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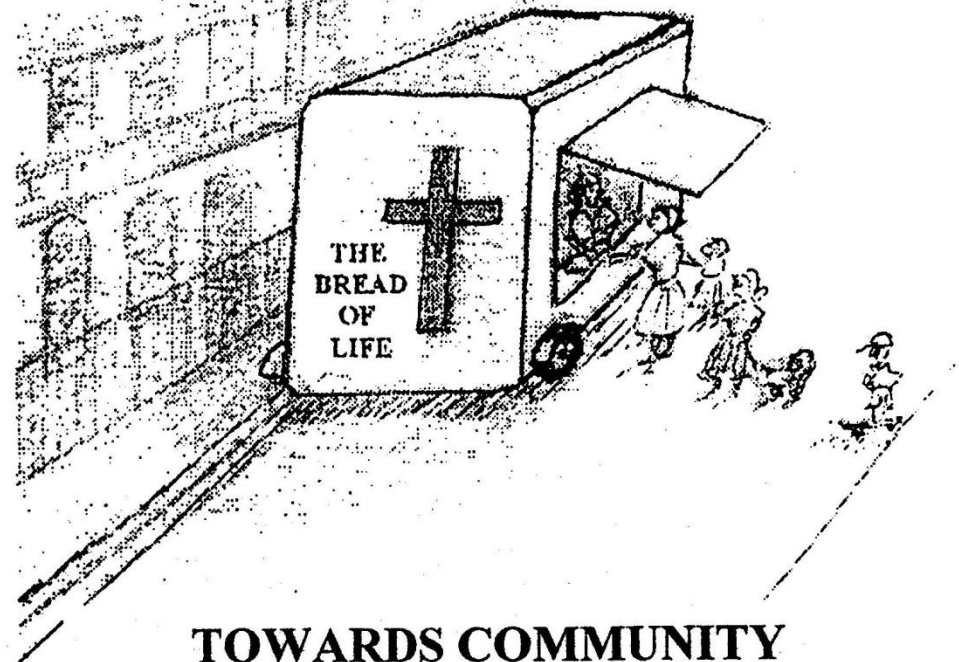
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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY
2003



TOWARDS COMMUNITY
LOVE IN ACTION

Australian Church Women was established in 1965 when women's Inter-Church Councils from all States and Territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of Church women.

Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian Women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Fellowship of the Least Coin—Monies which have been collected with prayers for peace, justice and reconciliation during the past year are brought to World Community Day services by groups and individuals and are dedicated.

The General Offering from this service is to be divided between **Asian Church Women's Conference**, with which Australian Church Women is affiliated and which it supports annually, and the 2003 Special Day Projects.

This year we had two applications for support so it was decided to support both projects.

East Timor Kindergarten Project which is being helped by the students of PLC College, Sydney to empower the Protestant Church in East Timor to operate two kindergartens through the provision of financial assistance, equipment and teacher training.

Cross Roads Community which assists people suffering from all forms of addiction by supplying a comprehensive program that focuses on the body, mind and spiritual soul of each person so as to enable them to live in the true dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the A.C.T. Unit of Australian Church Women. Design of cover by Mike Farrell.

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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 2003

WELCOME

On this World Community Day we come to worship the Lord. Let us sing His praises and bless His name. Let us love one another as He loves us — *Towards Community — Love in Action.*

HYMN: TELL OUT MY SOUL (AHB 109) (TIS 161)

PRAYER

All

Let God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make his face shine upon us.
That your ways may be known on earth,
your liberating power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing,
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.
Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness,
and God, our God, will bless us.
God shall bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Psalm 67

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader—The peace of the Lord always be with you.

All —And also with you.

(You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.)

HYMN : A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU
(AHB 571) (TIS 699)

READING : *1 CORINTHIANS 13 verses 1-10.*

TRINITY SONG (TIS 716) **All quietly sing.**

READING : *LUKE 10 verses 25-37*

HYMN : KNEELS AT THE FEET OF HIS FRIENDS
(AHB 561) (TIS 640)

GUEST SPEAKER

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN OFFERING AND PRAYER

All

O loving Creator we present ourselves in your Divine Presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with human-kind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept these least coin “Tokens of Love”. Make us mindful of the miracle of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PRAYERS/INTERCESSIONS (Prepared locally).

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 for ever. Amen.**

GENERAL OFFERING AND DEDICATION

During the offering we will repeat the Trinity Song.

PRAYER

We bring our gifts to you dear Lord in gratitude and hope.
We ask your blessing on the Asian Church Women's
Conference, where women from many nations and
cultures gather to support each other in your name.

We pray that you bless the projects for this year which are
The East Timor Kindergarten Project and Cross Roads
Community.

May our funding and prayers give them encouragement to
continue their wonderful work. We ask this in God's
name. **Amen.**

HYMN : COME AS YOU ARE (TIS 693)

BLESSING

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms of love on the
hard wood of the cross, that all people might come
within the reach of your loving embrace. Clothe us in
your Spirit, that we, stretching out our hands in loving
service for others, may bring those who do not know
you to an awareness and love of you; who with the
Father and the Holy spirit live and reign, one God
forever. **Amen.**

(by C. H. Brent [1862-1929], in Bruce Prewer, Jesus,
Our Future: Prayers for the Twenty-First Century)

BENEDICTION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Go into all the
world loving one another as Christ Jesus loves us. May
He hold us safely now and forever. **Amen.**