

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of Interim Committee of Australian Church Women held on Wednesday, September 4 at 10 o'clock at the ACC offices.

OPENING: Mrs. J.F. Dey led the meeting in opening prayers.

PRESENT: Mesdames S.M. Barrett, F. McKay (in chair), J.F. Dey, L. Lilley, the Revs. H.L. Perkins, J.R. Neal and C.H. Norton.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mesdames, B.R. Wyllie, S. McPhee, L. Williams and Deaconess Andrews.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Constitutional Relationships: It was resolved that the suggestions for a more formal structure of Australian Church Women be circulated to all women's denominational groups, heads of churches and committees of the Women's World Day of Prayer and the Y.W.C.A. together with a covering letter and the original statement.

Visit of Dr. Madeleine Barot: The meeting had before it the suggestions of the last meeting and a tentative programme which had been made following investigation of these suggestions. It was resolved that the following be the programme to be pursued:

Wednesday	lunch	Theological students and teachers at Camden College. Rev. C.H. Norton to arrange
	afternoon	Australian Council of Churches Executive
	evening	Approach to be made to the French Embassy by the Rev. H.L. Perkins for a reception to which community organisations are to be invited (list as per suggestions received from Mrs. Wyllie).
Thursday	morning	Meet with Miss Needham re single women migrants and their needs.
	lunch	National Council of Women. Miss Arnot has agreed to arrange a luncheon. Mrs. McKay to suggest that University women and women in private law be also invited.
	afternoon	Meet with deaconesses and women theological students at Deaconess House; Deaconess Andrews has agreed to arrange.
	tea	Rev. and Mrs. John Garrett.
	evening (8pm)	Mixed gathering probably at CENEV Auditorium to which WCCF members to be invited - Rev. C.H. Norton to arrange.
Friday	morning (11am)	Meet with Interim Committee of Australian Church Women; Presidents or representatives of denominational women's groups; YWCA and Women's World Day of Prayer committee representatives. To be held in the ACC meeting room and to include lunch.
	afternoon (1.30)	Wesley Chapel to meet with the women of the various denominations. NSW Women's Inter-Church Council to arrange.
	evening	free.

It was agreed that the services of the Public Relations Office, Mr. Vaughan Hinton be sought for the publicity work needed.

NSW STATE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

The Rev. C.H. Norton asked if the Interim Committee would be willing for one of its members to attend the next meeting of the Committee to speak about Australian Church Women. It was agreed that Mrs. McKay attend the meeting on September 17 to speak about Australian Church Women.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) A letter was tabled concerning the difficulties arising in South Australia and a reply drafted was read to the meeting. It was agreed that this letter be forwarded urgently to help to clear up the apparent misunderstandings over finance which had arisen there.

(2) A letter received by Mrs. McKay from the Presbyterian women in Victoria was also tabled. Mrs. McKay sought the assistance of the committee in order that she may adequately represent the view of Australian Church Women when she meet with the committee in Melbourne on October 1.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:

It was reported that orders had been received for the observance of World Community Day on September 27 from Mangrove Mountain (Gosford district) and Alice Springs.

Mrs. Lilley reported that she had been disappointed at the response so far from N.S.W. but that she was including publicity of the day to all Methodist ministers' wives which was being sent out in the near future. The plans were well in hand for the Sydney observance at the CENEF Auditorium on September 27.

It was agreed that a circular be prepared to advertise the Sydney observance of World Community Day and the visit of Dr. Madeleine Barot for distribution wherever possible. One suggestion was at the Women's World Day of Prayer rally to be held on September 12 - Mrs. Lilley to follow up this suggestion. Mrs. Barrett requested 100 copies for her use at Kingsgrove.

STUDY MATERIAL:

It was reported that the study material had been received from the committee in Melbourne. Three different studies had been sent and they were being studied by the various members of the Interim Committee. A discussion will be held at the next Interim Committee meeting on October 2.

Mrs. Dey reported that the Congregational Women's Fellowship were anxious to use part of the study in their 1964 programme (the other sections having been already covered in their studies over the past two years). It was agreed that the Interim Committee cooperate with them. Mr. Perkins also agreed that the ACC would cooperate in the producing of the study.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with prayer led by the Rev. H.L Perkins.

CONFIRMED: Maureen M. McKay

DATE: Oct 2nd 1963

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2 at 10 O'CLOCK in the A.C.C. MEETING ROOM, 511 KENT STREET, SYDNEY.