

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WOMEN AT WORK



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As I sit here at my kitchen table, with my typewriter in front of me, a lot of notes and bits of paper all around me, I feel a wonderful joy in my heart. This will be only a short edition, mainly to introduce to you your new Working Committee from down here in "Tassie".

We have not had a lot of correspondence as yet from our friends over on the "big Island", so, there is not a lot to report. Also, we have not finalized all our arrangements for the setting-up and printing of "Women at Work". as yet.

What a wonderful week we had at the Conference Centre at Wahroonga! Wish you could have all been there. Just far enough out of Sydney to give us that peace and quiet we needed, but not too far away, so that our sisters from America and New Zealand, could go for a day trip and visit the Opera House one evening, while we conducted our "domestic affairs".

You have all read by now the Minutes and summary of our activities by Doris Mitchell and Joan Curtin: but, it is impossible to put into words the sharing and love that permeated the whole atmosphere of that week. In other words, the Holy Spirit was with us in that place, and He led, not only the prayer and Bible discussions, but the business sessions too. There were many tearful farewells as we said good-bye to our newly made friends from the U. S. A. and New Zealand.

But enough of this: now we must look to the future --- "we are a pilgrim people" -- and the next two years are allotted to us here in Tasmania to work for you. We hope to do a good job! and then welcome you all here in 1981 to enjoy our cooler climate but warm hospitality.

Our Presedent, Racheal, only returned from Asia on the 20th Oct. and our Sect. Tine had arranged our first meeting for 23rd. (Minutes enclosed) The World Community Day in Hobart was on Fri. 26th, at the lovely old Church on Cr. of Elizabeth & Brisbane Sts., now the Uniting Church. It just seemed so fitting that everything should happen in the one week, climaxed by this beautiful Service -- "The Family - It's Faith and It's Future".

While in Sydney we spoke a lot about the early Christians and women's part, not only as followers of Jesus, but throughout history, and in the Old Testament. It seems to me so fitting, in this, the year of the Child, we seem to be coming closer to unity, than at any time in the past century. This lead me to think a lot of these first Christians; who were they? what did they do? what was their sign?

Their Sign



What does it mean?

The greek word for fish is I C H T H U S	
IESOUS	JESUS
CHRISTOS	CHRIST
THEOU	GOD'S
UIOS	SON
SEFER	SAVIOR

Jesus chose fishermen as His first followers, so, when they were "persecuted for His sake" they drew a fish. Their profession of Faith

I leave you with these thoughts,
Loyce Goldsmith
(Editor for 1980-81)