

Living under the Southern Cross



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June 1, 1992

Dear Friend,

This mailing brings you the registration form for Living Under the Southern Cross. Your early registration will help our planning and ensure you a place in this exciting event.

There are some additional features I would like to point out:

WORKSHOPS By September you will be offered choices in a wide range of up to seventy workshops. The areas include Christians and the Environment, the Rural Crisis in Australia, Sexual abuse in the Church, Aboriginal Religion and Law, Local Aboriginal history and Sites (off campus), Faith and Science, Kiteflying, Preparation of Parish Worship, Art and Spirituality, Economic Justice in Australia, Doing Theology in Australia To-day, a Conversation on Womens' Friendships (women only), Being Male in Australia (men only), and lots, lots more.

EXCURSIONS The local people are organising excursions to places of interest which include the first Christian churches in Australia, and scenic trips to the Blue Mountains and in the Hawkesbury District.

YOUTH Parishes are encouraged to consider sponsoring a young person to come to the event. If anyone wishes to contribute to a fund to assist the attendance of younger people or unwaged your donation will be welcome. Consideration is being given to a stewards' programme whereby some of the fee will be waived in return for administrative assistance.

SUGGESTION Why not organise for a group to come from your parish or from other churches in the area? As well as being more fun, and perhaps cutting transport costs, you will have a support group for any follow-up after the event. You may wish to organise a display of your district or of local church mission. The Sunday School and other groups may enjoy being involved in its preparation.

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ASSISTANCE WANTED The help of volunteers for occasional mailouts is sought. If you live in the Sydney area and can spare a day every so often please let me know.

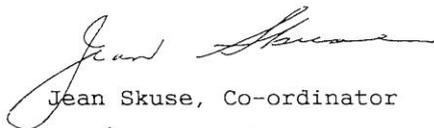
We seek, also, a qualified person to provide a programme for children and another to supervise child-care for toddlers. A small honorarium is available for these duties.

NEWS Gwen Cashmore, co-author of Clearing the Way, en route to an ecumenical spirituality, will come to Australia for the event to run a workshop. She will also represent the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland. ~~Anna~~ Ghandadason, Womens' Desk of the World Council of Churches, has also indicated her intention to be present.

On June 7, the seventh day of the Earth Summit in Brazil, a Pentecost worship service will gather the international ecumenical community present in Rio de Janeiro with the local Brazilian churches to remember the theme of the Canberra Assembly, "Come, Holy Spirit, Renew the Whole Creation". Please join them in prayer.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Jean Skuse, Co-ordinator

DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TO-DAY!

54 New Line Road
West Pennant Hills. 2125
22.6.92

Dear Jean,

Thank you for the registration forms for 'Living Under the Southern Cross'.

We considered this at our recent Executive meeting and decided that we would like to send a representative from ACW as we did for the WCC Assembly last year.

However, at this time we are unable to tell you the name of such a representative. Can we therefore 'register' our interest and ask you to reserve a place for at least one of our members?

As soon as I can, I will send you the registration form properly filled in with the name of the ACW member and the cheque for the appropriate registration.

With all good wishes,
Grace and Peace,

Edith Ridge.

Secretary.

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June 25, 1992

Edith Ridge, Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
54 New Line Road,
WEST PENNANT HILLS 2125

Dear Edith,

In response to your letter I note that Australian Church Women will be sending a representative to Living Under The Southern Cross.

X { ACW may also like to consider some kind of display. If you wish to do so there may be a nominal charge for a stall or table. There will be a sort of "market-place" of ideas where participants will be able to browse in free times.

In any event I will hold a place for your representative and am glad that ACW will be present.

With best wishes,

Jean

X Suggest we should do this.
It's good to know they asked us,
after the struggle National
Committee had to be allowed to
display things at the Canberra
Assembly.
So good an offer to
pass up, for our own
publicity, WRS
& FLC.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

August 20, 1992

LIVING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS
c/- Jean Skuse
PO BOX 224
ROZELLE 2039

Dear Jean,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the involvement of Australian Church Women during 'Living Under the Southern Cross'.

We will be very happy to consider some kind of display!! Please give us further information as it is available.

We are yet to appoint our representative.

God bless ...

Joan M Tong (Mrs Major)
Acting Secretary for ACW

PS Continue to correspond with Edith. Thank you.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

August 20, 1992

8 Metella Cresc
BELFIELD 2191

The Secretary,
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ACW
Mrs Aileen Fitzgerald.

Dear Aileen,

LIVING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

In taking time to read the attached 'mailing' I came across a very interesting piece of information.

ARUNA GNANDADASON, WOMEN'S DESK OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, has indicated her intention to be present.

