

# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

## MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE

at 10.00 a.m., on THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1973

### OPENING

At the President's invitation, Mrs. Ruth Lane opened the meeting with inspiring gems of thought on the Christmas-New-Year Season - the story behind the hymn "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn", the relevance of the message of some verses from Romans 1 to the beginning of a new year, and the need always to "Go Forward". Following her prayer, the President's reminder was most timely - "Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives!"

### PRESENT:

Mrs. J. Dennis (President)	Brigadier M. Geddes
Mrs. E. Dingle (Vice President)	Mrs. B. Clarke
Mrs. D. Lane (Vice President)	Mrs. R. Haigh
Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer)	Mrs. C. Miller
Mrs. K. Pope	Mrs. C. Connell (Sec.)

### MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes of the November meeting had been previously handed to members. These were confirmed and signed as correct.

#### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Orders of Service for Special Days, 1973 - Order had been placed for printing of Service folders for both days, but only Fellowship Day material was available during December. Arrangement had been made for the Secretary to take the Order of Service for World Community Day and the W.K.S. leaflet on Miss Airan to the printer immediately following the January meeting. (The W. C'ty Day O/S forwarded by Pastor Simpson was duplicated and mailed to committee members in readiness for finalisation).
1. Re N.C.W. '73 - Registrations total 54.  
No further nominations had been received for the '73 Working Committee to be located in South Australia - nomination for President & one C'tee member still outstanding.
  - (a) Almost all reports for Working Documents had been received. Typing of those received was complete ready for duplicating and intended despatch with Minutes of January meeting.
  - (b) Copy of Working Committee Report was forwarded to committee members for their consideration, comment, revision or alteration at January meeting.
  - (c) Chairman of C'tee on Co-operation, Rev. B. Reddrop, had forwarded a draft of a leaflet on "Moral Issues in Human Reproduction" with the request that this be circulated prior to N.C.W. Wednesday Evening Session. This had been typed and duplicated and will be enclosed with copies of Working Documents. (Ref. Correspondence list).
  - (d) Rev. F. Engel had advised re arrangements made for contribution by A.C.C. to special sessions -
    - Guest Speaker, Opening Worship & Address: Mrs. Dorothy McMahon.
    - Bible Study Leader: Deaconess M. Rogers.
    - Thursday Evening Session: To be conducted by Mr. Bruce Best (currently attending Conference on "Salvation Today" in Bangkok). He will speak on this topic and "Contemporary Asia".
 (Letters had subsequently been written to Rev. F. Engel, Mrs. McMahon & Deaconess Rogers). (Ref. Correspondence list.)
  - (e) Re special session at Longueville - Following advice from Sec. N.S.W. W.I.C.C. re facilities available and transport arrangements, a letter had been written to Rev. D. Wacker, requesting that she conduct special segment on "Designing a Worship Session".

### CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence, of somewhat larger volume, was listed (as set out on separate page attached) for convenience of committee members. Following correction of item 26 (from Dr. Krohn) to read "character of 1972 scholar"-not 1973, correspondence was received, action taken confirmed and direction given where necessary for reply.

### FINANCE:

The treasurer's Statement covering the period to 31st December, 1972, as set out below, was received.

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#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for period ending 31st DECEMBER, 1972

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 10/11/72	\$3864.88	F.L.C. Folders & Labels	\$58.65
F.L.C.	3436.62	S. Pens	5.00
Fellowship Day	1054.00	P.W.M.U. - Donation for room use	10.00
World Community Day	1086.74	W.C.C. Bangladesh Appeal	474.00
Scribal Pens	189.80	Balance as at 31/12/72	9397.39
Administration & General	313.00		
	<u>\$9945.04</u>		<u>\$9945.04</u>

FINANCE (Contd.):

A.C.W. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNT

Balance at 18/11/72	\$1439.73	Board - T. Aisake	\$98.00
A.C.W. - W.A.	68.30	Books to Fiji	18.00
A.C.W. - Qtd.	166.20	Balance at 31/12/72	1558.23
	<u>\$1674.23</u>		<u>\$1674.23</u>

A.C.W. MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND

Transfer from W.K. A/c	\$121.00	I.B.D. 96 months)	\$100.00
I.B. Deposit & Interest	102.15	Balance as at 31/12/72	123.15
	<u>\$223.15</u>		<u>\$223.15</u>

W.K. INVESTMENT FUND - SPECIAL BONDS \$800.00

The following accounts were passed for payment: Stationery \$12.65; Postage \$15.00  
W.K.S. Petty Cash \$10.00.

