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'WE BEING MANY, ARE ONE IN CHRIST'

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THEME CHORUS FOR 1991 ACW CONFERENCE

IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

We being many, are one in the Lord
Each one is different, but we're trusting in His Word
For we are part of God's family through Jesus Christ His Son
Tho' we are many, yet in Christ we are one
We, being many, in Christ we are one.



Copies of the words and music are available from the Resource
Table for 20¢.

PROGRAM'WE BEING MANY, ARE ONE IN CHRIST'Monday, September 9th

- From 10.00 a.m. Registration - Collaroy Conference Centre.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch.
- 2-4.00 p.m. Orientation, Business Session 1.
Welcome, Apologies, Roll Call, Greetings, Procedural
Arrangements, Appointments - Reference and Returning
Officers, Adoption of Agenda.
Official Photograph.
- 4.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea.
- 4.30-5.30 p.m. Poster Making, Music, Choir, Concert Preparation.
- 6.00 p.m. Dinner.
- 7.30 p.m. Opening Service in Conference Centre Chapel.
Guest Speaker: Miss Jean Raddon.
- 8.30 p.m. Supper.

Tuesday, September 10th

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions - New South Wales Unit.
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast.
- 9.00 a.m. Bible Study with Captain Lyn Pearce.
- 10.00 a.m. Business Session 2. Minutes, Business Arising,
Correspondence.
Reports - Secretary, Treasurer. Prayer Partners.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Tea.
- 11.30 a.m. Business Session 3. Reports - Winifred Kiek Scholar-
ship, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees and election
of Trustees, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Discussion
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- 1.00 p.m. Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. First meeting of National Executives - Old and New.
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- 3.00 p.m. Business Session 4. Reports - Special Days, Public-
ations, Units.
- 4.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea.
- 4.30 p.m. Business Session 5. Reports - Denominational,
National Interest Groups, Australian Council of
Churches.
- 6.00 p.m. Dinner.

- 7.00 p.m. State Units Sharing - Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, WKS Conveners, FLC Conveners, etc. Interest Groups.
- 8.00 p.m. Business Session 6. Reports - Fellowship of the Least Coin, Asian Church Women's Conference Representative, Archivist, Representative to Australian Council of Churches.
- 9.00 p.m. Devotions - Western Australian Unit.
- 9.15 p.m. Supper.

Wednesday, September 11th

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions - Victorian Unit.
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast.
- 8.45 a.m. Bible Study with Mrs. Betty Checkley.
- 10.00 a.m. Seminar - In Christ Freedom - Deaconess Margaret Rodgers.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Tea.
- 11.30 a.m. Seminar - In Christ Growth - Miss Freda Whitlam.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. Seminar - In Christ Hope - Sister Anita Brennan.
- 3.00 p.m. Plenary Session.
- 4.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea.
- 4.30 p.m. Business Session 7. Notices of Motion.
- 6.00 p.m. Dinner.
- 7.00 p.m. Business Session 8. Notices of Motion.
- 8.00 p.m. Entertainment - The Forest Bellringers.
- 9.00 p.m. Devotions - Queensland Unit.
- 9.15 p.m. Supper.

Thursday, September 12th

- 7.45 a.m. Devotions - South Australian Unit.
- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast.
- 8.45 a.m. Bible Study with Mrs. Peg Blake.
- 10.00 a.m. Bus departs for Sydney.
- 12.30 p.m. Reception at Sydney Town Hall.
- 2.00 p.m. Bus departs for Collaroy.

3.00 p.m. Business Session 9.
4.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea.
4.30 p.m. Business Session 10.
6.00 p.m. Dinner.
7.00 p.m. Concert - Fellowship and Fun.
9.00 p.m. Devotions - Australian Capital Territory Unit.
9.15 a.m. Supper.

Friday, September 13th

7.45 a.m. Devotions - Tasmanian Unit.
8.00 a.m. Breakfast.
9.00 a.m. Bible Study with Miss Judy Gordon.
10.00 a.m. Business Session 11. Unfinished Business, Appointment of National Executive 1991-3.
11.00 a.m. Morning Tea.
11.30 a.m. New Executive meets with Old.
1.00 p.m. Lunch.
2.00 p.m. Closing Service in Conference Chapel.
3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea.
Farewells.



PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following procedures will be used by the President and Vice-President during the National Conference, September 9-13th, 1991.

1. Agenda as set out in the Conference Program, will be followed unless the meeting determines otherwise.
Any business not included in the Agenda is to be referred to the National Executive no later than noon Tuesday, September 10th for consideration and presented for debate if and when considered appropriate.
2. Resolutions must be presented in writing on the forms provided and signed by the mover and seconder.
3. Recommendations and suggestions from Units, if they become Resolutions, must be presented in writing as indicated above.
4. Reference Committee of three shall be appointed by Conference.
5. Two Returning Officers shall be appointed by Conference.
6. Debating. Up to 3 minutes will be allowed for each speaker unless permission is granted for extension of time (for a maximum of 2 minutes). No member may speak more than once on the same motion or amendment, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply. If debate exceeds 25 minutes on one motion, it will be deferred to a later business session.
7. All members are asked to please state their name, Unit/Organisation represented, before beginning to speak.
8. At the beginning of a 'Reports Session' it shall be moved 'that all reports be taken as read'.

Times will be allocated for speaking to reports and all members are asked to keep within set periods.

National Executive and Unit Reports - 5 minutes.

Denominational and other Organisation Reports - 3 minutes.

This does not include time for comments or questions.

9. Voting

a. Entitlement

2 from each State or Territory Unit
1 from each denomination
5 from Incoming National Executive
All National Executive members

b. Method

Will be by display of Voting Card unless otherwise decided by vote at the Conference.

PARTICIPANTS

Guests

Miss Jean Raddon
 Captain Lyn Pearce
 Mrs. Betty Checkley
 Deaconess Margaret Rodgers
 Miss Freda Whitlam
 Sister Anita Brennan
 Mrs. Peg Blake
 Miss Judy Gordon

Life Members

Deaconess Mary Andrews
 Mrs. Olive Ackland

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Mrs. Marie McCann	President
Brig. Mabel Ward	Vice President
Miss Doris Mitchell	Vice President
Mrs. Helen Richardson	Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth Walker	Treasurer
Miss Shirley Wells	Minute Secretary
Mrs. Glad West	FLC Convener
Mrs. Lucelle King	WKS Convener
Mrs. Mavis Burtenshaw	Publications
Mrs. Yvonne Davis	Special Days Convener
Mrs. Marjory Baker	Denomination Rep.
Mrs. Major Joan Tong	Pres. NSW Unit

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ACT

Mrs. Betty Farrell	Delegate
Mrs. Evonne Sullivan	Delegate
Mrs. Helen Lloyd	Observer
Mrs. Audrey Sherwin	Observer
Mrs. Stella Taber	Visitor

VICTORIA

Mrs. Marion Dodds	Delegate
Mrs. Joan Stott	Delegate
Mrs. Margaret Wall	Observer
Mrs. Barbara Lacy	Observer
Mrs. Lt. Col. Isabel McIntyre	Visitor
Mrs. Marion Himbury	Visitor
Mrs. Betty Fleming	Visitor
Mrs. Helen Banks	Visitor
Mrs. Eunice Reidy	Visitor
Mrs. Gwenda Neilson	Visitor
Revd. Wall	Visitor
Lt. Col. J. McIntyre	Visitor

TASMANIA

Mrs. Shirley Brooks	Delegate
Mrs. Joan Smith	Delegate
Mrs. Dorothy Hartam	Visitor

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Maureen Clark	Delegate
Mrs. Shirley Birch	Delegate
Miss Grace Sims	Observer
Mrs. Vi Bache	Observer
Mrs. Hazel Ross	Visitor

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	Mrs. Vera Wilson	Delegate
	Miss Joan Miller	Observer
	Mrs. Barbara Bourhill	Observer
	Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock	Visitor
	Lady Wilson (Leila)	Visitor
QUEENSLAND	Mrs. Margaret Bull	Delegate
	Mrs. Margaret Florence	Delegate
	Mrs. Fay Lennox	Observer
	Mrs. Anne Green	Observer
NEW SOUTH WALES	Mrs. Major Joan Tong	Delegate
	Mrs. Edith Ridge	Delegate
	Mrs. Dorothy Lumb	Observer
	Miss Phyl McKinnirey	Observer
	Mrs. Rae Aldridge	Visitor
	Miss Juliet Backhouse	Visitor
	Mrs. Peg Blake	Visitor
	Mrs. Marie Majoor	Visitor
	Mrs. Beryl McLaughlin	Visitor
	Mrs. Violet Minty	Visitor
	Mrs. Margaret Jessup	Visitor
	Mrs. Helen Stutchbury	Visitor
	Mrs. Jeanne Sutherland	Visitor
	Mrs. Mina Whybourne	Visitor
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Eastern	Major Mrs. Olive Lucas	Delegate
	Mrs. Lt. Col Desley Dawkins	Observer
Baptist	Mrs. Valmae Renn	Delegate
	Miss Shirley Wells	Observer
	Mrs. Glad West	Observer
Uniting	Mrs. Rhoda Gates	Delegate
Churches of Christ	Mrs. Eunice Reidy	Delegate
	Mrs. Helen Banks	Observer
	Mrs. Marjory Baker	Observer
	Mrs. Ednah Daw	
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World Day of Prayer	Mrs. Margaret Watson	Observer
YWCA	Mrs. Gwen Jones	Observer
ACC	Miss Judy Nelson-Clegg	Observer
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	Mrs. Nan Farrant	
	Mrs. Jennifer Newton	
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	Mrs. Alison Ison	Delegate
	Mrs. Marie Hewitt	Delegate
	Mrs. Juanita Miller	Delegate
	Miss Betty Brown	Delegate
	Mrs. Phil Marsden	Observer

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE - SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is good to have to stop and reflect on what we have done with our time over the last two years.

During our term of office our membership was enlarged to include Mrs. Marjory Baker, a Churches of Christ representative, and Mrs. Major Joan Tong, when she became President of the New South Wales Unit. When our Minute Secretary was unable to continue, it took some time to find a replacement, but we were all pleased when Miss Shirley Wells accepted the position. We felt it was important to have all denominations in the New South Wales Unit represented on the National Committee. So we have Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Uniting Churches represented. Our meetings have also been important times of fellowship. The first year we met in the Uniting Church offices and the second in the Australian Council of Churches Board Room.

We have kept in touch with the Kiribati Protestant Church and were pleased to hear that the Women's Resource Centre had finally been built. Our Treasurer was very happy to send off the money from the 1989 World Community Day Service which she had been holding. With interest it had grown to an amount of \$3,100.

During our term of office Marie McCann and I received invitations to visit two Units - ACT Unit, where Marie presented Mrs. Ruth Burmester with her life membership badge, and South Australia. It was good to renew acquaintances with people we had met at the last National Conference in Perth, as well as meet other members of the Units. Other members of the National Committee were able to meet with other State Units.

We were also pleased to welcome visitors to Sydney - Doreen Tie who attended one of our meetings and Vera Wilson from Perth. Because of Rachel Sobana's late arrival she was not able to attend one of our meetings as was planned. However some of our members have had her to stay with them during her time in Sydney.

The World Council of Churches Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women was something we were interested in, but didn't seem able to become very involved in although we had representatives attending meetings in Sydney arranged by the NSW Ecumenical Council.

We were delighted that Marie McCann was able to attend the Asian Church Women's Conference in Jakarta as she was then able to give a first hand account of proceedings to the National Executive and the State Unit. A new national banner was prepared for this Assembly. Marie was invited to attend an ACWC Sub Regional Seminar in Bombay. This experience she was also able to report to the Executive. We feel that our links with ACWC are being strengthened by these Conferences.

The WCC Assembly in Canberra gave us the opportunity to invite two women, Annathaie Abayasekera from Sri Lanka and Rachel Mathew from India to become Winifred Kiek Fellows and between them visit four Units. Unfortunately visits to some Units could not be arranged in the time available.

We were able to share our congratulations to Marie McCann when she completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Divinity at the end of last year and again in May this year when the degree was conferred.

We are very pleased with the way our office bearers and conveners have fulfilled their responsibilities, often under difficult and frustrating conditions. ACW is an important area of ecumenism and we wish the incoming National Committee God's richest blessings as they take up the work of Australian Church Women.

Sharon Richardson
National Secretary
24th June, 1991

ACW CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 1991

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

'ACW News' has been published on a bi-monthly basis for the National Executive two years' term of office. The decision by National Executive to publish bi-monthly instead of monthly was for two reasons:

1. Economic; postage rates have increased greatly, stationery costs have increased, and the Sales Tax exemption by the Government no longer applies.
2. Pragmatic; there was insufficient noteworthy material to warrant a monthly issue.

My Committee, Mrs. Rita Green, and Mrs. Sue Watson have been reliable, willing and efficient in their responsibilities.

Circulation has increased by 35; regular production is 570. I have endeavoured to stimulate interest in places away from the metropolitan areas. Alice Springs has a new contact person.

