

Women's United Church Association of South Australia.

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Australian Church Women,
Sydney.

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October 3rd.

MRS. WYLIE	GEN. SEC.	SEC.
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Dear Mrs. Wylie,

At a special meeting of our Association on September 20th the delegates voted on the question of affiliating with the proposed Australian Church Women.

You will be interested to know that 6 voted in favour of being the affiliating body for this State, 2 against, & 2 refrained from voting because their constitution allows them to work exclusively for Overseas divisions.

However, the general feeling was that we should go along with the idea, & so we will await further developments with interest. We have a Baptist President this year 1963/4 & the Federal Board of the Baptist Women's League were not in favour, but the Baptists here have agreed to abide by the majority decision.

We look forward to hearing more from you.

Yours sincerely,
L. Thomson,
Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

November 11, 1963

Mrs. D. Thomson,
23 Wilcox Avenue,
PROSPECT.
South Australia.

Dear Mrs. Thomson,

Thank you for your letter of October 3. The Interim Committee which met on November 6 were very happy to know of the Women's United Church Association of South Australia's decision to act on our behalf in South Australia.

We will continue to keep yo-u in touch with events and look forward to working in cooperation with you.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. G. Wyllie,
Convener.

PS: We are delighted that Mrs Lillian Wells has been appointed to represent the Australian Council of Churches at the East Asia Christian Conference Assembly in Rangoon next year.

REPORT of progress made in respect to A.C.W.
by the Women's United Church Association of Sth. Aus.

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 A.C.C. 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. Fitman 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 redrafting 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 11th. 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 A.C.W. is to play within the Department of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family & 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, Mrs & 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 favourably 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 S.A. Council of Churches, the Rev. Alan Gray, who at all times has seen that news of A.C.W. activity 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 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 is enclosed for the Committees perusal.

Concerning the Scholarship, however, it is recommended that A.C.W. 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 Y.W.C.A. 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 A.C.W., 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 best 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 experiences hitherto unknown.

Lillian Thomson (Mrs. D.)
Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A.

27 Marlborough Street 70 APR 1964.
BRIGHTON. South Australia.
16th April, 1964.

Dear Miss Skillier,

Thankyou so much for sending the copies of the Report of the A.C.W. Consultation. May I congratulate you on the excellent way in which this report is prepared. It was a major task exceedingly well done and will be a very great assistance to us in reaching out to the women in the various denominations with news of the Consultation.

Yesterday the Inner-Executive of the Women's United Church Association met to discuss plans for the Conference Day they are holding on 8th May. They decided that the theme of the Conference will be "Australian Church Women". The time available will be divided into three equal parts with Mrs. Pitman, Mrs. Haynes and I taking various aspects of the Consultation allowing plenty of time for group discussion and questions. It was felt that copies of the small yellow booklet "The Fellowship of the Least Coin" and also copies of "Saints ~~is~~ Alive" would be of very great assistance. Please could you send us twenty copies of each on a "sell or return" basis before that date. I am quite sure we will have no trouble in selling them on that day.

Please remember Mrs. Pitman and I very kindly to all your wonderful committee we will never forget the impact you made on us both.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. U. C. A.
President-Elect
Louis C. Playford.

Kaellista,
Victoria,
16th May

Dear Mabel,

At long last, here is the material I promised, for use by A.C.W. — I've included reports on the worship, the women delegates at the Assembly, and the consultation on Responsible Parenthood — a varied diet. Please feel free to use any or all of it, in any way you wish — + do alter the wording if you so desire. I won't mind, it's been dashed off in rather a hurry! Sorry it's not typed, but there is no machine here.

I'm enjoying three days at Mother's, in the lovely Dandenong, en route for our Cong^o Union of Australia meetings at Brisbane next week. Three days of relaxation sandwiched in between Judy's wedding + the Assembly! (J. married an Indonesian Christian, who has been in Australia doing a Ph.D. in Ag. Science — if he remembers what I told him, Bert can tell you the details!)

Life has been pretty hectic, one way + another, + you can imagine how I'm enjoying the peace + beauty of this part of the world.

Lovingly,
Kilian

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

May 31, 1964

Mrs. Lilian Wells
Box 1207 GPO
ADELAIDE.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear Lilian,

Thank you very much for your letter and for your report on Bangkok. At the moment I am not sure in what way we will use it, we have a newsletter in July and if it is possible to issue it in some other way we will probably do so.

Our interest at the moment has been centred on the DICARWS meetings which have just finished and the team's departure to Indonesia on June 2.

I am so glad to know that you had three restful days at Kallister.

With my love,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie, Convener.

As from "Allambi"
86 Oaklands Rd.
Glengowrie
S.A.

May 16th 1964

Dear Mrs. Wylie,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your circular letter to Women's Organizations, and for the enclosures. Owing to sickness my acknowledgement has been delayed but now I want to renew my request for extra copies of the leaflet "Basic Considerations on Co-operation". Enclosed is five shillings and, if you will post to me two dozen copies, I shall be glad to distribute them among interested groups.

Mrs. Playford kindly supplied me with a copy of "The Fellowship of the Least of Us". This scheme is almost certain to be popular once it is given publicity. It was discussed at our S.A. Women's Inter-Church Council (W.U.C.A.) recently, but I haven't heard the result, as I am away from home, convalescing. I shall be glad to hear what you are doing at headquarters.

Thanking you, and earnestly desiring the progress of work towards full co-operation of men and women

Yours sincerely
Winifred Clark

Thank you.

leaflet
Mrs. Playford
Committee
Mrs. Pitman
personal.

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

May 31, 1964

Rev. Mrs. Winefred Kiek,
Allambi,
86 Oaklands Road,
GLENGOWRIE.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear Mrs. Kiek,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 16. Thelma tells me she has already sent the leaflet "Basic considerations....." you requested.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Playford and Mrs. Pitman with us for the Consultation in March. They made a very valuable contribution to our discussions.

In July we will be sending out material for Fellowship Day and I will send you a copy.

You will be interested to know that the meeting on May 20 of the ACC Executive it was agreed to invite people to form the committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the ACC. It is this committee alongside which ACW will function. This committee will be centred in Melbourne and will be part of the Division of Church and Society of the ACC.

From letters received from Geneva I have learnt that there will be a small working committee in Delhi preparing for the full committee meeting and in conjunction with them a consultation on the Christian Social Ethic. Mlle. Barot has also said that the Department shall shortly be publishing a series of articles on the Ordination of Women.

If there is any information we could supply through this office, we will be happy to do so.

I trust that you will be kept in touch with the Development

of Australian Church Women and the Committee on the Co-operation of Men and Women by the inter-church council in South Australia.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M.G. Wyllie,
Convener.

Adelaide Town Hall - - - 8th July, 1964

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

On 20th September, 1963, the Women's United Church Association of South Australia agreed to become the channel through which A.C.W. (Australian Church Women) could work.

The aim of A.C.W. is:-

"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 and fellowship and service across denominational divisions; and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries."

It is now our responsibility to make this channel worthy of its high purpose, and with God's help we can.

Eric J. Ames Ltd., Printers, 14 Chesser St., Adelaide

WOMEN'S UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION

Musical At Home

In Aid of S.A. Association of Mental Health

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Congregational (W.F.) - Mrs. R. A. Cook, Miss R. McKenzie
Churches of Christ - Mrs. A. R. Jones, Mrs. C. H. J. Wright
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Methodist (H.M.) - Mrs. H. Semmens, Mrs. E. A. Riggall
Methodist (Federation) - Mrs. E. A. Pitman, Mrs. A. Hunt
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PROGRAMME

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Prayer: Mr. B. G. Pearce

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Lady Playford will respond on behalf of Guests

1. "For You Alone" (Geehl)
"The Green Bushes" (Traditional)
"Tell Me Tonight" (Spoliansky)

NEVILLE HICKS, Tenor

2. "See Me, the Young Village Flirt" (Strauss)

JANET LASSCOCK, Soprano

3. "Polichinelle" (Rachmaninoff)
"Dance of the Dwarfs" (Greig)
"Song Without Words" (Tschaikowsky)

SHIRLEY HICKS, Pianist

4. Speaker: Mr. C. R. LAWTON

5. "Russian Nightingale" (Alexander Alabieff)
"Estrellita" (Manuel Ponce)

JANET LASSCOCK, Soprano

6. "Impromptu in A Flat" (Schubert)
"Moment Musicale" (Schubert)

SHIRLEY HICKS, Pianist

7. "Mistress Mine" (Morley)
"Scarlet Ribbons" (Danzig)

NEVILLE HICKS, Tenor

8. VOTE OF THANKS: Mrs. E. P. Playford

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

AFTERNOON TEA

BRING-AND-BUY STALL

THE SALVATION ARMY

Bill Verco

55 Burns Road,

WAHROONGA. N.S.W.

19th October, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Playford,

Thank you for your letter. I am indeed sad to hear of the decision of the Baptist women to resign from the Women's United Church Association. This happened in Queensland too, but I felt this was before they were informed of the situation.

In the first place, I think it is important to make it clear that each State Council will continue to operate as it has always done in the past, and Australian Church Women, is simply the co-ordinating body of the State Councils - a move which became very necessary in view of the great need for a closer co-operation and understanding of other nations especially in South East Asia. It is hoped of course, too, that through this co-operation of the States, the State Councils will be greatly stimulated by their sharing of experiences, and the international contacts which Australian Church Women will provide.

The Baptist women had the same problem here. Their Union is not affiliated with the Australian Council of Churches, but the women of the Baptist Fellowship have been most active as members of the N.S.W. Women's Inter Church Council, and still are. At the moment our Recording Secretary and Treasurer are members of the Baptist Women's Fellowship. The decision reached by the Baptist Women's Fellowship of N.S.W. was that they should continue as members of the Women's Inter Church Council, but they would not vote on any Australian Church Women matters which come up in our State Council.

This arrangement is working most satisfactorily to all concerned. The Baptist women are still a very important and greatly appreciated part of our Women's Inter Church Council.

Kindest Regards.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs. D.J.A. Verco).

18 JAN 1965

Women's United Church Association of South Australia.

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27 Marlborough St.,
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Mrs. E.H. Camens,
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George Street,
Torrens Park. S.A.

15th January, 1965.

Mrs. M.C. Wyllie,
Convener,
Interim Committee of A.C.W.,
SYDNEY

Dear Mrs. Wyllie,

I am enclosing a report from South Aus.
on Australian Church Women.

We have a number of very enthusiastic
supporters of A.C.W. within our W.U.C.A. and I know that what
has been started in the past year will grow as the years go by.

Mrs. E.S. Playford has been a tower of
strength in the past year, as has Mrs. Pitman, and with Mrs.
Playford as President for 1965 we hope to have definite progress
to report next year. Mrs. Pitman has been appointed Assistant
Secretary to me, and with women such as Mrs. H. Wells, Mrs. S.
Haynes, Mrs. A. Hunt and others, there seems little doubt that
the A.C.W. image will continue to develop in S.A.

I am enclosing a newspaper cutting referred
to in the Report, and would appreciate its return, it being the
only record I have.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,

Lillian Thomson (MRS D.)

Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A.

8 Bolingbroke Grove,
Isorah Gardens
16/3/65.

Dear Colonel Cross,

You will in due course be hearing from Mrs. Thomson, our secretary, but unofficially the W.V.C.A met last Friday & Mrs. Wells & I were able to give our reports which were well received. Although earlier we had thought to observe Fellowship Day in May as has been our custom in the past (except that it was known as Conference Day - 'Fellowship' is much less frightening than 'Conference'!!) we have now decided on July 23rd as suggested in Sydney, this partly because the studies might not be available in May & partly because our annual "musical 'At Home'" on 7th July will provide a wonderful opportunity for publicity & warm exhortations among friends to attend Fellowship Day!

