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NATIONAL COMMITTEE of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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NEWTOWN N.S.W.

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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 10

10.30am arrive - Morning Tea

SESSION 1:

11.00am Opening Prayers - Head Deaconess M. Andrews
Welcomes
Procedural arrangements
Review of the Interim Committee's work
Report from the States, etc.

12.30pm Lunch

SESSION 2:

1.30pm Constitution
3.30 Afternoon Tea

SESSION 3:

4.00 Study material - to be introduced by Mrs. S.M. Barrett
5.30 Close of Session
6.00 Tea

SESSION 4:

7.00 pm Programme of Australian Church Women - Introduced by Mrs. D. Verco
Projects: Fellowship of the Least Coin) Introduced by
Winifred Kiek Scholarship) Mrs. Wells
9.00 Prayers - Mrs. D. Strack

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SESSION 5:

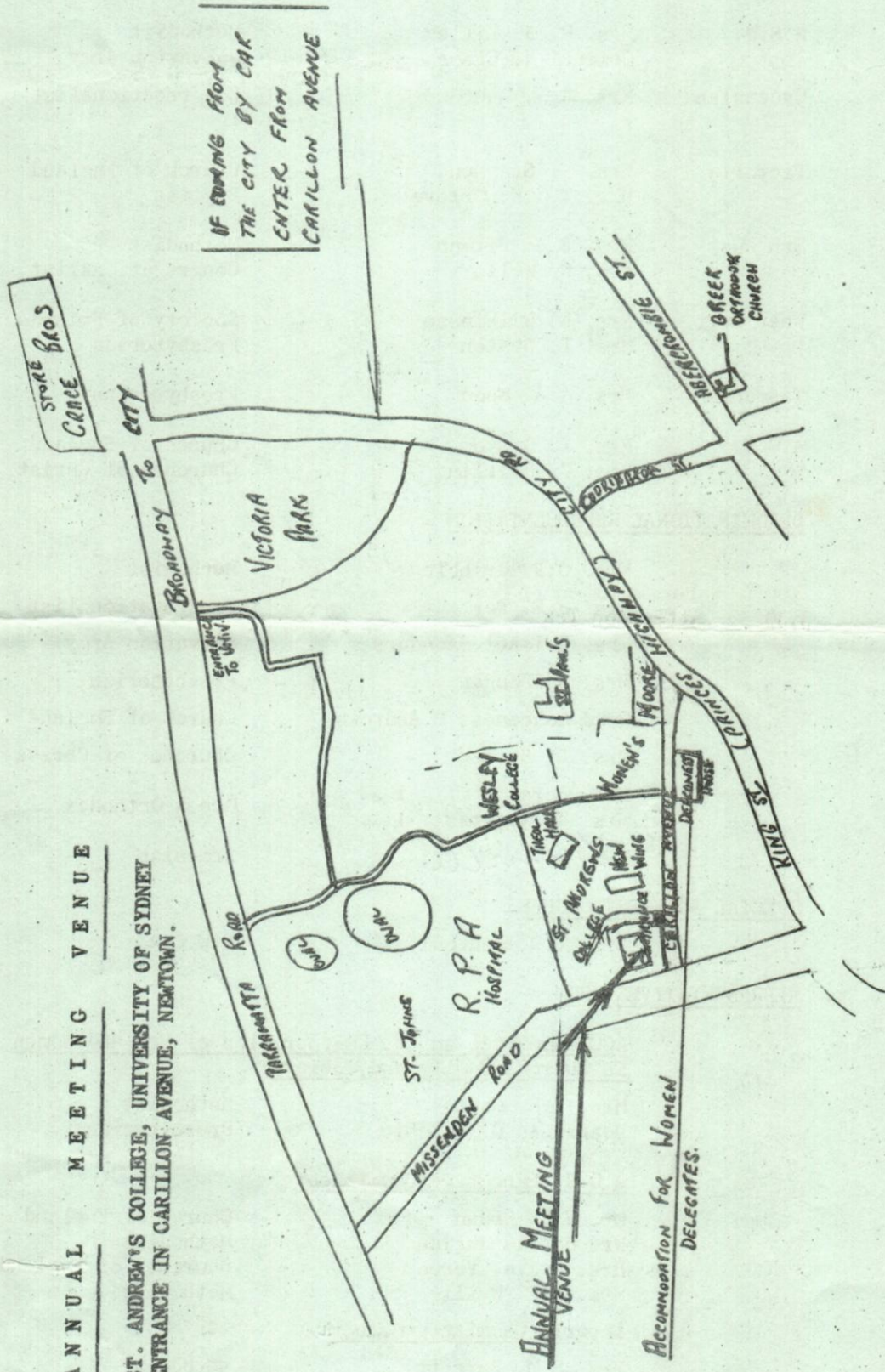
9.00am Prayers - Mrs. A.G. Ashton
Constitution
9.30 Survey on the Service and Status of Women in the Churches
Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women in the
Church, Family and Society.
10.30 Morning Tea