I apologise that space limitation has prevented my publishing some reports in full - one or two did not even 'make it' - sorry. Concise should be the watchword. I have experimented with 12 pages, that is, three sheets; we have condensed a report, too, occasionally. The Conference may like to discuss this point, from the angle of clarity of reading.

I thank the State Secretaries for the regular supply of their Minutes, also Directories. All Directories received have been published.

ACWC activities and aspirations have been given generous space because

- a) in Australian we have important links with Asia, and
- b) I feel that we need to become more aware of the task of the Church in Asian countries in order to strengthen the bonds of prayer and fellowship that we share with Asian people.

The Jakarta Conference of November 1990 was given good coverage.

New Zealand's Church Women United have expressed thanks and appreciation regarding the publication. There has been no communication from our sisters in the USA.

In closing I would like to thank WA's Barbara Bourhill for her helpful hints and guidance when I took over the task from her.

I have had a personally enriching experience as Editor, and I wish my Tasmanian counterpart God's grace and guidance as she assumes office.



Lavis Burdeshaw

Editor

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP CONVENER'S REPORT

As I begin this report I want to give thanks to the Lord for a very challenging and rewarding two years as Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. I was not at all aware of the full extent of the responsibilities involved when taking on the position, but I have learned a great deal. ACW has been truly blessed by the two scholars we have hosted in 1990 and 1991 during my term of office.

The 1990 Scholar, Doreen Tie, is a teacher of intellectually impaired children in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia and is very active in the Methodist Church in Sarawak. Because of the commitments in England until June of 1990, Doreen was unable to take up the scholarship until July. It was possible to enrol her in a Developmental Disabilities Services Course, a staff in-service education program organised by the New South Wales Department of Health. Doreen attended lectures on such subjects as - normalisation, behaviour management, communication skills, stress, sexuality, etc. etc. In addition, she was able to visit many special schools and also a hospital for the intellectually impaired. Whilst in Sydney, she was accommodated at 'Flo Harris Lodge', a hostel conducted by the Petersham Baptist Church. As required by the scholarship guidelines, she was able to spend 4/5 days in each State and meet with the ACW Units, whose members willingly hosted her as well as giving her opportunity to visit schools in their State. Her itinerary concluded in Perth from where she returned home to Sarawak in mid-December.

Doreen has maintained contact with us and is endeavouring to implement some of the ideas she learned - even though her school has few facilities and little finance, being the only one of its kind in Sarawak.

The 1991 Scholar, Rachel Sobana is from Nagercoil in Southern India. She holds a Bachelor of Science (Nursing) degree and works at the Catherine Booth Salvation Army Hospital in Nagercoil. She is a member of the Salvation Army and is sponsored by the South-Eastern Territorial Command of the Salvation Army in India. Rachel requested a course in Nursing Administration which, in the Australian context, is a course at University level. Because of Australian Government regulations concerning fees for such a course and availability for study for only one year, it was decided to offer Rachel an 'observational training course' through visitation to as many different types of hospitals in all States as possible. This caused some misunderstanding in India regarding her visa application, but after many conferences in Sydney with the Department of Education, Employment and Training and several faxes to and from the Australian High Commission in New Delhi, Rachel arrived in Sydney on 14th March, almost three weeks later than originally planned, on a student visa to undertake 'occupational training'.

Her itinerary has been 6 weeks in NSW (including a week in Cooma), 2 weeks in the ACT, 4 weeks in Tasmania, 6 weeks in Queensland, 5 weeks in Victoria, 6 weeks in South Australia and 6 weeks in Western Australia plus a week to attend the National Conference in Sydney. She leaves Perth for her home on 9th December.

Each State Unit has been extremely helpful in arranging itineraries for Rachel to visit so many different hospitals. The Units have also arranged accommodation - most of it private - which has saved scholarship money. Rachel has expressed her real gratitude for all she is learning and for being so welcomed in the homes of ACW members. She has been particularly pleased with her many contacts with the Salvation Army in each State and the way in which their personnel have hosted her. Both the 1990 and 1991 scholars have been delightful young ladies. They have adapted to Australian culture very

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well and have been good ambassadors for their own country and the the Lord.

The 1992 Scholar is Miss Ana Manu Taupoepeau from Tonga. She is presently working in the office of the Women's Department of the Methodist Church of Tonga and plans to undertake a course in office administration and secretarial work. These arrangements will be passed on to the new WKS Convener who will be located in Tasmania.

The National Executive has expressed some concern regarding the scholarship and the application of it. With Government regulations changing and financial climate being different, it is proposed to discuss the whole aspect of the WKS at the Conference in September, 1991.

Finally, I want to again record my thanks to the Lord for this experience as convener and express my gratitude to the ACW members for placing this responsibility in my hands. I pray that the one who takes over will have the same joy that I had and I know God will enable her to do all that is required.

Lucelle King
WKS Convener
National Executive ACW
August, 1991



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SPECIAL DAYS REPORT ... 1991 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

During 1990 and 1991 Fellowship Days and World Community Days have been held in all States. Both services in 1990 concentrated on Creation and the Environment, Queensland Unit preparing Fellowship Day with the theme 'In the Beginning, God', and the ACT Unit preparing the World Community Day Service on the theme 'Caretakers of Creation.'

In 1990 the New South Wales Unit prepared the Fellowship Day Order of Service on the theme 'Praise the Lord with Gladness.' We look forward to World Community day which Tasmania has prepared, with the theme 'Forward Together in Faith'. This will compliment the Conference theme 'We being many, are one in Christ'.

Where the hymns were printed in full copyright became a problem because of the delay from overseas to grant copyright permission. Where only the hymn number and first line was used those churches not using the Australian Hymn Book, and there are many, asked for the tune metre and an alternative hymn. This we have done with excellent results. Reports for the NSW branches appreciated the printing of the hymns in full. With the recent Fellowship Day Service, the Christmas break made it impossible to receive an overseas copyright reply, so I turned to the new Presbyterian hymnbook 'Rejoice' where the words of hymns have been updated and are similar to those of the AHB and more importantly it meant a brief phone call for copyright permission to be granted. I feel other church hymn books could be as easily used. It only needs a few enquiries being made and passed on to the National Special Days Convener.

The interest and use of the questions for discussion continues, some attending the services taking home their orders of service to use as private study material.

It was great to find myself in North Adelaide, and able to attend World Community Day at the modern and very ornate Catholic Church for the Service. Led by a very brave State President, Sheila Hunt on crutches, we were challenged to become Caretakers for Creation and further encouraged by the guest speaker, a Teaching Brother. My thanks to both SA and WA during my visits to their State Units.

Don't be afraid to try out new ideas with the Special Day Services to suit your own particular circumstances and membership.

I would like to sincerely thank my Special Days Committee, made up from each of the seven denominations, and for the support our Committee has received from the National Executive members.

May God bless you all as, through His love and guidance, we draw nearer to each other in understanding and Christian Fellowship.



Yvonne Davis
Special Days Convener

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN
REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1989 to SEPTEMBER 1991

The years 1990 and 1991 have been blessed years for Fellowship of the Least Coin in Australia. It is always rewarding to see FLC increasing throughout all States, especially as this means more prayer and compassionate help for many distressed peoples, quite unable to help themselves.

My thanks to all State Conveners who have the task of organising in their States, and with whom I have had wonderful co-operation, fellowship and care during a rather stressful period for me.

It has been good to receive reports on the outcome of past Grants from FLC funds, and to know the money has meant much to the recipients of the Grants. These were forwarded to Shirin Samuel. No Grant Applications were sent in 1990, but in 1991 Applications have been forwarded for two Projects within Australia and two Projects to be effective overseas. It will be 1992 before we know whether these may be accepted.

All States continue to use VOL XI of Circle of Prayer, plus Prayer Cards and Brochures for Promotion. A new Tea Spoon has been introduced as a fund raiser, and some Badges were available where requested. Travel within the States is not easy due to the vastness of Australia and different States handle the work in unique ways. Tasmania have found it helpful to have Conveners in different areas, while Queensland with the most widely dispersed groups has been served by a Convener who will go anywhere by whatever means available, and has been blessed for her efforts. ACT, our smallest State now had 40 contributing groups, and in NSW a typed copy of Small Beginnings was mailed with each receipt last year. Space prevents my going on, but well done everyone. For Australias' contribution to FLC worldwide, we must refer to the Financial Statement.

Shirin Samuel, FLC International Executive Secretary, now living in Hong Kong, paid a flying visit to Australia to attend the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra during February 1991. Following these meetings she flew to Tasmania where a fruitful visit was made with ACW there. Unfortunately I was unable to meet with Shirin during her one hour stopover at Mascot, and missed out on fellowship which I would have loved. At Shirin's request, the National Committee allowed a box of promotional literature for Fellowship of the Least Coin to be placed at the Canberra Meetings, where folk were invited to take them free, which they most certainly did.

Owing to the difficulty of getting materials from overseas and the time lag, the National Committee have decided to print Brochures and Leaflets this year for distribution at the Conference in September. We look forward to the Conference, and meeting with Delegates from all States, especially from Tasmania who will accept the National Committee for the coming two years. I pray the Lord will really bless the FLC Representative as she takes up the task which I'm sure she will enjoy and find very rewarding.



Glad West
National Convener FLC

REPORT OF THE ACW ARCHIVIST TO THE ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 1991

ARCHIVIST

During the past two years the Minutes of the National Committee and Executive minutes have been filed and the Conference papers of the National Committee, held in Perth in 1989 have been collated and stored.

The Victorian Unit Sent some FLC Audio-visual material, which has been placed in the ACW filing cabinet. No other material has been received from State Units.

WKS Trustee, Dorothy Haensel spent a week researching old records for a paper she has prepared on the beginnings of the Scholarship. In the course of this research, she and I came across some real treasures. It was exciting to be with her as she made these searches and discoveries. Who ever said that history was dull? Some of the letters were from Winifred Kiek herself, and this gave us a fresh insight into the meaning of WKS.

The instruction to the 'Incoming National Executive and the Archivist' to 'look at including photographic and audio records of archival material and investigate the possibility of using microfische technology' (Minutes of the National Conference, 11-15 September, 1989, page 19, 89/44 ref.) can be reported on in two parts.

1. Photographic and audio records. We are already holding some of this material, along with old photographic plates of Winifred Kiek Scholars. They seem to be in no immediate danger of deterioration.

As we accumulate more Minutes and Conference papers, space may become a problem. Which brings us to item 2.

2. Microfische technology. Few people seem to be using this now, since the advent of computers. In any case, we do not have the financial resources in ACW to buy the necessary equipment for either microfische or computer technology. Some of our material would readily transfer to such technology, for example, Minutes, financial records, but it would be a shame to lose some records like letters. I believe there will always be a place for written records.

Permancy of the Archives. The Uniting Church Archives at 'Eskdale', Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta enjoys the reputation of being the best church archives in Australia. It has air-conditioning, fire sprinklers, and fire warning to the Fire Brigade and good security. Access is five days a week and transport is quite good, by train and bus from the city. There are good parking facilities. However, like everyone else, they are embarrassed for space and cannot offer accommodation to bodies outside their own church. The time may be ripe for ACW to approach the Australian Council of Churches with a request to lodge our archives with them, but not in the kind of accommodation that was offered before, ie in an attic room of a suburban nursing home.

There is now a copy of 'Winifred', Margaret Knauerhase's book about her mother, in the archives. Thank you to the donor.

I present this report with pleasure.

Edith Ridge
Archivist
25.6.91

REPORT OF WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

It is a privilege to present the second report from the WKS Trustees. Meetings are held as and when required to attend to business. Twelve meetings have been held during the past two years.

SCHOLARSHIP

The period has provided an interesting group of applications for the scholarship. It has become apparent that we need to look at the type of courses that are available for Overseas students that will be within our budget. We have also begun to query the value of the scholarship and the stewardship of money and for this reason and at the invitation of the National Executive a special paper has been prepared.

FELLOWSHIP

We have gone in this period from having no money available for Fellowships to quite a large amount. This has been because of two short term scholarships - one from 1988, short term in Singapore where costs were very low. The Trustees have therefore included a recommendation re some of this Fellowship money. Now that there is money available for Fellowships we need to be on the alert for opportunities to use this money to benefit all church women.

We have enjoyed meeting the scholars - Failautusi in 1989 and Doreen in 1990 and look forward to meeting Rachel when she is in South Australia. We hope to keep in contact with these scholars, following their work to assist us in assessing the value of the scholarship not only to them as individuals, but also to the Christian communities in which they live and work.

We thank the National Executive for their cooperation over the last two years and highly commend the WKS Convener, Lucelle King, for the work she has done for the scholars. Well done, Lucelle.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the wider church through the WKS Trust. May God continue to shed His light and blessing on us all and may the 1991 Conference be a wonderful time of inspiration and fellowship for all who attend.

Winifred Kiek Trustees
Joan Brewer, Jan Gifford, June Morrow,
Dorothy Wright, Dorothy Haensel

RECOMMENDATIONS

Winifred Kiek Scholarships

In the light of the small amount of money used for Fellowships at the time of the WCC Assembly, and the funds now available for Fellowships, Conference reconsider the decision of the 1989 Conference allocating money from the 1987 Scholarship to Fellowships.