Those of us who were at the ACWC Assembly in JAKARTA will remember that Aruna was a principle speaker at this assembly.

I would like this matter to be placed before the executive with the proposal that consideration be given to appointing Aruna as a Winifred Kiek Fellowship person. Or that at least ACW make contact with her with the view to including some ACW activity in her itinerary. In the meantime I will write to Jean Skuse advising her of our interest in Aruna.

LIVING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS is an Australia wide happening, as an Australian response to the World Council of Churches assembly held in Canberra Jan. 1991. - 'Come Holy Spirit Renew the Whole Creation.

We look forward to the executive's response.

God bless ..

Yours sincerely..

Joan M Tong (Mrs Major)



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

Aug. 20, 1992

~~LIVING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS~~
c/- Jean Skuse.

COPY EDITH - FOR YOUR INFO

Dear Jean,

Please find enclosed copy of a letter I have written to our national executive of ACW. It was of great interest to read that Aruna has indicated her intention to be present.

Could you give us some word on the possibility of Aruna becoming the guest of ACW following the completion of her commitment to 'Living under the southern cross'.

Following the WCC assembly in Canberra, two women became our 'guests', ACW providing travel, accommodation etc to various parts of Australia to meet and talk with our women.

This is not an 'official' letter in the true sense of the word, as I have taken the initiative to make these inquiries before placing the matter before our council.

I look forward to your comment.

God bless..

Yours sincerely,

Joan M Tong (Mrs Major)
Acting Sec. for Edith Ridge

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August 27, 1992

Mrs. Major Joan Tong
Australian Church Women
8 Metella Crescent
Belfield 2191

Dear Joan,

I write in response to your letter indicating interest in inviting Aruna Gnadadason.

Aruna will be with us from January 18 to 24th. We will be asking her to preach at the closing service so she would not be available to travel until then. I do not know what her plans are after that date but I think she intended to combine the visit with some of her other duties in the Pacific. ACW could contact her directly about her plans if they wished to invite her to do further travel.

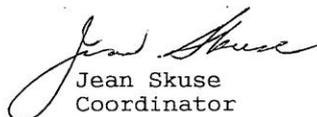
I doubt if the Winifred Kiek idea is appropriate. Aruna is a highly qualified woman and has just accepted the full-time executive responsibility of Director of the Womens' Unit at the WCC. She is on a four year contract.

Regarding the display centre for Living Under the Southern Cross we had originally thought of a series of tent-like constructions. However, that would be too expensive and we now have in mind making trestle tables available on a shady side of a building. If people wish to hang some hession or board behind the table that would be O.K. We will have a clearer picture later.

Thank you for your interest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Jean Skuse
Coordinator

A Programme of the Australian Council of Churches

54 New Line Road
West Pennant Hills. 2125
30.9.92

Ms Jean Skuse
Coordinator
Living Under the Southern Cross.

Dear Jean,

I am replying to your letter to Mrs Major Joan Tong about the visit of Aruna Gnadadason to Sydney for Living Under the Southern Cross.

Thank you for your reply and for the itinerary for Aruna as far as you know it. We understand that it may not be possible for her to spend time in Australia after the programme, especially if she has duties in the Pacific.

I think that you mis-understood Joan's intention when she suggested that Aruna might be offered a Winifred Kiek Fellowship. This is an entirely different programme from the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, though both are administered by the ACW National Committee.

Perhaps you were unaware that after the WCC Assembly meetings last year, two overseas women spent some time in Australian states, visiting and speaking to ACW Units. The lady who visited NSW was Rachel Mathew and we benefitted greatly from that visit.

Winifred Kiek Fellowship funds are separate from the Scholarship funds and are used to enable invited women to participate in fellowship with us. There is quite a large amount in the fund, as we do not use it every year and there is seldom need to pay large air fares.

However, it is up to the National Committee to decide how and when to offer a Fellowship and to date we have had no reply from the National Secretary to the letter sent to her in August. I know they are considering offering a Fellowship to a former W.K.Scholar, so perhaps they are not interested in using Aruna.

The NSW State Unit of ACW would be pleased to host Aruna and to have her visit us for special meetings if she has time after Living Under the Southern Cross. Perhaps we can speak about this at a later date when we all have more information about her availability and the intention of our National Committee.

Joan Tong will be at Asian Church Women's Consultation in Kuala Lumpur during October and it is possible that she will meet Aruna there.

We are still interested in having a display at L U T S C and would be pleased to have the use of a table, please.

I trust all your arrangements are proceeding well.

With all good wishes,

Grace and Peace,

Lizith Ridge

Secretary, ACW.