But it is in connection with the studies that I am writing. I thought it might be of interest to you to know that the Federation of Methodist Women of S. A. whom I represent on W.V.C.A with Mrs. Arnold Hunt - is preparing a study on South East Asia also. We are introducing a new pattern of work this year which we hope will be of more benefit to Meth. women throughout the state. A live-in conference is being arranged to meet at Murray 21st - 23rd June. The program for the 22nd starts with

devotions & discussion on a bible theme to be led by Dr Ruth Gorman. There follows a session on South East Asia - addressed by two speakers, Dr. H. Perry, head of Ad. Deacons' College & Mr. Lawton of the Adult Education Dept. of Ad. University. Practical workshops are planned for the afternoon. A committee led by Mrs. Hunt, is preparing this study, including the provision of booklets for the use of delegates on their return to their respective home fronts, to assist them in getting the message across there. This work is fairly well in hand I understand, (I am not on this committee), & not knowing how the A.C.W. plans ^{are} progressing, thought it worthwhile to tell you of it. I have Mrs. Hunt's full knowledge & approval in this & we wondered about the possibility of a mutual exchange of information perhaps, or even if necessary or thought desirable A.C.W. might like to use the material as prepared here.

If the National Com. of A.C.W. cares to follow up this suggestion Mrs. Hunt's address is Wesley College, 20 King William Road, Wayville. S.A.

Yours in Christian fellowship
Eith Pitman

P.S. Is it definitely known whether Miss Bonnie Jan will be the first Wimpel Riets scholarship holder? I am to prepare a report for our Methodist paper & would like to know.

E.P.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

April 8, 1965.

Mrs. E. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

We thank you very much for your letter of March 16.

It is pleasing to know that you will be observing Fellowship Day on July 23. There will be a strong bond between South Australia and New South Wales on that day. It may be that some other States will also settle for that date.

We agree with you that "Fellowship" is with some people a more inviting word than "Conference".

Your interest and practical suggestion concerning the studies are very much appreciated. Your letter was considered at the Working Committee on March 24. The proposal made is, we think, excellent, but we fear that, at this stage, time is against our being able to put into effect anything in the way of collaboration.

It so works out now that Mrs. Wyllie is preparing the material for Fellowship Day; this needs to be completed almost immediately as Victoria in particular need their material early for distribution to their large number of branches.

Would you express to Mrs. Hunt our appreciation of her readiness to co-operate in this way.

It is definite that Miss Connie Tan Kwie Hwa will be the first Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder.

With warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Hazel Cross,
Honorary Secretary.

2/Day

23 Wilcox Ave.,
Prospect.
29th May, 1965.

2/11

Lt. Colonel Hazel Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
Australian Church Women.

Dear Colonel,

Thank you for your letter of May 5th,
+ the 30 copies of the Constitution.

We in S.A. do understand the difficulties confronting
the Working Committee, and in order to publicise
Fellowship Day more completely it is planned to hold
this on Friday, July 23rd in Scots Church, City,
commencing with a Worship Service at 10.30 A.M.

At our Annual Musical At Home in the Adelaide
Town Hall, information concerning the Scholarships +
the Fellowship Day will be printed on the back
of our programme. (This day is on July 7th, just over 2
weeks before Fellowship Day) As attendance at the
"At Home" averages 600 we are hoping that at
least $\frac{1}{2}$ that number will attend Fellowship Day.

We would appreciate ~~150~~ ¹⁰⁰ copies of the Order of Service
for Fellowship Day.

^{It} will be the endeavour of the Women's United

Church Association to send as much of the offering
taken on Fellowship Day to the Working Committee.
With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,
Lillian Thomson,
Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A.

CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

(including the NAURUAN PROTESTANT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP)

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Mailed
11/6/65
2nd June, 1965
7 JUN 1965

Dear Shelma,

Thank you for your letter of May 25, about the order for the booklets entitled "Gifts of Prayer". It was good to hear further news of Connie Taw, also.

My request this time is for a number of Fellowship of the Least Coin wrappers to be sent to Nauru Island, Central Pacific. (The Protestant Church on this island is one of the members of the Congregational Union of Australia, consequently the Women's Fellowship there "belongs" to the C.W.F. of Australia.)

I've written them about the Fellowship of the Least Coin: "it has caught their imagination, they wish to belong to it. Their request is for 121 wrappers! I would suggest you send the round twelve dozen. Although they've seen a copy of "Circle of Prayer", no request has come for this booklet. I would imagine the members of the Nauruan ^{Protestant} Women's Fellowship would prefer to make up their own prayers, along the lines suggested on the wrapper.

The address to send the parcel of wrappers is:

Mrs E. Deige,
Boe District,
Nauru Island,
Central Pacific.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,
Hilma C. Wells.

29 JUN 1965

23 Wilcox Ave.,
Prospect.
27th June, 1965.

7/7/65

Dear Miss Skiller,

I wonder if I could have
1,000 Fellowships of the Least coin labels
and brochures before our At Home on the
23rd July. If this notice is too short
then we would appreciate their despatch
so that we could distribute them on
Fellowship Day which is July 23rd.

We will require another 100 copies
of the Order of Service for the 23rd, & 50
Scholarship brochures if available.

We are hoping for a good attendance on
the 23rd July, when we will publicise
World Community Day which we have set
down for October 22nd.

Yours sincerely,

L. Thonson, Hon Sec. W.U.B.A.

2 JUL 1955

Box 243

Bordertown S.A. Aust.

June 29 65

Dear Miss Skiller -

Bordertown has had for a number of years a very active Inter-Church Council. Women have not played a very important part in it until now. We have been inspired by Mrs. Wendy Wells' enthusiasm and were wondering if Bordertown might be included in the mailing list for the West. Women Church Women Newsletter.

Mrs. Wells has sent me a copy of the pamphlet "Fellowship of the Last Coin". At present the idea is to visit the existing Church guilds to foster interest in the Fellowship & make this a beginning of inter Church activity.

Mrs. Wells tells me that there is a book of prayers called "Book of Prayers" priced at 3/-.

paid 8.7.65

Please may a copy be sent to me also, some stickers for attaching to pins to receive the coins. - half a dozen or so.

I'm not sure what the response will be in Bordertown but I have the

pleasure of the local Inter Church Council to make a beginning.

I would appreciate any suggestions or direction.

Yours faithfully
Jean Hensley

(Mrs. WILFRID HENSLEY.)

Postal note included

23 Willcox Ave
Prospect.

Sept. 12th 1965.

Lt. Colonel Hazel Cross,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,

Dear Colonel,

Thank you for your letter of 10th
August.

I am enclosing a cheque for £40 which
is the Women's United Church Association of S.A.
contribution to the Winifred Heik Scholarship Fund.
The proceeds of our Fellowship Day amounted to
£15 - very disappointing, but the morning tea
with Miss Bonnie Jan Muir Muir raised
another £15, & together with donations we are
glad to be able to forward £40.

Enclosed also is our order for 200 copies of
the World Community Day Order of Service.

We in S.A. have endeavoured for a number of
years to encourage the participation of men &
women at our services. We shall be doing so again
this year.

A number of women have taken part in the
initial training courses for the Church & Life Movement,
and interest is high among our members.

As yet we cannot give you the names of
our representatives to the National Committee
meeting, but will do so by the date requested.

With every good wish,

yours sincerely

Lillian Thomson

Sec. W. U. C. A.
of S. A.

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17th Sept, 1965.

Dear Thelma,

It seems that whenever I write to the A.C.C. office it is to ask for something! This time my request is for a copy of Dr Barot's booklet "The Cooperation of New Women....." etc. - My copy is on loan, in turn, to several members of a committee here in South Australia; and I need one when I go to W.A. on October 1st. (Our S.A. office doesn't have any copies, hence this letter) - Please enclose an account with the book, as I've forgotten the price.

We did enjoy Connie Tarr's visit a week or two ago, and were regretful that her stay in Adelaide was so short. The Wells family, especially, feel quite privileged to have her as their house guest - we all came to love her, very quickly. I hope the 1966 holder of the Winifred Kieck Scholarship will be an equally good ambassador, or bridge-builder, or whatever term is the right epithet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lillian C. Wells.

23 Willcox Ave
Prospect.

28th September 1965.

Dear Colonel Cross,

Herewith please find a further cheque for £2.2.0. for the Winifred Hick Scholarships fund from the Women's United Church Association of South Australia.

It would be appreciated if we could have receipts for the two amounts, as our Auditor is particular on the matter of receipts.

The Orders of Service for World Community Day arrived yesterday - thank you for passing on the order.

We are inviting the Lord ^{Mayor} & Lady Mayoress, the Town Clerk & councillors of the City of Adelaide to the Service on the 22nd Oct, as well as the Heads of Churches, & of course all Women's Organisations too.

Our Annual Meeting is to be held on October 8th, when Mrs E. B. King takes office as President, & Mrs. E. A. Pittman is to be nominated as Secretary. We look forward to a year in which the various activities of A. B. W. will be given even greater promotion.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Lillian Thomson

Hon Sec. W. U. C. A.

8 Bolingbroke Grove
Joorah Gardens
23-6-1. 1965.

To the Secretary
Australian Church Women Working Committee,
140 Elizabeth St.,
Sydney N.S.W.

Dear St. Col. Cross,

The annual meeting of W. U. C. A. was held on 6.1.8^{1/2} and the new constitution was formally adopted. There had been some questions raised earlier by one of the churches delaying the formal adoption, but it was unanimously accepted at the annual meeting. A copy is enclosed.

The new office bearers are

President - Mrs. E. C. King (Methodist) 12 Buller St., Prospect

Vice Presidents - Madames E. S. Playford (Presbyterian)
27 Marlborough St., Brighton.

Mrs. S. G. Hayes (Congregational)
330 Fullarton Rd., Fullarton.

Secretary - Mrs. E. Pitman, 8 Bolingbroke Grove, Joorah Gardens.

Ass. Sec. - Mrs. D. D. Thomson, 23 Willow Ave., Prospect.

Treasurer - Mrs. E. H. Camus, 23 George St., Jerrums Park.

The delegates nominated to attend the annual meeting of the National Committee of A. C. W. are
Mrs. E. C. King & Mrs. D. D. Thomson.

The treasurer has requested that I mention the fact that no receipt has been received to date for the £42 sent as donation to the Winifred Wick Scholarships Fund. This of course will be needed for auditing.

If there are still some leaflets describing the scholarships & giving information regarding Miss Jan's background etc. I would be glad to have a few more. If Mrs. Johnson has not sent the desired information Church colleges in this state where Women Scholarship Holders might be accommodated I will get this as soon as possible & let you have it.

World Community Day was observed yesterday. A central service of worship in the lunch hall was held at Pine St. Methodist Church & led by Rev. Alan Gray, sec. of S. A. C. S. The attendance was not great but the order of service prepared by the Archbishop of Perth received high praise. A copy of this service was sent to all church schools & gratefully received. Some spoke of their intention of using portions of it at assemblies during the week, Westminster intended to use it at the boarders Sunday evening service on Oct. 24th, & one headmistress attended the lunch hall service with her having honours class.

Although every effort was made to encourage men to attend the service, there were only two there who were not

attending in an official capacity.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin offering amounted to £19 & the offering for the scholarships £12 of which we will need to keep a proportion for expenses.

