertaken by the Working Committee, the office bearers carrying extra responsibility in this regard. The Working Committee is grateful to the ACC office for arranging for a member of the staff to run off stencils on the duplicator.

15. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Office work: During 1966 ACW became more self-contained than previously. The Hon. Secretary has handled the typing of all correspondence and, commencing with the Working Committee Meeting held on June 1, has also typed all stencils for Minutes and other ACW business. The ACC office has run off the stencils on the duplicator and dispatched Minutes in envelopes which had been addressed by the Secretary.
- b) Finance: The book-keeping has been taken over in its entirety by the Hon. Treasurer. Financing has also become more self-contained, and a system introduced whereby the ACC charge ACW for stationery supplied, postage for letters and goods dispatched from the office, and staff time used in duplicating.

16. APPRECIATION

The Working Committee expresses warm thanks to

- . The Rev. Edwin Robertson
- . The Staff of the Australian Council of Churches
- . The Rev. A. Dougan and others who co-operated in the preparation of the Study Book
- . The Women's United Church Association of South Australia - for preparation of World Community Day Order of Service
- . All who assisted with the Travel Fund for the Third Asian Church Women's Conference
- . Mrs. D.G. Badger and the Rev. Winifred Kiek for being our representatives at the Asian Church Women's Conference
- . The Congregational Women's Fellowship of Nauru for substantial financial support
- . Mr. S.A. Gill, Commercial Artist, for designs for Fellowship of the Least Coin literature.
- . The Principal and Council of St. Hilda's College, and to the Women's Inter-church Council of Victoria, for hospitality extended during the 1966 National Committee Meeting.
- . The Waverley Methodist Mission - concerning accommodation of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder.
- . The Waverley War Memorial Hospital
- . State Units
- . Federal Denominational Women's Groups
- . United Churches

Our special thanks are expressed to Miss Thelma Skiller, now of the staff of the British Council of Churches, for her great interest in ACW from its inception, for her 'drive' and organising ability, and for the work which she personally put into the cause of ACW, so much of which was done out of office hours.

M.G. Wyllie
H.V. Cross

President
Hon. Secretary

REPORTS FROM STATE UNITS

QUEENSLAND

A change of office bearers marked the Annual Meeting, held on 29th October, 1965, in the Congregational Church, Ann Street, at the close of World Community Day Service. Mrs. Lt.Colonel Garlick was elected President, Mrs. A.G. Ashton Treasurer, and Mrs. F.G. Dennis was re-elected Secretary.

At the first meeting of the year, Mrs. R.S. Byrnes reported on the meetings of the National Committee held at St. Hilda's College, Melbourne, during January. Mrs. Byrnes had represented Queensland at no cost to our Council, and for this we are grateful to her. Her report was most interesting, and was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Byrnes, as President of the National Council of Women, was congratulated on the splendid gathering of women in the City Hall on 8th February, to farewell Lady May Abel Smith, wife of the retiring Governor of Queensland. Our Council was represented by Mrs. Garlick, who was presented to Lady May. Mrs. Byrnes address was aptly worded.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day followed similar patterns, with our President presiding and Council members assisting and also leading Discussion Groups. Findings of the Groups were then brought to the gathering. The Presbyterian Ladies' Choir led the praise and rendered two anthems at each Service. A further time of fellowship is afforded at the lunch in the Church halls at the close of the Services. Both Days were given publicity in Suburban Newspapers.

Fellowship Day was held in the Albert Street Methodist Church on Friday, 29th July. The very cold day affected the attendance. The offering amounted to \$21.10. The Winifred Kiek Scholarship was outlined prior to the lifting of the offering, and the present holder of the Scholarship was named and the gathering was told of her Church work and the course of study she would follow in Australia.

Again from the Women's World Day of Prayer a cheque for \$40 towards the Winifred Kiek Scholarship was received and forwarded to ACW.

World Community Day was held in the Ann Street Church of Christ on Friday, 28th October. The guest speaker was Lt.Colonel G. Garlick O.B.E., who took as the title of his address the topical phrase, "All the way". The offering amounted to \$15.65. The Fellowship of the Least Coin was explained, and representatives of the Churches brought forward donations which had previously been handed in at their meetings.

A growing interest in the Fellowship of the Least Coin is indicated by the increased offerings, some of which had been received by cheque from Country centres. The amount recorded was \$211.54.

The Inter-Church Council had two representatives on the Women's Committee to organise the "Warana" Women's Thanksgiving, and our President read the Scriptures at the Service in the Albert Hall. The item on the Order of Service which attracted the most interest was perhaps the 23rd Psalm, rendered by the verse-speaking group of The Salvation Army.

A contribution towards the travelling expenses of Mrs. Badger was forwarded to ACW.

A suggestion was forwarded to the Planning Committee responsible for the proposed Civic Square that a dais be provided to hold Bibles open at different places, the pages of which would be mechanically turned each day, for the use of passers-by. The proposal was rejected. However, the Queensland Council of Churches and the State Committee of the Australian Council of Churches were favourably impressed and intimated further action by them.

As yet there is only one Inter-Church Council such as ours in the State. One of our members, Mrs. R. Ramsay, is going overseas, and we are giving her a letter of introduction and asking that she represent us at any appropriate gathering in the U.K., the Continent and Canada.

Jessie Dennis, Hon. Secretary

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mrs. D.G. Badger from the Congregational Church took over the Presidency of the Council at the Annual Meeting in May, from Mrs. A.A. Adam, who had worked untiringly to establish inter-church groups in local suburban areas. Mrs. Adam agreed to continue this work as our Extension Officer.