SESSION 6:

11.00am Appointments and Elections
Recommendations to the ACC Annual Meeting
11.45 Closing Prayer - The President
12.00 Lunch
1.00pm Opening Service of the ACC Annual Meeting -
St. Andrew's Cathedral, George Street.

ANNUAL MEETING VENUE

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
ENTRANCE IN CARILLON AVENUE, NEWTOWN.



ANNUAL MEETING VENUE

Accommodation for Women DELEGATES.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

PARTICIPANTS

STATE REPRESENTATION

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| N.S.W. | Mrs. H. J. Lilley Colonel H. Cross | Methodist Salvation Army |
| Queensland | Mrs. A.G. Ashton | Congregationalist |
| Victoria | Mrs. H. Stephens Mrs. T.G.S. Grieve | Church of England Baptist |
| Sth Aust | Mrs. E.A. Pitman Mrs. H. Wells | Methodist Congregationalist |
| West Aust | Mrs. N. Wilkinson Mrs. L. Staton | Society of Friends Presbyterian |
| Tasmania | Mrs. G.A. Wood | Presbyterian |
| A.C.T. | Mrs. E. Ogston Mrs. G. Stirling | Church of England Churches of Christ |

DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATION

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| S | Mrs. C.F. Gribble | Methodist |
| S | Mrs. J.F. Dey | Congregationalist |
| | Mrs. Colonel Saunders | Salvation Army |
| S | Mrs. A. Dougan | Presbyterian |
| S | Head Deaconess M. Andrews | Church of England |
| | Mrs. D. Strack | Churches of Christ |
| S | Mrs. Doratis | Greek Orthodox |
| S | Mrs. A. Mageros | |
| | <i>Gumville</i> | Armenian |

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

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| Mrs. T.C. Rentoul | Y.W.C.A. |
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REPRESENTATIVES FROM -

ACC Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women
in Church, Family and Society:

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| Mrs. T.H. Coates | Methodist |
| Deaconess C. Ritchie | Presbyterian |

A.C.C. Executive Committee:

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| Mr. V.K. Brown | Church of England |
| Mr. Harold Julian | Methodist |
| S Mrs. D.J.A. Verco | Churches of England <i>Christ</i> |
| S Mrs. M.G. Wyllie | Methodist |

Interim Committee members:

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| Mrs. S.M. Barrett | Methodist |
| <i>Mrs McPhee</i> | <i>yw.c.a</i> |
| <u>A.C.C. Staff:</u> (consultants) | |
| Rev. H.L. Perkins | |
| Rev. J.R. Neal | |
| Miss T.J. Skiller | |

Miss Stafford ywca

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Report to First Meeting of the National Committee

Two years ago the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches appointed an interim committee of Australian Church Women. This committee was re-appointed in February 1964. During the 2-year period the members have met regularly in order to plan and discuss the development of ecumenical relationships between the existing women's groups of the churches.