With every good wish

I am

Yours Sincerely

E. A. Pitman

Hon. Sec. W. V. C. A. of S. A.

CONSTITUTION
of
THE WOMEN'S UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
.....

1. NAME Women's United Church Association of South Australia.
2. AIM To unite 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 women of different Churches to worship, study and serve together and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.
3. RELATIONSHIP The Association shall act as the State Unit of Australian Church Women.
4. MEMBERSHIP Membership shall be open to all women in each denomination of the Christian Church and to members of inter-denominational bodies such as the Y.W.C.A.
5. OFFICERS The Officers shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents (who shall be the immediate past President and the President-elect), Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.
6. EXECUTIVE The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and shall have power to act upon matters requiring attention between meetings of the Association.
7. COUNCIL The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Council which shall consist of the Officers and six representatives appointed by each denomination of inter-denominational group of the Christian Church.
8. MEETINGS
 - i. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held.
 - ii. The Association shall meet at least 3 times during a year as arranged by the Council.
 - iii. An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October.
 - iv. Any member may attend any meeting of the Association but shall not vote unless a member of the Council.
9. ELECTIONS The President-elect shall be appointed annually by each denomination or interdenominational group with representatives on the Council, in rotation in the following order:- Methodist, Congregational, The Salvation Army, Church of England, Y.W.C.A., Churches of Christ and Presbyterian. (Other names to be added as they appoint representatives).

9. ELECTIONS
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- ii. The President shall hold office for one year.
- iii. The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Council, and shall be eligible for re-election provided that no person who has held the same office for 5 consecutive years shall be re-elected to that office for the ensuing term.
- iv. The following representatives shall be appointed each year by the Council:-
 - (a) 2 representatives to the National Committee of Australian Church Women.
 - (b) 2 representatives and 2 proxies to the National Council of Women (S.A. branch).
 - (c) 1 representative to The South Australian Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer.
 - (d) 1 consultant to the South Australian Council of Churches.

10. FINANCE

- i. An Annual subscription of 5/- shall be paid for each representative appointed to the Council by a denomination or inter-denominational group of the Christian Church.
- ii. Personal members shall also pay an annual subscription of 5/- to a non-denominational cause, as decided by the Council.
- iii. Proceeds from the Annual Social Function shall be given by the Council.
- iv. In its capacity as State Unit of Australian Church Women the Association shall meet its obligations.

11. ALTERATION
TO THE
CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those voting. Notice of the substance of the proposed alteration or amendment shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least three months before the Annual Meeting, and shall forthwith be communicated to the members of the Council.

OCTOBER, 1965.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

25th November, 1965.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS. S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

Your letters of 23rd October and 19th November were brought to the meeting of the Working Committee on 23rd November.

Thank you for copy of the new Constitution of The Women's United Church Association of South Australia, which has now been formally adopted. We are glad, too, to have the names of the new office bearers and the names of the delegates nominated to attend the National Committee Meeting of ACW.

I think that by now you will have both the receipt to which you referred and also the leaflets concerning the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Thank you for the further cheques which came with your second letter. These have been passed on to Miss Skillier, who will let you have receipt/s.

We were most interested in your comments concerning World Community Day, and think the sending of a copy of the service to all Church Schools was a very good idea.

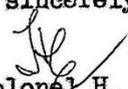
We are grateful for the information concerning Women's Residential Colleges, which we have now passed on to the Rev. F. Byatt.

We also acknowledge the receipt of Report, as requested, from your State Unit of ACW.

I should let you know that my address has changed. It is now, Flat 13, 171a Wollongong Road, Arncliffe, N.S.W. Letters may be addressed to me to this address or to the ACC address, Third floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

8th March, 1966.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS, STH. AUST.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

This letter is to confirm the request of the National Committee Meeting, which Mrs. H.T. Wells was asked to convey to you, that the Women's United Church Association of South Australia be responsible for preparing the Worship Service and Study Questions in connection with World Community Day, 1966.

Mrs. Wells will have advised you of the desire of the National Committee Meeting in respect of this, viz. -

Topic - an aspect of Christian family life
Project - Inter-Church Aid - the needs of migrant women in Australia

We would like to assure your Council that we will be very grateful indeed for the carrying through of this assignment.

You will know that Mrs. Wells has been in touch with me, seeking clarification on a few points; I trust what I tried to say will be helpful, and we want you to know that we are appreciative of a start having already been made in your approach to this, and also that we will be glad to be of service in any way possible should you wish to refer anything further to us.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary.

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Secretary: Mrs. E. A. Pitman

To the Secretary,
A. C. W. Working Committee,
511 Kent St.
Sydney.

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15th May 1966.

Dear Mr. Ed. Cross,

Following the meeting of the Women's United Church Assn. on 13th May I am pleased to be able to supply some of the information you are needing.

We had hoped that a few samples of Fellowship Day material might ^{have} arrived before the meeting, as I think has happened in the past. However we judge our need to be 200 copies, some of these to go to country areas where we have contacts acting as liaison officers, willing to receive our literature. Not understanding printing methods I am wondering whether a further order could be

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supplied if country interest exceeds our expectations?
I have not yet received the 10 copies of the report on the National committee meeting prepared by Mrs. Coates, which I understood were to be expected. These would be valuable for the country folk. In addition we would be grateful for further copies of Mrs. Anderson's report in view of the World Community

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① Day link with service to migrant women. They would be valuable aids to study groups leaders. Would it be possible to have 20 copies?

World C/Day

With regard to the preparation of World Community Day material I can report that Miss Irene Jeffreys, sec. for the Church Missionary Society, working in collaboration with the Rev. S. Haynes of the Marriage Guidance Council, has prepared a draft copy of an order of service, and Mr. Haynes has prepared study material. This is being studied now by the special committee appointed to undertake this responsibility and it should not be long before something is ready to put before the A.C.W. working committee.

F.B.C.

Mrs. D. Thomson, 23 Wilcox Ave., Prospect has agreed to act as state convenor for the Fellowships of the Least Coin. We have had inquiries concerning the uses to which the 'coins' have been put

in recent times & have seen a brief release from E.P.S., Mrs. Johnson will probably be writing herself soon about these matters.

East
Asia

Thank you for your letters regarding Mrs. Lieb's application to attend the Asian Women's conference as observer. In South Australia we appreciate the steps that are being taken before regarding acceptance as final. In conversation with Mrs. Lieb mention was made of a thought in her mind that it might be better for Mrs. Stewart to be the official observer & for her to be the additional one, subject to the approval of the organising committee. However this is a suggestion which must come from Mrs. Lieb herself should she so decide.

Co-op.

Mrs. Wilhurst has recently had my copy of the minutes of the National Com. meeting, & mentioned on returning them that she would appreciate having a copy of her own for reference if one should happen to be available. Her address is Mrs. M. G. Wilhurst, 17 Egmont Terrace, Hawthorne, S.A. She is secretary of the committee working on 'The service & status of women in S.A.' & also co-edress of the women's pages in the S. A. Methodist.

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ship

The W.U.C.A.'s annual 'Musical at Home' will be held in the Adelaide Town Hall on 29th June, & the project to benefit this year is the Winifred Lieb Scholarship. Mrs. Lieb has agreed to speak about the scholarship for a few minutes on that ~~day~~ occasion. For this reason, and for general publicity purposes, we are anxious to learn whether an award has been made this year and if so some details concerning it.

I shall be in Western Australia on holiday shortly, leaving Adelaide on 1st June and arriving home again on 21st June. Should any urgent matter arise in that time Mrs. Thomson is my assistant secretary and I suggest you contact her. I have already given her address.

With warm greetings
I am

Yours sincerely
Edith Pitman

Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A. S.A.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

25th May, 1966.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS. S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

Thank you for your letter of 15th inst. As you will be leaving for holidays on 1st June, I thought I would send you an interim reply to your letter, as our Working Committee Meeting has been delayed for a week, which means we do not meet until 1st June. You may be glad to have something in the way of a reply.

We are sorry you did not have some copies of the Fellowship Day programme for your meeting on 13th May. Actually that was the date on which they were received from the printer. We really did do our best to get these Orders of Service through at an early date; there were several contributing factors to the date not being earlier than it was, but we trust you will not have been seriously inconvenienced. By now you have probably received your order, and this will let you know that should you desire further copies they will be available.

We offer our apologies for the copies of Mrs. Coates' report not having reached you; the A.C.C. office has probably also sent these by now and whatever copies of Mrs. Anderson's report are available. Miss Skiller doubted as to whether they had twenty copies on hand at present, but said they would send what they have and mentioned that the report is being reproduced in a different form, so copies of the later production will be available in a short time. The request for a copy of the National Committee Report has also been noted - for Mrs. Wilmhurst - and that is being sent.

The Working Committee will, I am sure, be glad that in South Australia you feel similarly to us concerning the enquiries being made about accommodation in Tokyo, related to the possibility of Mrs. Kiek attending the 3rd Asian Church Women's Conference. Up to my most recent visit to the A.C.C. office (20th May) there was no word back about this.

I am sure also that the Working Committee will be most interested and appreciative concerning the work being done in connection with the World Community Day Programme - and concerning Mrs. Thomson's appointment as State Convener for Fellowship of the Least Coin. More later.

All will be very thrilled to learn that the project to benefit from the W.U.C.A.'s annual 'Musical at Home' this year will be the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. We think it very likely Miss Satyadevi Bali will be the scholarship holder, as she is very interested in the prospect of being such, and we have asked for her papers to reach us in time for the Working Committee Meeting on 1st June. Immediately we have definite word we will let you know - sending word to Mrs. Thomson if this is through during the period of your holidays. We are most anxious ourselves for this to be definite at the earliest possible date. Thank you once again for the interest you took in this matter.

With kindest regards, and trusting you have a very pleasant holiday,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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12 Buller St,
Prospect.

Secretary: Mrs. E. Pitman

St. Col. W. Cross,
171a Wollongong Rd.,
Cancliff.

Dear St. Col. Cross,

Thank you so much for the interim letter with a copy of Fellowship Day material. Another copy arrived with the minutes of last Working Com. meeting. The minutes & my letter to you, crossed in the mail.

I have been concerned too about the difficulty of effectively getting through to the denominations as a whole. W.U.C.A.'s practice is for one of the six delegates from each church to act as a publicity officer or liaison between us & her denomination. This is only partially successful. For instance the Federation of Methodist Women meet as an executive & as a member of executive I bring whatever arises to that meeting. The presidents of the three main groups within the Federation are automatically members

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Isorah Gardens
29th May/66.

too a one would hope that they could be relied on to take information back to their groups. But understandably their own meetings - W.A.O.M., Women's Home Miss. Soc. & the Fellowships all have very full agendas themselves, ^{and sometimes for some reason or other they miss a meeting.} meeting dates & other information is supplied to Federation exec. & printed in S.A. Methodist but so many do not take their church paper, & those who do do not always read it! So it seems that letters to the secretaries of all the women's groups within each denomination, costly in time & money, is the only sure way especially if the delegates to W.U.C.A. selected from the special interest groups, do not happen to be on the executive committee of their group! All very complicated! The Anglicans of course have no co-ordinating body & the Mother's Union, here, to A.B.M. & Church Miss. Society must necessarily be contacted separately. These groups within a denomination sometimes have difficulty in getting their quota of delegates ^{to W.U.C.A.} & ideally each should have its own information & publicity officer, but this added responsibility would ^{often} be sufficient to frighten a prospective new delegate out of agreeing to act in this capacity! Perhaps I've overdrawn the difficulties, but they are there & as we proceed in our new pattern of existence they will I hope gradually be eliminated! The meeting dates of various groups are on a separate sheet.

