

Women's Inter-Church Council

A CONFERENCE — ON — The CHRISTIAN HOME

WILL BE HELD IN THE

Bible House, Bathurst Street

On FRIDAY, 17th APRIL, 1942

From 10-30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Topics to be discussed are—

1. The Presentation of Christian Truth to the Young Child. (Introduced by Mrs. DEY)
2. The Presentation of Christian Truth to the Older Child. (Introduced by Miss QUINE)
3. The Christian Home and Preparation for Citizenship. (Introduced by Miss CAMILLA WEDGWOOD)
4. The Christian Home and Preparation for a New World Order. (Introduced by Miss RUBY BOARD)

All interested are cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

MOTHERS SPECIALLY INVITED.

Basket Lunch. Tea Provided. Collection.

Mrs. P. D. McCALLUM, President

REBECCA SWANN, Hon. Secretary

**Elizabeth Farm House
Granville**

G. Scott, Printer, Gladesville Ryde 32

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

The members of the above cordially invite you to be present at a

SOCIAL MEETING

in the

BIBLE HOUSE

(Bathurst Street)

on

Wednesday, JULY 26

at 2 p.m.

Rev. J. W. BURTON, M.A.

will speak on

"WHITE AND BROWN IN THE PACIFIC"

AFTERNOON TEA.

COLLECTION

Mrs. M. E. Clouston, President.

Rebecca Swann, Hon. Secretary, Elizabeth Farm House, Granville.
Phone UW8290.

Denley Print, Granville. UW8654

The President (MISS G. ROSEBY, B.A.), and Committee

of the

N.S.W. Women's

Inter-Church Council

cordially invite you to be present

At the BIBLE HOUSE - Bathurst Street,

On Friday, June 29th, 1945

at 2.30 p.m.

— TO HEAR —

The

Rev. Gordon Smee

— speak on the subject—

**"THE DELINQUENT and THE NEW
PRISON REFORM"**



MUSICAL ITEMS

AFTERNOON TEA.

Printed at "The Northern District Times" Office, 10 Bridge Street, Epping

The Women's Inter-Church Council

of New South Wales

— INVITES —

ALL WOMEN

to join in a

**SERVICE of THANKSGIVING
for Peace**

— IN —

WESLEY CHAPEL, Castlereagh Street

— ON —

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, at 2.30 p.m.

Speaker -- **MRS. P. D. McCALLUM**

COLLECTION IN AID OF RED CROSS

President, Miss G. A. ROSEBY, B.A.
President-Elect, Mrs. W. DEANE

'Northern District Times' Print, 10 Bridge-street, Epping.

You are invited to attend

A SPECIAL MEETING

of the

Inter-Church Women's Council

on

Wednesday, 13th February, 1946

at 2.30 p.m., in the

Social Hall, Bible House

Bathurst Street, Sydney



Mrs. J. J. BOWIE, B.A., will speak on

"CHRISTIAN WOMEN AND THE FIRST OFFENDER"



Soloist: Mrs. Fuller.

Music and Afternoon Tea



Pres.: Mrs. W. Deane.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. F. M. Lock. JA 3525

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council.

A CONFERENCE
— ON —
Christianity and International
Relationships

will be held in the
METHODIST HALL, 139 Castlereagh Street,
on FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1948,
from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers:

The Right Rev. Bishop Pilcher,
AT 11.45 A.M.

Rev. B. T. Butcher, Aux.-Sec. L.M.S.
AT 2 P.M.

All those interested are cordially invited to attend and to
take part in the discussions that will follow the Addresses.

From 1 to 2 p.m. Basket Lunch. Tea Provided.

COLLECTION TO DEFRAY EXPENSES.

MISS REBECCA SWANN President.
MRS. W. N. LOCK, Hon. Secretary, 802 Pacific Highway, Chatswood.
JA 3525.

ROBERT DEY, SON & CO. PRINTERS, 66 & 68 BATHURST STREET, SYDNEY

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

An Invitation to --

World Community Day

A CONFERENCE of CHURCHWOMEN

to be held at

ST. ALBAN'S SCHOOL HALL
(Pembroke St., Epping)

on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1950

commencing at 11 a.m.



Speakers --

Mrs. MOFFET (Morning)

Mrs. L. H. COCKS (Afternoon)



Basket Lunch -- Tea, Sugar and Milk provided

President:
Mrs. N. MILLER, B.A.

Hon. Secretary:
Miss G. A. ROSEBY, B.A.