The Trustees recommend that the 1987 funds be used in the following way. (This money was allocated to the Scholarship before the Deed of Trust was in place so is not bound by it.)

1. That contact be made with the Myanmar Ecumenical Women's Council and that scholarship/s to the value of \$5,000 be offered to them.
2. That \$2,500 be made available for a scholarship for an Aboriginal woman.
3. If it is not possible for scholarships to be taken up by women from Myanmar, then \$5,000 be given to the Women's Ecumenical Council for running of Seminars and Leadership Training.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1990

I have examined the accounts and records of the Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1990 and have obtained all the information and explanations required. My examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, based on those tests and procedures, the attached statements have been properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Trust.

G.R. Butler
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G.R. Butler. A.A.S.A.(Senior)

Honorary Auditor



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

TREASURER'S REPORT 1ST JULY 1989 - 30TH JUNE 1990

It is my pleasure to present this 1990 financial report.

Firstly I am pleased to announce that the total for the 1991 Scholarship is currently \$10,350. 41. This is nearly \$3,000 more than the 1990 Scholar's account was at the same stage last year. This increase was the effect of good interest rates prevailing (approximately 15% average) and the increase of \$11,763 to the capital funds. However the prospect of this good rate continuing for the coming year is doubtful.

During the year both the 1988 and the 1989 Scholarship Accounts were finalised. The total cost of the 1988 Scholarship was \$2,001. 37 \$1,330. 80 was transferred to the 1989 Scholar's Account to pay the shortfall as passed at the 1989 Conference. The remainder was returned to the Trust with interest and exchange credit. This account balance (\$5,584. 30) is now available as a Fellowship/Scholarship. This money could be used for an Aboriginal woman at an appropriate time in the future as envisaged at the 1987 Conference. In the meantime it will continue to attract its own interest.

The 1989 Scholarship cost was \$9,579. 64. Of this \$6,595. 74 was forwarded from the Trust, further donations during the year totalled \$1,554. 55 plus interest for the year \$98. 55 and \$1,330. 80 transferred from the 1988 Scholarship. No money was available towards the Fellowship/ Scholarship.

As no purpose has been directed for the 1987 Memorial Bursary Funds may a recommendation be considered to donate \$300 of this to purchase suitable resource books for the use of the women in Myanmar (Burma). The delegates from Myanmar to the A.C.W.C. Assembly may be able to take them home if this is decided. The remainder of funds in the account would return to capital, as have the 1988 and 1989 residue balances.

The former 1987 Scholarship account as resolved at the 1989 Conference has been converted for use as a W.K. Fellowship to be used following the W.C.C. Conference in 1991. This year this account has added \$1,113. 31 in interest. Perhaps consideration could be given to use this money to assist delegates from Myanmar to the A.C.W.C Assembly. This is suggested because at the 1989 Conference of A.C.W. it could not have been envisaged that so much money would be available from the 1988 Scholarship towards the W.K.Fellowship.

I would like to thank our auditor Mr. Geoffrey Butler for his generous gift of time and services to our cause.

Honary Treasurer Dorothy K. Wright

Dorothy K. Wright

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1ST JULY, 1989 - 30TH JUNE, 1990

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

	W.K. FELLOWSHIP. 1987 SCHOLAR	W.K. FELL'SHP 1988 SCHOLAR	1990 SCHOLAR	1991 SCHOLAR	CAPITAL	TOTAL
BALANCE B/F 1/7/89	\$ 6,337. 38	\$ 3,156. 53	\$ 7,414. 76		\$60,897. 61	\$77,806. 28
NEW CAPITAL					\$11,763. 71	\$11,763. 71
RETURNED CAPITAL '88	\$	\$ 1,869. 25				\$ 1,869. 25
INTEREST 1989-90	\$ 1,113. 31	\$ 558. 52	\$ 1,172. 60	\$ 10,350. 41		\$13,194. 84
PAYMENTS 1989-90	\$ 7,450. 69	\$ 5,584. 30	\$ 8,587. 36	\$ 10,350. 41	\$72,661. 32	\$104,634. 08
			\$ 4,000. 00			\$ 4,000. 00
BALANCE C/F 30/6/90	\$ 7,450. 69	\$ 5,584. 30	\$ 4,587. 36	\$ 10,350. 41	\$72,661. 32	\$100,634. 08

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS

	1987 SCHOLAR (Now Reserve)	1988 SCHOLAR	1989 SCHOLAR	1990 SCHOLAR	1991 SCHOLAR	CAPITAL	TOTAL
BALANCE B/F 1/7/89	\$ 335. 51	\$ 426. 25	\$ 116. 56	\$ 482. 75	\$ 654. 47	\$2,705. 94	\$4,067. 01
INTEREST 1989-90							654. 47
NEW CAPITAL						\$ 25. 00	\$ 25. 00
RETURNED UNUSED			\$ 83. 50				\$ 83. 50
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL		(\$ 426. 25)	(\$ 200. 06)			\$ 626. 31	
PAYMENTS NIL	\$ 335. 51	\$ nil	\$ nil	\$ 482. 75	\$ 654. 47	\$3,357. 25	\$4,829. 98
BALANCE C/F 30/6/90	\$ 335. 51	nil	nil	\$ 482. 75	\$ 654. 47	\$3,357. 25	\$4,829. 98

SUMMARY OF FUNDS HELD 30th JUNE, 1990

W. KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST CAPITAL	\$ 72,661. 32	PETTY CASH IMPREST	\$ 16. 00
FOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARS 1990 & 1991	\$ 14,937. 77	BALANCE B/F 1/7/89	\$ 49. 71
WINIFRED KIEK FELLOWSHIP	\$ 13,034. 99	REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 65. 71
MEMORIAL BURSARY CAPITAL	\$ 3,357. 25	EXPENSES FOR YEAR	\$ 15. 71
FOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARS 1990 & 1991	\$ 1,137. 22	CASH IN HAND 30/6/90	\$ 50. 00
RESERVE	\$ 335. 51		
PETTY CASH	\$ 50. 00		
	\$ 105,514. 06		

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST - FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1990.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST
WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

<u>BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCES 30/6/90</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>INTEREST 30/6/90</u>	<u>INTEREST FOR YEAR</u>
CWTH. TREASURY BONDS \$168	\$ 2,400. 00	\$ 2,400. 00	\$	\$ 204. 00
CWTH. BONDS SERIES 24 & 25				\$ 322. 69
AUSTRALIAN GUARANTEE CORP.	\$ 18,253. 13	\$ 17,560. 00	\$ 693. 13	\$ 1,689. 61 (part accrued)
BENEFICIAL FINANCE	\$ 56,347. 40	\$ 52,700. 00	\$ 3,647. 40	\$ 7,800. 20 (part accrued)
STATE BANK OF S.A.	\$ 1,125. 81	1. 32	\$ 1,124. 49	\$ 21. 85
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '91 SCHOLAR	\$ 4,895. 39		\$ 4,885. 39	\$ 312. 06
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '90 SCHOLAR	\$ 83,011. 73	\$ 72,661. 32	\$ 10,350. 41 (1991)	\$ 10,350. 41
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '87 W.K.Fell	\$ 4,587. 36		\$ 4,587. 36 (1990)	\$ 1,172. 60
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '88 W.K.Fell	\$ 7,450. 69		\$ 7,450. 69 (W.K.F)	\$ 1,113. 31
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '88 W.K.Fell	\$ 5,584. 30		\$ 5,584. 30 (W.K.F)	\$ 558. 52
TOTAL BALANCES 30/6/90	\$ 100,634. 08	\$ 72,661. 32	\$ 27,972. 76	\$ 13,194. 84

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSAY ACCOUNTS

<u>BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCES 30/6/90</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>INTEREST 30/6/90</u>	<u>INTEREST FOR YEAR</u>
BENEFICIAL FINANCE	\$ 2,762. 41	\$ 2,600. 00	\$ 162. 41	\$ 393. 59 (part accrued)
AUSTRALIAN GUARANTEE CORP.	\$ 100. 00	\$ 100. 00		\$ 17. 30
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE	\$ 1,132. 01	\$ 657. 25	\$ 474. 76	\$ 243. 58
STATE BANK OF S.A.	\$ 17. 30		17. 30	
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE 90 SCHOLAR	\$ 4,011. 72	\$ 3,357. 25	\$ 654. 47 (1991)	\$ 654. 47
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE RESERVE	\$ 482. 75		\$ 482. 75 (1990)	
	\$ 335. 51		\$ 335. 51 (RES.)	
TOTAL BALANCES 30/6/90	\$ 4,829. 98	\$ 3,357. 25	\$ 1,472. 73	\$ 654. 47

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1991

I have examined the accounts and records of the Australian Church Women Memorial Bursary and Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1991 and have obtained all the information and explanations required. My examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, based on those tests and procedures, the attached statements have been properly drawn up and are in accordance with the books and records of the Trust.

G.R. Butler
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G.R. Butler. F.C.P.A.

Honorary Auditor

Date 27/7/91

TREASURER'S REPORT 1991

It is a pleasure to report a capital growth in the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust accounts since the 1989 A.C.W. National Conference of \$23,523. 87 to \$84,421. 48. In the Memorial Bursary accounts one woman was honoured with a donation of \$25. However \$1,516. 31 was added to the capital by transfer of unused funds from various scholars accounts. The 1987 Scholar's account has been kept in reserve pending a decision of action by National Conference.

I am also pleased to announce that the funds for the 1992 Scholarship will be over \$11,500 by the time it is taken up. This is approximately \$900 more than for the 1991 Scholarship.

The effect of the lower interest rates will be evident in the 1993 Scholarship as investments which have matured in the last few months have been reinvested for two years at very much lower rates.

I would like to record a vote of thanks to our auditor Mr. Geoffrey Butler, who again has so willingly given of his time to audit the books.

Dorothy K. Wright
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Dorothy K. Wright

Honorary Treasurer 18/7/91

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1ST JULY, 1990 - 30TH JUNE, 1991

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

	1987			1988			1989			1990			1991			1992			1993		
TOTALS	CAPITAL			FELLOWSHIP			FELLOWSHIP			FELLOWSHIP			FELLOWSHIP			FELLOWSHIP			FELLOWSHIP		
BALANCE B/F 1/7/90	\$100,634.08	\$72,661.32	\$7,450.69	\$5,584.30	\$4,587.36	\$10,350.41															
NEW CAPITAL	\$11,760.16	\$11,760.16																			
RETURNED FUNDS	\$7,815.86	\$	\$5,319.80																		
INTEREST	\$13,801.87		\$728.50	\$707.90	\$268.18																
	\$134,011.97	\$84,421.48	\$13,498.99	\$6,292.20	\$7,351.60	\$11,194.59															
LESS PAYMENTS	\$15,000.00		\$6,000.00																		
BALANCES 30/6/91	\$119,011.97	\$84,421.48	\$7,498.99	\$6,292.20	\$3,351.60	\$6,194.59															

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL AND INTEREST

BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS	BALANCES	CAPITAL	1992 SCHOLAR	1991 SCHOLAR	W.K. FELLOWSHIP	INTEREST FOR YEAR
CWTH. TREASURY BONDS	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00				\$ 204.00
ESANDA FINANCE CORP.	\$ 15,149.22	\$14,900.00	\$ 249.22			\$ 249.22
AUST. GUARANTEE CORP.	\$ 29,976.00	\$29,260.00	\$ 716.00			\$3,251.86
BENEFICIAL FINANCE	\$ 39,264.94	\$37,800.00	\$1,464.94			\$7,334.39
STATE BANK OF S.A.	\$ 2,667.00	61.48	\$2605.52			\$ 4.70
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '92	\$ 6,217.43		\$6217.43	\$6,194.59		\$ 208.94
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '91	\$ 6,194.59				\$ 3,351.60	\$ 844.18
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '90	\$ 3,351.60				\$ 6,292.20	\$ 268.18
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '88	\$ 6,292.20				\$ 7,498.99	\$ 707.90
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE '87	\$ 7,498.99					\$ 728.50
BALANCE 30/6/91	\$119,011.97	\$84,421.48	\$1253.11	\$6,194.59	\$ 17,142.79	\$13801.87

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST - FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 1990 - 30TH JUNE, 1991

<u>MEMORIAL BURSARY ACCOUNTS</u>				
		<u>1987</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>
	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>SCHOLAR</u>	<u>SCHOLAR</u>
BALANCE B/F 1/7/90	\$4,829.98	\$3,357.25	\$482.75	\$654.47
INTEREST 1990-91	\$652.32			
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL \$		232.75		\$652.32
			(\$232.75)	
	\$5,482.30	\$3,590.00	\$250.00	\$654.47
LESS PAYMENTS ACW	\$450.00		\$250.00	\$200.00
BALANCE 30/6/91	\$5,032.30	\$3,590.00	\$nil	\$454.47
				\$652.32

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL AND INTEREST

<u>BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCES</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
		<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>SCHOLAR</u>	<u>SCHOLAR</u>	<u>FOR YEAR</u>
BENEFICIAL FINANCE \$					\$320.49
AUST. GUARANTEE Corp\$	2,756.52	\$2,700.00		\$56.52	\$73.82
STATE BANK OF S.A.	\$105.00			\$105.00	\$2.40(DONATION)
EXECUTOR TRUSTEE	\$2,170.78	\$890.00	\$454.47	\$490.80	\$255.61
BALANCE AT 30/6/91	\$5,032.30	\$3,590.00	\$454.47	\$652.32	\$652.32

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS HELD

W.K.S TRUST CAPITAL	\$84,421.48
1991 & 1992 SCHOLARS	\$17,447.70
W. K. FELLOWSHIP	\$17,142.79
MEM./BURSARY CAPITAL	\$3,590.00
RESERVE 1987	\$335.51
PETTY CASH	\$50.00
1991 & 1992 SCHOLARS	\$1,106.79
	<u>\$124,094.27</u>

PETTY CASH

BALANCE B/F 1/7/90	\$50.00
EXPENSES FOR YEAR	\$25.00
REIMBURSEMENT	\$25.00
CASH IN HAND	\$50.00

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (ACC)

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW) has observer status at executive level of ACC. The importance of this status is very high, as ACW has access to information and notice of action from the primary source. I (Joan Tong ACW representative) cannot emphasise sufficiently the responsibility we have as a national body to use this status efficiently and intelligently. This is difficult, but I foresee that we must use ACW News to share information and to determine action by our women.