The treasurer reported that the Auditor had examined all Books and Accounts (including records of Postage and Petty Cash expenditure kept by each Committee Member to whom monies had been paid) and had certified to the correctness of these.

The Annual Financial Statement for inclusion in Working Documents was presented for review and recommendation regarding the disbursement of funds, such recommendations to be also included in Working Documents.

The treasurer's most efficient handling of finances and the clear presentation of both monthly Accounts and the Annual Statement revealing progressively the state of A.C.W. finances at all times, had been noted by committee members who expressed their warm appreciation of this meticulous attention to detail and the hours of labour which it had involved.

REPORTS:  
PEN SALES

Mrs. Miller had prepared a Statement for presentation to National Committee, outlining purchases from Scribal Pty. Ltd. during the 2-year period and the issue of these as requested by State Units and United Church Groups. There was a reasonable quantity of stock on hand to pass on to the incoming committee, so that there should not be need for immediate outlay to purchase pens. While not all pens issued had been paid for by the end of the year, it was thought that the amount outstanding was quite small.

UNITED CHURCHES:

During the month Mrs. Lane had been delighted to receive letters from Mrs. Johnson (Lae), Mrs. Sharp (Pt. Moresby) and Mrs. McKenzie (then of Alice Springs). It had been especially pleasing to have a 'phone call from Mrs. McKenzie on her way via Brisbane to visit other States before taking up work in Darwin.  
In order to be in a position to pass on an up-to-date mailing list, Mrs. Lane had forwarded a brief request slip to all correspondents, seeking direction and information in regard to future correspondence.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE  
LEAST COIN:

Mrs. Haigh raised the question of the ultimate destination of records and letters relating to F.L.C. and its development, which were of definite historical value, and the possibility of their loss in the movement from State to State of the location of A.C.W. Working Committee. The F.L.C. file contained some such items. The opinion was expressed that A.C.W. stood in need of an Archivist to deal with such matters and ensure that items of this kind were properly preserved.

WINIFRED KIEK  
SCHOLARSHIP:

The delayed departure from India of the 1973 Winifred Kiek Scholar had given Mrs. Pope considerable anxiety and concern. Official enquiries made by the Immigration Department revealed that the late lodgment (on 28th Dec.) of application in India for a visa had been responsible for the delay. Mrs. Pope had made a personal approach to an official of the Department, plainly stating the circumstances of this particular case and was awaiting further advice. This came during the course of the meeting in a 'phone call from Canberra from which Mrs. Pope learned that every effort was being made by the Department to accelerate the normal processing of the application, immediate authorisation from Australia having been given for the issue of the visa in India. On receipt of any further advice, Mrs. Pope would advise Deaconess Andrews concerning Miss Airan's arrival date.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Orders of Service for World Community Day, 1973 - The Working Committee was most impressed with the service prepared by the Rev. Dorothy Wacker on behalf of the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia. The secretary was directed to write to Pastor Simpson conveying thanks and congratulations on an excellently presented service. According to arrangement previously made the material would be taken to the printer immediately following the meeting.

Working Committee Report - This was considered and approved for inclusion in Working Documents. It was resolved that there be placed on record the appreciation of all committee members for the way in which the secretary has facilitated the work of the committee as a whole and each member in particular.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** National Committee Meeting, 1973 - Several matters relating to the detail of arrangements for N.C.M. and the passing on of books and records required consideration by the committee. The satisfactory conclusion of these matters occupied the remaining meeting time.

Before the meeting closed there were spontaneous expressions of appreciation of the gracious and always cheerful manner in which the President had consistently conducted Working Committee meetings, setting the tone for a most harmonious working together in an experience which was very greatly valued.

**CLOSE:** The President brought the meeting to a close at 3.30 p.m. with a special prayer of thanksgiving for the inimitable joys of fellowship and sharing together which membership in the Working Committee of A.C.W. had provided and of intercession on behalf of those who are soon to enter upon their office, that similar blessings may be theirs.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

President: Mrs. J. Dennis, 32 Coronation St., Bardon, Q. 4065.  
Secretary: Mrs. C. Connell, 15 Burns Parade, Chapel Hill, Q. 4069.  
Treasurer: Mrs. D. Eldershaw, 31 Burrell St., Clayfield, Q. 4011.

