

STATE UNIT NEWS

- ** We have produced a new set of Information Brochures. Write and ask for a set if you think you can use them to promote A.C.W.
- ** World Day of Prayer Friday 4 March, 1994. Theme 'Go, See and Act'.
- ** First Annual State Conference. Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April, 1994. More information early in 1994.
- ** Dedication Day and Installation of Mrs Lucelle King as State President, Monday 16 May, 1994.
- ** Fellowship Day, July 1994. Theme 'Our News is Good News' written by the A.C.T. Unit. Offering for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.
- ** Finding it hard to get speakers for your services? A list of A.C.W. women happy to travel and speak is available on request.
- ** Spiritual Enrichment Days are held during the year both in the city and out of Sydney. City service will be on Monday 18 July, 1994. Watch Newsette for dates of other days.
- ** Newsette is our own paper. Subscribe for only \$5 a year.
- ** Partners With Asian Church Women's Conference. For only \$1 per annum every woman in A.C.W. could 'belong' to Partners.
- ** For more information on anything noted above contact:

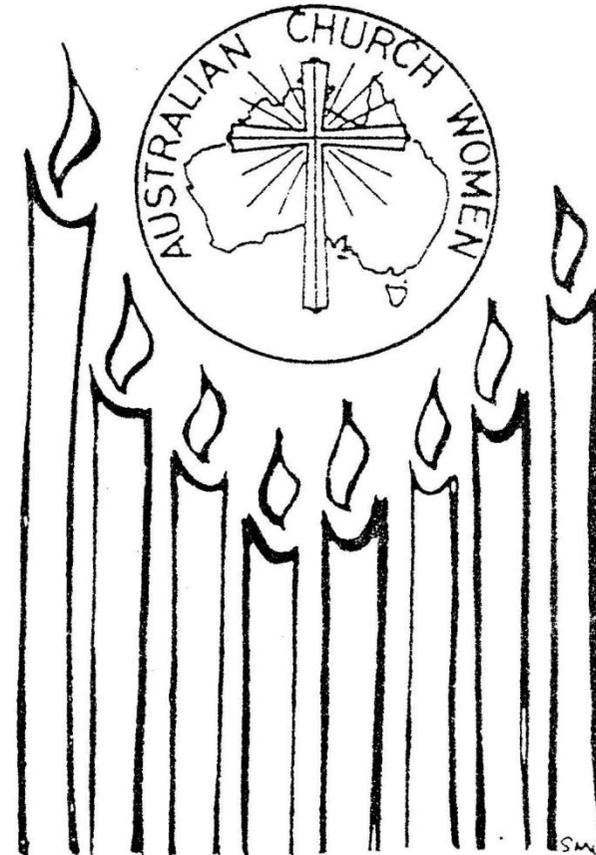
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with your God*



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

OCTOBER 1993

INFORMATION

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN came into being in 1965, uniting the existing State Women's Inter-Church Councils prepared to share common tasks, and undertake united action. Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian Women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Our Special Offering today will go towards a Disaster Relief Fund so that money can quickly be sent out in an emergency; and Administrative Funds for Asian Church Women's Conference, of which Australian Church Women is a member organisation.

Today's service has been prepared by Rev. Kaye Pitman, Lecturer and Chaplain at St. Francis College, Brisbane, on behalf of the Queensland Unit of Australian Church Women.

The cover design was drawn by Mrs. Adele Doulin, Graphic Artist at the same College.

LOVE TENDERLY, WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD

LEADER: Opening Prayer

LEADER: This world belongs to God,

ALL: the created earth and all its people.

LEADER: How right it is

ALL: to come together in unity

LEADER: Love and faith come together,

ALL: Justice and peace join hands.

LEADER: Lord, open our lips,

ALL: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise

LEADER: We are God's people

ALL: We come as sisters and brothers

-to love and worship God;

-to love and support one another;

-to affirm the ministry of women in the life and mission of the church;

-to pledge ourselves to care for God's creation.

LEADER: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? (Mic 6: 6,7)

ALL: He had told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Mic 6:8)

READING - Deuteronomy 10: 12 - 13, 17 - 21.

HYMN - AHB 568 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

(During the last verse, the leader/someone chosen, will light a candle placed where all can see.)

LEADER: It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

As we worship together, may this light symbolise the piercing rays of justice,

The warm healing glow of love and kindness,
and the sure way to walk with our god..

ALL: May we do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk
with God.
May we walk in the light as Christ is in the light.

The Lord's Prayer Our Father...