Mrs. Dick phoned me a few days ago. She was anxious to know whether I'd had any news concerning her proposed visit to Japan, feeling that time was so short now that she might not have time to make all the necessary preparations. I assured her that she would most certainly hear as soon any word from Japan arrived.

I have passed on your letter to Mrs. Ring so that she has the latest information to refer to. I hope I have not omitted anything.

Unfortunately the order of service prepared by Miss Jefferys for World Com. Day was considered too long - as it stood without a sermon it would take an hour! - And as she had intimated that she could not spare any more time on it, earlier, we considered the possibility of reducing it to the required length, but eventually came to the conclusion that by the very nature of it, this was not a satisfactory solution. Mr. Pemberton, sec. of S.A.C.C., in view of my ^{pending} absence offered to take over responsibility for inviting some one else to prepare something also, with the intention of submitting both to you

when ready for your decision in the matter.

Any further correspondence in the next few weeks, you have already promised to address to Mrs. Thomson.

Thank you again for your letter & good wishes for my holiday.

Sincerely Yours

Edith Pitman

Hon. Sec. W.V.C.A.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

14th June, 1966.

Mrs. D. Thomson,
23 Wilcox Avenue,
PROSPECT.

Dear Mrs. Thomson,

You will have received copy of our letter of 9th June to Mrs. Kiek, and this will let you know we wrote her again on 10th June, as a letter had been received from Tokyo, which had been posted prior to receiving our cable.

This would indicate that it was a very good thing that the matter of enquiring about accommodation arose, as the accommodation is of the dormitory nature and Hostel accommodation would be too distant from the University where the Conference will be held to be workable. Whilst we are awaiting receipt of another letter, yet it would seem that when they received our cable they made contact with Mrs. Stewart and accommodation at her home was arranged. Seemingly our first letter had not been received, which accounts for the delay.

We will now follow through all necessary matter as soon as possible, and the position will be, we think, that once they have definite nomination of Mrs. Kiek, which we are sending off today, they will then communicate with her direct.

I had sent an interim reply to Mrs. Pitman - to a letter of her's dated 15th May, because she was going on holidays; and this will now acknowledge, with thanks, her letter of 19th May having to do with links with denominational Women's Groups, etc.

Having now had a Working Committee Meeting since receipt of these two letters, there are just one or two comments which we would like to make.

re. World Community Day. The position concerning the drafts of Order of Service are noted. The Working Committee would like to have these drafts at a date as early as possible. Thank you.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: The Working Committee is glad to know of your appointment as State Convener for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. We are advising Mrs. Barrett, the National Convener of this, and also that there have been enquiries concerning the used to which the 'coins' have been put. Mrs. Pitman said she thought you would probably be writing Mrs. Barrett direct, and this would be a good idea. Mrs. Barrett's address is -

Mrs. S.M. Barrett,
165 Forest Road,
ARNCLIFFE. N.S.W.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: It is now found that Miss Satyadevi Bali will not be able to avail herself of the scholarship. However, a full set of papers have been received from Miss Sabita Devi Swarup, an Indian young women of 23 years of age, who is attached to the Methodist Church at Lautoka, Fiji, where she is a Sunday School teacher and Scripture Instructor. The scholarship has been offered to Miss Swarup. Miss Swarup has basic typing and shorthand knowledge, and the recommendation accompanying her papers was that, through the scholarship, she gain business experience, which would be of great value to the work of the Church in Fiji. Miss Swarup is of Hindu parentage, and is herself an active Christian.

If we have definite word (and this we think should be likely) about her acceptance of the scholarship before the date of your 'Musical at Home' on 29th June, we will let you know.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

23 Willcox Ave.,
PROSPECT.

18th June, 1966.

Lt. Colonel H. Cross,
Hon. Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Dear Colonel Cross,

Thank you for your letter of 14th June, and also for the copy of the letter sent to Mrs. Kiek on the 9th June.

Mrs. Kiek was vastly relieved to have word from you and is now proceeding with inoculations, etc. She is, I know, grateful to the Working Committee and in particular to you for all that you have done to facilitate her attendance in Tokyo. I know, too, that she was pleased to have the offer of accommodation from Mrs. Stewart.

Re. World Community Day. Mrs. Pitman returns from W.A. next week and I will give your letter to her so that she can follow through the position concerning the drafts.

Re. Fellowship of the Least Coin. I am happy to be State Convener and I have made a note of the address of Mrs. Barrett, the National Convener and will direct future enquiries to her.

Re. Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Thank you for the word concerning the likelihood of Miss Sabita Devi Swarup being the 1966 Scholarship holder. The programmes for our "At Home" are being printed next week-end, and if word of her definite acceptance comes to hand by Friday, 24th June, I would appreciate a telegram confirming this. Thank you. Any information that would be interesting concerning Miss Swarup would be most gladly welcomed, but must reach Adelaide by Tuesday 28th at the latest, as both Mrs. Pitman and myself will be early at the Town Hall on the 29th.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Lillian Thomson
2/5/66. Sec. W.V.C.A.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

2nd July, 1966.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS. S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

Firstly, let us say that we hope you had a very enjoyable holiday; also, that we hope you had a very good time at your 'Musical at Home' last Wednesday. We thought of you and spoke of you at our Working Committee Meeting which was held on the same date.

We know that you are not unmindful of our needing the drafts for World Community Day at an early date, and we are grateful for all the attention this matter is receiving.

Having in mind the time that will be needed to consider these drafts, and that needed in the actual production of the Order of Service, it was resolved at the Working Committee meeting on Wednesday that we ask your Council to let us have these drafts by not later than the middle of July.

It may even be, judging from your earlier comments, that you will be able to let us have these earlier than the middle of July; if that should be so, that will be all the more helpful.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

7th July, 1966.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS. S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

I am wondering whether through some other source you may have heard that Miss Thelma Skiller will be resigning from her position as Administrative Secretary with the Australian Council of Churches. Miss Skiller will be leaving Australia on 5th August to take up a position with the British Council of Churches as Assistant to Miss Janet Lacy.

In case you have not heard, and because of the close association Miss Skiller has had with ACW from its inception, I thought I would send you this little note.

We will all miss her tremendously, yet are happy with her in prospect of new experiences, and she will go with our deep gratitude and very warmest wishes.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

State Unit
WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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President: Mrs. E. C. King.

23rd August

Secretary: Mrs. E. A. Pitman

The Secretary
Australian Church Women,
Dear St. Ed. Cross,

I have today received word from Port MacDonnell that a Fellowship Day is planned, asking for 50 copies of the order of service.

I will enclose a copy of the circular letter - which is also in part a newsletter - which was sent to correspondents in eight country centres.

Would you kindly send the orders of service direct to Mrs. J. D. Evans, Methodist Parson

age, 23 ² Hilstead St., Port MacDonnell, S.A. but the account for same to me.

You will be as pleased as I to know that the 'Musical at Home' cheque will be for \$200 which was our objective.

We expect & look forward to hearing Mrs. Kirk speak of the conference in Japan at our annual meeting on 14th Oct.

Thanking you & with all good wishes

I am

Yours sincerely

E. A. Pitman

Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A. of S.A.

WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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President: **Mrs. E. C. King**

Secretary: **Mrs. E. A. Pitman, 8 Bolingbroke Grove, Toorak Gardens.**

21st July, 1966.

Dear

Last year volunteers were sought in country areas who would be willing to receive literature and information supplied by Australian Church Women. As your name was one of those given me I am glad to have the enclosed material available to send you. It is our hope that you will find this useful in endeavouring to give expression to the basic unity of all Christians and in fostering friendship and understanding between women of different churches.

The 'Fellowship Day 1966' order of service is a very fine one. In the city we plan to use this on Friday, 22nd July, and women of the various denominations will read the scripture passages and meditations. Others will lead discussion groups and we look forward to rich and fruitful fellowship. These few copies are free but should you arrange a service in your area - and we hope you will - you will need more and they will cost \$2.25 per 100.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to share the reports with other churches in rotation.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship has been awarded this

year to Miss Sabita Devi Swarup, and Indian Christian from Fiji. Miss Swarup will undertake a secretarial course and work in Church offices while in Australia.

Funds totalling \$50,000 given by Christian women around the world to the Fellowship of the Least Coin are being distributed to a wide variety of projects this year. The 25 projects being aided range from support of families of political prisoners in South Africa, to a farm project in Bolivia. In Asia the funds will support a Sunday School for the blind in Pakistan and subsidise the purchase of equipment for prison chaplains in New Zealand.

Collections from the Fellowship of the Least Coin are dedicated each year in October in South Australia at the World Community Day Service. Mrs. L. Thomson of 23 Willcox Avenue, Prospect, is the State liaison officer for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. You will be notified later of the date and place of World Community Day service.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

E. A. PITMAN
Hon. Sec. W.U.C.A.

The reports referred to are the report of the Nat. Com. meeting (J. Coates) & Mrs. Anderson's on Migrant Women in Aust.

E. P.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

3rd floor,
511 Kent Street,
SYDNEY.
25th August, 1966.

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS. STH. AUST.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

re. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY.

Thank you for your letter of 2nd inst., and this will let you know that we are sending you 200 copies of the Order of Service which we have now received from the printer. I expect to parcel these up tomorrow when I am in the City (Friday), so you should receive them within a few days.

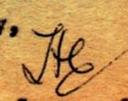
When you receive a copy of the Minutes of yesterday's meeting of the Working Committee you will see that we are finding it necessary to charge \$2.50 per 100 for these. We are sorry that this is a little more than the Fellowship Day programme, but this is accounted for by the entire order being some thousands less than for Fellowship Day (Victoria takes 6000 for that day against 1500 for World Community Day), also there is a little more material in this Order of Service, which, of course, all sends printings costs up. We have kept this as low as we can, and even so it could be that we may not recover our outlay. However, this is just by way of explanation. With the development of the number of centres at which these special days are being held, for which we give thanks, we can't in these days think in terms of production of other than a printed programme. However, having said all that, we feel quite sure you will quite understand!

Thanks, also, for your letter of 23rd August, which was handed to me just as we were about to commence the Working Committee Meeting. Congratulations on the \$200 result of the 'Musical at Home'.

As requested, we will send off the 50 copies of the Fellowship Day Service to Port MacDonnell - I'll do that tomorrow, and I will ask Mrs. Dey (who is now handling the sending out of invoices) to send the account to you. She will also let you have the invoice for the World Community Day Orders of Service.

P.S. We are sending you 100 copies of Information Eelder concerning Miss Swarup (Winifred Kiek Scholarship); if you desire more, let us know.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross. Hon. Secretary

26th January, 1967

Mrs. E.A. Pitman,
8 Bolingbroke Grove,
TOORAK GARDENS, S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pitman,

Your letter of 23rd inst. is to hand having to do with the Study Book as produced by A.C.W.

We will be writing all State Units within the next few days concerning this book, asking for promotion of its use by Women's Groups of the Churches. We can now give you the main points of the information asked for.

Title: The title of the Study Book is 'Church Worship', and there is an Introduction and five studies.

1. What do we mean by Worship?
2. The common tradition of Christian Worship
3. Prayer in Common Worship
4. Praise in Common Worship
5. Sacramental Worship

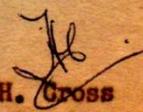
Price: The cost ^{of not less than 50} for quantities will be 15 cents each; for single copies of the book, 20 cents, plus postage.