NATIONAL CONSULTATION. At the end of 1963 the Interim Committee felt it had progressed as far as was possible and that it needed to consult with Federal Denominational women's groups and State women's inter-church councils. A National Consultation, arranged in conjunction with the staff of the Australian Council of Churches, was held in Sydney during March 1964. To this consultation representatives were appointed from the women's inter-church councils of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Representatives were also appointed by the Federal women's organisations of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and by Greek Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic Churches. Deaconess Andrews was present from the Church of England.

The Consultation, brief though it was, was characterised by stimulating fellowship and the growth of mutual understanding between women of different churches and different states. From the Consultation there emerged the conviction that, at the present time Australian Church Women was strategic in the life of the Australian Churches.

1) There is need for ecumenical dialogue between the women of the churches. Women's organisations in the Churches are lively and often efficiently organised, but too often there is little opportunity to combine with other church groups for combined worship, study and practical activity. From localities where this is already occurring enthusiastic reports are coming. Most women are interested in and impatient for Christian unity and Australian Church Women ^{exists to} foster this interest and deepen the sense of urgency. The renewal, the mission and the unity of the Church are the concern of Australian Church Women.

2) It is hoped to do this not by building up a large national organisation, but by working through existing women's groups, both denominational and inter-church. In localities where no inter-church group exists it is hoped that Australian Church Women will encourage their formation. Australian Church Women will also be a link between Australian women and the Church in the world.

3) At the same time it is recognized that within the Churches our present segmentation into sex groups, while allowing for community of interests and easy organisation is often a denial of the full co-operation of men and women within the Church. Therefore Australian Church Women will take every opportunity to promote the study of the problems of co-operation and to encourage full co-operation of men and women in the churches.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION. Following the Consultation in March the Interim Committee began to work on a draft Constitution. This was prepared over many meetings and referred to State women's inter-church councils, Federal denominational women's groups, the ACC Executive Committee and Federal Heads of the member churches.

The draft constitution being presented to this first meeting of the National Committee is the result of consultation with these people. We have taken into account all recommendations and suggestions in its preparation.

STATE UNITS. At the time of the calling of this meeting there are four State Units co-operating in the programme of Australian Church Women. They are Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. In

Western Australia plans are well under way for the state women's inter-church council to be received as a State Unit.

PROGRAMME. Fellowship Day in 1964 was observed in many areas, the theme being "Sharing the Common Life". This was associated with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A worship service and study was prepared for the use of local groups.

World Community Day was held in October and the theme was "Christians and World Peace". Once again a worship service and study material was available. The offering was for Freedom from Hunger Projects on the Inter-Church Aid Programme.

PROJECTS. The Fellowship of the Least Coin material has been distributed to all States and there is a growing interest in it. The gifts will be received at the World Community Day services in 1965 and forwarded to the Fund in Geneva for distribution on the recommendations of the Asian women's committee.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship is the second project of Australian Church Women. The purpose of the scholarship is to offer supplementary training for a Christian woman who has already received her basic training. The scholarship is intended for those who give leadership in church life and for those who need strengthening as Christians for their work in the world.

The Interim Committee has been guided by the women in various areas in the launching of the scheme which they feel to be an important part of the programme of Australian Church Women.

As this report is being prepared negotiations are under way to invite an Indonesian social worker to come to Australia for two terms of the 1965 Academic Year to study institutional care of children. The Rev. H. L. Perkins will be visiting Djakarta at the end of December and it is hoped he will interview the applicant on behalf of the Committee.

The co-operation of the ACC Scholarship Committee and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service is being sought for this project.

STUDY MATERIAL. During 1963 a small study booklet "Saints Alive!" was prepared and has been used in many denominational^{and}/inter-church groups, both women's and mixed. The study has been well received and it is the hope of the Interim Committee that another booklet will be produced during 1965 for use during the following 2-year period. This is on the agenda for this meeting.

* DEVELOPING OF OVERSEAS RELATIONS. The Interim Committee has been advised that the Assembly of the Asian Church Women's Conference will be held in Japan during 1966. The committee hopes that it may be possible for Australian Church Women to be represented at the Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON THE CO-OPERATION OF MEN & WOMEN IN CHURCH, FAMILY & SOCIETY. The Interim Committee welcomed the forming of this Committee during the year and looks forward to Australian Church Women working with it. Mrs. Wyllie as a member of the World Council of Churches' Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women, is a member of the Australian committee and this connection has been valuable to the development of Australian Church Women.

