

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1974 - 1975

Despite very inclement weather, a large congregation was present at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Monday 27th May 1974, for the Service of Installation of our new President, Miss Doris Mitchell. Miss Mitchell has been involved in a number of Church and Community organisations and the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council has benefited greatly from her experience and leadership, particularly at this time of rapid change.

Fellowship Day and World Community Day: Services were held in a number of city, suburban and country centres. Although the majority of these were held in the daytime, an increasing number are being arranged to take place in the evening, thus enabling men and women to share in the worship, fellowship and discussion. Offerings on World Community Day assist projects sponsored by World Christian Action.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Unfortunately, the 1974 scholarship holder, Miss Rae Song, was unable to leave her home in Korea to take up the scholarship and her disappointment was shared by all our members. Mrs. Mary Weme, the 1975 Winifred Kiek scholar, has arrived from Kenya, and has begun her course in Community Welfare and Development in Adelaide. During the year she will be carrying out field work in other States and we look forward to meeting her when she visits Sydney. Miss Kalpana Airan, B.A., B.Ed., who held the scholarship in 1973, has established a pre-school centre at Satara, North India, to assist underprivileged children and their mothers. The project has developed beyond expectations, so that it has been found necessary to provide increased accommodation. A former Winifred Kiek Scholar, Miss Violet Sampa, who remained in Australia to complete a theological training course, returned last November to Zambia, where she has been ordained to the ministry of her Church.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: This world-wide circle of prayer and reconciliation continues to grow and in N.S.W. we have noted increasing interest and support. In 1974 the Gordon Barclay Vietnam Fund, which assists orphans in that war-torn country, received a grant of \$US.1500 from the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The application for this assistance was supported by Australian Church Women, following a submission from the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council.

International Women's Year: Our President has represented the Council on the N.S.W. State Committee set up by the United Nations Association (N.S.W. Divn.) for I.W.Y. and was appointed Convenor of a sub-committee on "Women and the Church". Representatives of interested groups have met to discuss the participation of churchwomen in the observance of the Year.

Royal Commission on Human Relationships: The Council was represented at the initial hearing of this Commission and subsequently a submission was forwarded for the consideration of the Commissioners.

Australian Church Women: During the period under review there has been no meeting of the National Committee, but we have been kept in touch with the activities of the Working Committee, through correspondence, Minutes and the monthly Newsletter, "Women at Work". In N.S.W., as in other States, a number of churchwomen are participating in the Home Tutor Scheme, teaching English to migrants in their homes.

Asian Church Women's Conference: The Fifth Assembly took place in Bangkok in October, 1974, when Australia was represented by two delegates and two observers, Mesdames Smith, Cocks, Webber and McKenzie. They experienced a tremendous sense of fellowship and were particularly moved by the sorrow of the Asian delegates; each Asian country, they felt, has had more than its share of grief. These were the important issues discussed at the Conference - Hunger and Poverty; Exploitation of women and girls; Inequality and Injustice for women in Church and Society; Leadership Crisis; International Women's Year. To raise funds to enable Australian delegates to attend the Conference we arranged a pleasant Morning Tea in August, when Deaconess Mary Andrews kindly presented a series of colour slides covering her recent overseas visits.

Publicity: Our Publicity Officer, Mrs. Joan Curtin, continues to inform the media of our activities. News items from N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council appear regularly in "Women at Work" as a result of Mrs. Curtin's work as our Correspondent with Australian Church Women.

Finally, to our President, Miss Mitchell, members of Executive and Council, a warm "thank you" for unstinted effort and loyal support, and to our incoming President and office-bearers a sincere prayer for God's blessing as you continue the work of W.I.C.C. in the coming year.

April, 1975.

DOROTHY MARTIN.  
HON. SECRETARY.

All members of the Executive and Council would wish to express their grateful thanks to Mrs. Martin for her splendid service to the Council during the three years when she held the office of Hon. Secretary. We are delighted to know that she will continue to represent the Y.W.C.A. on the Council, so that we shall still have the benefit of her experience and advice.