The Council was delighted that Mrs. Badger was chosen to represent Australian Church Women at the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference in Tokyo in July. Our August meeting was a highlight of the year, when Mrs. Badger informally passed on to the Council the impressions and insights she had gained; and played the tape recorded message of Mrs. Shanti Solomon, the founder of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

New South Wales women responded well to the appeal for funds to pay Mrs. Badger's fare. Altogether \$470.87 was subscribed from N.S.W. as follows:-

Salvation Army Home League	\$130.75	
Presbyterian Women's Assn.	99.80	
Social Afternoon, arr. by W.I.C.C.	37.12	
Baptist Wm. Fed., Methodist Wm. Fed.,) ea.		
Mothers' Union, Society of Friends)	\$10	40.00
Churches of Christ, additional		4.00
Armidale \$4.20, Mangrove Mtn. \$1.00		5.20
Sundry		5.70
Total handled by W.I.C.C.	322.57	
Churches of Christ, thru! Fed.organ.	14.00	
Cong. Wms. Fellowship direct to ACW	134.30	\$470.87

SPECIAL DAYS

The most heartening development in the State with regard to Special Days has been in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn. Interest in the Church and Life Movement, wide publicity by the Churchwomen's Union, and talks throughout the Diocese on the W.C.C. by Mrs. B. Garnock of Bombala, have resulted in 10 of the 12 country centres on Fellowship Day and 9 out of the 14 on W.C.D. being in that Diocese.

It is still difficult to arrange both special days in most places. Some concentrate on one or the other, and some try to overcome the difficulties with disappointing attendances, etc. One group which will concentrate on W.C.D. in 1967 pleads for a short devotional, followed by plenty of study material leading to practical questions for discussion that would involve us personally with the community now. Another suggestion to bring variety, keeping in mind the nature of the Women's World Day of Prayer, is that Fellowship Day should emphasise fellowship, again with a short devotional followed by a programme that would help those present to get to know one another, etc.

Centres, Attendances & Offerings

	<u>No. of Centres</u>		<u>Attendances</u>		<u>Offerings remitted to W.I.C.C.</u>
	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>	
Fellowship Day	7	12	362	500	\$216.65
World Community Day	9	14 (approx)	500	700	Incomplete

Note: To the date of this report, \$77.09 had been sent to ACW for the World Community Day project.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

The new leaflet should do much to spread interest, also the tape recording of Mrs. Shanti Solomon. The total amount handled by the W.I.C.C. Treasurer to 5/12/66 is \$144.26. Some money will have been sent direct to ACW.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Of the Fellowship Day collections \$167.67 was sent to ACW for this Fund. Apart from one individual donation, support was confined to F.D. Services. Because of her studies, Miss Sabita Swarup was not able to visit many women's groups. While convalescing she attended the Congregational Annual Women's Day and gave a greeting to the Evening P.W.A. Rally in Sydney. Leaflets were distributed to Special Day centres and as opportunity offered.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

During the past year two Branches became affiliated and another group was formed. As much of the initiative rests with the local people, who are all fully committed with their own denominational programmes, the perseverance and patience of our Extension Officer are not always rewarded with gatherings of local Church representatives to address.

Margaret Ralph
Hon. Secretary

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VICTORIA

Early in the year we farewelled Miss Connie Tan. An Afternoon party was arranged at 'Rolland House' with invitations to all who had helped Miss Tan in her course of studies whilst in Melbourne. On the day of her departure, several of our members boarded SS 'Marconi' to wish her 'Bon Voyage' and every success as she left for Holland.

On 6th July a Coffee Morning and Reception was held for the Rev. Edwin Robertson of the Church and Life Movement. Members of the Victorian Council of Churches, Leaders of every Denomination, as well as representatives from other interested organisations were invited, and, with most members of Council present, an excellent meeting resulted. The Rev. Robertson addressed the meeting and made many valuable contacts before commencing his mission.

Also in July "Fellowship Day" was held in 68 centres (Country and Suburbs), and as well as the Project for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, an appeal for "Food for India" was made to which \$100 had been donated earlier in the year. The Programme was generally well received, and the form of meetings were many and varied, and in many centres our Roman Catholic friends joined in fellowship.

In response to our invitation, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne has this year appointed two representatives to the Council, to attend meetings as Observers.

Our August meeting took the form of a Reports Day, when Inter-church Groups sent either representatives or reports to the meeting, at the end of which a special luncheon was served.

On October 21st, the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Badger, who gave a vivid and inspiring picture of the Third Asian Church Women's Conference, and also of the Japanese way of life. This was followed by a 'basket lunch', and in the afternoon Mrs. Badger addressed a meeting called by the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society to which all members of the Council were invited. Transport and home hospitality were arranged by one of the ladies of the Council.

World Community Day was held on October 28th in 18 Country and Suburban centres. The offering for the Project - 'Migrant women in Australia' up to date amounts to \$120. With reference to the Programme, may we submit this as a constructive suggestion? It was felt by the Council that, if the programme was meant to take in both a Speaker and Discussion Groups, it was too long, but worked out very well with one or the other as the central feature. It was also very expensive.

Representatives of the Council have attended meetings called by the Men's Inter-Church Council of Victoria to discuss the decline in moral standards and to work together with other organisations towards taking some definite action in the matter.

All Council meetings this year have been held at 10.30am and followed by a basket lunch. This, we feel, has done much towards a closer fellowship, a wider vision, and a more efficient programme.