Dispatch of the books will be direct from the office of the Australian Council of Churches, 3rd floor, 511 Kent Street, Sydney. Orders should be sent direct to the ACC office; that office will charge at the prices given above and payment should be made direct to the ACC office.

We are passing on to the ACC office your letter asking for the advance supply of 300 to be sent to Mrs. Joan Bache, of the Congregational Women's Fellowship. I may say that the books have only recently been received from the printer. Perhaps you would be good enough to give Mrs. Bache a ring and tell her that the books should reach her without undue delay now, and pass on to her the information contained in this letter which will guide her for further orders.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Lt. Colonel H. Cross
Hon. Secretary

WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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President: Mrs. S. G. Haynes,

8 Bolingbroke Grove,
Joorah Gardens.

Secretary: Mrs. E. A. Pitman,

5th Oct. 1967.

The Secretary
Australian Church Women Working Committee.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

In answer to your recent letter I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. S. G. Haynes, 21/47, 330 Dullarton Rd., Dullarton 5063 is president until Dec. 13th Oct/67. My name + address you already know but I too will be relinquishing office at the same time.

The new president will be Mrs. V. F. Meyer, 19 Staffa St., Broadview^{S.A.} 5083, but unfortunately Mrs. Meyer will be moving early in January to Lyndoch^{S.A.} 5351, some thirty five miles from the city but as she has agreed to do this job she intends to carry on from there.

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The incoming secretary is Mrs. J. R. Horie, 9 Buchan Av.,
Beaumont S.A. 5066. There is a possibility that Mrs. Horie
will be away for a time during next year, so am giving you
the assistant secretary's name also. She will be Mrs. L. E.
Smith, 360 Marion Road, North Plympton^{S.A.} 5038. Our pre-
sent treasurer is continuing in that office. She is Mrs. M. H. K.
Crosby, 60 High St., Burnside S.A. 5066.

I shall let you have a copy of the secretary's report
prepared for the annual meeting - these are being prepared but
not done yet - in which is an account of the discussion on the
fulfilment of the 'aims', & a suggestion for consideration at
the annual meeting, connected with the second aim.

I am not able to give you the names of the S.A. delegates
to the National Committee meeting yet. I expect my successor
will be writing the brief report for the working documents
& will be in a position to supply delegates names too by then.

The availability of study books is noted. I don't foresee
any great demand arising in S.A., but ^{the study} it could be brought to
the notice of Joint Parishes. The Fellowship of the Least

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Our convenor would love to have some Vol. III Book of
Prayer booklets before 24th Oct. or even better before 13th Oct.
A supply of the L. E. W. brochure would be invaluable
too on those same occasions!

With every good wish
I am

Yours sincerely
Edith Pittman
Hon. Sec.

P.S. You'll be pleased to know that both the new sec & asso
sec. can type!

WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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8 Bolingbroke Grove
Doonah Gardens

Secretary: Mrs. E. L. Pittman

2nd July 1967.

The Secretary
Ausl. Church Women Working Committee
Dear Mrs. Ashton

Now that S.A.'s annual Musical At Home is in the past again for this year I must reply to the various matters mentioned in the Working Committee minutes received just prior to this function, and bring you up to date with general news.

Some alterations to the W. U. C. A. constitution are being considered. It is expected that the name will be changed to Women's Interchurch Council of S.A. at the annual meeting in Oct. No provision was made previously for the affiliation of country & suburban groups should any desire this.

This also is being suggested.

In the discussion regarding a travel fund at the April meeting representatives of two denominations stated that it had to be recognised that not all members of any denomination were vitally interested in inter-church work + that any suggestion of a levy on denominational groups would almost certainly be unwelcome to many - That in consideration of the proposal to become the state unit of A.C.W. three years ago they were told there would be no additional expense - Since when group affiliations have risen from \$1 to \$3, + contributions have been made, quite willingly, toward travel expenses to the Asian Church Wm's Conf. But further requests for annual travel expenses might not be favourably received. In S.A.'s present circumstances therefore the suggestion from the working committee would not be very effective. As I have already reported in an earlier letter our efforts in this direction are confined to having a trading table at our bi-monthly business meetings, + as I understand it, purely to help an S.A. delegate, but should an Australia wide travel pool come into existence, this

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money would constitute our contribution I presume.

A program of proceedings at the 'At Home' is enclosed & you will note the publicity for Fellowships Day on the back of it. A number of inquiries were received for sample copies of the Order of Service. As we now expect to have Miss Busina at the central observance our own attendance will almost certainly be greater. Having supplied Pl. Price with 40 O.S.'s & distributed the samples already mentioned, plus posting another day, to various contacts in the country I am somewhat concerned to learn that the working committee had only 400 left on June 9th! I am wondering what the situation is now - whether it was possible to have more printed if needed - whether the 400 are now gone & no more available? The attendance here in the city last year was 90-100. It could be 150-200 this year - It is hard to judge - but I would have an easier mind if 50 more copies are available.

If the brochures on Miss Anna Busina are on hand would you kindly forward some immediately as a newsletter is being prepared which should go out this week (including Fellowships Day material!) I would be grateful if you would let me know

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promptly if it is not available so that we do not delay the sending unnecessarily.

Regarding the Circle of Prayer booklet No III on S. A. conveners of the S. of L. C. is writing, or has already written to Mrs. Strack. Would it be possible for this lady, Mrs. D. Thomson, 23 Willcox Av., Prospect, S. A. to receive copies of Working Com. minutes? She would be pleased to have them - to have information first hand to which she can refer.

The group discussions material taken from hat. com. minutes was distributed at our meeting on 9th June to delegates of all affiliated bodies, so that after consideration at their meetings, comments & suggestions may be given at the Aug. meeting. Our meetings are bi-monthly on the same day as yours.

We are delighted at the prospect of having the scholarship holder in our midst for this year. Mrs. Arnold Hunt was seeking information concerning the possibility of someone from Louisiana Christian Medical College, ^{Dunbar} applying for it. We have a number of copies of the details that appeared in earlier hat. com. meeting minutes - I am sending her some of these but I wondered

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whether further information could be supplied. Her address is Wesley College, 30 King William Rd., Wayville S. A.

I think that is all for this time.

With every good wish

I am

Yours sincerely

Edith Pitman

Hon. Sec. W. V. C. A.

P. S.

There was a general literature table at the 'At Home' & some A. C. W. brochures, plus a considerable quantity of Fellowship of Lost Coin material, was taken.

E. P.

WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

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President:

8 Bolingbroke Grove
Isorah Gardens
" Oct. 1967.

Secretary:

Dear Mrs Duke,

You will have received a copy of my annual report ere this! Knowing that the Working Committee meets on the second Friday in the month, as we do, I asked the Rev. V. D. Meyer who had kindly duplicated this material, to post one each to you, Mrs Hayes & myself when they were ready. I received my copy this morning & am horrified at the many mistakes in the typing! A committee member offered the services of her daughter for the typing of the stencils & delivered them personally to the Meyer household, & the stencils were not checked in any way before being duplicated. You will agree the end result is disastrous! My corrected copy is enclosed.

Yours in haste

Edith Pitman

WOMEN'S UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT 1966 - 1967

It is with pleasure that I present the 21st Annual Report of the Women's United Church Association.

Mrs. S.G. Haynes, a Congregationalist has been our President for the past year, Mrs. E.C. King a Methodist, immediate past president, and Mrs. V.F. Meyer an Anglican, President-elect. Other executive members were Mrs. J.R. Howie, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. M.G.R. Crosby, Treasurer, Mrs. D.D. Thomson, convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Mrs. D.M. Maynard, Social Convenor and Mrs. A.R. Pitman, Secretary.

Three business meetings were held with an average attendance of 25 and together with the World Community Service, Fellowship Day and the Musical at Home, make a total of 6 meetings. In addition a special meeting was arranged in February so that the South Australian women might meet Mrs. Don Badger who attended the third Asian Women's Church Conference held in Japan in July, 1966.

The order of service for World Community Day 1966 was prepared in South Australia (full details were given in the previous Annual Report) and the service held Maughan Church on United Nations Day, 24th October, 7.45 p.m. Believing this to be an occasion that should be shared by men and women, the South Australian Council of Churches was invited to participate fully in the planning of it, Mr. Pemberton, Secretary of S.A.C.C. gave all the help he could for which we were most grateful. The attendance was somewhat better than at the lunch hour service the previous year and there were a few more men present. The service was lead by our President Mrs. Haynes. Questions relating to migrants, family life, and the community of nations were discussed by a panel of speakers and the offering amounted to \$30.00. The Fellowship of the Least Coin monies received at the service totalled \$182.00 and the state total for the year was \$247.00.

At the National Committee Meeting of Australian Churches our representatives were Mesdames. Haynes and Ray who reported at the April meeting that it was very worthwhile. The question of a travel fund for delegates to the Annual Meeting arose, and it was agreed to have a trading table at each meeting. Miss Sabita Swamp, the Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1966 was present at the National Committee Meeting but returned to Fiji immediately afterwards to take a position at the Ba Hospital, which had always previously been filled by an Australian.

The Musical at Home was again a very happy occasion. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Walter Bridgland) attended and graciously responded on behalf of the invited guests. Mr. Bruce Pearce of the British and Foreign Bible Society spoke of the work being done. We are indebted to Miss Nancy Thomas for arranging the delightful programme. The artists were Anne Adamek, Solo Harp and Accompanist, Margaret Cummins Soprano, and Jane Carter, Contralto who substituted for Shirley Alderton who was prevented from attending because of a family bereavement. The women of the Salvation Army are to be congratulated on the result of the trading table - \$64.48. Acheque

for \$180.00 will benefit the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Fellowship Day was celebrated in Scots Hall. The theme being "Let the Church be the Church in Daily Living" about 70 women attended from 10 different denominations and groups. The Rev. R.B. Leavin gave the address. After the service groups considered the prepared questions. The summing up was done by Mrs. H.G. Wells who was farewelled on her departure to Sydney. The offering amounted to \$27.52. Port Pirie also held a service this year. Offering \$8.15. The Hilltown Methodist Ladies Guild invited the denominations to an inter-Church Fellowship Day with guest speakers from W.U.C.A. Offering from this meeting for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship \$15.30. In trying to judge the value of Fellowship Day discussions it was suggested that more effective "fellowship" might be achieved in the suburban areas and it was resolved that the possibility of decentralised meetings be examined in 1968.

The W.U.C.A. had other speaking engagements at at the birthday meeting of the Coonalpyn Congregational Womens Fellowship when women of other denominations were also present. The offering on this occasion supported inter-church aid and Rosemary Taylor in mind. A.C.W. brochures were distributed at these country meetings.

At the first meeting of the year it was felt that the W.U.C.A. should keep in touch with Rosemary Taylor a young Roman Catholic, the only South Australian volunteer for inter-church aid learn work in Viet Nam. Mrs. Wells wrote asking for suggestions regarding some practical help. A panel was later despatched and greatly appreciated.

It was disappointing that the "live in" conference arranged on behalf of W.U.C.A. by the Christian Education Committee of the Churches of Christ Women's Conference did not eventuate because of insufficient registrations. However, those who did register enjoyed a dinner at Nunyara and heard Mrs. E.V. Laveton - just back from America - speak of her experiences. A representative of each denomination present then outlined the structures of their women's organisations and the scope of their activities. A W.U.C.A. Committee is now planning a day conference - (23/2/68 is the likely date) - when the work of women in South Australian Churches will be studied under such headings as "what is being done?" "what ought to be done?" and "how best can we serve?".

The Australian Church Women Working Committee has requested all states to examine the aims as set out in the constitution and to try to assess how successfully they are being fulfilled. It has also asked for suggestions.

The W.U.C.A. is delighted to have the full co-operation of the South Australian Council of Churches Secretary, Mr. Pemberton at all times and especially in the planning and publicity for the service on World Committee Day. Your Executive Committee plans to recommend to the working Committee.

Firstly, that consideration be given to the proposal that the A.C.W. invite the Australian Council of Churches to plan and put into effect together the future observance on an annual World Committee Day.

Secondly, that in any case, the words "Australian Church Women" should not be placed so prominently on the Order of Service if it is desired, the occasion be not restricted to women.

These suggestions are designed to implement the second aim .

In South Australia various suggestions were made regarding the third aim, to help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church. They included :-

1. Association with Australian Frontier and becoming familiar with its aims.
2. Association with Camera, an organisation promoting education on alcoholism.
3. Being better informed about inter-church aid, projects and others.

THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Anna Busina of Papua was appointed the Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1967.

Unfortunately, her coming to Australia was delayed for 6 months for health reasons. Soon after her arrival in July, the W.U.C.A. executive committee members and Mrs. Kiek were able to meet Anna at morning tea at the "Y" through the kind invitation of the Y.W.C.A. staff. She is a charming and intelligent young person. It was planned that she should attend the World Conference of the Y.W.C.A. in Melbourne and do a course of training in "Y" work in Adelaide, to equip her for service in the Y.W.C.A. at Port Moresby. We were very sad later to learn that for family reasons she had had to return home when her training had just begun.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1967

The material for the service of worship and panel discussion to be held at Maughan Church, 24th October at 7.45 p.m. is very good indeed. The theme - "World Community through the United Nations". The Rev. Michael Sawyer is to be the presiding minister and the excellent panel is comprised of Dr. Martha Anderson, Prof. Graham Lawton and the Rev. Robert Haughton. Please promote this occasion to the best of your ability and pray that it may be a great inspiration to us all.

In conclusion I thank you all for your support and co-operation and ask that it be extended just as loyally to my successor.

EDITH PITMAN
Hon. Sec W.U.C.A.
October 13th 1967

MEET WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF S.A.

This Interdenominational group began in 1936 as a result of the involvement by church women in the centenary celebrations, particularly flower day. It was first known as Women's United Church Association. (It is interesting to note that Women's World Day of Prayer began in S.A. in 1940.) Since its inception, this group has promoted 'thinking together' and 'raising money together'.

The Annual At Home is now a well known function when the money raised is used for some non-denominational charity.

We became the State unit of Australian Church Women in 1963.

The aims of A.C.W. are to:-

1. Unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
2. Promote co-operation of men and women in the church, family and society.
3. Help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the church.
4. Provide opportunities for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together.
5. Encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

These aims are worked out through our two special days and our two projects. We promote and support Women's World Day of Prayer in March and in July we promote and celebrate Fellowship Day. On This day, we have an opportunity to think together of our responsibility in a particular area of involvement. The offering from this day supports the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to give further training to a Christian woman who has already received her basic training. The holder spends part of the year in a training school or university, part in practical work and observation in church and community institutes, with opportunities given to meet church women's groups. The period of each scholarship is ten months. The scholarship is named after the Rev. Winifred Kiek B.A., B.D. who was ordained as a Congregational minister in Adelaide in 1927. She was a pioneer in two fields - as an ordained woman minister and in her work for the Australian Council of Churches concerning women in the churches.

In October, we promote and celebrate World Community Day. This is the day when we look at our responsibility in the world. In S.A., we are trying to promote this day in co-operation with men wherever possible. There is an offering for a particular area of need in the world. This is also the occasion when the Fellowship of the Least Coin money is received. The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a movement of prayer and concern for all women in God's world. As a token of her concern, each member of the Fellowship, in over fifty countries, gives the least coin in her country for projects in all six continents. Significantly, the idea of sharing 'The Widow's mite' was conceived in Asia by an Indian woman, Mrs. Shanti Solomon, who realised that rich and poor, illiterate and college graduates, all women have something to give each other.

In S.A., there are two affiliated groups, Goodwood and Colonel Light Gardens. The present members of W.I.C.C. (S.A.) are Methodist, Congregational, Salvation Army, Church of England, Y.W.C.A., Churches of Christ, Presbyterian and The Girls' Brigade.

We have representatives from the Baptist and Roman Catholic Women's groups and communicate with the Lutheran women.

Our executive members are pleased to address any group interested to know more of our work and further information, particularly about the Fellowship of the Least Coin, is available on enquiry.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

S.A. UNIT OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
A COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

PRESIDENT:

Mrs. V.F. Meyer,
The Rectory
Lyndoch. 535I

SECRETARY:

Mrs. T.R. Howie,
9 Buchan Ave.,
Beaumont 5066.

April 5th. 1968.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

The following is a report of our Conference at Nunyara, which our delegates mentioned at the recent conference.

The Barriers are down!

The temperature was 99.6 degrees, the humidity 60° when 56 women from ten denominations and the Y.W.C.A. met at Nunyara, Belair on February 23rd

The meeting organised by the Women's Inter-Church Council was especially for the Executive members of each Church women's organisation and the Y.W.C.A.; that they think together of mutual areas of concern and learn of United, and Co-operative work being done.

During the morning. 'What is being done?' and 'What ought to be done?' were the session titles. Australian Church Women, Women working in United Parishes, Co-operation at Elizabeth and Inter-Church groups, were the four illustrations of 'What is being done' These were ably presented by four women.

The conference split into 'areas' or 'districts' and 'brainstormed' on 'What ought to be done.'

After lunch a plenary session gathered the main talking points together. It was interesting to see the concern for lonely people especially in hospitals, both public and private. And more especially long-term patients in geriatrics and paraplegic wards. Also there was a real concern for those who are emotionally disturbed. The conference asked W.I.C.C. to make a survey of hospital visiting, that overlapping and omissions might be avoided.

Many spoke enthusiastically of co-operative work being done and were encouraged to strengthen this wherever possible. Women's World Day of Prayer was mentioned as one co-operative piece of work and the suggestion was made that such district groups be encouraged to promote Fellowship Day and World Community Day, so that women not only pray together, but study and serve together as well.

An interesting observation was that, women work together regardless of denomination in secular organisations such as school committees, Meals on Wheels and other service groups, but split up for Guild or Fellowship. Why not hold combined, district guilds?

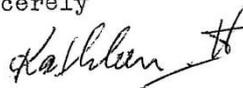
experiences and reactions. I understand that they have made this known to Doreen Strack and now to Harvey Perkins.

It will be much easier, and cheaper if these two can visit Perth on their return. For, once away from their families another day or two is of little consequence, but to make arrangements for another trip is not as easy. Perth is a long journey. I trust the Working Committee will accede to this request.

There have been two celebrations of Fellowship Day, one at Mallala and the other at Prospect. Both were well received.

Greetings to members of Working Committee,

Yours sincerely



I am sending a copy of this to Elizabeth and to Ilma. K.H.

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October 1st. 1968.

Dear Mrs Duke,

We are looking forward to the National Committee meetings in February. It is understood that South Australia is entitled to two representatives. However there are a number of us who are able to attend and we are wondering how many observers each state may have.

Re a minute in the October 1967 minutes (8 Reports (I)) One of our number, a Presbyterian, wishes to attend the next Asian Women's Conference. Could you let me know whether Australia has her delegate chosen yet, and whether our member is entitled to be an observer. We remember that the Rev. W.Kiek was an observer to the meetings in Japan at which Mrs. Badger was the official delegate.

An early answer to these questions would be appreciated. We are holding our Annual Meeting on October 11th. at 10-30 a.m. If it is possible to have a reply to reach me before that date it would be appreciated.

Is there any news of the Fellowship Day program for 1969 ?

We have had a very interesting year, particularly with regard to a move to have hospital visiting co-ordinated and to set up hospital visiting courses. I will forward a copy of our Annual Report for your interest.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs. T.R.Howie.

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June 14th.

Dear Mrs. Duke,

At Council meeting today, June 14th. your letter was read, re the allocation from Fellowship of the Least Coin money. Mrs. R.W.L. Crosby one of our delegates to the Australian Church Women's National Committee Meetings reported that she had suggested something similar and offered to write to you on this.

Thankyou for your letter which jogged us into action. Each representative Church group is to give consideration to the allocation and we will discuss the merits of any suggestions at our August meeting. After which I will write to you should there be any recommendations.

Also at today's meeting the members asked whether next year's Fellowship Day programs could be ready by November of this year. We are anxious to establish suburban and country groups and would be able to do so next year, providing programs are available. We have abandoned plans for decentralisation this year and are celebrating with one meeting in the city at Scotts Presbyterian Church.

Some report was received after the National Committee Meetings regarding Biro's for sale advertising Australian Church Women. Could we have 500 of them please?

Thankyou for sorting out our order of services for this year's Fellowship Day. The twenty you sent were at my home when I returned from Sydney, closely followed by the order from Mrs. Anderson. I have asked her for another fifty copies. I was glad of the opportunity of a conversation with you and trust that if you are ever in Adelaide you will contact me.

Your Sincerely



Kathleen Howie.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF S.A.
ANNUAL REPORT 1967-1968

Mrs. V.F. Meyer was nominated by the Anglican Church in S.A. as the President for 1968. She has proved a capable and charming president and has endeared herself to us all.

The president-elect was nominated by the Y.W.C.A. and is Mrs. R. Crosby. The Council consists of six representatives from each of six denominations and two inter-denominational groups. During the year the membership of the Girls Brigade was received. The Executive consists of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President (Mrs. S. Haynes), Secretary (Mrs. T.R. Howie), Assistant Secretary (Mrs. A.C. Smith), Treasurer (Mrs. M. Crosby), Convenor of Least Coin (Mrs. D.D. Thomson) and the Social Convenor (Mrs. D. Maynard). Both bodies have met five times during the year.

The annual celebrations of World Community Day, the "At Home" and "Fellowship Day" were arranged by sub-committees, leaving more time at Council for the receiving of reports from our representatives to Women's World Day of Prayer, the National Council of Women and the Association of Mental Health. We thank our representatives for their faithful attendance and interesting reporting.

Occasional reports were received from our delegates to Australian Church Women, our Fellowship of the Least Coin convenor and our consultant to the S.A. Council of Churches.

Women's World Day of Prayer (Our representative Mrs. S. Haynes)

It is our council's turn to nominate the President-Elect of this organisation and we are pleased that Mrs. R. Crosby has accepted.

National Council of Women (Our representatives Mesdames Stirling and Leaver)

This organisation reminded us that 1968 is the 20th anniversary of the declaration of Human Rights.

Following a report from the S.A. Mental Health representative, we wrote to the National Council of Women asking that an investigation be made into the conditions of the geriatric and juvenile cases at Glenside Hospital.

S.A. Mental Health Association (Our representative Mrs. Simpson)

Mrs. Simpson continually reminded us of the growing need for workers in this field, and of the plight of some patients in hospitals and hostels.

S.A.C.C. (Our consultant Mrs. R. Crosby)

We were informed of the W.C.C. Fourth Assembly at Uppsala and of the pre and post Uppsala conferences held at St. Peter's College.

Australian Church Women (Our delegates Mesdames R. Crosby and A. Smith)

An interesting report of the Annual meeting was presented to the April Council meeting. Unfortunately the late arrival of minutes from this organisation left us uninformed for most of the year. However, we were informed that Miss Jacki Kiri is the 1969 recipient of the W. Kiek Scholarship.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs. D.D. Thomson is our officer, and has faithfully fulfilled her responsibilities in this work. As the Fellowship becomes more widely known, so the number of members increases. The offering is presented at World Community Day.