**'FOOTNOTE' - PLEASE NOTE:** Advice received from South Australia, 12/1/73 -  
Nominations for 1973 Working Committee as follows:  
for President - Mrs. A. C. Smith  
" Vice-President - Deaconess Norah Norris  
" Committee Member - Miss Birbeck  
and final word was being awaited on a tenth nomination.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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Thursday, 11th JANUARY, 1973.

1. From Nth Ipswich Q. Pres. Women's Guild - Forwarding cheque for F.L.C.
2. " MRS. WINTER, C'berra Church Women - Forwarding N.C.M. Registration Fee.
3. " REV. D. WACKER, A.C.W. - W.A. Unit - Forwarding N.C.M. Registration Fee.
4. To P.W.M.U. Qld. - Expressing appreciation and enclosing donation for use of room for Working C'tee meetings during 1972-3.
- From " - Acknowledgment & thanks.
5. From SHANTI SOLOMON, INDIA - Requesting material for next "C. of P." booklet & expressing thanks for arrangements made for September visit, also Seasonal greetings.
- To " - Forwarding material as requested, thanks and greetings.
6. From UNITED CHURCH, DARWIN - Forwarding cheque for F.L.C. & W. Community D. Offering.
- To " - Acknowledgment, thanks and official receipt.
7. From N.S.W. W.I.C.C. (Mrs. Martin) - Re arrangements for N.C.M. Session at Longueville.
- To " - Acknowledgment & comment.
8. From MISS J. SKUSE, N.S.W. - Registration for N.C.M. as A.C.C. Exec. C'tee Representative.
- To " - Acknowledgment & comment.
9. From MRS. SHARP, United Church, P.N.G. - Requesting F.L.C. literature and sending greetings.
- To " - Advising that Mrs. Haigh would supply information as requested, and sending seasonal greetings.
10. From MRS. GILBERT, AUS. BAPTIST BOARD - Advising attendance at N.C.M. on 7th & 9th Feb. as observer.
- To " - Acknowledgment & comment.
11. From W.I.C.C. VIC. (Mrs. Warner) - Advising names of reps. to N.C.M. & suggesting "Women of Bangladesh" as likely F.L.C. project.
- To " - Acknowledgment & comment.
12. From MRS. G. WEST, N.S.W. BAPTIST UNION - Enclosing Reg. Fee on behalf of observer to N.C.M.
- To " - Acknowledgment and official receipt.
13. From Mrs. E. M. BUBB, C'berra - Forwarding Reg. & Fee for N.C.M.
- To " - Acknowledgment & receipt.
14. To GEN. SECRETARY, A.C.C. Sydney - Query re special sessions of N.C.M. '73.
15. From REV. B. REDDOP, C'TEE on CO-OP. - Forwarding report for inclusion in Working Documents and draft of leaflet on "Moral Issues in Human Reproductive Science".
- To " - Acknowledgment & thanks and advising action taken re draft.
16. From MRS. KINGSTON, N.S.W. W.I.C.C. - Order for Scribal Pens.
- To " - Advising air-freight despatch by Mrs. Miller.
17. From W.I.C.C. VICTORIA (Mrs. Warner) - Explanatory comment re 'concern' (ref. Unit report) that only such projects as are related to World Christian Action be considered when selecting a project for the offering on World Community Day.
18. From W.I.C.C. TASMANIA (Mrs. Cocks) - Forwarding Unit Report and Registration Fee.
19. From MRS. FAULKNER, C'berra - Forwarding C. of Christ Report for Wkg. Docs.
20. From THE GIRLS' BRIGADE (Miss Christie) - Forwarding report for inclusion Working Docs.
21. To Mrs. SAUNDERS, S. ARMY (STH. TERRITORY) - Re Report for Working Documents.
22. From P.W.A. of A. (Mrs. Groat) - Forwarding report for inclusion Working Docs.
23. From Mrs. CARPENTER, S. ARMY (E TERRITORY) - Forwarding report for inclusion Working Docs.
24. To W.I.C.C. VICTORIA (Mrs. Warner) - Re representatives from A.C.W. to C'tee on Co-operation.
25. To ABELL & CO., Bne. (printers) - Placing order for O/S and leaflets for '73 special days, & arranging for despatch to Sydney for distribution N.C.M.
26. From DR. H. C. KROHN, Meth. Tr. College - Forwarding receipt & commenting on splendid character of 1973 W.K. Scholar and her fine contribution to College life.
27. From INST. FOR ABOR. DEV., ALICE SPRINGS - Expressing gratitude for F.L.C. Grant & enclosing official Rec.
28. From MRS. SIMPSON, Pres. C.W.F.A. - Forwarding report for Wkg. Docs. and advising later despatch of Order of Service for W. Community Day, '73.
- To " - Acknowledgment and query re O/S.
29. From MRS. MACNEIL, (C'tee on Co-op.) - Advising inability to attend N.C.M. & consent to nomination as A.C.W. Rep. to C'tee for 1973.
- To " - Expressing regret; also appreciation of willingness to represent A.C.W. on C'tee on Co-op.
30. From MRS. PRENDERGAST, Ex. Director YWCA - Query re report for Working Docs.
- To " - Information in reply.
31. From MRS. SIMPSON, Pres. C.W.F.A. - Advising inability to forward O/S material before January.
32. From Mrs. CARPENTER, S. ARMY (E. TERRITORY) - Forwarding report from S. Territory and advising re representation at N.C.M.
- To " - Acknowledgment & thanks for advice.
33. From MRS. PRENDERGAST, Exec. D. Y.W.C.A. - Forwarding report for Working Docs.
34. From GEN. SEC. A.C.C., REV. F. ENGEL - Advising arrangements completed for N.C.M. special Sessions.
- To " - Expressing thanks for excellent arrangements made.
35. To MRS. McMAHON, Sydney - Expressing appreciation of willingness to be guest speaker at Opening Worship Session, and advising theme; also enclosing copy of prepared order of service.
36. To DEACONESS M. ROGERS, Deaconess House - Expressing appreciation of willingness to conduct N.C.M. Bible Study sessions.

