

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN OF MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1970 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, V.C.C.,
100 Flinders St., Melbourne.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F.R. Ashton, opened the meeting with a meditation 'Litany of Love' from 'Acts of Devotion'.

PRESENT: Mesdames F.R. Ashton (chair), A.W. Burton, N. Faichney, Col. H.W. Saunders, E. Stephens, G. Duke, Deaconess F. Mc Kechnie.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames T.H. Coates, H.T. Rogers, J.A. Strack.

MINUTES of MEETING held Friday, 12th December, 1969 were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and received.

1. Deaconess Mary Andrews - re Anglican representation
2. Mrs Bache - report for Working Documents
3. Mrs E.A. Goudie - representation from Canberra
4. Mrs F. Cheater - Darwin re representation
5. Mrs W. Searle - Darwin - not able to come to Nat. Committee
6. Mrs P. Eaton - re further representative from W.A. (Mrs P. Cook)
7. Mrs R.H. Dougherty - report
8. Deaconess D. Young re Bible Study for National Committee
9. Dr Una Porter
10. Mrs J. Dennis - withdrawing from East Asian Women's Conference nomination also thanks for sympathy
11. Mrs R.H. Dougherty - Mrs Jessup as further observer from N.S.W
12. Mrs B. Burton - thanks for congratulations extended when awarded O.B.E.
13. Mrs E. Dingle
14. Mrs R. Jessup - address for forwarding Working Documents
15. Mrs T.R. Howie - Travel Pool figures from South Australia
16. Mrs Bache - requesting correct form for E.A.W.C.C. information
17. Mrs J. Strack - information re Mrs Selvaratnam
18. Deaconess C.I. Ritchie - including letter from Dr Margaret Shannon (U.S.A.) introducing Mrs Charlotte Browne-Mayers who will be visiting Australia 3rd-6th February
19. Mrs E. Winter - requesting accommodation prior to Nat. Comm.

BUSINESS ARISING from CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary to thank Deaconess Ritchie for steps she had taken on our behalf re Mrs Browne-Mayers. If possible she may fly to meeting Thursday, 5th Feb.
Mrs Dennis noted as withdrawing from nomination for E.A.W.C.C.
Further representation to National Committee meeting noted.

FINANCE: The Treasurer, Mrs E. Stephens presented her audited Statement to December 31st 1969. This was received and adopted as the Statement to be presented to the National Committee Meeting. The following recommendations to be made to the National Committee:

That \$800 be transferred from Fellowship Day Offerings to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.
That \$600 be transferred from World Community Day Offerings to Inter-Church Aid for Hong Kong Project
That \$3000 be sent to Geneva for the Fellowship of the Least Coin and \$50 be used for administration.
That the Bonds at present held by A.C.C. on behalf of A.C.W. be transferred to A.C.W. until the date of redemption and then the amounts to be placed to the credit of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.

It was also resolved that the Hon. Auditor, Mrs Greaves be invited to the afternoon session Tuesday, 3rd Feb and evening if possible - this to be recommended for future years an annual gesture of appreciation.

It was resolved that Miss Veronica Kafa's expenses for the National Committee Meeting be met from the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and that the same conditions apply to Pres., Sec. and Treasurer and guests as last year for National Comm.

REPORTS:

Fellowship of the Least Coin

In her letter Mrs Strack had indicated that Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam had tentatively accepted an invitation to be present at the World Meeting of the Churches of Christ women to be held in South Australia in October 1970. Mrs Strack had requested that her visit should be considered by the National Committee with a view to allowing Mrs Selvaratnam the opportunity of visiting other Australian States. The Working Committee recommends that investigations be made as to the possibility of Mrs Selvaratnam visiting member groups of A.C.W. in the various States and that consideration be given to making a contribution to her travel expenses within Australia.

Mrs Strack also reported that the book 'In Quest of the Least Coin' was proving most interesting and she would check on its availability in Australia by the National Committee Meeting.

Ball Point Pens

Mrs Col. Saunders reported that she had received further orders for pens and that it would be necessary to encourage representatives at National Committee to promote their sale.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mrs A. Burton reported that Miss Veronica Kafa had not as yet arrived in Australia because of query concerning a necessary Health Certificate. This had been cleared but delays had occurred in contacting her because of a new centre established at Noumea. Miss Kafa would undertake work in teaching English as a foreign language with Mr Humphries, Director of Migrant Education in the Victorian Education Department. Permission has been received from Mr Lindsay Thompson for Veronica to work with the Curriculum and Research Branch free of all fees etc. Miss Beglin, Director of the Anglican Education in Melanesia was able to discuss Veronica's training with Mr Humphries who is also experienced in teaching the New Maths, another area in which Veronica will undertake study. This is planned from February to August. It is proposed that Veronica should visit the other States from September through November and this will be arranged in conjunction with Father Butters of A.B.M. who will have responsibility in arranging Veronica's program. She will live with the Sisters of the Church at St Michael's, St Kilda. It was resolved that permission be given to the Treasurer to pay necessary expenses including H.B.A., clothing, air fare etc on Veronica's arrival. Pocket money for fares etc to be \$5 a week in the first instance until more was known re fares to schools etc. The Secretary was asked to contact Women's Page editors from daily newspapers and invite them to Wednesday afternoon Session at 2 p.m. providing Veronica had arrived in Australia.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING:

Discussion took place as to the program of the Meetings and it was decided to invite Miss Mary Fox to be present at the evening session on Tuesday 3rd if she is free. She would be asked to speak briefly on the new Churches being established in the West Australian areas. The Principal of St Hilda's had indicated that a reduction would again be made for casual meals at the Meetings - 80 cents per meal. The President indicated that she would try to obtain Congregational Praise for use during worship periods. Further details of the National Committee Meeting were planned and the meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

DATE: