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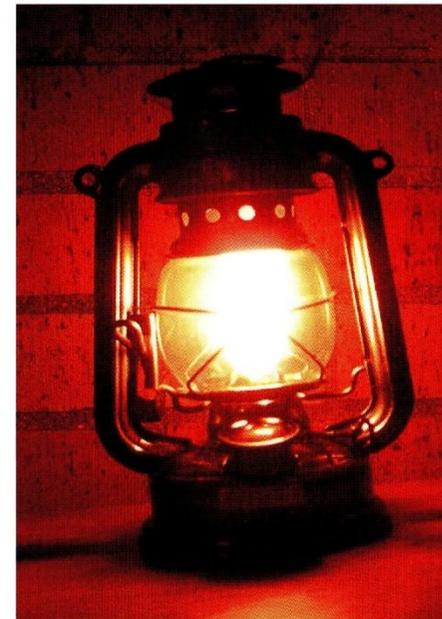
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Asian Church Women's Conference  
Invites you to  
A Multicultural Concert of Praise  
At  
Eastwood Baptist Church, 3 First Ave., Eastwood  
On  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 2.30 pm.  
Afternoon Tea will follow



Australian Church Women Inc



## Living in the Light

## Fellowship Day 2011

## Australian Church Women

Australian Church Women 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. The 2011 scholars are Sisarath Kheng from Cambodia and Arpona Mejahary from India;

**Today's Order of Service** was prepared by the Alice Springs, Northern Territory Unit of Australian Church Women, and the theme is *'Living In The Light'*. The lantern represents that we have the Light (Jesus) with us all the time and we should always live in His light.

It would be helpful to have a display of lanterns or a procession during the first hymn.

Hymns have been chosen from *Together in Song*.

**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. The hymns have been carefully chosen and should only be altered if a local situation makes it very difficult to retain the set hymns.

**WELCOME** to this our Fellowship Day Service. Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Alice Springs, Northern Territory Unit of Australian Church Women, and the theme is

# Living In The Light

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his Holy Name.  
(Psalm 105:1-3)

## LET US PRAY

Leader In all life's joys and troubles, God's light shines through.

**All We rejoice and give thanks for God's presence.**

Leader Sing of God's love and faithfulness so generously given.

**All We exalt the name of the Lord.  
WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE.**

**HYMN: Lord the light of your love is shining  
TiS 675**

(A procession of lanterns can be made during this hymn)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Voice 1:** Lord, you made all things,  
and you made us in your image  
to enjoy and govern them.

**All:** We thank you.

**Voice 2:** For your work of creation,  
for the beauty we enjoy,  
for human skill and artistry.

**All:** We thank you.

**Voice 3:** For community, friendship and love,  
for family and marriage,  
for the privilege of parenthood.

**All:** Above all we thank you.

**Voice 4:** For Jesus, your Son,  
through whom you created all things,  
and by whom you sustain them.

**All:** We thank you.

**Voice 5:** He became one of us and died  
to reconcile all creation to you,  
in heaven and on earth,  
and to call us into peace with you.

**All:** Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen. *[Ecumenical version]*

**HYMN:** **Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation**  
TiS 52

**READING:** Matthew 5:13-16 (Salt and Light)  
Luke 11:33-36 (Shine your Light-don't hide it)  
Ephesians: 5:8-20 (Live as Children of Light)

**ITEM:** Solo, Group, Vocal or Instrumental

**BRIEF REPORT on current Winifred Kiek Scholars**

**OFFERING** An offering will be received for the work of the  
Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

**PRAYER FOR WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

**Leader:** Loving God, we bring before you the Winifred Kiek  
Scholarship Trust, maintained by the love of women  
all over Australia, and administered with loving care  
and commitment.

We particularly remember individual scholars, past  
and present, who give of themselves in sometimes  
difficult situations, and use their gifts and talents for  
the needs of others.

We ask your blessing upon our scholars, empower  
them in their ministry so that your name will be  
honoured.

**All:** **In the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord.**  
**Amen**

**HYMN: Give Thanks**  
TiS 717

**SPEAKER Living In The Light**

**HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**  
TiS 547

**PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION:**

**Voice 1:** We pray for the peoples of the world:  
For all whose lives are shattered by warfare and violence,  
For victims of incompetent and corrupt government,  
For leaders of nations, for our state and federal politicians,  
For those who administer the law.  
Jesus Light of the World, shed your purifying light on all places of destruction and death, that your people may live in justice and harmony,

**All:** Jesus make us children of the light, and in your mercy hear our prayer.

**Voice 2:** We pray for our church:  
For all our brothers and sisters in Christ,  
For theologians, teachers and students  
For all who seek your truth  
Jesus Son of righteousness shed the brilliance of your truth on our doubt and unbelief  
That our hearts may be enlightened and our lives show forth your glory.

**All:** Jesus make us children of the light, and in your mercy hear our prayer.

**Voice 3:** We pray for the community in which we live:  
For our families, our neighbours and our friends,  
For the people of this city, especially those without shelter or food,  
For the overworked and for the unemployed.  
Jesus Light of the World, shed the radiance of your love on all lonely and loveless places, that all your people may know their worth and live in dignity and hope.

**All:** Jesus, make us children of the light, and in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**Voice 4:** We pray for all who are in trouble or need:  
For the sad and the broken-hearted,  
For the lonely and the friendless,  
For the sick and the dying, and for all who care for them,  
For those who die alone and are unmourned.  
Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, shed your warming rays on the cold and comfortless places of our lives, that in our tears and terrors we may not be alone.

**All:** Jesus, make us children of the light, and in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen!

*(Prayer taken from Let Us Pray, Janet Nelson, Harper Collins Publishers)*

**Hymn There's a light upon the mountain**  
TiS 276

**FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING**

**Leader** May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**All: Amen**