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| <p>37. To MRS. J. CURTIN, W.I.C.C. N.S.W.</p> <p>38. To W.C.C. GENEVA - RENEWAL MOVEMENTS</p> <p>From " " "</p> <p>39. From N.S.W. W.I.C.C. (Mrs. Martin)</p> <p>40. To REV. D. WACKER, W.A.</p> <p>41. To MISS MITCHELL, Sydney</p> <p>42. To DEACONESS ANDREWS, Sydney</p> <p>43. To ABELL &amp; CO. (Printers) Bne.</p> <p>44. From GIRLS' WELFARE ASN. (Mrs. Lierop) KOREA-</p> <p>45. From PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, FIJI</p> <p>46. From MRS. J. STRINGLEMAN, NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>47. From MRS. STRACK (W.W.D.P. Liaison Ofcr.)</p> <p>48. From MRS. VERCO, Sydney</p> <p>49. From MRS. BADGER, A.C.W.C. Planning C'tee</p> <p>50. From MRS. SIMPSON, Pres. C.W.F.A.</p> | <p>- Re publicity for special sessions, N.C.W. as previously requested, enclosing detail of special sessions.</p> <p>- Forwarding advice re remittance of A\$474 from A.C.W. in response to appeal for Women of Bangladesh made by Miss Bam. Acknowledgment, receipt &amp; expressing sincere thanks, also notifying that advice will be sent to A.C.W. re the particular women's project to which the gift is applied.</p> <p>- Advising completion of arrangements for session at Longueville and facilities available.</p> <p>- Requesting special contribution at Longueville Session.</p> <p>- Query re report on behalf of Anglican Women.</p> <p>- Forwarding list of accommodation requirements for N.C.W. '73.</p> <p>- Further request re printing of Orders of Service for special days '73.</p> <p>- Supplying information in support of suggested project for A.C.W. consideration.</p> <p>- Supplying information in support of suggested project for A.C.W. consideration.</p> <p>- Greeting to National Committee Members, '73.</p> <p>- Request re N.C.W. '73.</p> <p>- Supplying information re addresses previously requested.</p> <p>- Bringing special matters to attention of A.C.W.</p> <p>- Forwarding Order of Service for W. Community Day, 1973.</p> |
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