

Newsletter

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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Newsletter gives me the opportunity to greet all ladies who make up our Women's Inter-Church Fellowships. As Christian women we can work together for one particular purpose and that is to be "labourers together with God". 1 Cor. 3:9.

We all have a task to do as individuals and as a group. May our objective always be to present Jesus Christ to those with whom we come in contact, in our every-day living, as well as in our church groups and community efforts.

Christian Greetings
from your President,

JOYCE GILBERT.

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Editor's Note:

Each year our President comes from a different church in rotation. 1968/69 is the Baptists' turn again and the members of the W.I.C.C. were pleased that the Baptist Women's Federation nominated Mrs. Gilbert, who has represented them on the Council for some years and has served the Council well as Recording, and later Assistant, Secretary.

FELLOWSHIP DAY 1968

Most centres have reported that Fellowship Day was again inspiring and challenging. Reports so far received (from 9 suburban and 16 country centres) reveal that approximately 900 people attended and the offerings sent in amounted to \$258.

It is encouraging to note the thought and planning given to Fellowship Day by the various centres. Usually the service is held first, followed by discussion groups and lunch or refreshments, but in several places this was varied.

At Mosman, the discussion groups were held first, then lunch, and finally, when they were no longer strangers to one another, they shared the act of worship together.

Lane Cove is a new Branch which rejoices in the keen and full participation of the Roman Catholic ladies. Exactly 150 attended their service which commenced at 10 a.m. Morning Tea followed, then discussion groups and summing up. The Church of Christ ladies organised the group discussions so well that they were asked to make a record of all the arrangements for future reference. Copies of these are now available from the Promotion Committee Secretary, Mrs. A.G. Ralph, 22 Skenes Avenue, Eastwood 2122, 'phone 85 6507.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1968

The W.C.D. orders of service for 1968, prepared by the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia on the theme of "Human Rights", are now available from Mrs. F. I. Down, 177 Copeland Rd. Beecroft 2119. There is no charge for the orders of service, so please do not send money with your order. The costs, printing, postage, etc. are met from the offerings sent in, before they are transmitted to A.C.W. for Refugee Relief through Inter-Church Aid.

Do plan to hold a service on Friday, 25th October (or on another day if this is not good in your district). Copies may be in short supply, so please order immediately if you haven't already indicated your requirements.

"Least Coins" are also collected at World Community Day. The full amount of these is sent on to A.C.W., all expenses being met by the Council.

All postal orders and cheques sent to our Treasurer, either direct or through Mrs. Down or Mrs. Butler, should be made payable to "N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL". They should be accompanied by a report form or note advising whether they are the offering from F.D. or W.C.D. or for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, affiliation fee, etc.

W.C.D. BACK IN THE CITY OF SYDNEY

If you live near Sydney and there is no World Community Day planned for your area, please publicise widely that there will be a service in the Pitt Street Congregational Church, Sydney (near Park St.) on Friday, 25th October at 11 a.m. Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, Principal of Deaconess House (Church of England) will speak on Human Rights.

NEXT YEAR

We have been advised that next year the theme for Fellowship Day will be "Who is my neighbour?" and the material will be prepared by the Queensland State Unit of A.C.W. The theme for World Community Day will be "Let there be bread" and the Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship will prepare the order of service and discussion questions.

Difficulties were experienced, particularly in the metropolitan area, because of the change to the last Wednesday of July for Fellowship Day and the Council adopted the recommendation of the Promotion Committee to revert to the fourth Friday in each case.

Please note the dates for 1969 and make sure they are included in all relative calendars:

Fellowship Day	Friday, 25th July 1969
World Community Day	Friday, 24th October 1969

So that we can estimate our requirements, please advise us now how many copies of each order of service you will require. This information will be much appreciated.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Jackie Kini, a 22 year-old teacher from Port Moresby, arrived in Sydney on 4th September 1968. A member of the United Church, Port Moresby, Jackie is a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Worker and is an Officer in the Girls' Brigade. Her training programme will be:

September/December in Sydney - intensive English course and experience in schools.

January - Girls' Brigade camps.

February 4-7 Melbourne - National Committee Meeting, A.C.W.

February-April in Adelaide - Girls' Brigade experience (if she can be spared by the Education Dept. Port Moresby).

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Our new Convener in New South Wales is Mrs. R. W. Butler, 17 Woonona Rd. Northbridge 2063, 'phone 95 2985.

The tape recording (3³/₄ips) made by Mrs. Shanti Solomon of India, the founder of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, describing its origin and purpose, is available on loan from Mrs. Butler. Leaflets and labels are available too from Mrs. Butler, also the devotional booklet "Circle of Prayer" (price 21c each, plus postage).

INTER-CHURCH AID WORK TEAM PAPUA/NEW GUINEA

In January 1968 sixteen people went to Hong Kong to learn and work. The project was most successful and another is planned, this time to Papua/New Guinea.

Possible dates are 30th December to 19th January 1969, the cost approximately \$340 (fare and accommodation) plus personal spending. The team will be limited to 20 persons, who must be at least twenty years of age.

Please make it known to the young adults in your church. Those interested should contact Miss Dinah Burnett, Inter-Church Aid, 511 Kent St. Sydney 2000, 'phone 26 3789.