On behalf of Interim Committee,

Mabel G. Wyllie,
Convener.

The year 1964 has been important for the Council, for at the Annual Meeting in November 1963, the Inter-Church Council voted to affiliate with Australian Church Women and became the State Unit of that body.

The election of Officer Bearers resulted in a change in the Presidency - Mrs. Ashton being elected to that office, Mrs. Giezendanner having served so efficiently for the past two years. After thirteen years as Secretary, Mrs. Pearson resigned and Mrs. Dennis was elected to the position. Mrs. Potter was re-elected Treasurer. Retiring office bearers were thanked for their services.

A communication from Australian Church Women invited a delegate to a consultation of the Interim Committee to be held in Sydney on 17th and 18th March 1964. As our President had another engagement, the Secretary was appointed to represent Queensland. Rail fares and hospitality in Sydney were provided.

Such matters as the Constitution of Australian Church Women, the introduction of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and study material for meetings, were discussed at the Consultation which was constituted in Wesley Chapel by the Rev. B.R. Wyllie, Master of Wesley College. Mrs. Wyllie, Convener of the Interim Committee, presided over the meetings which were held within Wesley College, Deaconess House and at the rooms of the Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent Street. Delegates came from all States and included women from the Armenian Apostolic, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, Church of England, Greek Orthodox, Methodist, Salvation Army and Presbyterian. A special meeting of our Council was called on April 10 to hear the report of the consultation. Owing to the postal strike in Sydney, the official report did not reach us in time for this meeting but was posted to all members.

In all, six meetings were held throughout the year and presided over by our President, Mrs. Ashton, whose opening devotions often contained thoughts from Rev. Winifred Kiek. We were glad to receive delegates from the Church of England and from the YWCA thus strengthening our witness and influence.

A request to include a Women's Thanksgiving Service in the celebrations of the "Warana" Festival, was forwarded to the Warana Promotion Committee who accepted the suggestion and formed a Women's Committee to arrange the Service. Thus the Women's Thanksgiving Service for "Warana" was instituted. It was held in the Albert Hall, and we trust, will become an annual event in the programme.

The study book, "Saints Alive!" was well received and used in our studies.

It was decided to inaugurate "World Community Day", using the Order of Service supplied by Australian Church Women. The service was held in Ann Street Presbyterian Church, the Rev. T. Rees Thomas being guest speaker and the Presbyterian Ladies' Choir rendered an anthem and led the praise. Members of the Council conducted parts of the service and the President presented the aims of the Inter-Church Council and Australian Church Women, the Secretary introducing the Fellowship of the Least Coin. A booklet tells the history of this Prayer Fellowship, and a folder gives an abridged account of its activities. The booklet "Circle of Prayer" containing devotions for two years, compiled by Christian women of the East, costing 3/-, was available to be used on conjunction with the giving of a Least Coin.

During the year congratulations were extended to Commissioner Coutts on his elevation to a high office, to Mrs. Trigge on her daughter's academic success, and to Mrs. Lockley on her husband's election as President-Elect of the Congregational Conference. Sympathy was extended to bereaved members.

The Inter-Church Council was glad to send representatives to the Annual Meeting of Conferences of the Women's Organisations of the Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Baptist, Church of Christ, Congregational, and Methodist Churches, noting the excellent work being done by the church women in Queensland, the Commonwealth, and beyond our borders.

It was gratifying to have the Southport Inter-Church Fellowship affiliate with our Council and appoint as its representative, Mrs. Hage of Southport.

During the year 141 notices of meetings were posted to members, and 38 letters written as well as Reports and other literature being posted to members from time to time for their information and consideration.

Comments and suggestions regarding the draft constitution were forwarded to the Interim Committee, and it is hoped that the latest draft may be accepted as fulfilling all the aims and objects of Australian Church Women.