H. P. Campbell Print, 10 Bridge Street, Epping. Phone WM 3569

World Community Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1950



Conference of Churchwomen

— in —

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH HALL

Pembroke Street, Epping

Speakers --

Mrs. MOFFAT

Mrs. L. H. COCKS

Arranged by The Women's Inter-Church Council
of New South Wales

MORNING SESSION — 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

OPENING DEVOTIONS **The President (Mrs. P. Millar)**

HYMN—"Jesus, stand among us"

Jesus, stand among us,
In Thy risen power;
May this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour

Breathe Thy Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
We'll pursue our way;
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day.

—William Pennefather.

LORD'S PRAYER (Standing)

SCRIPTURE.—St. Luke 10 : 30-37. Parable of the Good Samaritan.

HYMN —

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
For he whom Jesus loved hath truly spoken:
The holier worship which He deigns to bless
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
And feeds the widow and the fatherless.
Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour
Of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier.

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS—

Leader: O God of love, Who hast given us a commandment that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us and give Thy beloved Son for our life and salvation;

Response: We pray Thee give to us Thy servants, in all times of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

Leader: O Lord, Who hast taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Spirit.

Response: And pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Leader: O God of Love, we pray Thee give us love: love in our thinking, love in our speaking, love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls; love of our neighbours, near and far; love of our friends, old and new.

Response: Love of those with whom we find it hard to bear, and love of those who find it hard to bear with us; love of those with whom we work, and love of those with whom we take our ease; love in joy, and love in sorrow; love in life, and love in death; that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with Thee, who art Eternal Love. Amen.

WELCOME **Mrs. R. W. McCALLUM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDRESS — "Good Neighbours, Need for Understanding and Expression
of Goodwill" **MRS. MOFFAT**

DISCUSSION

HYMN—"A Charge to Keep"

A charge to keep I have,	Arm me with jealous care,
A God to glorify,	As in Thy sight to live;
A never-dying soul to save	And Oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
And fit it for the sky.	A strict account to give!
To serve the present age,	Help me to watch and pray,
My calling to fulfil;	And on Thyself rely;
Oh, may it all my powers engage	Assured, if I my trust betray,
To do my Master's will!	I shall for ever die.

—Charles Wesley.

BENEDICTION.

AFTERNOON SESSION — 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

OPENING DEVOTIONS **MISS G. A. ROSEBY**

HYMN—"The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation	Mid toil and tribulation,
Is Jesus Christ, our Lord;	And tumult of her war,
She is His new creation	She waits the consummation
By water and the Word;	Of peace for evermore.
From Heaven He came and sought	Till with the vision glorious
her	Her longing eyes are blest,
To be His holy bride:	And the great Church victorious
With His own blood He bought her,	Shall be the Church at rest
And for her life He died.	

Elect from every nation,	Yet she on earth hath union
Yet one o'er all the earth,	With God, the Three in One,
Her Charter of Salvation	And mystic sweet communion
One Lord, one faith, one birth.	With those whose rest is won.
One holy name she blesses,	Oh, happy ones and holy!
Partakes one holy food,	Lord, give us grace that we,
And to one hope she presses,	Like them, the meek and lowly,
With every grace endued.	On high may dwell with Thee.

—Samuel John Stone.

LORD'S PRAYER (Standing)

READING—Psalm 8.

PRAYER (In Unison)

Loving and Holy Spirit of God, we pray:—

That we and all men may increasingly work together to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth;

That the resources of the earth may be gathered, distributed and used with unselfish motives and scientific skill for the greatest benefit of all;

That there may be open ways, and peace, and freedom, from end to end of the earth;

Grant, O God, that men everywhere may come to believe that Thou, through Jesus Christ, art our Father, and all men are our brothers.

Grant us to live as though we believed it.

Dear Lord, fill us this day with the power of Thy love, even Thy redeeming love, so that the forces of evil may be conquered in us, and in the world; and the way may be made straight for the coming of Thy Kingdom. May all men learn to be lovers through keeping Thy company. Amen.

Leader: We praise Thee, O God, for the Christian example of our King and Queen, and ask for Thy continued blessing on the Royal Family. We beseech Thee for our Empire, asking that our national leaders and governing bodies may discharge their responsibilities on the high plane of obedience to Thy will. That all people may know the peace which is the fruit of just laws and wise government.

In unison: Hear our prayers, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant our petitions according to Thy gracious will and in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME TO INCOMING PRESIDENT

AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLE **MRS. MILLAR**

RESPONSE **MRS. ABSALOM DEANES**

SOLO **MRS. ASTON**

ADDRESS - - "BROTHERHOOD - THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF YOU AND ME" **MRS. COCKS**

DISCUSSION

HYMN—"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

PRAYER

BENEDICTION.