Edna Leigh
Associate Secretary

Aug. reports day

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The first undertaking for the year was the preparation of a floral exhibit for National Flower Day. The praying hands emblem of the Fellowship of the Least Coin was portrayed.

In June the annual "Musical at Home" was held. The Winifred Kiek Scholarship was chosen as the project and \$200 was raised.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN has met with a spontaneous response. A number of enquiries have come from Church and Life groups. The 1966 offerings amounted to \$217.93.

THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. There is still considerable concern in South Australia regarding the financing of the scholarship, and there has been a suggestion that a target should be set for each State. South Australia has contributed \$227 this year, but most of this was raised at the "Musical at Home" and is not regular income. Fellowship Day returns are still very small.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

In Adelaide 90 - 100 women participated. The Order of Service appealed to them and it was suggested that it be used again in local groups. The free discussion of the questions was quite stimulating. To the question - "What gives most concern to you in your community?" - the following challenging answers stood out:

- Young people's acceptance of free love
- The gap in understanding between young and old
- Alcoholics
- The dispossessed

Arising from these concerns South Australia suggests that the text of an address on "Sources of Alcoholism", given by Professor Eric Saint, of Perth, during the All Australia Information Week on Alcoholism, held recently in Adelaide, be obtained if possible and distributed through ACW and that further preventive education may be considered. Similarly study on the problem of the gap in understanding between young and old might be undertaken.

The offering amounted to \$18.60, of which \$11.50 was forwarded to ACW.

Port MacDonnell is the first S.A. country centre to observe the day. The number who attended is not known. Offering \$13.50.

THE WORLD COMMUNITY DAY Service was jointly sponsored by the S.A.C.C. and W.U.C.A., and was held on United Nations Day at 7.45p.m. Men and women of many Denominations shared in the leadership. In place of an address a panel, chaired by the President of the S.A.C.C., discussed the questions, with members of the congregation also contributing. An Anthem was included in the Service, which was attended by approx. 100 men and women. The offering amounted to \$30. Expenses \$10.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE UNIT (W.U.C.A. OF S.A.)

It was hoped that with the increased number of delegates from member Churches as per new constitution greater interest would be stimulated. The average attendance at business meetings in 1966 has been 27 (18 in 1965). Three of the seven constituent bodies have been unable to find six delegates, but we are still at a transitional stage and this position may improve.

Following the February meeting an approach was made to other Christian Churches informing them of the existence of W.U.C.A. and its aims, and inviting their interest. The replies expressed the good wishes of these sister Churches but none saw the way clear, at present, to become members of our Association.

The responsible type of Church member is usually fully extended with various duties. Many have also been engaged in the Church and Life programme this year. All have obligations within the life of their own Churches. Some members are inclined to think that three special days in addition to all else may be too many. That we tend to spend a disproportionate amount of time meeting and talking. This aspect will be discussed in the New Year.

There is a growing amount of inter-church activity in most suburbs and country centres, such as Women's World Day of Prayer, occasional reciprocal sharing of evening Services, and sometimes an annual combined Women's Meeting on a pattern of their own choosing.

From earliest days South Australia has recognised the need for tact and understanding in this situation and that while participation in ACW programme is encouraged, it must be allowed to develop naturally and gradually.

W.U.C.A. has tried to make the special days and projects known as far as limited finance permits.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has won the readiest response.

Edith Pitman
Hon. Secretary

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Fellowship Day and World Community Day

These meetings, whilst not large numerically, had a large amount of ecumenical stimulus.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Membership has grown to 50 individual members and 10 groups. Many have felt the impact of the discipline of prayer.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

This was not received with a great deal of enthusiasm, as most groups are not anxious to participate in more fund raising activities. We feel this project must be temporarily left in abeyance as far as Western Australia is concerned.

World Community Day

Our Committee did not favour the prepared Order of Service for World Community Day, as they felt it was too long and liturgical for ecumenical purposes. Most of the individuals who are vitally concerned in this ecumenical venture of Australian Church Women prefer to spend time in study and discussion.

"To truly be God's people we must love one another;
To love one another we must know one another;
To know one another we must meet one another."

To meet people in study and discussion groups is a much more effective method of getting to know them as individuals. It is therefore felt that it would be in the best interests of the groups concerned if the time for the worship service was reduced to allow maximum time for group participation.

Suggestion: That the offering at World Community Day Services be for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

Peg Eaton
Hon. Secretary

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TASMANIA

Our Annual Meeting was held at Campbelltown in May of 1966 when the following were elected to office - Mrs. G. Wood, President, Mesdames K. Shuey and Capt. Everett Vice-Presidents, J. Sutherland, Treasurer, D. Hartam Secretary.

Fellowship Day was held this year for the first time in Tasmania and services were conducted in Hobart, Launceston, Stanley and Tarraleah. The Order of Service and suggestion "Questions for Discussion", prepared by Rev. Edwin Robertson, were used. At the Hobart service we were extremely fortunate to have the Rev. Robertson present at part of our meeting, and he kindly agreed to lead the summing-up following the study time.

World Community Day. Services were held in October in Hobart and Launceston, at both of which we were delighted to have as our speaker, Mrs. D. Badger, who told of her experiences as ACW representative at the Third Asian Church Women's Conference held this year in Tokyo. Mrs. Badger also played a tape recording made at Conference by Mrs. Shanti Soloman telling of the beginning, aims and achievements of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All present expressed their gratitude at having had this opportunity to hear Mrs. Badger and our sincere thanks go to her, and to the ACW executive for their co-operation, to the Tasmanian Council of Churches for a donation of \$10 towards Mrs. Badger's fares and to T.A.A. for their generosity in granting free transport for Mrs. Badger between Hobart and Launceston.