An invitation to send two delegates to the first Annual Conference is to hand. May God continue to bless and guide all associated with this tremendous forward thrust, that the impact of Christian workers may be felt throughout Australia, throughout the World, and the Light of the Gospel establish the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Affiliated Churches: Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of England, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Society of Friends, also Y.W.C.A. and Associate members.

Collections from World Community Day amounted to £12/6/1 which was forwarded to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. £ 2/1/- was received from the Fellowship of the Least Coin. 22 copies of "Circle of Prayer" were purchased.

Report

"Wybalena", a girl's hostel has been purchased and maintained for many years.

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In July it was decided to accept the invitation of the Interim Committee to become the unit through Australian Church Women will operate in N.S.W.

Community Day 1963 was held on September 27th. As well as the central meeting in the C.E.N.E.F. Auditorium meetings were held in Bathurst, Mangrove Mountain, Condobolin and West Oatley. This was the first occasion when meetings were held in more than one centre.

Mrs. D. J. A. Verco was appointed Promotion Officer for the purpose of stimulating interest in the formation of suburban and country branches.

1964.

Fellowship Day, held in the Epping Baptist Church on Friday, 24th April, was well attended. Group discussion is quite new to some of the women but has proved generally most acceptable.

"Saints Alive" was commended to the denominational societies.

World Community Day, Friday 23rd October, was held at Bondi, Burwood, Chatswood, Epping.

Mortdale and Parramatta in the Metropolitan area and Armidale, Canberra, Cooma, Gosford and Mangrove Mountain. About 1000 attended, the most popular centres being Chatswood and Epping. About £100 was given to the "Freedom From Hunger" campaign from the collections. BATHURST

During the year several of the Executive members have attended specially arranged interdenominational gatherings where they have been given an opportunity to tell of the aims of Australian Church Women and seek co-operation in its projects. In arranging special days it has proved worthwhile to go out into the suburbs. Mrs. Verco has done a sterling job as Promotion Officer. It is proposed to form a Promotion Committee with members responsible for the area in which they live.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

Since the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches 1963, when the establishment of Australian Church Women was authorized "that the Committee be re-appointed and nominate to the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches", the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria has sought to understand, and assist in the work of the Interim Committee. Representatives have attended each consultation held in Sydney. Mrs. B.R. Wyllie addressed the Council when passing through Melbourne, and thus the pattern has been unfolding.

In 1963, the Women's Inter-Church Council accepted an invitation from the Interim Committee, 'to become the unit through which Australian Church Women work within the State'.

When Dr. Barot visited Melbourne during her Australian tour, the Council invited her to address a gathering of Inter-Church women. We learned a great deal that day about the Department on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. This Committee has now been established, and has met in Melbourne.

When Miss Janet Lacey, and the Rev. Alan Brash visited Melbourne, we were able to listen to them, and learned much from their addresses at Receptions held to greet our visitors.

We have been happy to work with the Interim Committee toward developing and extending interest in Fellowship, and World Community Days, and are grateful to see signs of increasing interest in many inter-church groups.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin has been introduced by the Interim Committee with great appeal to us, and we have joined willingly in the Circle of Prayer, and the Least Coin.

The Interim Committee has sponsored the "Winifred Kiek" Scholarship, and we shall work to assist this project.

WOMEN'S UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ever since the visit of Mrs. Mabel Wyllie to Adelaide in May 1963, there has been a constant and growing interest evinced by many delegates to W.U.C.A. in the Australian Church Women movement.

There has also been a certain amount of opposition and when in September 1963, a vote was taken as to whether we would be willing to act as the liaison body for the State with the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women, six affiliated bodies voted in favour, two against, and two refrained from voting. In March 1964, the Unitarian Women's League withdrew from W.U.C.A. because of our connection with the Australian Council of Churches and in October 1964, the Baptist Women's League withdrew for the same reason. However, the door is not completely closed in respect to the latter, and we await word from them concerning our proposal that they continue their association with us but do not affiliate.