RETIRING OFFERING

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

- Aims—**(a) To promote friendship and co-operation between women of all branches of the Christian Church.
- (b) To promote the unity of the Christian Church through fellowship in Christ.
- (c) To provide an avenue whereby Christian women, as used of God, may unitedly strive to establish His Kingdom on earth by the application of the teaching of Christ to Community—National and International relationships.

What is our objective in holding "World Community Day"?

1. To focus the thoughts of our Church women on the people of the whole world as one vast human family, children of the one universal Father.
2. To acknowledge our responsibility as Christians, for the establishment of brotherhood and good-will—"Peace on earth—good-will towards all men."
3. To consider—
 - (a) Are we, as a nominally Christian nation, building for good-will and brotherhood?
 - (b) Are we Church-women, as citizens of the world, sanctioning anything which hinders good-will and brotherhood?

Hon. Secretaries:

**MISS G. A. ROSEBY,
MRS. J. HALL**

CAN YOU IGNORE THIS URGENT NEED?

The Women's Citizens' "Wybalena" Hostel Appeal
Committee Seeks your Help for our Girls.

County Students Face Serious Shortage of Accommodation

Bed and Breakfast at anything from £2/15/- to £4/4/- a week is the only student accommodation available in the city for many young country girls starting at the University this year.

The University Housing Officer, Mrs. D. Whalan, said that fewer offers to take students had come from the public this year than last year.

Girl "freshers" were also finding it much harder than boys to get accommodation, she said.

"Most landladies have cut it down from full board to bed and breakfast, for which they are charging just as much," Mrs. Whalan said.

"On the whole, they would prefer to have men boarders. They think girls with their bits of washing and ironing are a nuisance."

"This is going to be a bad year for finding accommodation."

"There should be more colleges and hostels for the girls."

A survey this week showed that the two women's colleges within the university—Sancta Sophia and the Women's College—between them accommodate no more than 160 students.

A fund has been started for the extension of the Women's College building.

Of the 750 first-year women students expected to enrol at the university this year, no more than 30 will be able to enjoy the convenience of facilities for study, the companionship and spirit that goes with college life.

"NO VACANCIES"

Twenty vacancies at Sancta Sophia have been filled, and at present there are only six vacancies at the Women's College.

A recent check-up on seven large girls' hostels in Sydney showed that not one had a vacancy, but all of them had long waiting lists. Some girls who will enter hostels this year have been on a waiting-list for two to three years.

Only four girls' hostels in Sydney cater exclusively for students, including those from the Teachers' College and the Conservatorium as well as the university.

These are Dunmore, a hostel at Marrickville under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church; two Church of England hostels, St. Margaret's, Stanmore, and one at Croydon Park; and the Girls' Friendly Society Hostel at Forest Lodge. In all, these accommodate about 150 girls, 60 of whom would be university students.

The Y.W.C.A. hostel, Tremayne, at Kirribilli; the C.W.A. hostel at Darlinghurst; and Norland, a Baptist hostel at Ashfield, provide for a few students, but the majority are business girls.

Published in Sunday "Herald" 21/1/51, and reprinted with permission
of "Sydney Morning Herald".

SEND DONATIONS TO "WYBALENA" HOSTEL APPEAL,
O'Brien House, 56 Young Street, Sydney. (BW 5422).



Pitt St. Congregational Church
264 Pitt St., near Park St.

Congregation 1 Church Pitt St.

This church was founded in 1833. The present building was built in 1846. This church has been classified by the National Trust as of historical interest. The first minister was the Rev. Dr. Robert Ross. The first secretary was the founder

of the Sydney Morning Herald, John Fairfax, the first treasurer was David Jones the founder of the D.J. Emporium.

The final place of interest on this tour will be a conducted lecture of the Great Synagogue.



The Great Synagogue (Jewish)
Elizabeth Street, near Park St.



Australian Church Women. N.S.W. Women's Inter-church Council.

World Community Day Service.

Bus Tour of Historic City Churches.

Church Service.

"Where in the World
is My Neighbour"



Date Friday 19th Oct.

Time 12.10 P.M.

Place
St. James Anglican Church
173 King St.
Sydney.



St. James' Anglican Church
King Street, Macquarie St. end.

Bus Tour leaves at 1.30 P.M.
from the church.

Donation for tour \$1.

Light refreshments in the Crypt at 1.10 P.M.

THIS PAMPHLET IS FOR YOUR BUS TOUR.

Historic notes overleaf.