During the year 1990/91 many issues have been addressed at both 'home ground' level as well as overseas. I perceive some of the most important of these to be:

AUSTRALIAN ECUMENISM: 'The ACC resolved at its General Meeting in 1988 to approach non-member churches with a view to forming a more representative national ecumenical body. A positive response to this approach came from the Australian Bishops' Conference (ACBC) and from the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA). Working parties were set up between the ACC and each body.' (Quote from Report of the Working Party) Currently, this report is being studied and formal decisions will be made as a result of these studies.

ECUMENICAL DECADE OF CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN: A task group has been set up to study issues relevant to our communities both in church and society. Also to be in touch with overseas efforts regarding this decade. One of their tasks is to liaise with the Commission on the Status of Women.

BEYOND CANBERRA 1991: Following the WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES assembly there are proposals for ACC to continue the celebration by addressing issues and decisions important to the life of the Australian Church such as arose at the assembly. Notable among these is the move toward solidarity with the aboriginal people. "The Seventh Assembly has listened carefully to the voices of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. We have been painfully aware of their struggle for self-determination and self-management, in order to freely pursue their own economic, political, social, religious and cultural developments" (Quote from Study and Action Guide for Australian Churches)

Space does not permit more specific detail, other than to say that Media Releases from the ACC during the Gulf War were very compassionate and addressed in a positive manner the needs as observed by the ACC, making public the work of the Church as a united body. Some of the issues that were addressed in this way were:

The desperate situation of the Kurdish people;
Support for the announcement by the Prime Minister that our government will support proposals for United Nations peace keeping actions;
A call to the Australian Government to use its good offices with the United nations to save the lives of people seeking refuge;
A call to Australian churches to continue in prayer for peace, reconciliation and reconstruction in the region, and to support the Gulf Appeal of the ACC.

Joan Tong
ACW Representative to ACC

ASIAN CHURCHWOMEN'S CONFERENCE REPORT

Article 2 of the Constitution of ACWC states: PURPOSE - Believing that the purpose of God for the Churches is life together in a common obedience to Him for the doing of His will in the world, the ACWC is constituted so that women sharing a common faith in our Lord and Saviour may unite to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The most important happening since the last ACW Conference was the Ninth Assembly in Jakarta from 1-6 November, 1990.

To be part of one's country's delegation to a Conference such as this is always an honour and after sharing with other Christian friends there, one cannot help but appreciate and give thanks for the privileges of living in a country with so many opportunities and such freedom.

It is very humbling to experience the commitment of these women and their faith as they witness in so many different and difficult situations.

The Theme of the Conference 'IN CHRIST FREEDOM, GROWTH & HOPE' was carried through in the Opening and Closing Worship, morning and evening prayer, bible study and group discussion. The 160 participants enjoyed the opportunity to join with the local people in Sunday worship.

Country reports gave us some idea of the wide and varied role of Christian women in their churches, families and communities while the Cultural Evening showed the diverse and imaginative talents of the groups.

At this Conference Barbara Grealy (Australian representative) and Dorothy Haensel (elected member) retired after serving for 4 years. I became the Australian representative and Mrs. Major Joan Tong was elected from the floor of the Conference to the General Committee.

Mrs. Monika Mannon of Bangladesh, was elected President of ACWC for the next four years. The problems experienced since the cyclone in that country have made it very difficult for Eunice Kim, ACWC Executive Secretary, to keep in touch with Monika.

Another important event was a Seminar organised by ACWC and held in Bombay in May 1990. ACW President Marie McCann, was invited to participate in this and considered this to be a privilege and a marvellous experience.

Representatives of ACWC were at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra earlier this year.

Plans are well under way for an ACWC Executive Meeting, General Committee Meeting and Conference in Bangkok from 9-15 October this year. Members need to report on what their churches are doing for the Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women. The Conference is mainly for Ordained or Theologically Trained Women. As General Committee members Joan Tong and myself will be representing Australia there.

The Service for 1991 ACWC Day, November 15, was prepared by the women of Japan on the theme 'The Dignity of Life'. Though Australia does not use this service as ACWC Day is too close to our own Community Day, copies are sent to units so that they may be able to use part of it in some other way. Here again we are privileged as the Service is prepared in English. Most of the other countries have to have it translated before it is printed.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN continues to be an important part of ACWC and committee members and participating countries are encouraged to promote it as widely as possible. ACWC relies heavily on this fund for a donation for administrative purposes.

Living in Darwin I have become even more conscious of our close proximity to Asia and the realisation that our future will more and more be linked with our Asian neighbours.

Our membership and involvement in ACWC is another way we can gain a greater understanding of each others culture. I pray that through our membership we can continue to build bridges between us.

Margaret Harper

ACW REPRESENTATIVE ON ACWC

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
ACT UNIT**

The past two years have not been uneventful. At our Annual Meeting in March 1990 we re-elected our popular President, Mrs. Major Averil Whybird, who had returned safely from her lone voyage to Perth in September. In May she and her husband were transferred to Bathurst, NSW, to Bathurst's benefit but our consternation. However we persuaded our new Vice President, Mrs. Betty Farrell, to take over the Chair and we haven't looked back since.

In November 1989 we were pleased to greet the National President and Secretary who attended our Unit meeting and presented Mrs. Ruth Burmester with her National Life Membership badge, as well as giving us another slant on the Perth Conference.

Special Days - These continue to be outstanding events - well attended, prepared with great care and providing excellent speakers. Also World Day of Prayer, which we organise, gives another opportunity to get together.

Visitors - The World Council of Churches Assembly in February was a great event which affected us all in some way. As a result of the Assembly we had the opportunity to meet:

Mrs. Navamani Peter, President of the International Committee for World Day of Prayer. As the local representatives for WDP we entertained her at afternoon tea, along with Mrs. Nangulla Kathindi of Namibia.

Mrs. Rachel Mathew, the President of All India Council of Christian Women, who had accepted a WK Fellowship and spoke to us of her work among the ecumenical Christian women of her own country.

Winifred Kiek Scholars - This term we met three scholars: Failautusi Teb'ati from Kiribati, Doreen Tie from Malaysia and Rachel Sobana from India - three fine young women whose acquaintance enriched our lives, and we hope, theirs.

Representation - Mrs. Whybird was asked to be the speaker at World Community Day in Bateman's Bay in 1989 and at the CWA Service.

The Unit was represented at numerous functions during the period, including:

A Mass for WACWO at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

A Reception for the ACT Women's Advisory Council.

The Salvation Army Women's Rally.

Church Service for the opening of Parliament at which the Archbishop of Canterbury (designate) spoke.

International Women's Week Receptions and reception for the announcement of Canberra Women of the Year.

A round-table talk at Parliament House with a group of women from USSR who wanted 'to learn from us the political and organisation skills that we have developed through our non-governmental organisations'.

Regular reports were received during the year from our representatives on the National Council of Women and ACT Churches Council. We were asked to provide a member on the special committee of the Churches Council to consider action against pornographic videos. This subject had involved us in a good deal of correspondence during the last two years.

Conclusion - One can't put a price on the value of these ecumenical meetings, when friendships are formed across the denominational borders and understanding of each other's beliefs is increased through shared services.

Our thanks to our hard-working National Executive and good wishes to the incoming group.

Audrey Shirwin
Hon. Secretary
June 1991

VICTORIAN UNIT REPORT

Over the past two years the Victorian Unit has continued its steady growth with an average of 43 ladies attending the six bi-monthly council meetings. Special mention should be made of the efforts of executive and council members in introducing younger women and encouraging them to take their place in our ecumenical body.

MEMBERSHIP of our Victorian Unit will be increased with the addition of the 'Friends of ACW' category, open to all interested people, both men and women, who may receive minutes, attend council, speak but not vote.

During '89-90, President, Miss Dorothy Clack commenced our meetings with a devotional reflecting on the women of the Bible. We could identify with the Marys, Marthas, Dorcas' and Lydias and relate Jesus' message of healing, peace and reconciliation in our own lives in home, Church and society.

Before and following the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Canberra, our '90-91 President, Mrs. Joan Stott, afforded us a most exciting year of ecumenical sharing. With the inclusion of the Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and a concluding prayer for countries listed in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we were brought closer in spiritual unity with God's people around the world.

SPECIAL DAYS In Victoria approximately 2,500 orders of service are distributed to 30 country and 29 city centres. It is encouraging to receive reports from the participating groups indicating the joy and challenge they experience as they share together with women of other denominations.

50TH ANNIVERSARY of the formation of the ecumenical women's movement in Victoria, now known as Australian Church Women - Victorian Unit, will be celebrated during 1991-92.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR. We enjoyed our time with the 1990 Scholar, Doreen Tie, and look forward to meeting '91 Scholar, Rachel Sobana, in August.

FAREWELL to Rev. Elizabeth Alfred, former state and national president and ACWC delegate and member for over 21 years; also former state presidents in Mrs. Comm. Merle Linnett and Mrs. Myra Dixon. Myra will continue on Council as an associate member. Mrs. B. Foster has also retired from ACW after 15 years service in the state and national units and as delegate to the National Council of Women Victoria Inc.

We are grateful for the work of our members who organise our Quiet Day and Film Luncheon, also our delegates/representatives on the Victorian Council of Churches; National Council of Women Victoria and World Day of Prayer Committee.

We acknowledge with appreciation the work of our retiring national executive and welcome with loving support our new national executive in Tasmania. The Victorian Unit is happy to accept the responsibility as National Committee in 1993.



Barbara Lacy
Secretary

TASMANIAN REPORT

Meetings for the past two years have continued to be well supported with an average attendance of twenty members. Mrs. Lorraine Davis has been president during this time. Mrs. Shirley Brooks has now taken this position for the next two years.

Members of the State unit regret the passing of the Baptist Church representative, Mrs. Phil O'Loughlin, who was State Treasurer for a number of years. After a long fight with cancer, Phil is now at rest with her Lord. Phil's cheery smile and quiet Christian witness will long be remembered by us all.

Services on Fellowship Day in July and Community Day in October have been arranged by branches in major centres and small communities.

Most denominations participate and numbers attending have increased, due mainly to more advertising.

Prayer meetings for the people of Burma that has been held in Launceston has become an annual event and we were fortunate to have had a student from Burma to speak to us.

TV watch is being maintained and the fight against video pornography and violence is on-going. A fund is now available to meet any expense incurred by this fight.

In November we hosted a visit from the 1990 Winifred Kiek scholar, Doreen Tie Chin Bing from Sarawak.

In February we welcomed the Executive Secretary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Mrs. Shiran Samuel. It was good to hear at first hand where and how our "Least Coins" are used.

Mrs. Shirley Brooks attended the Asian Church Womens Assembly in Jakarta. Shirley really made it all live for us as her enthusiasm was infectious.

This year we welcomed 1991 Winifred Kiek scholar, Rachel Sobana from India to our A.G.M. Rachel spent three weeks in Tasmania observing at hospitals in Burnie, Hobart and Launceston.

Many thanks go to the out-going executive for their support over the past two years.

We are looking forward to the challenge of holding office of the National Executive for the ensuing two years.

JOAN SMITH,
Honorary Secretary



REPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1991

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN UNIT

The last two years have been very busy for our Unit. Members of the Executive entertained the National President and National Secretary when they visited Adelaide to attend the Australian Council of Churches General meeting in July 1990.

Unit members were invited to morning teas to hear Winifred Kiek Scholars Failautusi Tebati and Doreen Tie speak and also to hear Mrs. Annathaie Abayas-ekera, from Sri Lanka speak about the World Council of Churches Assembly in February 1991.

At our Unit meetings we have heard Barbara Grealy speak about the ICFLC meeting in Jamaica, which she chaired, and Muriel Olsson speak about the Asian Church Women's Conference Assembly in Djakarta.

In March 1990, three members of the Executive travelled to Mundulla, near Bordertown, to speak about FLC and ACW to a group of women from different denominations.

