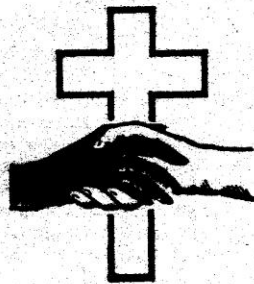


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



FELLOWSHIP DAY

JULY, 1973



Theme:

"Hand in Hand"

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This Service can be followed exactly as set out, or adapted to suit local conditions if so desired. Please keep to the Theme however.

"HAND IN HAND"

This year Australian Church Women share with Church Women United of U.S.A. the themes for the special days, Fellowship Day in July, and World Community Day in October, in a bond of Christian Unity and Witness: the themes were selected by Church Women United.

LEADER: CALL TO WORSHIP

"By this shall all men know that we are His disciples, that we love one another."
O God! Fountain of Light and Truth, give to your Church a new devotion and a new concern, new wisdom and understanding, that the powerful message of Your Son, not confused by the traditions of men, may be held as the Good News of the new age; through Him who makes all things new, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

HYMN "Let all the world in every corner sing" (Tune — Luckington).

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| 1 Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow,
Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!' | 2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!'
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part,
Let all the world in every corner sing,
'My God and King!' AMEN. |
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HAND IN HAND

— WITH GOD

1st Reader: Genesis 17 : 1-8. "When Abram was 99 years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God almighty; walk before me and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you. And I will give to you and your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.'"

Joshua 1 : 8 and 9. "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

— IN CHRIST

2nd Reader: John 3 : 16 and 17. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 15: 12-17: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give it to you. THIS I COMMAND YOU, to love one another."

— TOWARDS OTHERS

3rd Reader: Proverbs 3 : 27. "Do not withhold goods from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it."

Hebrews 13 : 1-6. "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you are also in the body. Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money and be content with what you have; for He has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid what man can do to me!"

HYMN "O Brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother" (Tune — Intercessor)

- 1 O Brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
- 2 For he whom Jesus loved hath truly spoken:
The holier worship which He deigns to bless
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
And feeds the widow and the fatherless.
- 3 Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
- 4 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
Of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

John Greenleaf Whittier.

A PRAYER OF PETITION:

LEADER: Oh Saviour of the World who, by your death and passion has redeemed us, save us and help us!

ALL: We humbly beseech you, O Lord.

LEADER: For those who have to bear their burdens alone; for those who are in doubt and anguish of soul; for those who are over-sensitive and for those who suffer through their own wrongdoing —

ALL: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

LEADER: For those who do not pray for themselves; for all who have not the consolation of the prayers of others; for all whose anguish is unrelieved by the knowledge of your love —

ALL: We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

LEADER: Grant that we may face the problems of life by deepening our experience in prayer and by rejoicing both in the richness of corporate life and the sternness of personal responsibility that we may never forget that as followers of Christ we are observed of all men and that our failures may cause others to stumble; that, in a measure, God places His honour in our hands. Grant us readiness to approach all conflicting issues with a desire to understand, make us helpful in criticism, slow to blame, quick to appreciate, and save us from unkind words or unkind silences.

ALL: We beseech you, O Lord.

LEADER: Grant us the gift of prayer that we may pray effectively for everyone we try to help; grant us the wisdom of a loving heart, ever patient and always kind. Grant us a true sense of humour, may its kindly light and healing power relax life's tensions.

ALL: O Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you! **AMEN.**

SOLO

TABLEAUX — HAND IN HAND IN ACTION!

(Seated in a semi-circle should be seven ladies dressed in the appropriate costume — as authentic as possible — each representing one of the holders of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship).

LEADER: THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP was established by Australian Church Women in 1964 and is given each year to a Christian woman from another country to undertake training in Australia which will enable her to be better equipped for service in her own country. It is also expected that she would have as much contact as possible with church women in Australia. The Scholarship is named after the Rev. Winifred Kiek, B.A., B.D., of South Australia, an ordained Congregational woman who is one of the outstanding church women of this country. It has been our delight to arrange for each scholarship holder to visit her during the course of her stay in Australia. Holders of the Scholarship have been —
(Each Representative may rise in turn and read her portion, OR the Leader may do so as each representative remains standing).