At these special days offerings were taken for the work of ACW, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and ACW Project for Inter-Church Aid.

Fellowship of the Least Coin has been well supported in many areas throughout the State.

In October it was suggested that this Council prepare and present a case at the state enquiry into the Sunday Observance Act. Our executive met with representatives from various churches and a statement was prepared. Three executive members attended the hearing and our President and Vice President were asked to speak. The case we presented was for the preservation of Sunday, so that we may continue to have freedom to worship as we may desire and in the interests of home and family life.

As this is only our second year as a Council, our growth is as yet slow, but we feel confident that interest is increasing and pray that our Lord will bless and guide our efforts in the years ahead.

Finance re Special Days:

Fellowship Day Offerings. Less cost Orders of Service	\$51.22
60% forwarded to ACW for Winifred Kiek Scholarship. \$30.	
World Community Day Offering. Less Orders of Service	\$17.53
60% forwarded to ACW for Inter-church Aid Project. \$10.50	
Fellowship of Least Coin. (All forwarded to ACW)	\$89.26
re Mrs. Badger's visit - Air Fares amounting to \$36.80 were covered by donations from T.C.C., Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Churches of Christ Women's Groups.	

A full financial statement will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May 1967.

D.C. Hartam
Hon. Secretary

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CANBERRA CHURCH WOMEN - A.C.T.

Canberra Church Women has now been in operation for a full year and we are happy to say that most of the Protestant Churches have affiliated with us. There are about forty churches in the ACT with women's groups, with whom we correspond.

1. We have been able to successfully observe Fellowship Day and World Community Day. These Services followed by the discussion groups have not been large in number, but those who have taken part show a lot of interest and get a good deal of help and inspiration from them. Some thought the Services were too long with too much liturgy, taking up time which could be better used in the discussions. Also we would appreciate the questions being simple and to the point. Our Leaders have appreciated the pre-training and preparation before the Day.

The ladies of the A.C.T. also participated in the observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer Services which Canberra Church Women organise. Four Services were held at four different centres, two in the morning and two at night. We had two speakers, who each took a morning and evening Service.

So far we have not been able to find a more suitable day than Friday. Fellowship Day and World Community Day are both morning Services running into lunchtime.

REPORT FROM AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

1966 was an important year for the Australasian Federation of Methodist Women because it has seen both the National Conference held at Perth in May in conjunction with the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia which meets every three years with representatives from all States.

With the recent establishment of separate Conferences in Fiji and Samoa, these two together with Tonga have affiliated with our National Women's Organisation and their Presidents are now ex-officio members of the A.F.M.W. Executive Committee although they may not often be able to be present at meetings.

Our Federation has promoted (a) the observance of Fellowship Day and World Community Day (b) the Fellowship of the Least Coin (c) the Winifred Rick Scholarship and our members have attended regularly these meetings.

During this year we held the World Assembly in London at Southlands, Wembley, to which I was fortunate to be a delegate. Here the World President (also an Australian) Mrs. Freer Latham was now retiring after visiting many countries of the World. I felt proud to see the esteem in which she was held. There were 250 participants, 87 delegates from 66 Units.

We were delighted to have a new Unit (Hungary) the 60th with us.

There were women there from 55 nations and it was a delight to meet with them and talk together.

Our theme was "To Know Christ and Make Him Known".

Our Bible studies were taken each morning for 1 hour by Dr. Morna Hookes and she made the Bible live for us.

Fortunate indeed were we to have such good speakers.

A lecture from Dr. Madeline Barot of the World Council of Churches "Women in the Church of the 1960's" A lecture by the Rev. Phillip Potter, General Secretary of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches.

Then there were the Commissions for the delegates -

1. The reconciliation of Separate People.
- II. Recruitment and training of Women for Church Work.
- III. The next Few Years.
- IV. Knowing Christ through Prayer.

ISOBEL GRIBBLE

2. Fellowship of the Least Coin was again received this year. Most of the affiliated Churches have had group collections.
3. Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Gradually we are beginning to get an interest in the Scholarship. It was a great privilege for us to be able to meet and entertain Miss Sabita Swarup for three days in November. No doubt this will enlarge the interest and enthusiasm of the members towards future holders of the Scholarship.
4. Since the formation of Canberra Church Women we have gradually increased the representation from the Churches. Canberra Church Women holds approximately four meetings a year and, as Canberra grows, so new Churches are formed and we endeavour to make contact with the women's groups as soon as we hear of their formation.

After each meeting a letter is sent to all representatives or groups, informing them of what has been done and what will be happening prior to their next meeting.

May Goudie
Hon. Secretary

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REPORTS FROM FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S GROUPS

It was suggested that Groups report along the following lines. It will be observed that in some cases the reports are in the form of answers to the questions submitted. In other cases the reports are along more general lines.

1. What impact do you consider Australian Church Women has made on Women's Groups of your Denomination?
2. Has your Federal Group promoted (a) the observance of Fellowship Day and World Community Day (b) the Fellowship of the Least Coin (c) the Winifred Kiek Scholarship?
3. Have you suggestions you would like to offer whereby Federal Denominational Women's Groups can further the promotion of the ACW programme of the observance of Special Days and Projects?

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WOMEN'S FEDERAL CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

Our women right throughout Australia take quite an interest in ACW affairs. We feel we have a greater interest as Mrs. D. Verco, a Vice-President, comes from our ranks and she does publicise and promote ACW among us.