RECONCILIATION

LEADER:Loving God, you are just and compassionate;
be with us today.
With the flickering light of our candle, we look back in
our lives to the times when we walked in darkness;
When we acted unjustly, when we were unkind... when we
did not walk with you...(A time of silence)

ALL: We ask forgiveness of you, our God, and the forgiveness
of those gathered here,

LEADER: We look to the future, to the days ahead of us, and yet
we know we have need already of forgiveness and healing.

ALL: We ask forgiveness for falling into the same mistakes
again and again, which cause hurt to others and to
ourselves.

LEADER: I will sprinkle clean water upon you; and you shall be
clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your
idols I will cleanse you. (Ezekiel 36: 25)

ALL: Wash me from my guilt, purify me from my sin (Psalm 51:2)
Save us by your tenderness, God of love and forgiveness.

(A further time of silence)

HYMN - AHB 85 To God be the Glory

READING - Psalm 146 (Praise the Lord, oh my soul)

INTERCESSIONS

LEADER: We pray to you, our good and gracious God: God of all
consolation; Come, God of Justice

ALL: Strike quickly in our world and today in our hearts

LEADER: We ask you to renew your grace in us, that we might
recognize your presence in our midst and hear the call of
the gospel in the human needs that surround us.

ALL: Strike quickly in our world and in our hearts

LEADER: You have opened our eyes, given us hope that we shall
live in the glorious liberty of the children of God...
But not alone Lord; not while others remain poor, broken-
hearted, imprisoned, blinded and bruised. Yet...

ALL: You have called us out of darkness into your marvellous
light.

LEADER: So, God, we pray for our brothers and sisters, your family
oppressed by ignorance and poverty, caught in a web of
injustice and apathy, cut off from each other by language,
gender, culture, class and creed.

ALL: You have called them out of darkness into your marvellous
light.

LEADER: May the powerless be led to self-discovery, the despised
find new dignity, the dispossessed be enabled to claim
their place in the community of free people.

ALL: You have called them out of darkness into your marvellous
light.

LEADER: Give to your church a vision of the total liberation of
all men and women.
Grant us wisdom to hear the voice of the foolish of the
world, the strength to listen to the weak, that through
those who are nothing we may understand the Word of
Christ.

ALL: You are calling us out of darkness unto your marvellous
light.

LEADER: But we tend to love darkness rather than light. We shrink
from the responsibility of freedom, the uncertainty of
the desert, the conflict of the cross.
We keep turning back, preferring the security of slavery
to the adventure of the promised land.

CALL: Call us out of the darkness into your marvellous light.

LEADER: Hear all these prayers and any others that we now bring
to You: Let all those who will, lift up their prayers for
the Church and the World.....

Call us, Jesus Christ, that we may follow.

ALL: Empower us with the breath of your free Spirit and send
us forth renewed in hope to do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with you. Amen

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HYMN - AHB 61 Lord, Your almighty Word (Offering will be received)

ADDRESS - Love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

STATEMENT OF FAITH

LEADER: O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing

ALL: we believe and trust in you

LEADER: The whole earth is alive with your glory, and all that has life is sustained by you.

ALL: We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face

LEADER: O God, embodied in a human life,

ALL: We believe and trust in you

LEADER: Jesus our Saviour, born of the virgin, Mary, you confronted the proud and the powerful, and welcomed as your friends those of no account. Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation, you emptied yourself of power, and became human, for our sake. You laboured for us upon the cross, and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.

ALL: We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.

LEADER: O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort, of integrity and truth,

ALL: We believe and trust in you.

LEADER: Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation, rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,

ALL: We commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world

(p32 All Desires Known Janet Morley)

READING - Luke 6: 27 - 36

HYMN - AHB 558 When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
(Offering for F.L.C. collected during hymn)

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F.L.C. PRAYER - written by Mrs. Anne Green, F.L.C. Convenor for Queensland

LEADER: Heavenly Father, we humbly bring before You these gifts of love (tokens). We commit them to Your service, use them in kindness, for justice, that we may walk tenderly in your way.

Lord, giving you thanks for this offering, we pray we may never give too much importance to the money, giving all of our prayers, in your honour and glory, striving for peace in family, neighbourhood and the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMITMENT

LEADER: God has shown us what is good

ALL: What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

(As the candle is put out)....

LEADER: Let us take our light into the world.

May grace and peace be ours, as we spread our loving throughout all of God's creation; and may we always walk humbly with our God.

ALL: Amen

[To conclude the service, each person can share the peace with those around them (Can hold hands)]

HYMN - AHB 534 When we walk with the Lord .