World Community Day 1967 was celebrated in Maughan Church on United Nations Day and the Theme was 'Towards a World Community'. The presiding minister on this occasion was the Rev. M. Sawyer and the panel which discussed the given questions consisted of Dr. Martha Anderson, Professor Graham Lawton and the Rev. Robert Houghton. This is the only occasion to which we invite men. Their participation is appreciated.

The "At Home" was held at the Y.W.C.A. this year, which broke a tradition of many years, as the "At Home" had been previously held at the Adelaide Town Hall. Rising costs made it uneconomical to continue with this venue. A delightful programme of music provided by the young Adelaide artists Shirley Alderton, Anne Adamek, Shirley Anne Gale and Esme Smith, plus a challenging address by Dr. Tom Alan provided a balanced programme which was enjoyed by those present.

Fellowship Day. This day was celebrated in Scots Church Hall on Friday, July 19th when approximately 90 women heard the Rev. E. Hind address us on "All Things New", the theme of the World Council of Churches Fourth Assembly. Mr. Hind was very challenging and thought provoking: providing the necessary stimulus for the study groups which followed. This is the day on which we especially remember the Winifred Kiek Scholarship for which the offering is used.

Conference and Seminar. On February 23rd of this year the W.I.C.C. invited the executives of all Church Women's Organisations to meet at Nunyara. Approximately 70 attended to consider "What is being done? What ought to be done? How best can we serve?".

A very real concern for hospital visiting and the after-care of ex-mental patients was obviously the area for concern and the W.I.C.C. was asked to sponsor a Seminar on this subject. This Seminar was held at Nunyara on July 1st when 90 people attended from 9 denominations. The speakers were the Rev. F. Hansen, chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the Rev. Alan Farr, chaplain at the Glenside hospital, Mrs. F.L. Weiss, a prominent worker in hospital visiting with the Lutheran Church, and Dr. Gabrynowicz, Snr. Psychiatrist, S.A. Dept. of Mental Health, and Matron Rogers of Winchester Hospital.

Discussion took place in regional groups, North, South, East and West. The plenary session revealed that many felt the need of (a) co-ordinated visiting of hospitals (b) the need for training (c) a desire to serve. Following this, women from the Eastern group met at Parkin College, Kent Town on July 30th when Dr. Dibden of the S.A. Mental Health Association spoke on the need of a domiciliary care programme to be set up in S.A. An immediate response from the women encouraged Dr. Dibden who had been seeking volunteers to deliver clean linen to patients in their own homes.

The hospital visiting presently being done was noted and following the meeting letters were sent to all Church women's groups through their ministers informing them of the findings of the meeting, seeking their reaction and asking for their co-operation and offering a training service. A letter was also sent to the matrons of all hospitals in the area. A similar meeting was also held at Brougham Place Congregational Church Hall for the women of the northern suburbs on September 27th.

Dr. Dibden has offered to have a "pilot" training course conducted this year to be followed next year by training for all who are interested. The S.A. Council of Churches has been behind us in this work and offered the service of its office, for which we are grateful.

Treasurer. Our treasurer was granted leave of absence as she went to England as a delegate to the International Conference of Girls Brigade.

Trading Tables. A trading table, proceeds of which go to our travel fund, has been held at each meeting.

Constitution. A change in the constitution limiting all executive officers to a term of not more than five years has been made.

Some council members have been privileged to address Church Women's Groups. Such opportunities are rare and more would be welcomed.

The Secretary is grateful to Mr. G. Pemberton, Secretary of the S.A.C.C. for his support and enjoys the opportunity afforded her of working with him and thus being able to further the outreach of W.I.C.C.

Looking Forward. At the August meeting it was moved that plans be made to have Fellowship Day celebrated in a number of areas in 1969. Contacts have been made and plans are under way. The executive hopes to promote Fellowship of the Least Coin and to continue to foster the hospital visiting and thus fulfil our aims which are -

- To unite 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 women of different churches to worship, study and serve together, and to encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

KATHLEEN HOWIE
Secretary W.I.C.C.

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11.7.68.

PRESIDENT:

Dear Mrs Duke,

I must apologise for my tardiness in sending you the details of our suggested project for a Fellowship of the Least Coin Grant. I have been able to get some information about the Council of Aboriginal Women of S.A., and their establishment, at last, of their Aboriginals' Advice Bureau. Through their own efforts the Council had raised some hundreds of dollars towards the salary of a Social worker, when they were able to get a three year grant ~~of~~ ^{for} Social worker's salary from a private firm in Adelaide. The S.A. Government, with no strings attached have made premises available and an office & club centre will be established there. This will provide a meeting place for aboriginals in the city of their own, which is independent of any Government control. Most of the Council's money has been taken up with buying furniture & other necessities and there are still several fairly large items which they need - a piano, a refrigerator, ^{stoves} and a car!! (for the social worker). Besides other electrical things such as radiators.

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Wasters etc.

The Social worker (an Englishman) started at the office this week and the women have high hopes that the centre will really fulfill a tremendous need among the aborigines in Adelaide. Many of them are still too shy to join in the activities of other organisations & this centre may provide them with needed friendship and assurance and give them confidence to venture out into the community.

I do hope this has given you some idea of the needs & hopes of this Council

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Heather Crosby

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July 4th

Dear Sheila,

At our last Council meeting we considered possible delegates & observers to the East Asian Women's Conference.

We nominate M^{rs} D.D. Thomson our state liaison officer for the Fellowship of the Least Coin; M^{rs} Don Bailey, a Council member & Federal President of the Congregational Women's Fellowship - as delegates - Our president, M^{rs} R.W.C. Crosby is interested in going as an observer, but only after an two other nominations have been given the opportunity.

Kindest regards.

Kathleen Hawie

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August 8th 1969.

Dear Sheila,

We held our Council meeting today and as there are one or two matters to share with you I decided to get straight on to the job.

First thankyou for the minutes and the news sheet. We shared the news of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship holders with our Council members.

Each year in S.A. We have an At Home which is chiefly a money raising effort. This year the money was for the Council of Aboriginal Women. The report regarding the establishing of a Women's College at Pt. Moresby appealed to us. We had also seen this report in a news sheet of our National Council of Women. It was resolved that the moneys from next years' At Home should go to this project.

Has any consideration been made as to how the money for the delegates to the East Asian Women's Conference will be raised?

We are feeling very frustrated with still no news about World Community Day. We have a number of places interested in celebrating this day but feel that unless we can soon give them some material on which to work their interest will wane. Also for our central celebration it will be increasingly difficult to obtain a worthwhile speaker as time gets so short. Could we be informed as to the likely time of delivery of these services please?

With regard to the Travel pool. Liliias apologises for the delay in this. The sub-committee are not thoroughly sure of their findings as yet, but are resolved to do this in the very near future.

I presume that the Fellowship Day material arrived. We are anxiously awaiting the response of the Working Committee!!

I will prepare our report and have it to you as soon as possible.

All the very best

Yours sincerely


Kathleen Kowie

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Oct. 31st. 1969.

Dear Sheila,

I have just realised that I never included the list of delegates and observers from S.A. to the forthcoming National Committee Meetings, when I sent you the report.

As I indicated in an earlier letter we will have our full quota of four. Because of the withdrawal of one of our women, there will be no need for any further consideration from you of how we could include another observer.

The four to represent South Australia are

Delegates. President-elect. Mrs. W.K. Johns,
I Marie Road,
Manningham 5086.

The Secretary

Mrs. T.R. Howie,
9 Buchan Ave.,
Beaumont 5066.

Observers. The Treasurer

Mrs Alan Gray,
20 Clinton Ave.,
Myrtle Bank 5064

Convenor of
F/Least Coin

Mrs. D.D. Thomson
23 Wilcox Ave.,
Prospect 5082.

You will notice that there are two new names and two of us from last year. I think there may be one or two others from S.A. representing other bodies.

I do hope that arrangement go more smoothly for you this year. If S.A. can help in any way as hostess to visitors please don't hesitate to call on us.

Yours sincerely



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Nov 17th. 1969.

Dear Sheila,

At our recent executive meeting a number of matters were discussed, some of which I was instructed to contact you about.

First, we looked at the program for the forthcoming Annual National meetings.

Remembering how pushed for time you were and how exhausted you looked by the end of the meetings, the S.A. unit of A.C.W. recommends that minute secretary or secretaries be appointed. These need not be members of the National Committee, in fact it would be better that they be persons invited by the Working Committee to do this job.

Re the Travel Pool plan which we were commissioned to do. We have not really forgotten this, but because of illness and folk being away this has been delayed. However we will bring a plan with us, duplicated and with relevant information available, to the meetings. I can't see just where on the agenda provision has been made to look at this, but imagine it will come under the Finance section.

Sept 10th,
I was interested to read in the minutes of A.C.C. which I receive that they had asked that four of their members might attend our meetings. I couldn't see any reference to this in the minutes and then realised that your Nov. minutes would not be to hand until after the 21st. and wondered whether this matter would be before that meeting, I think it is splendid that the A.C.C. should want to send as many as four people and trust that this is possible.

I notice too that in the last minutes received from you that the agenda for the National meetings will be considered on Nov. 21st. We are hopeful for plenty of time to 'talk' with each other in committee. to really look at what we are doing and may be do some forward looking, regarding policy.

Then, off A.C.W. meetings. Is there a block of the Praying Hands, symbol used by the Fellowship of the Least Coin? The neat little motif of a circle of praying hands forming a daisy. If so, is it possible for us to borrow it for promotion? If this is possible would you be able to send it over to me. I can return it by post or when I am in Melbourne in Feb. which ever you say.

Best wishes to all.
Yours sincerely
Kathy Howie

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21-1-70.

Dear Sheila,

Thankyou for your letter dated 8th Jan. I am afraid that I can't let you know the information you require before the A.C.W. meetings as Mrs. R.W.L. Crosby will not be home from holidays until 29-1-70.

I will bring the forms with me and can fill in any necessary details whilst at St. Hilda's.

Is there any way in which some of the travel money can be found? Did you have any luck with A.C.C. ?

Fran Bailey would not be able to raise \$150, at least, I don't imagine that she would, and yet I feel sure that she would be an excellent delegate.

I am enclosing a copy of our travel pool for you. These came to hand a few days ago. You will know that the train fares have gone up recently. This will need to be adjusted, but our Mrs. Gray will mention this when she speaks to the scheme.

What a pity some reports are so late.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Howie



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March 16th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

I am having a letter writing session. I have written to Betty re her visit to S.A. and one or two matter which I want to share with you. I have also written to Doreen.

The S.A. folk going to the East Asian Conference are anxious to know by what route and when. Is this being arranged by you or Doreen? Both Fran and Heather get very full diaries and are anxious to make arrangements regarding their other commitments and in the procuring of a house keeper. They are suggesting that they come home via West Australia and do their deputatwcn work then. This would mean that W.A would get the two of them and that we would get it at the same price.

I am sending to you a copy of a stencil poster which we have produced in S.A. It needs some colour added we know. However we feel that some kind of poster is usefual to advertise our days. I am also sending a copy to each state secretary asking whether they wish to buy some from us at 2c. a poster. What does the Working Com. think of producing posters for each of our days.?