It has mainly been left to the individual States to promote Fellowship Day and World Community Day. The Federal Executive, however, does recommend these days to the States and in the matter of financial support to various schemes promotes a Federal fund.

We would suggest that special days and projects be limited. We feel that one special day would receive more support than two as at present, as we all have so many meetings to attend within our own groups.

D.A. Elliott
Hon. Secretary

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CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

In answer to your request, herewith our answers to your questions on the relationship of ACW and our C.W.F.

1. We have at Federal level endeavoured to keep A.C.W. before our members by reporting on information to hand and promoting its objects whenever opportunity offers at meetings, in correspondence, and in the Denominational publications. We, at this level, can only commend ACW to our affiliated State Groups, also the observance of the Special Days and ask them to do

the promotion.

2. Again we can only suggest they be involved in these Days and special efforts. By the State Annual Reports received this year, the Fellowship of the Least Coin is being well supported, and in the States where the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder has been able to visit, this has helped them become more aware and interested.
3. We do feel that Orders of Service for these days could be varied and definitely shorter; also produced in a more interesting manner instead of stereotyped publications (maybe coloured Bulletin covers conforming with subject). The opportunity for discussion seemed to be appreciated.

Edna Cooper
Hon. Secretary

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

It is the opinion of the Federal Executive of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia that the Australian Church Women's Movement has made more impact in some States than others. In Western Australia it has been very little, but we look forward to a greater interest in the future as the task here is still that of education in the movement.

The observance of Fellowship Day, World Community Day and the Fellowship of the Least Coin have been recommended.

Jean Parker
Hon. Secretary

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THE SALVATION ARMY - THE HOME LEAGUE

Eastern Australia Territory:

1. We do not consider that a tremendous impact has been made upon our Women's Groups by ACW, but there is a growing interest and it is hoped that this will continue to develop, and that the affairs of ACW may become less remote to many of our women.

Information is consistently sent through our territorial office (Sydney), and at all recent conferences for office-bearers A.C.W. and Inter-Church relationships have been included on the agenda.

We had a very wide response in connection with donations to the Travel Fund associated with the Asian Church Women's Conference, and this we consider indicates a growing awareness and interest.

2. Regarding Special Days as listed in question two, this method of circulating publicity material has been followed, particularly in city and suburban areas. Our women have participated in Community and Fellowship Days in some areas.

Regarding the Fellowship of the Least Coin, we do not think that this has been widely observed. The women of our groups have a very wide and active interest in so many missionary projects which are an established pattern in their work and living. We have, however, kept the matter of the Fellowship before their notice and do encourage participation.

3. Concerning question three, it would seem that women of the Churches are all so very busy with denominational and local programmes that the active support of these two days, in addition to the older established Women's World Day of Prayer, strains both the calendar and the energies of the workers in these groups. The method which could further interest and attendance would be the inspiration and lead given by key people in local communities, and the involving of representative persons from each denomination almost, we would think, as a permanent committee.

Jean Coleman
Secretary

Southern Australia Territory:

An increasing number of women officers are joining local Inter-Church Groups, and this year, Fellowship Day and World Community Day Meetings were held in Salvation Army Halls in many centres, and our ladies were hostesses.

In Tasmania, the Divisional Commander's wife is a member of the newly formed Women's Inter-Church Council, and she will, we feel sure, take an interest in our Special Days and projects.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is being promoted by a very enthusiastic Committee, and one of our Salvationists is on this Committee. All Salvationist members of the Inter-Church Council of Victoria are members of the Fellowship.

Florence Saunders
for the Secretary

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REPORTS FROM UNITED CHURCHES

UNITED CHURCH PARISH OF DARWIN, N.T.

Groups within our churches have to contend with the transient population of this city and our women's groups are no exception. In Darwin for example since our Annual Meeting in June, we have replaced a Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary because of removals. Out of a group of 20 - 25 women who meet each month there can be 15 of these new faces who weren't even here last month! This isn't so marked at Nightcliff which is becoming more of a "settled" suburb, though a few removals there can soon deplete the ranks.

However, those who are here for a long stay are learning to live with this situation and are thankful for the contribution these short-term folk make to our groups.

We guess our groups in Darwin are much like Guilds or Fellowships anywhere - the exception is that we learn to live with each others denominational pride. (Two years here and that soon goes!) We have Methodist, Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Baptist, Lutheran and yes a few Anglicans.

We have been most interested in the organisation of Australian Church Women. We have only just become affiliated and we hope to have more to report next year regarding the special days. Nightcliff Ladies are at present considering affiliation.

There is very good inter-church feeling in Darwin and women's groups particularly enjoy getting together, mostly for social gatherings.

Our main project here is a second-hand clothing shop. This is a great help to our aboriginal folk, as well as coloured and white people who cannot afford new clothing. It is our only means of income and last year our profit was \$1,200. This is secondary though. Personal contact and being able to help in small ways means far more.

Valerie Shephard
Hon. Secretary

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LADIES' FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNITED CHURCH WOOMERA, S.A.

During 1966 ACW was provided with a short history of this Fellowship written by Mrs. MacDougall, the remaining foundation member. The Fellowship has been in existence for 15 years. That which follows is the later part of this history and brings us to their present day activities.

"1955 was a very important, very busy year - a Church fete had to be supported - street stalls, competitions, afternoon teas helped us give strong support. The final all out effort gave the Church near £1700. Later, Badge Days for the Kate Cocks baby home appeal were introduced. Sewing has been done for the Home, also for Morialto Children's Home and donations of

money, new socks, woollen jumpers, etc. were sent. These are still being supported. Hymn books and curtains were mended and many hours spent working on the carpets for the Church.