Holy Trinity The Garrison Church

50 Lower Fort St. Sydney.

Holy Trinity Parish was formed when a grant of land was given in 1839. Bishop Broughton laid the foundation stone on 23rd June 1840. The church became a place of worship for the soldiers from the Garrison under the guidance of the minister of St. Philips the Rev Cowper. Most of the stone was hewn through the rocky ridge by convict labour, now known as Argyle Cut. The first architect was Henry Ginn. Later in 1856 the Chancel was added under the architect E. Blackett and this took 4 years to build.

St. Patrick's Church Church Hill.

On 25th. Aug 1840 Bishop Polding laid the foundation stone of St. Patrick's Church & in 1844 the then Archbishop Dr. Polding performed the opening ceremony. The church stands today on what in the early days of the colony was the site of a pioneer cottage. A simple cedar press in the cottage became Australia's first tabernacle. The high Altar at St. Patrick's Made of moulded brass is the only one of its kind in Australia.

3

The polished wood reredos behind the Altar was erected in 1945. The painted panels are of Christ the King in the centre and from left to right St. Anne, St. John the Evangelist, St. Peter Chanel, S.M. Marist Martyr of Oceania, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Joachim.



The Church of St. Philip Church Hill.

The present church of St. Philip was commenced in 1848 and consecrated in 1856. Major internal alterations were commenced in 1890. It was designed by Edmund Blacket and has been added to the National

Trust Register of Buildings classified "A". The eight bells were rung for the first time in 1858. A further bell was added in 1888. The organ was built by Walkers in England and installed in 1873.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

will be held on Friday, 27th September,
at the Friends' Meeting House,
119 Devonshire Street.

Leave electric trains at Central Station,
(Redfern-end of platform). Devonshire
Street is at right angles to the railway,
practically a continuation of the subway.
The Meeting House is a block and a half
from the station. New Daceyville bus along
Elizabeth Street also stops very near it.)

=====

10.30 a.m. Morning tea.

11.0 a.m. Bible Study.

Subject: "WHO is my neighbour?"

12.30 p.m. Basket lunch (tea, sugar
and milk will be provided)

1.15 p.m. Mrs Norman Cocks will give
an address:

"Spotlights on the World".

Come yourself and bring a friend.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

BRIEF HISTORY

The Council was formed in 1938, foundation members being the representatives of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the Churches of Christ. Since then the Baptist, Church of England, Salvation Army, the Society of Friends and the Roman Catholic Church have affiliated. Each denomination may appoint eight representatives to the Council; special interest groups such as the Y.W.C.A. and the Girls' Brigade, may appoint two each, and each Local Branch may appoint one representative.

The Council established and operated "Wybalena" Hostel at Burwood for students and business girls from March 1952 to December 1966, when changing conditions and needs resulted in the decision to sell. Just over \$30,000 were given to the Y.W.C.A. towards the cost of the "Wybalena" wing at Tremayne Hostel, Kirribilli

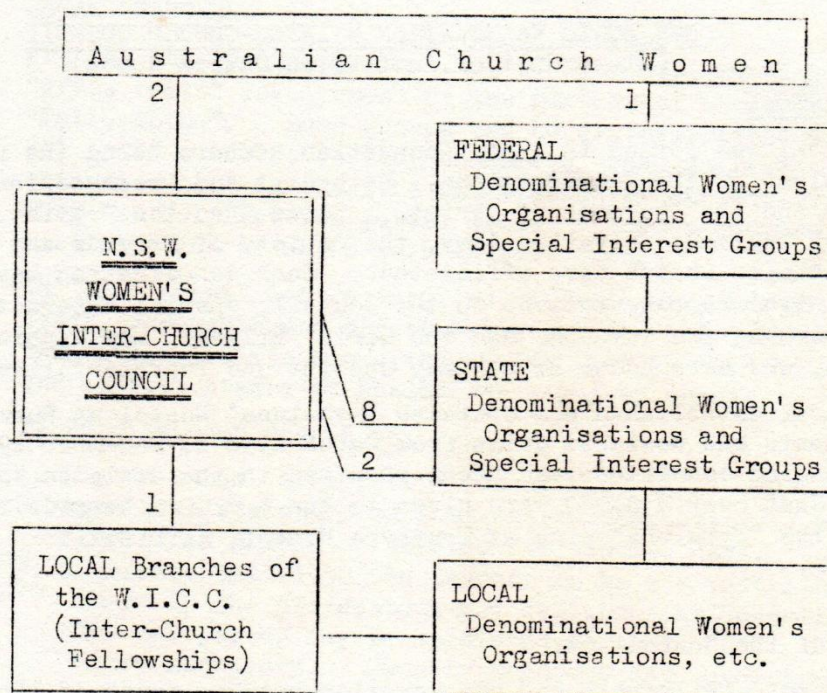
AIM

The aim of the Council is:

1. To promote fellowship and co-operation between women of all branches of the Christian Church, and
2. To provide an avenue whereby Christian women, as directed and used by God, may unitedly strive to establish His Kingdom on earth by the application of the teachings of Christ to Community, National and International relationships.