A member of our Unit made a section for the Peace Ribbon which was sent to the United Nations in New York, and also two 'patches' for the wall hanging for the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra in 1991. Action was taken to protest against the sale of X-rated videos and the easy availability of credit cards.

We continue our Community Concern outreach by having thirteen morning teas each year in various suburban venues. In 1990 the beneficiary was Radio for the Print Handicapped and in 1991 Cancer Care Centre Incorporated will be assisted. Our Jubilee 150 Trust Fund continues to assist underprivileged women.

In 1991 the decision was made to discontinue Corporate Worship for the present and also our affiliation with the South Australian Council for Children's Films and TV, but members were asked to promote this through their denominations. Our affiliation with other organisations as reported at the last national conference continues.

Unfortunately, Ms Jane Mitta decided against writing the history of our Unit for her thesis. This was mentioned in our last national conference report.

We wrote to Past Presidents and 'friends' of our Unit inviting them to become Associate members and received a positive response from five of them.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day services were held in country areas as well as metropolitan and city Churches.

We were delighted when Sister Kate Conley, a Sister of Mercy was awarded a grant from ICFLC for her work as Chaplain to the Women's Prison.

We wish to thank the members of the Executive who give their time and expertise to assist others to fulfil the aims of Australian Church Women. May God bless them all!

Maureen E. Clark
Secretary, SA Unit
Australian Church Women



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(W.A. UNIT)

Since the 1989 National Conference, a memorable one for WA members, the Unit has continued to meet monthly from February to November. Major Olive Dell was elected as President in November '89 and Vera Wilson succeeded Joan Miller as Secretary. Thank you Joan, for nine years in that position. Barbara Bourhill was a voting delegate at the ACWC Assembly in Jakarta in November '90. Two of our Unit members, Mary Box Gregson and Janet Watts attended the WCC Assembly and shared with us many aspects of their experiences in Canberra.

FORUMS have been held each May with interesting and challenging speakers. 1990 theme was 'Aged Care - Changing Concepts'. 1991 theme addressed the topic 'Living in Peace'.

SPECIAL DAYS Elizabeth Kenny was replaced as Convener by Joan Miller and thanks expressed to Elizabeth who was unable to continue as a member of the Unit. Fellowship and Community Day services were held at City Churches and also in several Suburbs and Country towns, with growing attendances, Port Hedland being the latest centre to hold ACW services. In the City the Mothers' Union Choir, Wesley College and Trinity College Choirs and the Tuesday Singers have provided lovely music. Speakers have been Sister Kathleen Dawe, Miss Nancy Edwards (High School Chaplain), Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lilburne and Major Barbara Wilson.

At the 1990 Community Day service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Mrs. Marjorie Scurlock was presented with a Life Member's Badge. Marjorie has been a member of the WA Unit since its formation in 1966, has held the offices of President and Special Days Convener and was a member of the National Executive in 1975-77. She is currently Vice President.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN Joan Joyce is an enthusiastic Convener and new branches continue to join FLC. A Newsletter is sent to each group twice each year.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP Alison Stewart found it necessary to resign as Convener and Janet Watts agreed to replace her. Sincere appreciation was expressed to Alison for her work in this area both on State and National levels.

We were very happy to meet 1990 Scholar, Miss Doreen Tie, when she visited Perth briefly on her way home to Sarawak in December. A morning tea was arranged for members and friends to meet Doreen, who spoke of her work and experiences in Australia, and to hear a report from Barbara Bourhill, recently returned from the ACWC Assembly. Doreen visited the Lady Lawley Cottage Home during her stay in Perth.

Nancy Munyard is our capable Treasurer. A Cake Stall was held each April to raise money for the Travel Fund.

The Unit is represented on the World Day of Prayer committee, the National Council of Women and by observers at the WA Conference of Churches.

Our thanks to the members of the National Executive for their commitment during the past two years, which has enabled us to continue to promote the aims of ACW. To God be the Glory.

Vera Wilson
Secretary



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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QUEENSLAND UNIT

My year as President of the Queensland Unit has been one of interest and joy and a learning experienced. Coupled with an extremely busy Salvation Army Red Shield Doorknock Appeal (my area of work), Brisbane Residential, and approximately two months of poor health, it has extended my capabilities and stretched my resources. Fortunately, I have been supported by a fine group of women and, above all, a Lord and Saviour who has my life in His hands.

We have been privileged to have several visitors to the Unit during the past year. Doreen Tie from Malaysia came amongst us and blessed us. She also amazed us with her sense of responsibility in one so young. Then came our India experience. We were addressed firstly by Rachel Mathew, President of All India Council of Christian Women, after her visit to Canberra, then by Major Mrs. Olive Lucas (who served as a missionary with The Salvation Army) and now we have Rachel Sobana, the 1991 Winifred Kiek Scholar, with us. Again we are experiencing amazement that one so young should have such enormous responsibility. We are looking forward to hearing Rachel speak at our Fellowship Day service on Friday, 26th July.

Our speakers at the Fellowship Day and Community Day services were most enlightening. Dr. Filmer and Mrs. Major Everitt, two very different personalities, but both with years of experience and expertise on which to draw, gave us a great deal to think about.

Ann Green, who has responsibility for Fellowship of the Least Coin and is widely sought after as a speaker throughout the state, made it possible for the Queensland Unit to participate in the Multi-Patch Wall Hanging for the World Council of Churches Seventh Assembly. Ann designed and made the Wall Hanging and it was sent to Canberra with a message from the Queensland Unit, incorporating some information concerning our most beautiful State.

Our morning tea fund raiser, which was very well attended and which raised a considerable amount of money for our funds, introduced us to the Welsh Ladies' Choir who entertained us with magnificent singing, both secular and devotional.

We would like to be more involved with our other State personnel in various parts of Queensland. This is in the embryo stage at the moment, but a newsletter has been suggested as a start. This will be put into effect shortly and will be sent out with the Orders of Service, twice a year.

Five members from the Queensland Unit are registered to attend this year's Conference and we are looking forward, not only to the fellowship with each other, but also with members from other States. We are also looking forward to the stimulation and education such an occasion will bring.

I would like to close by thanking all who have been such support to me during this year, namely the Secretary, Mrs. Isa Doyle; Treasurer, Major Mavis Westphal (latterly assisted by Mrs. Joan Trudgian); Immediate Past President and Special Days Convener, Mrs. Margaret Florence; Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener, Mrs. Ailsa Skippen; Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener, Mrs. Ann Green and the Vice Presidents, Mrs. Kath Gallagher and Mrs. Val Clarke.

Sometimes we disagree amongst ourselves but like to think we can resolve these disagreements as good Christian women. Sometimes I personally have felt disassociated with the National Unit, having no direct communication between Presidents. This could perhaps be resolved in the future.

I would like to close by saying that I believe in Ecumenical gatherings. We can learn so much from each other. There has been warmth, consideration and Christian love, particularly in times of injury and sickness. May God bless our future endeavours!

Margaret Bull
President Queensland Unit

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NEW SOUTH WALES UNIT REPORT

As we present this Biennial Report for 1990-1991, we take the opportunity as the State Unit to say 'Welcome' to all the other Units to our State and especially to Sydney. We have had the pleasure of working with the National Committee in its preparation for the Conference and we hope you will all enjoy your time here.

During the last two years we have been ably led by two Presidents. To Marjory Baker and Joan Tong we express our heartfelt thanks for all they have done for and been to us.

We were proud to send Joan to the ACWC Assembly in 1990 and rejoice with her in her appointment to the General Committee of ACWC. The increased interest we now have in ACWC has prompted us to ask one of our Council members to monitor and share news of ACWC at future meetings of our Council.

We enjoy the dedicated service of our Executive members. Each year we hold a Dedication Service at which we review the old year and pledge our service for the new. Next year we will also install a new President, Phyl McKinnirey.

Subscription lists for our Magazine Newsette continue to grow. Old and new readers comment on the quality of this paper.

Guest speakers at Council meetings continue to inform and challenge. A highlight was the visit of Thelma Skiller who enthused us about the WCC Assembly. Members made 'patches' for the Assembly and the Council paid for one Accredited Visitor to attend. Many Council members attended at their own expense.

We have participated in the Flower Festivals at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Cathedrals.

Promotion Information Kits have been sent to many centres. Some of these inquiries have led to new Branches being formed.

Special Days services are well-attended and collections are holding up in these difficult financial times.

To celebrate 'our' service, 'Praise the Lord With Gladness' (Fellowship Day, 1990), we produced a special BallPoint pen. This Pen Project has been a most successful new venture for us.

We have enjoyed hosting WKS scholars Doreen Tie and Rachel Sobana during their study time in Sydney and New South Wales. The visit of WKS Fellowship holder, Rachel Mathew was a great success.

There is an increased interest in FLC in New South Wales.

Every year brings change in the representation to our Council. We rejoice in new friendships, but are sorry to lose old friends. This year we added to our Constitution provision for Associate Members, who will be former delegates wishing to keep a strong link with us.

To the retiring National Committee we express our thanks; being in the same State and having some of our members overlapping, has given us new insights into the work done by a National Committee.

To the new Committee from Tasmania, we wish all God's blessings and welcome them to office, with the promise of our loyalty and love.

Edith Ridge
Hon. Secretary.

ANGLICAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA - NATIONAL COMMITTEE ✓

It was in 1964 that the Bishop's wives met at the time of General Synod, to discuss the need for all Anglican Women's groups and organisations, as well as individual women not belonging to any particular group, to be brought together under one umbrella and in 1966 Anglican Women of Australia was formed. The Primate's wife was the leader and an AWA prayer was chosen. By 1986 A.W.A. was well established in ^{Canberra & Goulburn} Armidale, Bathurst, Gippsland, Newcastle, Riverina, Rockhampton and Tasmania, and a Secretariat of three was formed.

It was not until 14 years later, when the women's role in the Anglican Church had increased dramatically, that Mrs. Valerie Beal was encouraged to call representatives together from all the Australian Dioceses to share their ideas and views. The first National Conference took place in Newcastle in 1982, at which it was decided to produce an annual newsletter and that a meeting should be held every three years. Since then very successful conferences have been held in Sale and Canberra and the 1991 conference will be held in Rockhampton for a week beginning on 30th September.

Guidelines are being put together for a proposed constitution, but it might take another meeting or two before we have something which is acceptable to all the groups which make up Anglican Women in Australia. We are such a diverse group, ranging from the old women's Guilds, down to the young Girls Friendly Society and through to Mothers' Union and Caritas and Young Wives, the MOW Movement and Pastoral Assistants. It is not the easiest group to bring together under one umbrella, but pleasing progress has been made in the last few years.

Anglican Women of Australia is not a fund raising organisation, but rather is the clearing house for information and issues which affect the majority of women in Australia. As a National body, we are not so much concerned at the grass roots level of Anglican women's involvement in parish life, like arranging the next street stall or keeping the rectory painted, but rather how best we can keep before our members the problems faced by isolated women, women affected by the rural recession, the homeless and the lonely. It is an enormous task, but we will continue to go out In His Name

For His Service
To His Glory
By His Power.

*Presented by
Helen Lloyd (AET.)*

Cecily Butcher National Co-ordinator

AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This report covers the three year period from January 1988 when the Executive of ABWF was convened in Queensland. At our first Executive meeting, our President brought a devotional thought from 1 Corinthians 1:26-30. She mentioned the ways we react when God calls us to a task. We may feel incapable, or lacking in training, but when God calls, He enables. We testify to His guiding and enabling in this task.

The 4th General Assembly of the BWU of SWP was a time of inspiration and challenge for the hundreds of women who met at the University of Queensland Campus, Brisbane, in July 1988.

Many of our people have been affected by earthquake and floods. Women were asked to contribute to a special earthquake appeal to assist the Newcastle churches in repairs and re-building. We thank those who contributed. \$1140.52 was sent to the Hunter District Baptist Association, and shared between the 8 churches which had been affected. Local appeals for flood relief were also supported.

To help State Secretaries have a better understanding of how the States and ABWF work together, a leaflet 'The State Secretary & ABWF' was prepared and distributed to each State.

The Baptist Union of Australia asked for a Banner to be prepared for use at the World Congress in Seoul, 1990. A young woman from Brisbane, Miss Heather Robinson made a very attractive Banner for this purpose. While working on the Banner, Heather had opportunities to testify to her faith. One of these people accepted Christ as Saviour.

Social issues have been addressed as requested:

- (a) The emphasis on acceptability of free sex for teenagers, in the booklet 'About Your Body' - Questions and Answers from 'Dolly' magazine, promoted by Johnson & Johnson. The reply inferred that advice given is 'expert' hence it is acceptable. J & J regrets we disapprove of this area of their sponsorship.
- (b) The availability of violent videos by mail order from the Territories. It seems that we should be allowed to see what we want to see.

The BWA and May Days of Prayer are organised by each State at a time which suits their program.

After many requests to update the Leadership Training Course to suit the 1990s, the LTC has been revised and is ready for discussion. New sections include - Making the most of Music; Self-Esteem; Communication; Public Speaking; Preparation of a Devotional; Basic Counselling.

