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ANNOUNCING!

Australian Church Women National Conference
The Collaroy Centre, Homestead Ave.,
Collaroy Beach NSW

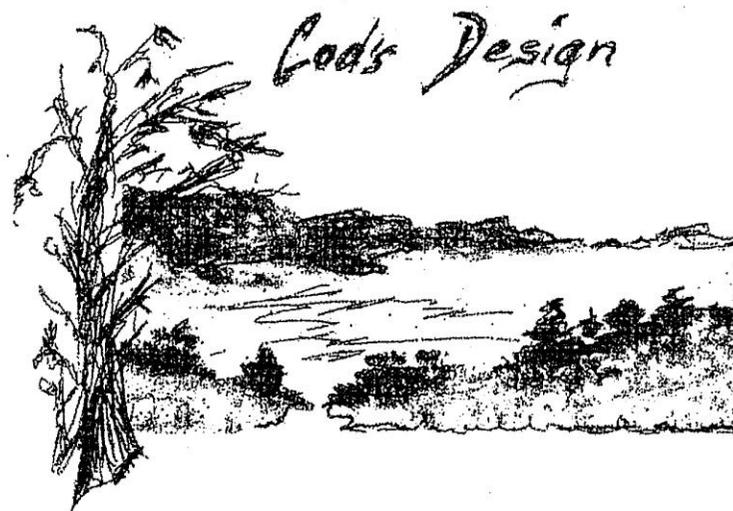
Open Day Thursday 10th September
2015

Registration \$60 (includes m/t, lunch, a/t)
Contact: Mrs Jennifer Peffer (as above)



Australian Church Women Inc.

FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE 2015



“Building in line with God’s Design”

Australian Church Women Inc

Australian Church Women [ACW] was established in 1965 when Women's Interchurch councils from all states and territories came together to form ACW, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of the churches.

Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women seeking to unite across denominational, national and international boundaries and promoting peace, understanding and unity through faith and love in the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

The offerings presented at Fellowship Day Services throughout Australia go towards this scholarship to honour Winifred Kiek, the first woman to be ordained in Australia. This scholarship is offered to Christian women of member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference, multicultural Australia and Pacific Island nations. The Scholarship is used for supplementary training and further studies in Theology or related fields.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Tasmanian State Unit of Australian Church Women Inc., within the overriding theme for the 2013-2015 - "Building in Harmony".
This service is entitled "Building In Line With God's Design"
Cover designed by *Juanita Miller*.

Note: The Order of Service is copyright and may not be rewritten or otherwise altered, except for additional prayers where relevant for the current situation, and substitution of hymns that are considered to be more suitable and available locally.

Scripture readings taken from N.R.S.V translation

Hymns have been chosen from The Australian Hymn Book [AHB] and/or Together In Song [TIS].

"BUILDING IN LINE WITH GOD'S DESIGN"

Welcome to Fellowship Day with warm and loving remembrance of Winifred Kiek, her journey of faith and scholars like her in Christian service today.

Call to Worship "Worship the Lord, all the earth!
Honour him, all peoples of the world!
When he spoke, the world was created;
At his command everything appeared." Ps.33 8&9

Let Us Pray

Leader: Glorious God we come before you, acknowledging your majestic presence here with us this day.

All: We come to You

Leader: We behold your hand print in creation, the perfection of yourself before our eyes. We have a part in your creation.

All: May we always protect your creation

Leader: May the words we speak, and the hymns we sing be pleasing to you, Lord God

All: This we pray in the name of Jesus ChristAmen

Hymn: 85 AHB, 147 TIS "To God be the Glory...."

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Leader: Lord God, at times we are at a loss for appropriate words to address and fully appreciate your presence. We know you invite us to freely come before you any time and in any place.

Our experience of your generous gifts of love, grace and patient understanding, are lessons we seek to learn and share with others.

All: We love and worship you, our God of creation.

Leader: We ask you forgive us Lord when we are inattentive to your voice and your direction.
We seek your forgiveness when we close our eyes to the needs of others and leave them cold and hungry or ignored and lonely. Forgive us Lord, when we neglect your example and become selfish and unfair.

All: Forgive our neglect of others when we forget to speak your words; for the times we have not bothered to go a little out of our way for that person you love so much.

Leader: We are both humbled and blessed that you forgive and offer us opportunities to be renewed. It is with saving grace we accept the knowledge that our sins of neglect are forgiven

All: We give our thanks to God. Amen

Hymn: 93 AHB, 153 TIS "God is Love...."

Readings: Luke 12: 13-21
1 Peter 4: 8-11

MESSAGE: "Building in line with God's design"

Hymn: 105 AHB, 164 TIS "The great love of God..."

BRIEF & INTERESTING REPORT on current Winifred Kiek Scholars

OFFERING to assist the ongoing availability and blessing of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship

DEDICATION of GIFTS.....together we will pray.

Leader: Loving God, we give thanks and praise for your direction in what has continued in the memory of one such as Winifred Kiek; the encouragement and direction given to many Christian scholars who in turn share your message of hope with more people than we will ever know.

We remember the scholars as they hear your call. We are at times reminded of some of the sacrifices necessary in order for the scholars to continue their studies .

We do in prayer remember the homes, families and friends left behind in order to further their Christian education to spread the Word and serve your people

Great Father of us all we ask your blessing, travelling mercies and welcome surroundings at all times for the Winifred Kiek Scholars.

May the tokens of love in this offering bring Christian hope and empowerment to all as they go forth in your name.

ALL: We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

Hymn: 573 AHB, 768 TIS "Praise God from whom..."

ITEM or SOLO

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE

Voice 1: Heavenly Father, we come before your throne of grace by your invitation and your generosity.
We pray for the world and those whose lives have been treated to injustice, violence and cruelty.

ALL: We pray each person finds love and justice

Voice 2: We bring before your throne of mercy the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned, the addicts and all with a need.

ALL: We pray each person receive treatment for their need

Voice 1: The many hundreds lost in recent times to war, to terror attack and all that wipes out lives and devastates families in the world you so thoroughly created is beyond belief. We feel for you our Lord in the sadness this must bring to you.

ALL: We pray for an end to wars and look to harmony.

Voice 2: We pray this day Heavenly Father for all who carry your gospel, both near and far; for the missionaries who take risks on land and sea being glad to do so in your name.

ALL: We pray giving thanks for these your messengers.

Voice 1: It is with thanks Heavenly Father that we are confident to bring our prayers both simple and extravagant before you, being assured that in your mercy you hear them all.

All: THE LORDS PRAYER

Hymn: 14 AHB, 106 TIS "Now we thank....."

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

Leader: As we leave this place may we take into the world a word of hope, a smile of encouragement, a hand of friendship and all praise and honour to our Great Creator

Go, in the company of God, the Son and the Holy Spirit
this day and always

ALL: Amen