The W.I.C.C. seeks to fulfil this aim by encouraging the establishment of local Branches or "Women's Inter-Church Fellowships"; by maintaining links with other bodies with similar ideals and by promoting the programme and projects of Australian Church Women.

Representatives are sent to Australian Church Women, the National Council of Women, the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Good Neighbour Council, N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and T.V., Australian Council of Churches N.S.W. State Council and its three Divisions (Ecumenical Promotion, Mission & Evangelism, and Studies and Education).



The N.S.W. W.I.C.C. is autonomous, but in being the State Unit of Australian Church Women, it appoints two representatives to the A.C.W. Governing body (National Committee Meeting) and subscribes to the A.C.W. aims, programme and projects.

Although A.C.W. was formed on the initiative of the Australian Council of Churches, the W.I.C.C. is not directed or bound by decisions or policies of the A.C.C. or A.C.W. Recommendations may be sent down by A.C.W. to the various W.I.C.C.'s, which may adopt them or not on their own decisions.

Through A.C.W., the W.I.C.C. is linked with:

- . the Women's Inter-Church Councils in the other States;
- . the Asian Churchwomen's Conference, and
- . the Australian Council of Churches.

A.C.W. Aim - 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 across national boundaries.

Programme

Two special days are planned each year - Fellowship Day in July when the accent is on "fellowship" and the local community, and World Community Day in October when a subject of world-wide concern is the theme. In each case a worship service and discussion questions are prepared for A.C.W. and are available to local groups through the W.I.C.C.

The offering on Fellowship Day is for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund and on World Community Day it is usually related to the theme and/or a World Christian Action project. Centres are asked to observe the Days during the last week of July (F.D.) and October (W.C.D.) when possible.

Projects

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship each year brings a Christian woman from another country to Australia for further study to help her in her work and to foster friendship and understanding between nations. Scholars have come from Indonesia, Fiji, Papua/New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Zambia and North India.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin originated in Asia, by Mrs. Shanti Solomon of India, and is administered by the Asian Church-Women's Conference. Women all over the world share when they put aside the least coin of their currency to symbolise each prayer they offer for reconciliation of individuals and nations. The thousands of dollars incidentally raised are used to promote reconciliation and to support worthy projects in all continents. Note the emphasis on Least Coin - all women, rich or poor, share equally. The least coins are gathered together at the World Community Day services or may be sent to the W.I.C.C.

LOCAL BRANCHES

All the endeavours of the W.I.C.C. find real meaning in the "grass roots" involvement of the members of Local Branches or "Fellowships". Such groups can be of inestimable value to all local churches as they encourage women to take a more effective part in the life and mission of the Christian Church. They can help develop mutual trust, a common concern and participation in God's work in that area.

No "blue print" can be supplied, as each area has differing needs, resources and opportunities. The W.I.C.C. prefers each Branch to make its own arrangements, but is glad to help in the initial stages if needed, or whenever asked.

We require each Branch to:

1. Pay an annual affiliation fee of \$1,
2. Appoint a secretary to whom we send Newsletters, order forms for orders of service for special days, etc. and
3. A representative to the Council to be a direct link and to share in the discussions and decisions at Council meetings. (The one person may be appointed for both tasks, 2 and 3, where necessary. Country Branches may appoint a city proxy to represent them. Some branches find it helpful to appoint a President from each church in rotation.)

We also suggest that the Branch seeks to discover some item of community service the members can do together.

Groups, not yet ready to become Branches, may send an observer with power to speak but not to propose resolutions or vote, to Council Meetings. Visitors are always welcome at Council Meetings held at 10.30am on the third Monday of February, March, April, June, August, September and November in the Assembly Hall 4th flr. Salvation Army H.Q. 140 Elizabeth St. Sydney.

The Council always encourages the observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer (now 1st Friday in March). In some centres the Inter-Church Fellowship makes the arrangements for it.