The NBFC Committee Chairman had set a limitation to our ABWF meetings during the National Baptist Family Celebration. They can only be held during free time, hence a very brief Council meeting is possible. As a direct result of pressure from some States and the Federal Body, we were able to hold a Women's Rally at Hahndorf in January, 1991. We commend to you the ladies of New South Wales who will accept ABWF Executive responsibility at this time. May they too, find God's grace sufficient for the task to which God has called them.

(Mrs.) Ruth Elfverson
President

(Mrs.) Claudia Bowmer
Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST

We praise God for His continuing blessing and direction for the women of our Fellowship. We thank Him for the opportunities of service and outreach He presents to us both as individuals and as a body of Christian women committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. We are happy to be a part of ACW and thus share together with Christian women from many parts of God's family.

'Now is the time to serve the Lord' was the theme for the Federal Conference held in Brisbane in October 1990. A number of significant changes were introduced during business sessions. Several inspirational rallies were held, including a Missionary celebration for the centenary of Overseas Mission work for Churches of Christ. The Women's Fellowship Conference, led by President Pam Paddick, was a day rich in fellowship, challenge and inspiration, as well as acceptance of some possible new structure of our Australian CWF. Reports from State Conferences indicate that future programming and structures are being reviewed with particular focus on the needs of women in the paid workforce. Some interesting ideas are emerging and we pray that the years ahead will bring fresh enthusiasm and new impetus for the work of CWF.

Support of CWF continues, particularly through Joy Sansome of Queensland who is also Vice President of WCWF. Groups also contribute to the special project - 'Street Children in Latin America'. The next meeting of WCWF will be held in Long Beach, California in August 1992.

Members of CWF are representatives on Ecumenical and Inter Church bodies such as ACW, World Day of Prayer, WCTU, as well as service groups such as National Council of Women and local community activities. This involvement expresses God's love and compassion for people everywhere.

The next Conference of ACWF will be held in Melbourne in 1993. The present Executive (based in Melbourne) is already formulating plans based on the theme - 'Christ: The Timeless Resource.' The world in which we live today is one of rapid and constant change. We are challenged to bring to those around us, and in particular women, the assurance that Jesus Christ is the timeless resource, that no matter what may happen around us, He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

It is our prayer that in every aspect of our lives, we will all continue to live, work, witness and share Christ: The Timeless Resource.



Eunice Reidy - President
Eleanor Roberts - Secretary

June, 1991



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

A Committee of the Assembly Committee on Christian Education

Throughout the Uniting Church, in Congregations across Australia, thousands of people meet together in fellowship groups of one kind or another. Right now some 65-70,000 people are linked together, through a series of Fellowship Group Committees at Presbytery (regional), Synod (State), and Assembly (National) levels.

Most of the fellowship groups are for women, but quite a number are for both men and women, while some are for men alone. In our Church we encourage mixed groups where possible.

A National Consultation is held every three years, where representatives from each of the Synod Committees meet together with members of the National Committee present as consultants. This is the policy-making body, and at each meeting a new National Committee is appointed to hold office until the next Consultation. The present National Committee is resident in New South Wales, having taken over from South Australia. It is worth noting that there are MEN on the Committee - three of them! Our President is Mrs. Rhoda Gates and the Secretary the Revd. Barry Ridge.

The National Committee, as well as representing the Uniting Church on national ecumenical bodies and at functions such as this ACW National Conference, has a major responsibility for relating to and corresponding with other churches internationally, through:

- * World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Women's Affairs)
- * World Federation of Methodist Women
- * World Council of Churches
- * Christian Conference of Asia (Women's Affairs)

Representatives attend Conferences and Seminars organised by these bodies.

Last year, 1990, the National Committee organised a GLOBAL EXCHANGE with 28 Presbyterian women from the USA - a response to the 'Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women in Church and Society'. A return visit by a group of 25 women from the Uniting Church in Australia left Sydney for the USA on 27th June this year.

We also have 18 people attending the 8th Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women in Singapore during July.

The present National Committee has inherited a number of 'Agenda issues' directed towards making the network of fellowship groups more inclusive by a greater involvement of...

- * the 25-45 year old men and women in the fellowship movement;
- * multi-cultural groups, including the United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.
- * any group, by whatever name, having 'fellowship' as a significant component.

Such a network of fellowship groups across the nation has a great potential for strengthening personal faith and Christian outreach into the community by 'ordinary' men and women.

Rhoda Gates - President
Barry Ridge - Secretary

SALVATION ARMY WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND

The Salvation Army women's programs enable Salvation Army and community women to be involved in a range of activities which seem to address the needs of women and allow women opportunities for ministry in various ways.

The **Home League** is a weekly meeting for women of all ages and creeds. The basis of this program is four-fold - **SERVICE, EDUCATION, WORSHIP and FELLOWSHIP**. The weekly syllabus provides learning opportunities through demonstrations, discussions, outings and guest speakers. Women are involved in outreach to the community, in service in their local neighbourhood and in church-related duties. The service is extended to overseas efforts through fundraising for missionary projects. The worship aspect is an integral part of every meeting with women having the opportunity to lead devotional segments. The fellowship of each meeting is rich and addresses the need of hundreds of very lonely women, many of whom live alone.

Many working women share in a monthly **Evening Fellowship** which has the same program-base as the Home League. Younger women tend to belong to this group. Again there is emphasis on outreach.

In New South Wales and Queensland, 8,000 women belong to the above two groups.

Special Events. A **Women's Bible Convention** is held annually with principal speakers chosen from within Australia and also overseas. Approximately 275 - 300 attend Convention from the two states and interest is increasing. Small group electives compliment the major study sessions.

Camps are held in all divisions with the aim of bringing women together in a relaxed fellowship situation and allowing Bible study sessions and new experiences in drama, music, etc.

Seminars and workshops are held on a regular basis to encourage personal development and leadership skills.

Ministry Opportunities.

The Salvation Army **League of Mercy** is a group of men and women Salvationists and Christian friends aged 14 years and over whose duties are primarily the visitation of public institutions for the sick, infirm and elderly, and work of a similar nature in private homes.

369,697 people were visited during the last year by approximately 1,100 League of Mercy members (who are predominantly women) giving 49,532 hours of voluntary service, which, in the main, is regular weekly visitation but also response to requests for visits for the general public.

Other opportunities are offered through music groups, Sunday school teaching, small Bible study group leadership, aerobics, craft, sports, playgroups and coffee clubs. Leadership opportunities are not always restricted to Salvationists.

As social and community needs change so The Salvation Army seeks to develop its women's programs for the benefit of the people and the glory of God.

THE SALVATION ARMY - HOME LEAGUE AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Our territory covers the states of Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

THE HOME LEAGUE, with the four fold aim of EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE and WORSHIP, plays a very important role in the life of women and their families.

The meetings held weekly in 208 centres have a membership roll of 9,551. Our aim is to introduce women from the wider community to Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS. Many home league members meet for a mid-day bible study. There are 78 prayer groups and 49 CARE programmes. The CARE PROGRAMME indicates a real concern for women and their needs. It is of paramount importance that we look after our members and take a personal interest in them.

CRAFT CLASSES are held in many centres and COFFEE MORNINGS and AEROBICS classes are organised.

PROJECTS. In 1990 \$120,490- was raised for missionary projects; other projects, \$145,506- making a grand total of \$265,996.

SPONSORSHIP. Another ministry is the CHILD SPONSORSHIP programme that now supports in excess of 700 children and their communities. Last year \$63,821 was forwarded on behalf of sponsors, to support children and families in the Pacific Islands, Asia and Africa.

OUTER CIRCLE LETTER MINISTRY. Each month 1,100 letters are sent from our office to women living in remote areas, nursing homes and to home league members who, because of age, are unable to attend weekly meetings.

"If one had to give a descriptive phrase to the Home League, I believe it could be summed up in four words: A LIGHT THAT SHINES!"

This report bears testimony to that statement, and we praise God for the influence of our women and others who are in need of warmth and friendship. Many of our women are overwhelmed by the sense of worth and belonging they experience when they become part of the Home League and Women's Ministries scene. This sense of belonging is often confirmed during annual camps and conferences held in each state. For many Home League members, these times are the only holiday they can have.

LEAGUE OF MERCY is an organised team of volunteers mobilised under Women's Ministries in The Salvation Army. Every week thousands of patients in hospitals and nursing homes are visited. League of Mercy volunteers go to private homes to deliver a meal, assist with housework or simply visit an elderly person.

THE MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP began as a support group for christian nurses, and now extends to include all who are engaged in the healing ministry, with groups meeting in every State.

Mary Begley

MRS. LIEUT. COLONEL MARY BEGLEY

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA

Lutheran Women of Australia, co-ordinating the work of the women in the five Districts of the LCA, has enjoyed another triennium of joyful and faithful service by its 8,500 members. The National officers, together with the state Presidents and Secretaries form the LWA Council, which meets before and after Conventions and once more in between, to discuss matters pertaining to LWA.

The objects of the LWA, as stated in our Constitution, are:

1. To encourage a deeper consecration, and a greater service, to Christ and His Church, in particular through the study of the Scriptures;
2. to co-ordinate and give impetus to the work of the women of the Lutheran Church of Australia;
3. to foster the bond of Christian fellowship among the women of the Church.

We have fulfilled these objects in the following ways during the past triennium.

BIBLE STUDIES: Most guilds studied the material featured in Lutheran Women each year. It is pleasing to note that these studies have been used also by other groups (including Lutheran Men).

LUTHERAN WOMEN: Our bi-monthly magazine continues to be the 'tie that binds'. 10,000 copies of Lutheran Women are printed each issue at a cost to subscribers of \$2.50 per annum (blanket scheme) or \$4.00 for individual subscriptions. It has the largest circulation of any of our Church magazines, except for The Lutheran, attracting many male readers as well.

PROJECTS: LWA co-ordinates the efforts of the Districts for a number of projects. Faith filled hearts moved our hands to reach out in support of the mission of the Church in Australia and overseas. Over the past 3 years donations have gone to Papua Guinea Medical and to the New Guinea Scholarship Fund (for education of native Pastors' children). The interest from the Indonesian Trust Fund is used to enable girls living in the dormitory (built with LWA funds) to complete their training as Christian Education teachers. These girls are generally the daughters of poor rice farmers and would not otherwise receive this education in this Muslim area. The Seminary and Teachers' College Auxiliaries have worked hard to supply necessary additions and amenities for the students and staff. We have supported Aboriginal Missions and Lutheran World Service and made sundry donations to various other causes. In all, a total of \$198,103.31 was made available by the women of the Church through our auxiliary in this past triennium.

FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE: Conventions are held annually in all Districts, except Queensland (which meets bi-annually). Women have also been tireless in their efforts to support the work of rest homes, hostels, schools, welfare centres and mission congregations in their own District. Zones organise retreats and fellowship days where women are enthused and refreshed for greater service through study of the Word and fellowship. However, it is in the local guilds/fellowships that the basic and most important work is carried out, that of caring for and reaching out to each other in the local congregation, to neighbours and friends and to the communities in which we live, as Jesus did.

In this changing world much is said about the validity of women's groups. Surveys show that women's groups are still needed, although the way they function is open to change.

Gladys Koch, President

ACW National Conference, 1991

Report of the Australian Council of Churches

In the past two years the Australian Council of Churches has had several major concerns: strengthening relations with and between its thirteen member churches, taking new initiatives vis-a-vis non-member churches, giving greater effectiveness to the work its specialised commissions, and hosting the Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Canberra.

Conversations are well under way with the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Lutheran Church of Australia, with a view to moving towards a more comprehensive national ecumenical body. A proposal has been released for discussion purposes, and in the light of reactions a proposed constitution will be prepared. The expectation is that churches will be asked to make important decisions on this matter in the course of 1992/93.

Droves of Australians took part in the largest visitors' programme ever attempted in conjunction with an assembly of the World Council of Churches, when the WCC assembly came to town in February 1991. Prompted by their enthusiasm, the ACC's Executive Committee has set the ball rolling for "Celebrating Under the Southern Cross - 1993". Building further on the best aspects of the Canberra visitors' programme, this event will draw together hundreds of Australian Christians, with resource people from overseas as well as home grown, to help people from our churches to worship and reflect together on some of the crucial issues of our time. Further information will be available soon.

Recent initiatives by the Australian Council of Churches include establishing an ecumenical youth task force (based in Adelaide), and a task group on the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (Sydney). An Ecumenical Leadership Fund has been established, to help young people with gifts in this area to deepen their understanding and experience. And as several churches enter into what they call a Decade of Evangelism, the ACC has established a working group on this subject also, to help member churches share their ideas and test their insights.

Member churches continue to act through the ACC in responding to human suffering and establishing links of support with churches in other lands. The Christmas Bowl and other such appeals, this year, continue to reflect the generous response of church people in Australia. "Compassion fatigue", much discussed on late in the media, does not appear to be a problem for people of the Australian churches.

The ACC continues to rejoice that the renewing power of God through the ecumenical movement is alive, well - and living in Australia!

DAVID GILL
General Secretary



World Day of Prayer—Australia

Eyes Open to New Vision is an appropriate way to begin this report from the World Day of Prayer in Australia to the Australian Church Women.