On top of this there has also been a noticeable lack of enthusiasm on the part of delegates or associates who are active in the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.

Despite such opposition it would seem that definite progress has been made over the past year, and the interest is certainly growing.

In May the two delegates who attended the Sydney Consultation, namely Mrs. E. Pitman and Mrs. E. Playford, together with Mrs. S. Haynes, ran a Conference Day on the theme "Australian Church Women". This proved to be so successful that time would not permit the completion in one day and we had another session in June. Both days were well attended and we felt that we were at last beginning to move.

In July our annual "Musical At Home" was held in the Adelaide Town Hall and through lack of a sponsor for the programme printing we were able to have the programme printed at our own expense and use the back page to print the aims of the Australian Church Women. This brought A.C.W. to the notice of the more than 600 present.

A number of women felt that a re-drafting of our Constitution was long overdue and this was done and presented at the business meeting after the Annual Meeting in October. Delegates had had time to read and digest this draft before the meeting and it was obvious by the prolonged but worthwhile discussion of same that many had given a great deal of thought to the draft. It comes up again in March and we hope that this draft will prove to be the final one.

We did not observe "World Community Day" in October, but went ahead with our plans to hold our usual Advent Service on December 11. We used the theme "Christians and World Peace" and adapted the service to "Advent", the collection being for the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

It was our desire that this Advent Service should express the part Australian Church Women is to play within the Department of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. To that end, two men and two women took part in the service; the organist was a man and the soloist a woman, and a Youth Choir comprising boys and girls from Secondary Schools and Church Schools - over 60 strong - led the singing.

The Lord and Lady Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Irwin, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Veale and other City Councillors attended and expressed appreciation for the beauty of the service and its message.

An all-out effort was made by the Executive and delegates to interest as wide a cross-section of the community as possible, and although the attendance was far below our expectations (350 or more, comparing favourable with the 70 or so of last year) it was a great improvement on previous years. The collection amounted to £54. (£11 in 1963)

We have been happy to receive the utmost co-operation and helpful advice from the Secretary of the South Australian Council of Churches, the Rev. Alan Gray, who at all times has seen that news of Australian Church Women activities is publicised. Since August the W.U.C.A. has had the privilege of attending the monthly Council of Churches meetings, and our representative has been encouraged to speak. Notice of our Advent Service was included in the World Council of Churches Fellowship bi-monthly Newsletter which goes out to more than 700.

Although the special days of Fellowship and World Community Day were not observed in 1964, it is planned to hold both this year, in addition to our usual "At Home" and Advent Service.

Already there is much interest in the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Scheme, and Miss Molly Trait, Columnist of the "Advertiser" wrote an article for us just prior to the Advent Service, and it has been forwarded for the perusal of the Consultation.

Concerning the Scholarship, however, it is recommended that Australian Church Women collect sufficient money in the Trust Account before the Scholarship is launched and someone invited to come to Australia, thus assuring its continuance.

One fund-raising function was held by Mrs. Playford - a Floral Art night - and the amount of £3 is being held by our treasurer, and will be forwarded shortly.

There is little to report on the Fellowship of the Least Coin except to say that no real attempt has been made by us this past year to promote it. This we hope to do early in the year. The YWCA were most interested and have taken more than 100 leaflets to distribute to their members.

It is planned that each delegate take a number of leaflets and that each denomination be responsible for the distribution of same and the collecting of the money which will be dedicated at a time to be arranged - probably at World Community Day each year.

Our President, Mrs. E.S. Playford, is also on the Executive of P.W.M.U. in this State and travels in the country with executive members. She takes every opportunity to spread the news of Australian Church Women, its aims and objects, including the Fellowship of the Least Coin. All delegates have been asked to do likewise whenever the opportunity arises.

Early May or early June would be the most suitable time for "Fellowship Day" and October seems suitable for "World Community Day".

We may not seem to have progressed very far in the past year, but I am confident that what we have accomplished has indeed been a solid foundation for a future active body of women who will find themselves introduced to ecumenical experience hitherto unknown.