Applications for affiliation should be sent to the W.I.C.C. Hon. Sec. Mrs. D. Martin, 89 Cheltenham Rd. Cheltenham 2119.86 2253. Enquiries may also be directed to the Secretary of the Promotion Committee, Mrs. Lt. Col. G. Carpenter, 529 Homer St. Earlwood 2206

78 8507

(Date: 1971-1975)

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

September, 1972

VISIT OF MRS. SHANTI SOLOMON
TO AUSTRALIA

We are honoured to welcome to Australia, Mrs. Shanti Solomon, the founder of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

"Shanti Solomon, whose first name means 'peace' and whose surname connotes 'wisdom' is the splendid new woman of Asia. Born in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, India, she is the daughter of Nanhe Mall, the twelfth child of the family. (Shanti's father grew up as a Hindu; her mother was born into a Christian family: only three of the twelve children survived.)

"Shanti's father was murdered by his own Hindu family for becoming a Christian. When Nanhe Mall decided to be baptized he went all the way and became an evangelist. Shanti was only six weeks old when her father died.

"'Being a widow in a Hindu family is almost to die yourself or to become a vegetable with no voice of your own. At thirty-three, my mother further defied public opinion by becoming a Bible woman in our village. Not overly strong in body, working long hours for little pay, she nevertheless ran a gay and happy home; she taught us three children how satisfying it is to stand on your own two feet. Often there wasn't quite enough to eat and seldom meat to fold into our chapattis, but we learned early to share what we had.'

"Shanti today is a small, gentle woman with infinite compassion in her dark eyes. She has known hunger, deathly fatigue, injustice in the murder of her father and despair at watching helpless for two years while her husband, Reuben Solomon, slowly died. But she has also two college degrees, has been around the world several times and has been welcomed by many nations as the representative of her great country, free India. She has little money but never worries about tomorrow." (The foregoing are extracts from Grace Nies Fletcher's book "In Quest of the Least Coin", published by Worlds Work Ltd. Ask for it in your local library.)

Mrs. Solomon is a Vice-President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. She is Chairman of the committee on women's work in the Department of Co-operation and Witness, and is also Co-ordinator of all Women's Work in the W.A.R.C.

A member of the East Asia Christian Conference, she is a member of the Rescurement Conference of the Executive Committee of the E.A.C.C. and a consultant to the Life and Action Unit of the E.A.C.C.

Mrs. Solomon is also serving as Executive Secretary of the Asian Church Women's Conference, which carries responsibility on behalf of Christian women of six continents for interpretation of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Until recently, Shanti Solomon was Secretary for Women's Work of the United Church of North India.

She has just returned from Djakarta, where she was attending the World Alliance meetings. In June, she was in Hong Kong for a meeting for the Rescurement Conference Executive Committee, also in Seoul for the E.A.C.C. Working Committee meetings, and on completion of her visit to Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand, she will be attending special women's meetings in Malaysia.

INTRODUCING THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

by Rathie Selvaratnam, Chairman
Asian Church Women's Conference 1970

In 1956, Shanti Solomon was a member of a fellowship team which visited and participated in Bible study with Christian women in East Asia. Unable to travel with the team to Korea because of a visa restriction, Shanti Solomon waited in the Philippines. While there she shared her concern that Christian women everywhere become aware of their relationship within the world-wide family. So few could travel; but an act of remembrance would encourage women in isolated villages as well as cosmopolitan communities to pray for other people in all parts of the world and become ministers of reconciliation in a world of barriers and broken fellowship.

A tangible token of sharing in a world-wide fellowship of prayer was needed - one that would be the same for women everywhere, be they rich or poor, educated or illiterate, isolated or world citizens. The thought came to her that the "least coin" of each country could be such a token.

The least coin - despised often and thrown aside - has knit continents together and drawn peoples into a deeper and abiding fellowship in prayer. It has helped to satisfy those in need and drawn a smile from faces that were wrinkled with sorrow and fear.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin can be likened to the parable of the Mustard Seed - the least seed - the mustard seed - a man took and sowed in his field. It sprouted, it grew, it spread its branches and became a mighty tree, so that the birds of the air might lodge in it.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin born in the heart of a woman, Shanti Solomon, has in the providence of God grown to involve tens of thousands of women around the world in prayer for one another as they set aside a 'least coin' each month.

The participation of the women in the Fellowship of the Least Coin both in giving and receiving has been a very inspiring experience. We can now say that it is a gift from the women of the world to the world. The coins are contributed annually to a common fund from which grants are made each year for ministries of mercy on every continent and for opportunities for women to attend ecumenical meetings and experience international fellowship.

The Least Coin in Australia

With the formation of Australian Church Women in 1964, the Fellowship of the Least Coin was made known in all states and it continues to grow steadily. Last year \$3000 were sent to the international fund.