This was the theme for the Quadrennial International Meeting of the World Day of Prayer in Kingston, Jamaica, from 28th July to 6th August, 1990. As the National Liaison Officer, it was my privilege to be the Australian Delegate.

Participating were 132 women from 71 countries with different cultures and customs. At the end of the Conference we were bonded together having shared joys and fears. We had worshipped, prayed, sung, worked, laughed and wept together. It was a memorable experience.

The National Committee had voted to nominate Mrs. Margaret Watson for the International Executive Committee. Margaret was duly elected and will use her skills and experiences to serve on the Executive as the representative for the Pacific Region.

In February this year, we had the privilege of welcoming the new International Chairperson, Mrs. Navamani Peter when she came to Australia for the World Council of Churches Assembly.

The 1990 Service, prepared by the women of Czechoslovakia with the theme 'A Better Tomorrow - Justice for All' was a miracle in timing. Around the world we rejoiced in the aptness of this theme and shared the celebration of new freedom.

'On the Journey Together' was the theme for the 1991 Service prepared by the women of Kenya who, before preparing the Service, journeyed throughout Kenya listening to and sharing with their fellow country women. This Service has brought more positive response than any other service for World Day of Prayer.

It is timely to note that deleting the word Women from the name does not mean any change in the administration of our unique and incredible world wide movement. Men will be welcome to share our Services of Prayer, but women will continue to prepare and conduct these Services.

The Hymn beginning 'The day Thou gavest', is recognised as the WDP official hymn. The first verse may be omitted if so desired.

In 1990 the Service translated into Chinese was available for any who could use them.

We are delighted to announce that the next Quadrennial International Meeting of the WDP will take place in Melbourne in February 1995.

Informed Prayer and Prayerful Actions is the essence of the World Day of Prayer which is continually growing.

This growth can only take place at the grass roots level. This is the responsibility of each one of us to personally invite others to be involved in this great movement and to God be the Glory.

Jean Cheshire
National Liaison Officer

NOTICES OF MOTION

From National Executive:

1. That the National Executive apply for an operational grant from the National Agenda for Women Grants Program (1992-93).
2. That the National Executive, at their discretion, apply for a grant from the National Agenda for Women Grants Program for a project - to run an ecumenical seminar of Australian theologically trained women.
3. That the National Executive apply for incorporation or registration to enable application for grants from the National Agenda for Women Grants Program.
4. That all incoming National Executive attend the National Conference if at all possible.
5. That the ACWC Day order of service of the previous year be considered when preparing the World Community Day service.
6. That the Lord's Prayer be included, but not necessarily printed, in all Special Day services.
7. That the National Convener for Special Days, with her committee, write the Special Days orders of service, which are to be Scripture based, and that speaker's time be allowed at 15-20 minutes. Hymns used to be out of copyright, and alternate hymns provided. If Bible verses are printed copyright must be obtained (except King James version).
8. That the voting delegates to ACWC be the National President and National Secretary or the National President Elect or the National Secretary Elect.
9. That the National Representatives to ACWC be the National President or National Secretary or the National President Elect or the National Secretary Elect.
10. That the National Executive promote our Special Days each year through the National Church Women's organisations.
11. That the Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings be given on Fellowship Day.
12. That the ACWC Partners gift be received as a retiring offering on World Community Day.
13. That because of rising costs, availability of courses and the economic situation, the whole concept of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be reviewed, with the possibility of restructuring the practicalities of the guidelines of the Scholarship.

From New South Wales Unit:

14. That the four women to attend the ACWC Assembly representing ACW should be the National President of ACW, the National FLC Convener, and two others to be voted for from the floor of the ACW National

Conference, these two to have an interest in FLC. It is suggested that these two women should be current members of their State Unit Executive.

15. That the term of the National Committee of ACW be extended to three years (Constitution 6.1 Page 4).

Rationale: Our observation over a number of years is that during the first year in office the National Committee learns the job. During the second year new ideas and promotion of ACW are able to be done, up to the point where the Committee has to begin to plan for the Conference which finishes its term of office. A third year would enable the Committee to give more time to the work of ACWC. It would also be a means of saving money for all the State Units if the Conference happened each three years rather than each two years. By making the National Committee's term three years, we would come closer to the term of ACWC which is four years. This would make our association with ACWC easier at some points.

16. That the matter of how a State Unit finds people to nominate as the National Committee, as referred to at the Perth Conference and we believe to come up as a matter for discussion at the 1991 Conference, could be in this manner.

State Council, knowing that it has the task of finding the people for the National Committee, shall appoint from its Council members a Nominating Committee. The number of people on this committee should be no less than five, possible no more than seven. The work of the Nominating Committee would be to find people they consider suitable to hold office on a National Committee. When they have a proposed group of people willing to be nominated, they will present the names and CV (or people in the flesh, if it is considered better) to the State Unit Council members, who after due consideration will vote for the Committee thus presented to them as possible nominees to the National Conference. We consider this a better way of finding a National Committee than asking for nominations from the floor of the Council (a practice we do not support under our own Constitution). Nor do we support the appointment by the Executive of the State Unit nominating the National Committee and presenting the names as a fait accompli to the Council. A nominating committee should keep in mind the advisability of trying for an equal spread of denominations when appointing a National Committee.

From the National Committee:

17. That the State and Territory Units endeavour to involve Aboriginal and ethnic church women's groups as members of the Unit.
18. That Units and Branches be encouraged to hold ecumenical luncheons, dinners, seminars or similar with topics of community concern as the theme.
19. That a Part-time National Executive Secretary be appointed.

From the Victorian Unit:

20. That FLC guidelines be affirmed and adhered to, with applications for Grants continuing to be made primarily on worth and value of the application.

Rationale: The fundamental principle is that the Least Coin is the leveller, allowing all countries equal right of application

for grants. The worth of applications should be the prime consideration, regardless of similarities to previous years or other States.

21. Preamble: Over the past 26 years, scholars from 18 countries have either come to Australia to study, studied in their homeland or in a neighbouring country. Due to various circumstances, two have not been able to take up this scholarship - Rae Song (Korea) 1974 and Stella Min (Burma) 1986/7. No doubt the scholarship has been of great benefit to the recipients and to those with whom they have worked. Unfortunately it seems to be increasingly difficult to find suitable courses for our scholars as has been experienced in 1990/91. Specific areas of study at University-Tertiary level were out of range of the scholarship, both in cost of fees and length of study. To spend 10 months moving from place to place allows only time to scratch the surface in observing techniques of the area of study, and somewhat defeats the purpose of the scholarship. Airfares to Australia take a large proportion of the scholarship monies, and availability of visas always presents great difficulty. Over the past 26 years there have been economic and cultural changes in many of the countries from which our scholars have come and in a number of cases appropriate courses are available within their own country.

Meanwhile Australia, no longer considered a Christian country, is experiencing recession, increasing unemployment, crime and apathy towards Christian principles. In light of changing circumstances both here and overseas, perhaps it is time for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship to take a new direction. The scholarship honours the first woman to be ordained in Australia, and it would be fitting that it be awarded to a Christian woman, resident in Australia, for studies in theology, social work, migrants affairs or similar areas. Therefore we move:

That the matter of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship be reviewed with respect to costs, availability and places of courses of study, qualifications of applicants.

22. That, as from January 1992, the Winifred Kiek Scholarship no longer be offered to overseas students, but that it be awarded to assist Christian women, residents of Australia, in theological or humanitarian studies.



WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - DISCUSSION PAPER

BACKGROUND

Records and Minutes of the Interim Committee of ACW show that the Winifred Kiek Scholarship was considered right from the beginning as a project of this body.

A letter from Rev. Harvey Perkins, General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, to Rev. Winifred Kiek dated 15 July, 1963 states the principle of the scholarship:

"The Interim Committee is very aware of working in the shadow (or should I say the light) of the work you have done in years gone by, and hopes to establish a "Winifred Kiek Scholarship" for an Asian woman student as one of the undertakings of ACW."

Mrs. Kiek's obvious surprise and delight is evident in her reply dated 22 July.

As discussions took place between ACC and the Interim Committee, set up by them to look at the formation of ACW, so ideas about the scholarship were contributed. Much of the early work was done by Mr. Perkins and Miss Thelma Skiller. The Interim Committee was very involved and Mrs. Kiek was continually consulted. A letter from Mrs. Kiek to Mrs. Mabel Wyllie of the Interim Committee dated 6 September, 1964 shows her close involvement with the drawing up of details. Deaconess Mary Andrews began her long involvement with the scholarship at this time.

It was decided that the scholarship would be part of the ACC's Inter-church aid scholarship operation and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service would be asked to underwrite the initial scholarships. ACW would reimburse Inter-Church Aid as funds became available. Scholarship applications would be considered by the ACC Ecumenical Scholarship Committee, then based in Melbourne with ACW represented on that committee by Deaconess Cath Ritchie and Mrs. Jean McCaughey.

The first scholarship was given in 1965 - A minute from the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting held at Deaconess House, Sydney, February 10-11, 1965 reads:

"it was resolved that the National Committee endorse the action of the Interim Committee in extending an invitation to Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa, Directoress of Dorcas Children's Home, Djakarta, Indonesia to be the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder."

Committees were set up in Sydney and Melbourne to oversee Connie Tan's programme. The WKS committee remained in Sydney for a number of years.

Minutes of Working Committee of 22 June, 1965 include the draft of proposed policy for the scholarship.

Extract from Minutes of Working Committee 22/6/65

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Draft of proposed policy, as prepared by the committee appointed by the Working Committee was submitted. This was approved. Terms of the Policy are:

"1) AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, as part of its programme, will include the granting of a Scholarship to be known as the WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. Where possible a scholarship will be given each academic year.

2) The PURPOSE of the scholarship is to offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training. The scholarship is intended for those who give leadership in church life and for those who need strengthening as Christians for their work in the world.

3) The scholarship to be tenable for 10 months (one academic year) and part of the year to be spent in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutions, and part in speaking to women's groups and church groups.

4) The Scholarship to be part of the Australian Council of Churches' inter-church aid scholarship operation and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service to be asked to underwrite the scholarship; Australian Church Women having a funding account, reimbursing the inter-church aid operations as donations are received through their appeal on Fellowship Day and any other donations given for the scholarship.

5) The terms of the scholarship will be circulated through the national Christian councils of the East Asia Christian Conference, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Pacific Conference of Churches. Applications to be received by the Working Committee of Australian Church Women for selection. The successful application to be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the Australian Council of Churches for perusal before going to the Division for adoption. Australian Church Women to be represented on the Scholarship Committee by two members.

6) The application to be made on the prescribed forms used by the Scholarship Committee, viz:

Application in triplicate

Academic Record	Appendix A.	3 forms
Language certificates	"	B.
Recommendations	"	C. 3 forms
Health Certificate	"	D.
Statement by Church	"	E.
Place of Study	"	F.

7) Forms to be made available upon request through the Working Committee of Australian Church Women. Application forms to be channelled through the relevant national Christian council whose recommendation will accompany the application.

8) The co-operation of training schools and universities will be sought to provide for places and facilities.

9) The Working Committee of Australian Church Women will be responsible for the arrangements made for the scholarship holder concerning her training; accommodation and personal requirements. The co-operation of State Units of Australian Church Women will be sought in the carrying out of the arrangements.

All inquiries: Australian Church Women,
Room 2, 3rd Floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney."

This policy still forms the basis of today's scholarship. Changes in the ACC scholarship system and the gradual taking over of total responsibility for the scholarship by ACW has separated it from any other scholarship system.

1969 saw the appointment of a Convener for the WKS as a member of the

Working Committee (now National Executive) and the formation of a WKS Committee in the same state as the Working Committee. The WKS Committee included representatives from Affiliated Denominational Mission Boards and the YWCA of Australia. The 1970 National Committee Meeting (now National Conference) included a report from this WKS Committee.

Assistance was still being received from Inter-Church Aid particularly in the subsidising of fares. An investment fund had been started in 1967. Interest was transferred from the Investment A/c to the working A/c! An additional \$100 was added to the Investment A/c.

During the ensuing years as the National Executive moved from state to state some of the ongoing expertise was no longer available. Scholars began to study more fulltime courses rather than specially designed courses chosen for each particular scholar, where subjects may have been taken from different courses or studied only in part to meet a need.

PRESENT SITUATION

In the early period of the scholarship many courses were available free of charge and scholars were hosted by ACW members. This greatly lessened the cost compared to today. While lessening of costs is highly desirable, this method may not be suitable today. Few courses are free and many courses previously available as single subjects now attract a high fee for Overseas students. The members of ACW are on the whole older women, and it is very difficult for quite legitimate reasons, to find suitable accommodation for a scholar for any length of time.

Recent conversations with the Rev. Peter Holden of World Christian Action (successor of Inter-Church Aid) indicates that though there is currently no scholarship program in ACC, thought is being given to re-establishing this and our scholarship could well be listed in any promotional material.

It would seem that there is still need for the provision of scholarships particularly where they offer opportunities for work experience rather than purely academic courses.

Provision of scholarships to participate in Seminars, Workshops and Consultations could well be of value to a greater number of women. It is interesting to note that the programs for the 1990 and 1991 scholars have been based on work experience as this has best met the needs of both scholars.