1957 saw a big increase in membership. £120 was given to the Church - the new Church had been opened in 1956 - £100 towards the new organ and £20 for Church funds. World Days of Prayer have always been attended either in the Church of England or in the United, members taking part always. The Fellowship paid for the carpet in the new Fellowship Room.

Present day activities: Besides very interesting meetings, Andamooka new A.I.M. Hospital has been our chief concern. Many members were able to go to the opening and we felt proud that we had been able to help with the curtains, etc. "

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UNITED CHURCH LADIES' GUILD, ALICE SPRINGS, N.T.

The following are extracts from the Annual Report, August 1965 - 66.

"Once again we come to the end of another twelve months within our Ladies' Guild. The time has passed quickly and many and varied activities have taken place.

We have had an average of 35 members present at each monthly meeting, this being slightly higher number than the year before. Each meeting has been interesting and a great variety of subjects were covered. Devotionals have been led by a different member each month.

During the year we had two speakers - Captain Rosalie Wheaton of The Salvation Army, who was home on furlough from India. She spoke about the work being done by The Salvation Army in India, particularly in the schools, and also showed us a wonderful collection of dolls dressed in the various castes to be found throughout the continent, and told us about their culture and explained some of the difficulties encountered by the Army in their work. Then, in April, Pastor Paul Albrecht, Finke River Mission, came and told us of the work and difficulties encountered here in our own area with the Aborigines. By answering questions at the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Albrecht was able to give helpful advice on the ways we might assist the Aborigines to find respect for themselves.

On the 25th February the World Day of Prayer Service was held in the John Flynn Memorial Church. This was an inter-denominational service. Approximately 60 women attended the service and the address was given by Captain Wilga Morris of The Salvation Army.

The first meeting for 1966 was held in the Manse when seven new members were welcomed. This was an informal meeting so old members could get to know the newcomers.

The Ladies' Guild has financially supported several missions of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational Churches, and The Salvation Army. These being £12.10. 0. to each of the following - Ba Hospital, Fiji (Methodist), Il Sin Hospital, Korea (Presbyterian), Gemo Island (Congregational), Kate Cocks Baby Home, Adelaide, Salvation Army Maternity Hospital, Adelaide. Also £15 to the Centralian Children's Holiday Camp Fund.

Owing to the fact that 22 babies found their way into the homes of our Guild members, it was decided to dispense with our annual fete for the year. In its place various stalls have been held for the selling of second hand clothing. Many thanks go to all those members who have so faithfully given time to the sorting and pricing and mending of the clothes and then for the selling of them. The amount raised from these stalls totals \$441.50, which will go towards Griffith's House property needs."

The following is an extract from a letter, dated 24th Oct. 1966, addressed to the National Convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin:-

"In the past we have participated in two World Community Days, but our ladies found the questions rather difficult, and were not very confident in taking

part in the discussions.

Our Group is made up of mostly newly married girls (22 new babies last year) from eight different denominations, and I would say that this is the first ladies' Church organisation that two-third of our number have joined. So, in view of this, we decided to have discussion activities more frequently in our meetings on devotional topics in which more of our members could take part. Unfortunately, our membership changes by at least one third each year, so we cannot hope for much continuity of ideas.

I have spoken of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in our meetings, and the ladies are very interested in the aims and purposes of the Fellowship. I am enclosing a cheque for \$6 which represents the 'least coin' for our fifty members for the year."

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP
REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

It is with pleasure that I present the first report of the National Scholarship Committee.

During the year the Committee has met before the Working Committee Meetings or at special times.

As this year's Scholarship holder was resident in Sydney, Mrs. A.G. Ralph was appointed liaison between the Working Committee and the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, and has attended to various business arrangements.

Mrs. J.F. Dey, the Hon. Treasurer of ACW, has looked after the financial matters connected with the Scholarship holder, for which we have been grateful.

We were delighted that Miss Sabita Devi Swarup, an Indian young women, 23 years of age, was able to accept the Winifred Kiek Scholarship for 1966, and she arrived in Sydney on 7th August for six months. Miss Swarup comes from the Lautoka Methodist Church in Fiji, where she was engaged in Christian activities. She has endeared herself to all with whom she has come into contact.

Miss Swarup has been doing a course of typing, shorthand and book-keeping at the Metropolitan Business College, where she has been making steady progress.

In October, Miss Swarup had to have her appendix removed at St. Vincent's Hospital.

In January, Miss Swarup is to get some business experience at the Waverley War Memorial Hospital, as she is to return to the Ba Hospital Office in Fiji.

We are grateful to the Waverley Methodist Girls' Hostel for providing accommodation for Miss Swarup at half the usual fees, Mr. and Mrs. Dey kindly provided hospitality for Miss Swarup during her first days in Sydney.

Canberra Church Women invited Miss Swarup to Canberra from 17th - 20th November, which she enjoyed very much.

In August an Information Folder was produced and sent to State Units. In the folder Miss Swarup's story was given and some information about the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

There has been encouraging support of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund through -

Offerings at Fellowship Day Services
Women's United Church Association of South Australia - proceeds
from "Musical at Home"
The Congregational Women's Fellowship of Nauru
A donation from the Women's World Day of Prayer in Queensland,
and other donations.

It is hoped that the Scholarship holder for 1967 will come from Papua.

A letter from the General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. at Port Moresby has asked that Miss Busima, a Papuan Y.W.C.A. worker, be considered for the scholarship.