Grants from the F.L.C. have been made to Australia - for work with aboriginal girls, for work with migrant youth and this year to the Institute for Aboriginal Development, Alice Springs. At Australia's suggestion a Grant was also made to help with the training of wives of pastors-in-training at the Theological College of the United Church in Rabaul and the Lutheran College at Lae.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

President Mrs. N. Pfeiffer, 2 Provincial Rd. Lindfield 46 2746
Treasurer Mrs. C. Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St. Ashfield 798 6481

The N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council comprises appointed representatives of its member churches and local branches. Visitors are always welcome to its meetings in the Assembly Hall, Salvation Army H.Q., 140 Elizabeth St. Sydney (4th floor) at 10.30 a.m. on the third Monday of February, March, April, June, September and November.

As the state unit of Australian Church Women, it sponsors the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. Offerings collected on Fellowship Day in July make it possible to bring a young woman from a developing country for further training. This year's Winifred Kiek Scholar is Miss Terani Aisake of Fiji who is studying at the Methodist Training College and Bible School in Queensland to enable her to return to Suva equipped to take over the supervision of deaconess training in Fiji.

Miss Aisake will be visiting Sydney from 6th to 11th December 1972. You are invited to meet her over morning tea on Monday, 11th December at 10.30am in the Salvation Army Assembly Hall, 4th flr. 140 Elizabeth St., Sydney.

In Australia our Least Coins are gathered together on World Community Day. Services in the metropolitan area of Sydney will be held as follows:

Friday, 20th October, 1972

ROSEVILLE Methodist Church, Lord St. 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 25th October, 1972

LANE COVE Congregational Church 10 a.m.
CITY Central Baptist Church, Geo.St. (J.Skuse) 11 a.m.

Friday, 27th October, 1972

EPPING Presbyterian Hall, Rawson Street 10.30 a.m.
HURSTVILLE Church of Christ, MacMahon St. 10.45 a.m.
FAIRFIELD Baptist Church, Ware Street 11 a.m.
PARRAMATTA Presbyterian Church, Phillip St. 11.30 a.m.
NORTH RYDE, Baptist Church, Lane Cove Rd. Ryde 7.45 p.m.

If Fellowship Day or World Community Day are not observed in your district and you would like to do something about it, please contact Mrs. F.I. Down 177 Copeland Road, Beecroft 2119, phone 84 2587

The N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

Community Day

on

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1956

At the Lyceum Club, 77 King Street,
Sydney.

10.30: Morning Tea—1/6.

11: Bible Study—**THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

Led by: Mrs. Brigadier Smartt

Mrs. E. H. Gifford.

Mrs. R. B. Lew.

(Please bring a new Testament with you)

12.30: Lunch (Coffee and Sandwiches, 2/6).

1.15: Address—**Mrs. GEOFFREY YOUNG, B.Sc. Econ.**

"I WAS A STRANGER" (Asians in Australia to-day).

All women are cordially invited. — The meeting will close at
3.15 p.m.

A Date to Make a Note of: Nov. 30th, 2 p.m., at Bible House—

Our pre-Christmas Party. Come and buy your Christmas presents at the
Bring and Buy Stall. Community Carol Singing.

SUBURBAN HERALD PRINTERY, 390 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, CROWS NEIGH. 1F5174

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

Annual
Community Day

FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1958

at the Friends' Meeting House, 119 Devonshire Street.

Leave electric trains at Central Station, Redfern end of platform. Devonshire Street is at right angles to the railway, practically a continuation of the subway. The Meeting House is a block and a half from the station. Daceyville bus, Devonshire Street stop, is only a few doors away.

Subject:

THE GROWTH OF THE IDEA OF BROTHERHOOD

10.30 a.m.: Morning Tea.

11.0 a.m.: Miss M. J. Steel: The Old Testament Background.

Mrs. B. R. Wyllie: The Christian Basis.

12.30 p.m.: Basket Lunch (tea, sugar and milk provided).

1.30 p.m.: Mrs. F. W. Coaldrake: Christian Brotherhood on Trial
in Asia.

Come and bring Your Friends

SUBURBAN HERALD PRINTERY, 390 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, CROWS NEST

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council

Annual Community Day

FRIDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1959

at the Friends' Meeting House

119 Devonshire Street

Leave electric trains at Central Station, Redfern end of platform. Devonshire Street is at right angles to the railway, practically a continuation of the subway. The Meeting House is a block and a half from the station. Daceyville bus, Devonshire Street stop, is only a few doors away.