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A.C.T. of Stirling proposal that W.W.D. of P. Cam become a unit of A.C.W. & become an I.C.C. Council sponsoring Fellowship Day & W. Cam Day as well as W.W.D. of Prayer

M.A. ^{ofm} granting interest unit to apply for membership

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I.C.C. Fellowships Baptist difficulty
United Churches in Darwin, Alice S., W. Jones,
& Malaya

DRAFTCONSTITUTION OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

1. NAME: Australian Church Women
2. The AIM of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN is

together
 "To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society; to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church; to provide opportunities for Christian worship, study, ^{no union of different churches to be} fellowship and service across the present divisions of the Church; and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries." The programme of Australian Church Women shall be planned to serve this aim.

3. RELATIONSHIPS:

- (a) Through the Australian Council of Churches, Australian Church Women shall be linked with the World Council of Churches and the regional conferences of churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. *the (expected)*
- (b) Australian Church Women shall function in relationship with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on ~~the~~ Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. *no segregation*

4. COMMITTEES:

- (a) The National Committee shall consist of representatives who shall be appointed annually:
 - i. one representative of the Federal women's organization of each church, appointed by whatever means is appropriate to the particular church.
 - ii. two representatives of each ^{every} State women's inter-church organization ~~which is~~ recognized by Australian Church Women as its State unit.
 - iii. one representative of the Federal organization of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee.
 - iv. two representatives appointed by the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on ~~the~~ Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society.
 - v. four representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

The National Committee shall meet at least annually at a time and place, to be determined in consultation with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on ~~the~~ Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. Fifty percent of representatives under 4 (a) i. and ii. shall constitute a quorum. Alternates may be appointed for all representatives to the National Committee. *? ✓*

- (b) A Working Committee shall be appointed by the National Committee to carry out its work between meetings. The Working Committee shall consist of 10 members of the National Committee resident in one State and shall include the office bearers. The location of the Working Committee shall be determined by the National Committee.

5. OFFICE BEARERS:

The office bearers shall be (1) A President; (2) Two Vice-Presidents; (3) A Secretary; (4) A Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the National Committee provided always that the President shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years. ~~The office bearers shall serve as an Executive between Working Committee meetings.~~

6. STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION:

- i. ~~There shall be a Committee in each State to serve as the State unit of Australian Church Women. (See Para. 4 Clause 2)).~~ Each State Unit shall co-operate with the Council of Churches associated with the Australian Council of Churches in the State.
- ii. Committees in local areas which carry out the purpose of Australian Church Women shall be affiliated with the State Unit.

7. PROGRAMME OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:

The National Committee of Australian Church Women shall prepare a statement of its programme each year.

8. FINANCE:

- i. Collections taken at special days and services included in the Australian Church Women programme (after local expenses have been met) shall be divided, as determined each year by the National Committee in consultation with its State Units, between (i) the administration of the affiliated State Women's Inter-Church Council organization (ii) the administration of the National Committee of Australian Church Women and (iii) national projects sponsored by the National Committee in co-operation with State Units.
- ii. The funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin shall be paid annually by the State units to the National Committee for remittance to the Department ^{of} Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, in the World Council of Churches.
- iii. (a) Accounts shall be kept as determined by the National Committee in consultation with the Honorary Treasurer of the Australian Council of Churches.
 (b) Bank accounts shall be operated by the President, Secretary and Treasurer and such others as may be appointed, the signatures of any two of whom shall be sufficient discharge.
 (c) Statements of accounts shall be presented to the meetings of the Working Committee, and audited annual statements to the National Committee and to the Australian Council of Churches.
 (d) The financial year shall end on December 31.

9. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution shall be amended by a vote of a two-thirds majority of members of the National Committee present. Notice of motion to amend the Constitution shall be given to the Working Committee by any organization having representation on the National Committee. All constituent bodies shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendment not less than three months before the meeting of the National Committee. Amendments shall be operative upon ratification by the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches.

10. DISSOLUTION:

In the event of the dissolution of the National Committee, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to the Australian Council of Churches.

SYDNEY
OCTOBER 1964.