The Rev. F. Kemp of Pt. Moresby has been asked to acquaint Churches in Papua/New Guinea of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder, has written thanking Australian Church Women for the opportunity to study in Australia in 1965. She has been given a further Scholarship to study in Holland, where she has been working in three Children's Homes.

At the end of the orientation period in July, it was suggested that Miss Tan stay and study for another year in Holland in order to do further practical training and to study child psychology, methods of handling emotionally disturbed children, and supervision of professional house parents. The object of this extension is that at the end of the study period a concrete plan will be set up for a Children's Home, which will also be used as a training centre for students of the educational faculty and faculty of social work in Indonesia.

Through a contact Mrs. H.T. Wells had with Miss Tan in Amsterdam, it was learned, in November, that she had received the appointment she will fulfil at the end of this extended scholarship term, viz. - in charge of a special Children's Home in Jogdjakarta.

Mary Andrews

Convener of the National Winifred
Kiek Scholarship Committee

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THIRD ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

TOKYO - JULY 15 - 26, 1966

I am deeply grateful for having had the privilege of representing Australia at the Third Asian Church Women's Conference in Tokyo. It was an unforgettable experience, from which I profited greatly not only from sharing in the exchange of ideas and gaining wider knowledge of Asian countries, but especially from feeling the vigour of the Asian churches and the eagerness with which the women of Asia are taking their place in every aspect of society.

There were 17 countries represented at the Conference and regret was expressed at the inability of the delegates from Burma and Vietnam to attend because of the political situation in their countries. Approximately 90 delegates, observers and visiting specialists were present during the 12 days of study, worship and fellowship.

The theme of the Conference was "Abide in Me -- Bear rich Fruit" with the sub-title 'The Asian Woman faces a New Day'. A very real sense of being "One in Christ" was experienced from the opening service on 15th July to the closing service on 26th July. At the opening service the theme was dedicated by Mrs. Jannuan Suriyakham, the conference chairman, and the address was given by Rev. Mrs. Tamaki Uemura, one of the 138 ordained women ministers in the Kyodan, the United Church of Christ in Japan. At the closing service the new planning committee was dedicated and token gifts for the Fellowship of the Least Coin were received.

The daily programme, which was somewhat too intensive, considering the oppressive weather, may be summarised as follows:-

7.00 - 7.30	Morning Meditation	Leader Rev. M. Lie (Indonesia)
8.30 - 9.30	Bible Study	Leader Rev. M. Takemori (Japan)
9.30 - 9.45	Singing	(Japan and others)
9.45 - 10.45	The Basic Beliefs	Leader Dr. Hans Margull
	The position of the Church in a Community of other Faiths	(W. Germany)
		Leader Prof. Tong Shik Ryu
11.00 - 12.30	Study Commissions	
3.45 - 5.00	Workshops	
5.15 - 6.00	Vespers	
7.00 - 8.00	Cultural Hour	
8.00 - 9.00	Evening Programmes	

This pattern was followed each day except Sunday. On the first Sunday all delegates attended the International Christian University Church Service on the campus and groups were later entertained in the homes of Japanese staff of the University. The second Sunday we separated into small groups to attend worship in the local churches, which included Yokohama, a three hours journey. Again we were entertained by our Japanese hosts for the remainder of the day. On the other days the afternoon tea period was used as a further opportunity for fellowship with women from the local churches around Tokyo.

We were privileged to have the Rev. M. Takemori of Japan to lead the Bible Study periods. As well as being Professor in New Testament Studies at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, he is editor in chief of the "Journal of Biblical Studies" and chairman of the Calvin Translation Society. He also assists his wife in the Kichijoji Church where she is Minister. We made a thorough study of John 15: 1 - 15 as this was the theme of the conference, and also referred to other closely related passages.

Dr. Hans Margull from West Germany, who lectured to us on "The Basic Beliefs", is at present Visiting Professor at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary and the School of Theology of the Doshesha University. Formerly he was Executive Secretary of the Department of Studies in Evangelism of the World Council of Churches. He said there was no need to re-affirm our first basic belief in one God and one God only, but it was less well known that the God in whom we believe is the one God who acts - God who acted in history and who is acting today. In speaking about Jesus he raised the

question of His title, a title to witness to and to witness with. He concluded that unless we have Jesus in our hearts it is unlikely that we will find this title. In seeking an aspect under which to understand and affirm our faith in God's Spirit we were invited to consider the Holy Spirit as "Hope". The Holy Spirit speaks to us today in terms of hope and we are called today to be "Hope" for the people around us.

Professor Tong Shik Ryu of Korea brought many challenging thoughts in his three lectures on "The Position of the Church in a Community of Other Faiths". He dealt with his subject under the following headings:-

1. The Church's proclamation of the Gospel to men of other faiths.
2. The ministry of the Church in the community of other faiths.
3. Fellowship of the Church in the community of other faiths.

He emphasised that we must rethink the meaning of mission which has to be distinguished from proselytising. He defined mission as spreading the love and truth revealed in Christ and encouraging people of other faiths to fulfil the love and truth they found in their own religious life so that they may participate in the Gospel.

Each day there were four groups involved in study commissions and workshops on the topics:

"The position of lay women in

1. The Home
2. The Church
3. Society
4. The World".

My particular group was "Lay Women in Society". The discussion outline began with the following questions:-

- a) What kind of changes have been taking place in
 1. economic life?
 2. the area of politics?
 3. the area of cultural life?
 4. the area of moral and spiritual life?
- b) How can we be effective witnesses in our society
 1. as individual Christian women?
 2. as Christian women's organisations?
- c) What are some new fields in which Church women can pioneer?

