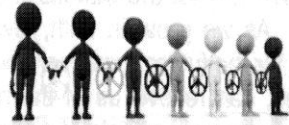


**HYMN** Filled with the Spirit's Power. AHB 328 TIS 411

## BLESSING



Go into the world in peace.  
Have courage and take hold of what is good.  
Never pay back wrong for wrong.  
Let compassion be your companion,  
and forgiveness your constant friend.  
Keep the fires of the spirit burning.  
Seek always what is best – and keep the faith. Amen.

Romans 12:11, 17; Philippians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:15.

## NSW UNIT INFORMATION

### **President:**

Mrs Natalie McLeod  
68 Chapman Avenue  
BEECROFT NSW 2119  
Ph 02 9484 1615  
Email: [ifmcleod@bigpond.com](mailto:ifmcleod@bigpond.com)

### **Treasurer:**

Lieutenant Pat Cory  
PO Box 9078  
HARRIS PARK 2150  
Ph 0408 440 127  
Email: [patc15172@optusnet.com.au](mailto:patc15172@optusnet.com.au)

### **Fellowship of the Least Coin:**

Major Lillian Hodges  
73 Pinehurst Way  
BLUE HAVEN 2262  
Email: [bruceclillian@gmail.com](mailto:bruceclillian@gmail.com) [salvationarmy.org](http://salvationarmy.org)

### **Secretary:**

Mrs Elizabeth McEwen  
18 Brussels Street  
NORTH STRATHFIELD 2137  
Ph 02 9743 6218  
Email: [elizmcewen@hotmail.com](mailto:elizmcewen@hotmail.com)

### **Special Days Convenor:**

Major Lyn Middleton  
3/14-16 Tuffy Avenue  
SANS SOUCI NSW 2219  
Ph 02 9529 6744  
Email: [middletonk@bigpond.com](mailto:middletonk@bigpond.com)

### **Newsette Editor:**

Mrs Jennifer Pepper  
3 Meadowbank Lane  
WEST RYDE NSW 2114  
Email: [rjpeffer@optus.net.com.au](mailto:rjpeffer@optus.net.com.au)

For information about Asian Church Women's Conference please  
contact the Secretary.



Australian Church Women Inc.  
ABN 68 539 329 715

## **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.**

## **'BUILDING FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION'**



**World Community Day  
Service 2015**

## Australian Church Women Inc (ACW)

Dating from 1965, Australian Church Women encourages women to act together in fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

### Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

The least coins symbols of prayer for justice, peace and reconciliation are dedicated at World Community Day services. The funds are channelled through State/Territory Treasurers to the National Treasurer. These funds are allocated internationally.

### General Offering

The general offering today supports the work of the Asian Church Women's Conference. (ACWC) and the special project for 2015 – **Cana Communities** based in Sydney. This group builds relationships, and companions people who are lonely, homeless, suffering from mental ill health, addiction or other factors marginalising them from mainstream society. It has operated for 40 years with no Government funding. The project funds will be directed to their Nagle House, in Redfern Sydney, for marginalised women.

**Today's Order of Service** was prepared by the women of the Queensland Unit of Australian Church Women Inc.

**Abbreviations:** AHB - Australian Hymn Book  
TIS - Together in Song

**Bible readings** from the Good News Bible

**Please Note:** This Order of Service is copyright and may not be rewritten or otherwise altered, except for additional prayers where relevant for the current situation, and the substitution of hymns that are considered to be more suitable or available locally.

**The prayers** are adapted from 'Be Our Freedom Lord' by Terry C Falla. Permission is given to use in Worship or discussion only.

## BUILDING FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

**Welcome:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**Psalm 95:1-7**

**Leader:** Come let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God who protects us!

**All:** *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise.*

**Leader:** For the Lord is a mighty God, a mighty King over all the gods.

**All:** *He rules over the whole earth from the deepest caves to the highest hills.*

**Leader:** He rules over the sea, which he made; the land also, which he himself formed.

**All:** *Come let us bow down and worship him: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! He is our God; we are the people he cares for, the flock for which he provides.*

**Leader: Prayer of Invocation.**

Dear God,  
we come now in worship,  
not because we believe in you  
but because you believe in us.  
Help us live forever in that faith,  
the faith that begins and ends with you.



**HYMN:** When We Walk With the Lord AHB 531

**Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving:**

**Leader:** Dear God.

We give thanks and praise you for places of simplicity and peace.

