

NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S INTER CHURCH COUNCIL

A N N U A L

R E P O R T

1973

1973 has been a growing and progressive year in the work of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. There have been some impressive "firsts" for the members of the council and church women throughout city and country centres. The service of Installation of our new President, Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, and the dedication of the Executive Committee took place at the Methodist Community Centre Church at Chatswood, in May. A capacity congregation fully representative of all denominations and member organisations shared in a most inspiring and sincere time of Fellowship. This service was unique in that two of our Winifred Kiek scholars were able to participate in the service.

The main emphasis at council level has been "Friendship" and great effort has been made for representatives to get to know and understand representatives from other denominations. In August, our representative to the Good Neighbour Council spoke on the work of the Council, and in the discussion following members contributed ideas on the ways in which their churches' conducted assimilation programmes. Concern was expressed at Council at the lack of publicity available to Church news, throughout the media.

Fellowship Day Services: These were well attended. 14 city services, 17 country centre services were held. The theme "Hand in Hand" was dealt with in many different ways, but was particularly successful in acquainting members with the countries from which Winifred Kiek Scholars are selected.

Community Day Services: 18 country services, 10 city services with the theme "Where in the World is my Neighbour". As part of the Opera House Opening festivities the city service was held in Historic St. James Church of England, King Street, Sydney. Mrs. Schuller McGeedy, immediate Past President of the International Council of Women, gave the address to a large Congregation. Following the service conducted by Rev. F. Cuttriss, over 140 members and visitors attended a Bus Tour of Historic Churches and this provided a very happy time of Fellowship. In some centres, Fellowship and Community Day services are held at night, providing an opportunity for Church men to share in the services.

Winifred Kiek Scholar: 1973 gave N.S.W. the opportunity to be the host State for Miss Kalpana Airon, BA, B.Ed, a delightful Christian woman whose witness during her study time has had great impact on all with whom she came in contact. Her Post Graduate studies were with the University of Sydney, Van Leer Project, and she completed the course with a high level of achievement. Miss Airon has returned to Satara, India, and is at present involved with the setting up of pre-school preparation of underprivileged parents and children, similar to projects in Australia with Aborigines and New Zealand with Maoris.

Miss Violet Sampa who was present at the Installation Service for our President is serving as Pastor in the absence of Rev. Dorothy Wacker at Applecross, Western Australia. On her return to Zambia, she will be the first ordained woman Pastor of the Church of Zambia.

New Representation: Following a recommendation from the Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism Roman Catholic Women are affiliated members of council and we look forward to a growing fellowship and understanding with these women.

Branches: Two new branches, Parramatta and Hunters Hill Gladesville have affiliated with the Council.

Australian Church Women: Mrs. Dougherty and Miss Mitchell our President Elect attended the National Committee meeting at Lincoln College, Adelaide.

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Asian Church Women's Conference: Mrs. Dougherty reported that Miss Elkin Umbagai of Mogem Mission Western Australia, has been elected as observer to the Asian Church Women's Conference in Bangkok 1974. N.S.W. is particularly pleased, that after 7 years of agitation, we at last have an Aboriginal Church woman to speak for her people.

Involvement with world projects: Participation at group and individual level in the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the circle of prayer continues to grow. The two special day services for World Community Day and Fellowship Day enable men and women to cross denominational divisions by discussion and through our offering on Community Day support projects of World Christian Action. Fellowship Day offerings enable the Winifred Kiek Scholars to come to Australia for further studies.

Last, but not least, a note of thanks to all members of Executive and Council, for their service and loyal support. To members who, in their own special ways, gave us so much: Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Gammie, Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Dougherty, our retiring President who brought so much of her love of God and understanding of people, a most sincere thank you.

In closing, to our new President and Committee, a sincere prayer that God will richly bless the work of the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. in the coming year.

DOROTHY MARTIN  
HON. SECRETARY

May 1974

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER CHURCH COUNCIL - TREASURER'S STATEMENT

FROM 31st MARCH 1973 TO 1st APRIL 1974

Receipts

Payments

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Opening Balance 1,4.73      \$ 591.40  
Affiliation Fees                      37.00  
Sale of Literature, Pens,  
& Notelets                      107.49  
Refund A.C.W. - Circle of  
Prayer                              2.50  
Collection May Rally              90.71  
Sale Tickets - Bus Tour          127.00  
Bank Interest                      29.13  
Transferred from Fellowship  
Day Offerings                      135.16  
Transferred from World  
Community Day Offerings      127.77