Flexibility in the type of study and the place of study seem to be very important. Increasing air fares would indicate that the shorter the distance needed to travel the more money available for the course - and may in fact lead to the possibility of being able to award two scholarships rather than one. This possibility also exists if the scholarship is given for shorter courses such as participation in seminars and consultations.

The availability of money to award FELLOWSHIPS lessens the need for scholars to come to Australia to retain the interest of local women in the scholarship. With the availability of Fellowship money we need to develop networks so that we are aware when a suitable person may be visiting Australia, and other groups are aware that we have money available to assist with internal fares etc. In this way programs may be developed to the mutual advantage of both parties, enabling the visitor to be in contact with a far wider group of women. Suggested contact groups could include Australian Council of Churches/World Christian Action, National Denominational bodies - both Fellowship and Mission groups, State Ecumenical Councils, YWCA at State and National level. It may be necessary for the ACW

APPOINTMENTS

The following are the nominees for the incoming National Executive 1991-1993.

<u>President</u>	Lorraine Davis RSD 320 Mooreville Road BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 33 3322	Anglican
<u>Vice-President & WKS Convener</u>	Betty Brown 23 Mark Street BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 3085	Uniting
<u>Vice President</u>	Marie Hewitt 188 Mount Street BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 3805	Catholic
<u>Secretary</u>	Aileen Fitzgerald 54 View Road BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 2973	Anglican
<u>Treasurer</u>	Alison Ison 25 Woodward Avenue BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 7237	Anglican
<u>FLC Convener</u>	Juanita Miller 8 Floreat Crescent Trevallyn LAUNCESTON TAS 7250 (003) 31 5185	Uniting
<u>Publications</u>	Phyl Marsden 30 Sunhaven Avenue Geilston Bay HOBART TAS 7015 (002) 43 9187	Anglican
<u>Special Days</u>	Pauline Wells 31 Roslyn Avenue BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 4560	Baptist
<u>Minute Secretary</u>	Nancy Bransden 3/41 Avon Street BURNIE TAS 7320 (004) 31 6398	Anglican
<u>State President</u>	Shirley Brooks 20 Riseley Street Kingsmeadows LAUNCESTON TAS 7250 (003) 44 4173	Salvation Army
<u>Auditor</u>	David Kay 5 Regent Street BURNIE TAS 7320	

PROFILES

Profiles of the nominees for the incoming National Executive 1991-1993.

LORRAINE DAVIS

ANGLICAN

Born and educated in Tasmania. Trained as a pharmacist in Victoria. Married to David with six children. Lived in New Zealand for a time then returned to Tasmania in 1965. Worked as a pharmacist till 1985 then sold business and became deeply involved in church and community activities, Bible study groups and prayer groups. Past state president ACW, state treasurer of Church Missionary Society, involved in Anglicare marriage education and Lifeline. Enjoys travel, reading, eating but not cooking.

BETTY BROWN

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Worked as a cost clerk till 1982 when she retired. Shares her home with a pampered poodle. Is chairman of Parish Elders Council and has served as secretary. Is member of Standing Committee and Ministry Committee of Synod and chairman of Presbytery. Religious Education teacher in primary schools, member of Burnie Interchurch Fellowship. Enjoys cooking, needlework, travel and entertainment.

MARIE HEWITT

CATHOLIC

Born in Kempsey, NSW. Educated at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Kempsey. Married Les in 1943 and returned with him to Tasmania in 1945. They had 6 children and several moves before settling in Burnie in 1960. Marie has served in Catholic Women's League at branch and state level for many years. State International Secretary of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. State executive member of ACW for many years, branch president of ACW and local convener of FLC. Community involvement with Red Cross Meals on Wheels, Good Neighbour Council, teaching religious education in primary schools, fund-raising for parish and other organisations. Enjoys golf, craft work, indoor plants, gardening and listening to people.

AILEEN FITZGERALD

ANGLICAN

Born and grew up in Launceston, Tasmania. Worked in accounting field. Lived in Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Katherine and Burnie. Married to Jim with two sons still at school. Grew up in Roman Catholic Church with heavy involvement till 1990 then moved to Anglican Church. Currently studying for Diploma in Ministry. Parish involvement with Women's Fellowship (Secretary), Bookstall healing ministry, Bible study, prayer group and worship with a difference. Ecumenical involvement with ACW, Interchurch Fellowship, Christian bookshop, community Christmas appeal, and World Justice and Development Commission of TCC.

ALISON ISON

ANGLICAN

Tasmanian by birth, a music-loving, choral-singing former teacher who enjoys her four daughters and their families. She relieves as a teacher and Job Club Leader for Anglicare, and is part-time Activities Co-ordinator for Umina Park Homes for the Aged. Church involvement with Sunday schools, organist, choir, vestry, treasurer, ministry studies, healing prayer team. Lay reader for 8 years. President of Women's Fellowship. Treasurer of ACW State Unit and local branch. Community involvement with FM Radio, Arts Council, Eisteddfod Society and choirs. Enjoys reading, cryptic crosswords, crocheting, sewing and swimming.

JUANITA MILLER

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Married to David with two daughters. Is an elder of local church for 9 years, President of Fellowship groups locally and in Presbytery. Branch President of ACW and local convener of FLC for 4 years. President of Launceston City Mission Auxiliary. Is in Bible study group and a choir

which entertains at Homes for the Aged. Enjoys international correspondence, sewing and design, drawing and painting, health and nutritional consultant.

PHYL MARSDEN

ANGLICAN

Retired from nursing. Widowed three years ago, with two adult children. Enjoyed tennis and golf, but too busy with commitments so walks and occasionally swims to keep fit. Leads Bible studies, does talks for children at Parish church, is a Warden and teacher. Past state president of World Day of Prayer, on management committee of Christian Radio station, leads ecumenical prayer meeting and is Hobart President of ACW. She experienced renewal 22 years ago. Has attended four 'Life in the Spirit' seminars - twice as a member and twice as a leader.

PAULINE WELLS

BAPTIST

Born and raised in Burnie, Tasmania. Married with three adult children and a little granddaughter living with her. Office assistant and member of Burnie Baptist Church. Church secretary 1984-90. Past state president of Baptist Women's Fellowship. Very involved with local church and ecumenical work such as Fusion and community organisations. Enjoys knitting, gardening and home.

NANCY BRANSDEN

ANGLICAN

Married with two daughters and five grandsons. Active in church and community organisations, such as Women's Fellowship, Bible study, catering for weekly church breakfasts, helping in office. Past State secretary of ACW, State minute secretary ACW, local auxiliary for Salvation Army refuge. 30 years involvement with the Girl Guides Association at state and local level. Lifeline shop organiser. Enjoys knitting, sewing, hand-crafts, reading and making our ACW banner.

SHIRLEY BROOKS

SALVATION ARMY

Married with two adult children. Uniformed Salvationist, Home League secretary, Bible study leader. Member of ACW since 1975. Launceston Branch President 1981-2, 1987-88. State FLC convener since 1987. Second Vice-President State Unit 1983-89. First Vice President State Unit 1989-91. State President 1991 for two years term. Life Member of State Unit. Shirley caters very ably for most State Unit functions. Enjoys china painting, hand crafts, travel, especially to ACW and ACWC conferences.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have much pleasure in presenting the Treasurer's report for the two years ending 30 June 1991.

Our gifts to the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin have grown from \$26,395 in 1988 to \$26,597 in 1989 and \$31,809 in 1990.

Transfers to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust have also increased from \$8,800 in 1988 to \$11,764 in 1989 and \$11,760 in 1990 together with a refund plus interest of \$2,496 from the 1990 scholarship.

Donations to the Asian Church Women's Conference were \$4,187 in 1989 and \$5,266 in 1990. World Community Day Project money 1988 enabled us to pay for Muriel Olsson to attend the ACWC Conference in Jakarta in November 1989. \$3,100 project money 1989 has been sent to the Kiribati Protestant Church for furnishing and equipment for the women's centre.

Melini Devananda in Sri Lanka has been notified that approximately \$5,000 is available to her from 1990 for printing Sunday School materials.

Following our disappointment with the 86/87 scholarship for Stella Min from Burma, it was very pleasing to be able to assist two Burmese women to attend the 1990 Jakarta meeting of the Asian Church Women's Conference from our administration and general fund. Our four delegates and three observers were assisted from the overseas travel fund.

The scholarships of Rashmira Maharjan (Nepal), Failautusi Tebati (Kiribati) and Doreen Tie (Malaysia) have all been completed during this period and Rachel Sobana (India) is with us till December 1991.

The 7th World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra in February 1991 enabled us to award three very successful Winifred Kiek Fellowships following that event. Most state units received overseas visitors who had been at the Assembly.

Interest earnings have increased from \$2,054 in 1988/89 to \$2,353 in 1989/90 and \$2,543 in 1990/91.

Balance sheets, receipts and payments statements and designated funds schedules are attached. They have been consolidated for simplicity. After allocation of interest and adjustments for working purposes at 30 June 1991 the total balances in these funds are:

Funds:	Administration and general	\$ 5,559.99
	Fellowship Least Coin	2,458.60
	World Community Day	5,000.00
	National Conference	5,219.15
	Overseas Conference	1,420.46
	1991 Scholar	547.30
	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	395.42
	Operation Understanding (Future)	<u>2,164.11</u>
		<u>\$22,765.03</u>

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I would like to thank Flora Hunt (WA) for her work as National Treasurer for the first three months of the period and for completing the financial records for the 1988 and 1989 scholarships. State unit treasurers, Winifred Kiek Trustees and national executive members have been most helpful and this is much appreciated. I would like to thank Pru Honey most sincerely for her assistance and contribution as honorary auditor.

I am grateful to the Australian Council of Churches for granting me time to attend monthly meetings and two national conferences. Their invitation for the national executive to use their meeting rooms during this period has been most helpful and congenial for us all.

I thank Australian Church Women for the privilege of serving as treasurer and extend my best wishes to the incoming executive.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Walker". The signature is written in dark ink and is followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

ELIZABETH WALKER
Honorary Treasurer

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1990

Accumulated Funds:

Balance 1 July 1989	\$ 7,630.10
<u>Add: Excess receipts for year</u>	<u>4,969.59</u>

	12,599.69
Designated funds	13,765.37

	\$26,365.06
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REPRESENTED BY:-

Bank	-	Westpac	\$ 1,819.26
Deposits	-	Uniting Church Investment Fund	7,249.10
	-	Westpac	14,348.87
Bank draft			2,947.83

			\$26,365.06
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1990

Receipts:

Bulletins & Newsletters	\$ 442.50
ACWC Partners	759.86
Sales of books	350.15
National conference fees	8,453.00
General receipts	1,854.55
Interest on investments	2,352.60

	14,212.66

Deduct - Payments:

Administration, Stationery,	
Postage, etc.	\$4,068.45
Travel	2,603.00
Bulletins & Newsletters	950.40
Typewriter for Kiribati	424.00
Costs of 1989 conference	1,197.22

	9,243.07

EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	\$ 4,969.59
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED FUNDS - 1989/90

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01/07/89</u>	<u>Add</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Deduct</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30/06/90</u>
Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$ 1,808.27	\$28,268.96	\$29,610.99	\$ 466.24
Overseas Conference	1,760.13	1,483.81	-	3,243.94
National Conference	11,607.88	2,283.20	13,891.08	-
World Community Day	3,445.30	7,323.65	3,508.74	7,260.21
WKS	7,660.74	18,233.51	23,099.27	2,794.98
	----- \$26,282.32 =====	----- \$57,593.13 =====	----- \$70,110.08 =====	----- \$13,765.37 =====

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1991

Accumulated Funds:

Balance 1 July 1990	\$12,599.69
<u>Deduct:</u> Excess payments for year	1,660.95

	10,938.74
Designated funds	11,826.29

	\$22,765.03
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REPRESENTED BY:-

Bank	-	Westpac	\$ 599.47
Deposits	-	Uniting Church Investment Fund	22,165.56

			\$22,765.03
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1991

Receipts:

Bulletins & Newsletters	\$ 471.50
ACWC Partners	886.00
General receipts	808.35
Interest on investments	2,543.50

	4,709.35

Deduct - Payments:

Administration, Stationery, Postage, etc.	\$ 966.13	
Travel	3,841.00	
Bulletins & Newsletters	1,563.17	
	-----	6,370.30

EXCESS PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		\$ 1,660.95
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

SCHEDULE OF DESIGNATED FUNDS - 1990/91

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01/07/90</u>	<u>Add</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Deduct</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30/06/91</u>
Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$ 466.24	\$33,099.09	\$32,229.65	\$ 1,335.68
Overseas Conference	3,243.94	423.69	2,295.00	1,372.63
National Conference	-	-	-	-
World Community Day	7,260.21	8,939.99	8,382.60	7,817.60
WKS	2,794.98	27,063.58	28,558.18	1,300.38
	<u>-----</u> \$13,765.37 <u>=====</u>	<u>-----</u> \$69,526.35 <u>=====</u>	<u>-----</u> \$71,465.43 <u>=====</u>	<u>-----</u> \$11,826.29 <u>=====</u>