I do not have full details of the workshop groups, but they will be published in full in the report of the conference proceedings.

The oral reports at the plenary session suggest there were similar threads running through the findings of each group. Emphasis was placed on the need for women to be well informed and to take their place alongside men.

Countries with similar backgrounds were grouped together for the conduct of evening vespers and cultural hours. As it was the turn of Australia and New Zealand for vespers on the day after Fellowship Day in Australia, we decided it would be fitting to use the Fellowship Day Order of Service. Moreover, as we were fortunate in having the Rev. Winifred Kiek attending the conference as an observer, we took the opportunity to tell the other delegates about the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund. On the evening of our cultural programme time was needed for reports on the Fellowship of the Least Coin and projects aided by it, so we willingly gave up part of our hour for this purpose. I brought home with me a tape recording in which Mrs. Shanti Soloman, who founded the Least Coin Fellowship, described its origins and objectives.

In conclusion I would like to say that my attendance at the conference strengthened my conviction of the importance of Australia playing a part in the life of the E.A.C.C. I would like to thank the women of all denominations who made it possible for me to attend and would urge women of all churches to continue to support this important work.

Let us ensure that we take full advantage of the opportunity to send at least one delegate to the Asian Church Women's Conferences which will continue to be held every four years.

Olga Badger

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

That sections 4 and 5 be as follows and numbered 4, 5 and 6 and sections 6 to 10 be re-numbered 6 to 11.

"4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Committee shall consist of representatives who shall be appointed annually:

- i. one representative of the Federal women's organisation of each church, appointed by whatever means is appropriate to the particular church.
- ii. two representatives of each and every State Women's inter-church organisation recognised by Australian Church Women as its State Unit.
- iii. one representative of the Federal organisation of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee.
- iv. two representatives appointed by the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and 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 and 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 ^{elected} 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 Working Committee between meetings. "

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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: Australian Church Women
2. The AIM of Australian Church Women is

To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society; to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church; to provide opportunities for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

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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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 ^{be} 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

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for year ended December 31, 1966

Fellowship Day, World Community Day and Administration

RECEIPTS:

: PAYMENTS

Balance in hand 31.12.65	92.44	Printing of Fellowship Day Orders of Service	190.00
Receipts for Fellowship Day Orders of Service	219.41	Printing of World Community Day Orders of Service	135.00
Receipts for World Community Day Orders of Service	128.85	Administration -	
Offerings - Fellowship Day		Stationery	39.95
Queensland	23.50	Postages (ACC) & Duty stamps	37.44
N.S.W.	167.67	Secretarial expenses	27.40
Victoria	160.00		104.79
Tasmania	30.00	Transfer to Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	300.00
Sth. Australia	11.50		
A.C.T.	30.00		
	422.67	To ACC Inter-Church Aid - for Migrant women in Australia	300.00
Offerings - World Community Day		Balance in hand 31.12.66	113.73
Queensland	12.12		
N.S.W.	77.09		
Victoria	120.00		
Tasmania	10.50		
Sth. Australia	20.00		
A.C.T.	15.00		
	254.71		
Interest	25.44		
	<u>\$ 1143.52</u>		<u>\$ 1143.52</u>

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Balance in hand 31.12.65	768.79	Transfer to W.C.C.	768.79
Receipts to date for Information folders	20.20	Printing Labels	128.25
Donations -		Printing Information Folders	147.50
Queensland	228.18	Postage	2.97
N.S.W.	221.21		278.72
Victoria	192.29		
Tasmania	149.79		
Sth. Australia	223.44	Balance in hand 31.12.66	853.55
West Australia	28.25		
A.C.T.	58.91		
United Church in Nth. Aust.	10.00		
	1112.07		
	<u>\$ 1901.06</u>		<u>\$ 1901.06</u>

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUND

Receipts:

:Payments

Balance in hand 31.12.65	4.00	Mrs. D.G. Badger's fare to Tokyo	807.50
Donations -			
Queensland	53.00		
N.S.W.	457.87	Mrs. Badger's fare to Tasmania & Victoria	81.40
Victoria	104.60		
Tasmania	48.80		
Sth. Australia	78.45		
West Australia	10.00	Balance in hand 31.12.66	112.02
United Church Women - Nth. Aust.	20.00		
Nauru	103.50		
Federal Denominational Associations	110.00		
Personal	10.70		
	<u>996.92</u>		
	<u>\$ 1000.92</u>		<u>\$ 1000.92</u>

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance in hand 31.12.65	389.85	Allowance to Scholarship Holder, Tuition, Travel, Board etc.	632.11
Donations -			
Women's World Day of Prayer, Q'land	40.00		
N.S.W.	6.00	Balance in hand 31.12.66	624.89
South Australia	203.20		
A.C.T.	7.45		
Nauru	<u>310.50</u>		
	567.15		
Transfer from Fellowship Day	300.00		
	<u>\$ 1257.00</u>		<u>\$ 1257.00</u>

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP FUND INVESTMENT

Investment with ACC Assn. Ltd.	200.00	Balance in hand 31.12.66	208.22
Interest	8.22		
	<u>\$ 208.22</u>		<u>\$ 208.22</u>

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SUMMARY OF BALANCES IN VARIOUS FUNDS

Administration	113.73
Fellowship of the Least Coin	853.55
Asian Church Women's Conference Travel	112.02
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	624.89
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Investment	208.22
	<u>\$ 1912.41</u>