Australian Church Women:  
Pens                                      \$ 86.40  
Notelets                                45.00  
Kalpana - visit to N.Z.          150.00  
Circle of Prayer Booklets        18.00  
Fares to National Committee  
Meeting                                64.35  
Salvation Army - Use of Hall    10.00  
Methodist Conference - Use Room 3.00  
Affiliation Fees:  
N.C. Women                            10.00  
W.C.T. Union                          1.00  
Children's Films & T.V. Assn    4.00  
Australian Council of Churches  
Cabinet                                17.50  
Fellowship Day Tapes            13.53  
Gift to Kalpana                      3.50  
Printing, Duplicating, etc.      13.00  
City Church Tour                    39.07  
Government Bus                    90.00  
Treasurer's Expenses            10.00  
Closing Balance 31.3.74          669.81

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Opening Balance 1.4.73	\$ 243.74	Australian Church Women	\$1284.61
Receipts	1262.56	Closing Balance	221.69
	<u>1506.30</u>		<u>1506.30</u>

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Opening Balance 1.4.73	\$ 32.36	Australian Church Women	\$ 689.16
Receipts	719.80	Closing Balance	63.00
	<u>752.16</u>		<u>752.16</u>

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Opening Balance 1.4.73	\$ 34.80	Australian Church Women	\$ 638.83
Receipts	604.03	Closing Balance	NIL
	<u>638.83</u>		<u>638.83</u>

SUMMARY

General Fund	\$ 669.81
Fellowship of the Least Coin	221.69
Fellowship Day	63.00
World Community Day	Nil
	<u>954.50</u>

L. PERRIAM  
Hon. Treasurer

**N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER CHURCH COUNCIL**  
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

**OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1974/75**

<u>President</u>	Miss D. Mitchell, Unit 33 Goodwin Village, 250 Jersey Road, Woollahra 2025	328 7119
<u>Past President</u>	Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, 56 Mabel St, Willoughby 2068	412 2453
<u>President Elect</u>		
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	Mrs.M.Marsden-Smedley, 17 Hargrave St. Paddington	31 8201
	Mrs.C.W.Stolz, 97 Bayview Ave, Earlwood 2206	55 1532
<u>Hon. Secretary</u>	Mrs.J.C.Martin, 89 Cheltenham Rd, Cheltenham 2119	86 2253
<u>Asst. Secretary</u>	Mrs.F.O.Hulme Moir, 3 Mildura St, Killara 2071	49 5816
<u>Membership Sec.</u>	Mrs.B.B.Lean, 14 Dunois St, Longueville 2066	42 6310
<u>Hon.Treasurer</u>	Pro-tem Mrs.C.Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St, Ashfield 2131	
<u>Publicity Officer</u> )	Mrs.J. Curtin, 7 Upper Cliff Rd, Northwood 2066	42 6191
<u>Corresp.to ACW</u> )		
<u>F'ship Least Coin</u>	Mrs.Fishburn, 33 Beauchamp St. Punchbowl 2196 9(in Mrs. Stanhope's absence)	75 2221

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**Promotion Committee:** Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Pfeiffer,  
Mrs. Down.

**Winifred Kiek Committee:** Deaconess M. Andrews, Mesdames Gammie, Marsden-Smedley, Miss Hale.

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**Representatives to**

**National Council of Women:** Mesdames Dougherty, Pfeiffer

**W. Christian Temperance Union:** Mrs. Hall

**W. World Day of Prayer Committee:** Deaconess Andrews, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Saunders,  
Mrs. Ralph, Miss Hale

**N.S.W. Council for Children's Films & T.V.:** Mrs. Gammie

**Good Neighbour Council:** Mesdames Gammie, Marsden-Smedley

**A.C.W. Correspondents - Overseas:** Deaconess Andrews

**Winifred Kiek Scholar:** Mesdames Stanhope, Dougherty

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**Life Members** Mesdames Millar, Pearson, Knight, Wuper, Hall, Stolz, Briggs

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**Meetings** Council 10.30 a.m., third Monday of February, March, April, June,  
August, September, November, in Pitt St Shop Front Congregational  
Church.

**Annual Service** of Dedication and Installation - as arranged for 1974, Monday,  
May 27th, St. Andrews Cathedral, 10.30 a.m.

**Special Days** Fellowship Day, last week in July )  
World Community Day, last week in October ) in various centres.  
Open Day - September Meeting of Council, Visitors welcome.

**Executive Meetings** 11.00 a.m., 2nd Monday of Month, excluding December &  
January, in No. 2 Committee Room, 2nd Floor, Methodist  
Church Offices, 130 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.