MISS CONNIE TAN of Indonesia, a trained Kindergarten teacher, who did further study in social service in Australia. She now works for the Children's Aid Society. Miss Tan has access to ALL Homes both in Johkarta and further afield and is able to influence programmes in these.

MISS SABITA SWARUP, of Fiji, who undertook further training in office administration in Australia. She was receptionist and secretary at Ba Methodist Hospital and secretary at Nuku'Alofa Agricultural College. She married and moved to Suva, where she is now Personal Secretary to the Director of the Housing Administration. All appointments were "firsts" for an Indigene AND for a WOMAN in Fiji.. Her Director is a fine Christian and she is absorbed in the social service angle of their work.

MISS JACKIE KINI came from New Guinea. She had been very active in Girl's Brigade and undertook further training with the Girl's Brigade in Australia. Her first engagement in Port Moresby was in teaching. Unofficial news

received recently was that she is now working in Madang developing Library services and teaching.

MISS VERONICA KAFA, from the Solomon Islands, arrived to study the teaching of English as a foreign language and the new Maths. She was one of 35 teachers selected for the first intensive course for teachers of migrants to be held in Australia. She is now working for Miss Jean Beglin, Director of Education in the Diocese of Melanesia, as a lecturer to teachers in Honiara.

MISS VIOLET SAMPA is the first woman candidate for the ministry in the United Church of Zambia. Upon the conclusion of her Scholarship year, the Congregational Union arranged for Miss Sampa to remain in Australia so that she can complete her training in the Joint Faculty of Theology in Brisbane.

MISS TERANI AISAKE, a Deaconess of the Methodist Church, Fiji, has worked in the Methodist Department of Christian Citizenship and Social Service, assisted at Scripture Union camps, taught in Sunday School and preached. Her year in Australia will enable her to undertake greater responsibilities for her Church, including possible oversight of deaconess training among her own people.

The present holder of the Scholarship is Miss Kalpana Judson Airan of Satara, Maharashtra, India. Miss Airan already holds the degrees of B.A., B.Ed., and speaks English, Marathi and Hindi. She wished to study Kindergarten Pre-primary teaching organisation and Community Development, her ambition being to set up centres for underprivileged children and their mothers and prepare them for education. She is studying with the Adult Education Department of Sydney University Bernard van Leer Foundation Project, working particularly with Aboriginal and Maori children.

(Health reasons prevented Miss Anna Busina from completing her studies).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for Scholarship Holders, past and present.

ADDRESS ON THEME (Optional — pre-recorded Message from Miss Sampa or Miss Aisake).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERING and DEDICATION of OFFERING.

HYMN "Blest be the tie that binds" (Tune—Dennis, Sankey Hymn Book, No. 506)

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| 1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above. | 4 When for awhile we part
This thought will soothe our pain,
That we shall still be joined in heart
And one day meet again. |
| 2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
one,
Our comforts and our cares. | 5 This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day. |
| 3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathising tear. | 6 From sorrow, toil and pain
And sin we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity. |

— John Fawcett.

BENEDICTION.

POINTS TO PONDER —

Hand in Hand for Progress? What is progress?

1. Are we by integration destroying the cultural background and skills of indigenous people?
2. Do we attempt to walk hand-in-hand with our fellow Christians across denominational boundaries in our own localities?
3. Can Christianity go hand in hand with eastern religions in action for world development?



"A REMINDER! You have a third opportunity to worship, serve and pray together on **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY** in **OCTOBER**. Watch for details of dates, times and places!

"I pray... that they all may be one... that the world might believe that You did send me."



This Service was prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of New South Wales and produced by Australian Church Women.

The establishment of Australian Church Women was authorized by the Australian Council of Churches, to co-ordinate the work of women in the member churches throughout Australia. It operates through the State units and prepares two services annually, Fellowship Day (July), and World Community Day (October); it encourages support of the Women's World Day of Prayer, and promotes the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and Fellowship of the Least Coin. Through the Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, it is linked with the Department of this name in the World Council of Churches in Geneva.



THE OFFERING taken at this Service will be used for the work of Australian Church Women, and in particular the **WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP**. Money collected should be sent to the treasurer of the State Unit in your own State.