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N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

TREASURER'S STATEMENT from 1st APRIL, 1974 to 31st MARCH, 1975

GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Opening Balance at 1.4.1974	\$669.81	Duplicating	\$35.77
Affiliation Fees	65.60	Affiliation Fees - W.C.T. Union	1.00
Sale of Literature	3.30	National Council of Women	10.00
Sale of Pens & Notelets	125.85	Children's Films & TV C'cl	4.00
Donations - Chapter House	25.15	Donations - Use of Church & Hall	40.00
Overseas Travel Fund	45.08	President's Honorarium	25.00
Transferred from Fellowship Day offerings	153.84	Expenses - Promotion, Secretary, Treasurer & F.L.C. Convenor	65.00
Transferred from World Community Day offerings	92.69	Christmas Gift - Kalpana Airan	20.58
Bank Interest	34.76	Australian Church Women - Overseas Travel Fund	140.00
		Notelets	22.50
		Pens	57.60
		Commonwealth Trading Bank - Interest Bearing Deposit	500.00
		Closing Balance	294.63
	<u>\$1216.08</u>		<u>\$1216.08</u>

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN

Opening Balance at 1.4.1974	\$221.69	Australian Church Women	\$1680.69
Receipts	<u>1578.16</u>	Closing Balance	<u>119.16</u>
	<u>\$1799.85</u>		<u>\$1799.85</u>

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Opening Balance at 1.4.1974	\$63.00	Australian Church Women	\$615.35
Receipts	<u>741.19</u>	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	35.00
		Transferred to General A/c.	153.84
		Closing Balance	<u>Nil</u>
	<u>\$804.19</u>		<u>\$804.19</u>

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Opening Balance at 1.4.1974	Nil	Printing W.C. Day Leaflets	\$280.00
Receipts	\$555.58	Australian Church Women	90.77
		Transferred to General Funds	92.69
		Closing Balance	<u>92.12</u>
	<u>\$555.58</u>		<u>\$555.58</u>

SUMMARY

General Fund	\$294.63
F'ship Least Coin	119.16
Fellowship Day	Nil
World Community Day	<u>92.12</u>
Total as per Bank Statement	<u>\$505.91</u>
Interest Bearing Deposit	<u>\$500.00</u>

L. PERRIAM  
Hon. Treasurer

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1975-1976:

<u>President:</u>	Mrs. G. Bent, 45 Kitchener St., Caringbah, 2229	524 9086
<u>Past President)</u> <u>Hon. Secretary)</u>	Miss D.M. Mitchell, 33/250 Jersey Road, Woollahra, 2025	328 7119
<u>Membership Sec.:</u>	Mrs. W.S. Chambers, 5a James St., Northwood, 2066	42 3029
<u>Hon. Treasurer:</u>	Mrs. C. Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St., Ashfield, 2131	798 6481

Convenors:

<u>Fellowship of the Least Coin -</u>	Mrs. R.W. Stanhope, 36 Dettman Ave., Longueville, 2066	42 6078
<u>Promotion -</u>	Mrs. Major I. Hill, 60 Patrick St., Hurstville, 2220.	57 2096
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship -</u>	Deaconess M. Andrews, Deaconess House, 58 Carillon Ave., Newtown, 2042	51 1172
<u>Publicity</u> <u>Officer -</u>	Mrs. J. Curtin, 7 Upper Cliff Rd., Northwood, 2066	42 6191

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COMMITTEES:

<u>Promotion:</u>	Mrs. Major I. Hill (Convenor); Mrs. J. Curtin (Publicity); Mrs. F.I. Down (Special Days); Mrs. J. Bragg; Mrs. R.H. Dougherty.
<u>W.K. Scholarship:</u>	Deaconess M. Andrews (Convenor); Mrs. T. Gammie; Mrs. R.W. Stanhope; Mrs. G. Udy.

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LIFE MEMBERS:

Mrs. G.H. Briggs; Mrs. R.H. Dougherty; Mrs. A. Hall;  
Mrs. G. Knight; Mrs. M. Miller; Mrs. J.B. Montgomerie;  
Mrs. E.G. Pearson; Mrs. C.W. Stolz; Mrs. W. Wyper.

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Representatives to -

National Council of Women:	Mrs. G. Bent, Mrs. M. McCann.
Good Neighbour Council:	Mrs. T. Gammie, Major J. Venables.
Women's World Day of Prayer C'tee:	Deaconess M. Andrews, Mrs. G. Davies, Mrs. E. Mayne, Mrs. M.E. Savage, Mrs. N. Smith.
Australian Council of Churches N.S.W. State Council:	Miss D.M. Mitchell.

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MEETINGS: Council - 10.30 a.m., 3rd Monday of February, March, April, June, August, September, November, at Pitt St. Congregational Church, Sydney.

Executive - 10.30 a.m., 2nd Monday, February - November, in No. 2 Committee Room, 2nd floor, Methodist Church Offices, 139 Castlereagh St., Sydney.

Special Days: Fellowship Day - last week in July ) in various city,  
World Community Day - last week in October) suburban and  
country centres.  
Open Day - September meeting of Council - Visitors welcome.

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