**All:** *Let us find such a place within ourselves.*

**Leader:** We give thanks and praise you for places of refuge and beauty.

**All:** *Let us find such a place within ourselves.*

**Leader:** We give thanks and praise you for forgiveness which leads to reconciliation with others.

**All:** *Let us find such a place within ourselves.*

**Leader:** We give thanks and praise you for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration, and renewal, places where all may find acceptance and belonging.

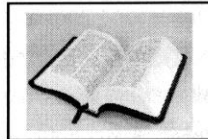
**All:** *Let us search for these places; in the world, in ourselves, and in others.*

**Leader:** Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.

**All:** *May we mend this world according to the truth of our inner life, and may our souls be shaped and nourished by your eternal wisdom. Amen.*

**HYMN:** May the Mind of Christ My Saviour AHB 537 TIS 609

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



### Romans 12: 9-21

9 Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.

10 Love one another warmly as Christian brothers, and be eager to show respect for one another. 11 Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. 12 Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. 13 Share your belongings with your needy fellow-Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

14 Ask God to bless those who persecute you -yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.

15 Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. 16 Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise.

17 If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do whatever everyone considers to be good. 18 Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody. 19 Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord". 20 Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for by doing this you will make him burn with shame" 21 Do not let evil defeat you; instead conquer evil with good.

### Philippians 4: 4-9

4 May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice! 5 Show a gentle attitude towards everyone. The Lord is coming soon. 6 Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. 7 And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.

8 In conclusion, my brothers, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise; things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable. 9 Put into practice what you learnt and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ADDRESS 'Building for Peace and Reconciliation'

**HYMN:** Be Thou My Vision AHB 455 TIS 547

### FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Explain the story of Shanti Solomon and the Fellowship of the least Coin.

**Leader:** We praise God that Shanti Solomon was moved to begin the Fellowship of the Least Coin movement. The prayers and coins offered have brought God's love into many lives, bringing new hope and release from the burdens of life. Many here today will have collected their least coins throughout the past year.

**You are now invited to bring those gifts forward.**

### Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

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 humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving. Dear God, accept this least coin 'Token of Love' make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

## GENERAL OFFERING

**Leader:** Today's general offering will be divided equally between Asian Church Women's Conference, where funds support educational scholarships for the disadvantaged and development projects globally, and our Special Project - Cana Communities, Nagle House.

## DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Lord, as together we give for the work and witness of your church in the world, we thank you for every person whose life gives perspective to our own.

Lord, may the task that you have allotted to us, and what others do that we cannot, be woven together into your design for every people and all creation. Amen

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

**Leader:** Eternal and ever loving God, we believe that our worship draws us to you, and toward our neighbours on earth.

**All:** *We pray for the whole creation:*

**Leader:** May we all learn before it is too late to respect the uniqueness, fragility, and beauty of our earth and all its creatures.

**All:** *We pray for every nation and race:*

**Leader:** May our actions and lifestyle bear out our belief that all people everywhere are our sisters and brothers, whatever their country, their city, or their tribe, whatever their education or their culture, whatever their circumstances, religion or colour.

**All:** *We pray for peace in our torn and troubled world:*

**Leader:** We pray that weapons may be discarded instead of people, guns silenced instead of voices of the poor, and that, in a world with so much evil we might learn that love is not a luxury.

**All:** *We pray for the church of Jesus Christ:*

**Leader:** May it be true and joyful, wholesome and active, always rediscovering that you called it into being for the service and salvation of others.

**All:** *We pray for the witness of our church community:*

**Leader:** As we grow in faith, love and hope, help us to understand that no planning for the future, however necessary, no program, no matter how carefully conceived, can relieve us of the necessity of going forward into a future that cannot be planned - of risk, of danger, of hope in your incalculable grace.

**All:** *We pray for ourselves:*

**Leader:** Not one of us has ever found or given enough tenderness or love in his or her life, enough truth, freedom, beauty, goodness, and joy. We are always travelling to a new tomorrow.

**All:** *Lord we pray for our world, we pray for others, we pray for ourselves.*

**Leader:** We pray because you have put within us an unquenchable hope.

**All:** *We pray because we live for the ultimate.*

**Leader:** We pray because Jesus is our Lord and your kingdom is in our midst.

Amen

## THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father in heaven.  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is 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.

