

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

TO: A.C.W. STATE UNITS  
FEDERAL DENOMINATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
"SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS" ASSOCIATED WITH A.C.W.

The Working Committee wishes to bring to your notice two important matters:-

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

The Sixth Assembly of ACWC is to be held at Tozanso, YMCA Retreat Centre, Gotemba, Japan, October 10-15, 1978. The Theme of the Assembly is "Called to change, committed to serve".

Australia is entitled to be represented by two delegates and two observers. Those selected by the ACW Working Committee (on the nomination of State Units) are:-

Delegates - Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, National President, A.C.W., who is actively involved in Uniting Church activities, and

Miss Ruth Nebro, Deaconess/Social Worker, Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship, Perth,

Observers - Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, Head Deaconess in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, and

Mrs. Brigadier I. Macintyre, Divisional Director of Women's Services, Salvation Army in W.A. and Vice-President of A.C.W. when the Working Committee was located in Perth.

Other Australians attending the Assembly will be Mrs. Frances Bailey, of Adelaide, Vice-President of ACWC, and Mrs. Rachel Cocks of Hobart, who since the previous Assembly in 1974, has been the Australian representative on the Working Committee of ACWC.

We are delighted that Australia is to be so well represented and we ask for the prayerful support of all A.C.W. members and friends, that our representatives may enjoy a rich experience from which we, too, shall benefit.

The costs involved will be heavy, and, although ACWC undertakes to meet some of the delegates' expenses, it is felt that we, who live in an affluent country like Australia, should try to exceed our basic financial responsibilities and "go the second mile", or part of it. Airfares (3) approximately \$1400 each, registration fees of US\$200 each and accommodation charges of possibly \$150 each, will total more than \$5000. How much of this amount can be found depends on your generous response to our appeal. The Working Committee feels it would be unfair to establish "quotas"; we leave it to our State Units and associated bodies to do all they can to help. Some costs have to be met immediately, others will face us in the next few months. Contributions to our "Overseas Travel Fund" should be forwarded to the address given below, so as to reach us no later than July 31st.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN GRANTS:

The Working Committee invites applications, submitted by State Units of A.C.W. or Federal bodies in association with A.C.W., for grants from the Fellowship of the Least Coin (International) for 1979. If you wish to submit an application, please advise me immediately, giving information, in brief, of the project you have in mind. Official application forms, which must be completed in triplicate, will then be supplied. These will need to be returned to me, together with full documentation, no later than May 26, 1978, so that the Working Committee may consider them early in June.

On behalf of the Working Committee,

*Doris M. Mitchell*  
Hon. Secretary

20th March, 1978

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On behalf of the Working Committee I send you now details of the Fellowship of the Least Coin Grants for 1979, as determined by the Executive of the Asian Church Women's Conference. The list was published in the A.C.W.C. News Bulletin, Fourth Quarter, 1978.

We were pleased that both applications for grants submitted by A.C.W. were agreed to. The first will enable us to include churchwomen from the United States and New Zealand among the participants at our National Committee Meeting and Consultation, to be held in Sydney in September next; the second, to be administered by the Resettlement Department of the A.C.C., will provide funds for training migrant women as social welfare workers among their own ethnic groups.

In view of the success of our applications last year, the Working Committee has seriously considered whether we should invite applications for F.L.C. Grants from our member bodies this year, since the needs of other countries are so much greater than ours. Our decision was to advise you that applications for 1980 Grants will be considered only if the need is urgent and there is little likelihood that the project submitted will receive support elsewhere. If you wish to submit an application, please advise me at the earliest opportunity, so that official application forms may be supplied to you. These forms will need to be returned to me, together with full documentation, no later than May 31, 1979.

May I draw your attention to the reference to the "ACWC News Bulletin", made in "Women at Work", January-February 1979 (page 8). We hope to obtain a goodly number of Australian subscribers, so that knowledge of and interest in the activities of the Asian Church Women's Conference may be increased. Names, addresses and \$2 for each subscription should reach me before April 1, 1979 if possible.

Doris M. Mitchell,  
Hon. Secretary

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March 19, 1979.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WORKING COMMITTEE

TO: The President and Secretary of Each State Unit of A.C.W.

RE: The National Committee Meetings to be held in September, 1979.

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Dear A.C.W. Colleagues,

I write to advise you officially that the biennial meeting of the National Committee will be held at the Caritas Christi Conference Centre, 71 Junction St., Wahroonga, NSW, from Monday 10th. September (a.m.) to Friday 14th. September (p.m.), 1979.

The THEME will be "THE FAMILY - ITS FAITH AND ITS FUTURE".

Each State Unit is entitled to appoint two(2) voting delegates and two(2) non-voting observers. We hope you will plan to send a full delegation. Accommodation at the Conference Centre is in single rooms: a large meeting room, several smaller rooms, the lovely chapel and spacious dining room will provide facilities for the varied activities which are planned. Extensive grounds, tennis courts, swimming pool etc. will be at our disposal --when time permits!

We are delighted that it has become possible for us to invite churchwomen from U.S.A. and New Zealand to participate in the N.C.M. and Consultation and we expect to welcome thirty overseas visitors, who will be our guests.

Since the Centre provides live-in accommodation for only 80 guests, it will be necessary for some participants to attend on a non-residential basis. We are asking those who live in Sydney to help us by doing this. It is possible that some interstate representatives may have friends with whom they would like to stay. However, we suggest that such an arrangement should be made only if the friends live in fairly close proximity to the Conference Centre, as private transport would be needed to travel to and from each day. (The daily programme is planned to run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

CHARGES will be as follows:- Registration Fee- \$ 10.00;  
Conference Fee- residents - \$ 60.00; non-residents - \$ 35.00

Will you please advise me, no later than May 31st, of names and addresses of your delegates and observers. Following receipt of this information, Registration Forms will be sent to all those nominated to attend, and they will be asked to return these together with Registration Fee - \$10.00- and deposit on Conference Fee - \$10.00- to reach me by July 15th.

TRAVEL POOL: This aims to provide a fare for one representative from each State Unit. The basis is the current economy class air fare- Budget fares from Perth and Darwin. Details are given in the table below, the pool share being \$ 174.58. Those States whose fare is less than this amount will pay the difference at the time of Conference; those whose fares are greater will be reimbursed by the amount in excess

	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Share</u>	-	+
Adelaide	176.40	174.58		1.82
Brisbane	123.00	"	51.58	
Canberra	57.80	"	116.78	
Darwin	378.10	"		203.52
Hobart	163.00	"	11.58	
Melbourne	117.80	"	56.78	
Sydney	--	"	174.58	
Perth	380.50	"		205.92
	<u>\$ 1396.60</u>	<u>1396.64</u>	<u>411.30</u>	<u>411.26</u>

If those travelling from Darwin or Perth on "Budget" flights find it necessary to arrive in Sydney on Saturday or Sunday, we shall be happy to arrange home hospitality for them until the Monday morning.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer requests that all moneys due to the Working Committee be forwarded so as to reach her by May 31st.

REPORTS: Each State Unit is asked to prepare a Report covering activities since the last N.C.M., July 1977. These reports should be no longer than one(1) typed foolscap page and are required to reach us no later than June 30th.

If your State Unit has any suggestions regarding content or format of our conference programme, or any matter of business which you wish placed on the Agenda, we invite you to let us know by June 30th.

We are looking forward eagerly to welcoming your representatives and sharing with them in fruitful discussion and thoughtful planning for the future work of A.C.W.

Yours sincerely,  
Doris M. Mitchell.  
Hon. Secretary.

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March 30th., 1979.