Subject:

WORKING TOGETHER

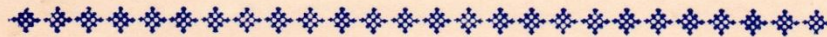
10.30 a.m.: Morning Tea.

11.00 a.m.: Mrs. L. Hurse (of the Australian Inland Mission)
Working Together in the Inland.

12.30 p.m.: Basket Lunch (Tea, Sugar, Milk provided).

1.30 p.m.: Study Groups and Discussion.

In the Chair, Mrs. A. E. Farr (President of the I.C.C.).
Working Together in the Churches.



Come and Bring Your Friends



PRINTED BY J. DAVIES 471 PARRAMATTA ROAD, LEICHHARDT — LM 2128

N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council



Annual Community Day

FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1960

at the Friends' Meeting House

119 Devonshire Street

Leave electric trains at Central Station, Redfern end of platform. Devonshire Street is at right angles to the railway, practically a continuation of the subway. The Meeting House is a block and a half from the station.

Daceyville bus, Devonshire Street stop, is only a few doors away.



10.30 a.m.: Morning Tea.

11.00 a.m.: Mrs. Leland Wang.

12.30 p.m.: Basket Lunch (Tea, Sugar, Milk provided).

1.30 p.m.: Mr. W. Jarvis, B.A., B.Ed., Dip.Ed., Lecturer in Applied Psychology, University of N.S.W., will speak on Mental Health — the Christian Aspect.



Come and Bring Your Friends

PRINTED BY J. DAVIES, 471 PARRAMATTA ROAD, LEICHHARDT — LM 2129

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

World Community Day 1961

Conference of Church Women in the

BIBLE HOUSE HALL

(3rd Floor) BATHURST STREET, SYDNEY

FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 1961

Theme . .

"Jesus Christ - The Light of the World"

Speaker . . **Rev. B. R. WYLLIE, M.A., B.D.**

The Aims of the Inter-Church Council are to promote fellowship and co-operation between women of various branches of the Christian Church, and to provide an avenue whereby they may unitedly serve the Kingdom of God, particularly with regard to Social Reform and right International Relationships.

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Rev. B. R. WYLLIE, M.A., B.D.

The Theme for the Day is taken from material prepared for use in the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in New Delhi, India, later this year — our speaker is to attend this Assembly.

Congress Hall Women's Choir in attendance

12.15 pm Basket Lunch (Tea, Sugar, Milk provided)

1.15 pm Study Groups and Discussion

"BARRIERS BROKEN DOWN"

In the Chair: Mrs. E. M. Manefield

(President of the W.I.C.C.)



*All Women of our Churches
are Invited to Attend*

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL



"After New Delhi"

CONVENTION

in the

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BURWOOD ROAD, BURWOOD

Two minutes from Railway Station

FRIDAY, 27th APRIL, 1962

11 am Subject "WE MUST SPEAK"

Bishop R. C. KERLE

Discussion to follow

Dr. J. BENJAMIN, Discussion Leader in the Chair

1.15 pm Subject "SERVICE"

Dr. Rev. CUMMING THOM

Methodist Ladies' Choir will be Supporting

10.30 am Morning Tea - 12.15 pm Basket Lunch
(Tea etc. provided)

*All Women of our Churches
are Invited to Attend*

The Aims of the Inter-Church Council are to promote fellowship and co-operation between women of various branches of the Christian Church, and to provide an avenue whereby they may unitedly serve the Kingdom of God, particularly with regard to Social Reform and right International Relationships.

Mrs. R. B. Lew

President of W.I.C.C.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1962

A day set apart to study and discuss
a subject of world interest

Conference of Church Women

in the

C.E.N.E.F. AUDITORIUM

cnr. Kent and Bathurst Streets, Sydney

FRIDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1962

THEME—

"NEW GUINEA"

10.15 am Morning Tea

10.45 am Commissioner F. Coutts, Territorial
Commander, The Salvation
Army Eastern Territory

11.15 am Church Missionary Reports

12.30 pm Basket Lunch

1.15 pm Mr. Charles Rowley, M.A.
Subject :- "Some Administrative
Problems in New Guinea"

1.45 pm Discussion: In the chair Mrs. D.J.A.
Verco (President of the W.I.C.C.)

*All Women of our Churches
are Invited to Attend*

The Aims of the Inter-Church Council are to promote fellow-
ship and co-operation between women of various branches
of the Christian Church, and to provide an avenue whereby
they may unitedly serve the Kingdom of God, particularly with
regard to Social Reform and right International Relationships.

Mrs. Brigadier K. Baker
Hon. Secretary