We are wondering how soon the report will be available? Our members are interested in it and anxious to have their copy. Could we have about 60 copies please? And also we would be glad to have the resolutions as soon as possible. Those of us attending did take notes, but it is necessary to have official communication before these can be presented to our own Council members.

We received the Fellowship Day programs from Ilma and have them on their way, or some of them, for promotion.

Affectionate greetings

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Howie



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April 10th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

I received the Kik-as-air parcel of news sheets, statement and recommendations and minutes. Thank you for them.

It was our meeting to-day, enclosed is a copy of the agenda and also a copy of a paper which we produced called Meet W.I.C.C. (S.A.)

I noticed that on page 3 of the statement, two lines were omitted at the end of the section headed Visitors. As I still have the carbon copy of the original, I checked to see what had been omitted. The sentence reads 'A minute was prepared by Deaconess Mary Andrews in tribute to the life of the late Lt. Col Cross who was the first secretary of the A.C.W. Her life and witness live on in those with whom she came in contact.'

We have been able to add to the copies we received.

We look forward to Elizabeth's visit to us.

Greetings to the Working Committee,

Yours sincerely


Kathleen Howie.

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May 1st 1970.

Dear Sheila,

You will remember that at the A.C.W. meetings a number of 'papers' and 'quotations' were to be made available to the members. These came from the various excellent addresses and the devotions.

We are wondering how soon we can expect them. Mrs. Morrow is particularly anxious to obtain 'God's wife' which was used, as I recall by Deaconess Young.

Enthusiasm is growing for the celebration of Fellowship day. We should have more involved this year for which we give thanks. I am sure that it is a good idea to have sub-committee responsible for particular areas of work. It is certainly working in S.A.

We look forward to Elizabeth Ashton's visit in a week's time.

Regards to the committee

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Howie.



WOMENS UNITED CHURCH ASSOCIATION of S.A.

State Unit of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN • A Committee of Australian Council of Churches

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8 Balinghrobes Grove
Toorak Gardens
2nd May 1967.

Secretary: Mrs. E. A. Pittman.

Mrs. D. R. Ashton,

Secretary

A. C. W. Working Committee.

Dear Mrs. Ashton,

Thank you for your greetings. South Australia greets you too. I am sure the move from Sydney to another state has been quite an undertaking for the A. C. W. Working Committee. On behalf of South Aust. may I extend our very best wishes & let us pray that all our endeavours may bring forth precious fruit.

I shall answer the various points raised in your letter in the order in which they are set out.

1. Each member of W. U. C. A. exec. com. has a copy of the study book & the congregational Women's Fellowship have received

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The 300 copies ordered on their behalf. There have been no other requests to date for more.

3.a. Mrs. Badger was in South Aust. earlier in the year & as we had asked her to bring her tape we took the opportunity of having a tape recording of our own taken from it, so do not need another.

b. Concerning copies of the text of Mrs. Solomon's talks, I am not certain, so I am glad that this is something to be considered a little later on. I have still quite a quantity of the earlier printed material on the Fellowship of the Least & so has Mrs. Johnson, our state convenor. This describes in some detail the circumstances which brought the Fellowship into being & I personally think this will be sufficient for the time being.

3. I would like to order 200 copies of the Fellowship Day order of service. Only today I was approached by the secretary of a suburban fellowship wishing to see a sample copy. This is the only sign of new interest so far. I trust that more would

be available if needed - 200 copies more than covered our need last year.

4. We certainly appreciate the advantages to be derived from this suggestion. It may be difficult to implement though as one person can only carry satisfactorily a certain amount of responsibility.

5. At present W.V.C.A. works through a liaison officer, or chief delegate, in each denomination. Among Anglicans & Methodists at present there are three of these!! The suggestion from the Working Committee regarding the appointment of one Publicity Officer will be brought to our next exec. meeting on the 22nd May.

The information regarding the scholarship holder for 1967 is duly noted & we look forward to her coming among us eventually.

I have passed on to Mrs. Thomson, 23 Willcox Ln., Prospect, our state convenor of the Fellowship of the Least One, the name & address of the new hist. convenor. Mrs. Thomson has a few books of Prayer booklets (vol. 11) still but there has been some new interest

shown in these since ⁴Lillian Wells returned. She evidently got through to some of the women at a rally she addressed recently.

8. The new treasurer of W.V.C.A. is Mrs. M. L. K. Brasley, 60 High St., Burnside, S.A. This is a grand suggestion. With very good wish

I am yours sincerely
Edith Pitman

P.S.

We discussed the rather vexed question of travel expenses of delegates to national com. meetings, at our recent council meeting. There is some resistance in some quarters to any suggestion of a levy on groups. They understood at the formation of A.C.W. there would be no more costs involved etc. The motion finally agreed to, was that we have a trading table at each meeting & that the proceeds be earmarked for travel expenses.

I would like to ask personally, - this is not an official request from W.V.C.A. - if it is absolutely necessary to meet annually. I am a Methodist & the Methodist church on the Federal level

^{5.} meets in conference biennially. Would biennial or triennial meetings of the National Committee overcome this difficulty? A great deal can be accomplished through correspondence & exchange of minutes etc. This is just a thought I put forward for consideration.

E.P.
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June 9th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

Our Council members have been promised a precis of the addresses delivered at the A.C.W. National Committee meetings, since we returned from Vic.

All the S.A. members understood that a minute had been passed that these would be made available along with material used by Deaconess Young. As we haven't the minutes we are unable to check on our memories, but the five of us felt that this had been passed. Therefore we are disappointed to read under 'Other Business' of the minutes dated April 17. that--It was decided that A.C.W. would not consider publishing a leaflet on this material but would be happy if the Com. on Co-operation went ahead with the original plan of using this material.

In view of this minute our Council moved (June 5th) that-- We propose to A.C.W. that all addresses and material used for devotions be included in the minutes of future National Committee meetings. That these minutes be made available at the earliest possible opportunity.

They further moved that A.C.W. be asked to make sure that the material used this year be made available.

The discussion leading up to these minutes included the observation that those who attended as representatives and observers do so on behalf of the Council and have a moral obligation to report back and to share all they can with members and member groups.

I explained that the machine you used is broken, but our members felt that there must be a machine somewhere in a church office in Melbourne that could be used. Actually the Council had a field day-- these other questions were asked.

- (1) Interest was expressed in the Winifred Kiek holder and enquiries made as to when we can receive forms for nominating possible candidates for the 1971 holder?
- (2) When will the World Community Day programmes be ready? Some folk are wanting to promote this day in their area and need material to help them with this.
- (3) When can the suggestions for Fellowship of the Least Coin be made?
- (4) And what of the promised leaflets? When will they be available?

Enclosed is our current News sheet and information of our Training programmes.

I feel that this might sound a rather critical letter--there is no personal criticism--but we do wonder why the delays? Is it not possible for some of the work and responsibility to be shared?

Fran Bailey and Heather Crosby want to return to Australia via Perth. They will be fresh from the Conference and better able to share their

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS SHEET, JUNE 1970.

The annual musical "AT HOME" will be held this year in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, Pennington Terrace, North Adelaide on Wednesday, 8th July. Please make this occasion as widely known as possible and note that the time of the "AT HOME" is 10.30 a.m. Morning tea will be served from 10 a.m. and there will be the usual well stocked trading table which the Salvation Army run for us. Money raised by the sale of tickets and the trading table is given each year to a non-denominational charity. In this way, we align ourselves with the many splendid works done by the community for those who are less privileged. This year it is to provide a University hostel for girls in Port Moresby. Many of these girls come from a simple village life where they have been under a strong code of discipline and where they are often the chattel of men. It seems good therefore that they should have accommodation for themselves where they can live and study and begin to learn how to cope with what we call civilization. The appeal has been launched and is being supported by the National Council of Women, an organisation with which we are affiliated. The artists at the "At Home" will be June Sutton and Merle Alderton (duet), Dorothy Oldhan (piano), Joan Drew (soprano) and Kathleen Goldsworthy (accompanist). Mrs. Jane Nelson who has experience of the work of the University will speak.

Fellowship Day 1970

This day has already been celebrated in Prospect and the program 'Communion' was well received. Further celebrations will be held at Goodwood in the Mitchell Memorial Hall, Goodwood Road, on Wednesday 5th August at 2 p.m., Colonel Light Gardens in St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, 30th July at 10.30 a.m., Cheltenham at Congregational Church on Wednesday, 3rd June at 11.30 a.m., Tusmore in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday 23rd July at 10 a.m., Magill in the Church of Christ on Wednesday, 15th July at 10.30 a.m. and in Unley in the Malvern Methodist Church on Wednesday, 29th July at 11 a.m.

It is possible, there will be a celebration in one of the city churches and there are to be some in country areas. To date Milang, Maitland, Keyneton/Mt. Pleasant have indicated that they are observing this day. In all instances the offering is for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Brochures of this year's holder, Miss Veronica Kafa, are available.

Home and Hospital visiting

The attendance at this year's courses has dropped dramatically. However, special courses are being arranged to meet particular needs. A general course begins at Modbury on 3rd June in the Methodist church from 10.30 to noon. A special course on handicrafts, suitable to teach to the aged and those in ex-mental patients homes, will be held in Stow guild room beginning 15th July for six weeks. The instructor thinks that a maximum of 20 pupils is all that can be trained at one time. If there are more students, two courses will be run; one from 9.30 to 12 and the second from 1-3.30. This course will cost \$1.00 but students are expected to supply their own material. For further details contact Mrs. A. G. Smith, phone 53.3098.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This group invited the Roman Catholic women to participate in their work and they readily accepted and appointed Mrs. Nell Kain as their representative on the committee.

On the International scene, the Roman Catholics asked if they could participate and this request was happily acceded.

Notelets and ball-point pens

Ample supplies of pens and notelets are available. Contact Mrs. A. Gray, 79.4582, for your order. These are very acceptable as gifts or for personal use. The pens are 20 cents each and the notelets 60 cents for a packet of 50. Best value in town!

Speakers

Members of the executive are willing and able to take speaking engagements to promote the work of Women's Inter-Church Council. You can help by making this widely known as possible. For engagements contact the secretary, Mrs. T. R. Howie, 79.5522 or write, 9 Buchan Avenue, Beaumont 5066.

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July 15th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

I guess by now you have heard from Heather Crosby, and know that she is unable to attend the conference in Djakarta. She is ever so disappointed.

We would be very glad if Mrs. Ashton could go in her place. We understand that in fact Mrs. Ashton was nominated but with-drew. No-one would be a better ambassador for us than Elizabeth and we are confident that other states would share our conviction.

We ask you as our secretary to do all in your power to enable our president to attend this important conference.

We are looking forward to the visit of Miss Kafa and have made arrangements for her to visit the South-east and Lork Peninsula as well as some of the women of Adelaide.

Our At Home which was in aid of the Hostel Appeal was a great success. We hope to be able to send \$150-00 to this appeal. I will be sending a report of the function to Mrs. Burton.

We are delighted with the A.C.W. brochure. Can we have more please? We could easily use another hundred without being extravagant.

The timing of the arrival of World Community Day was excellent, we can promote that day at our Fellowship Day celebrations.

Blessings

Yours sincerely



Kathleen Howie



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21-7-70

Dear Sheila,

a note to
add to the enclosure:—
About Miss Kafa — I
know the S. A. arrange-
ments are being made
through Kath Howie —
But her first port of
call in S. A. will be
here to stay with me
about 25th Sept, I
believe. We are
arranging what should

if she ³would like to speak at a service on the Sunday.

(Even to Penola or Mullicent? -)

I will be glad to have your advice on this -

yours affectionately,
Jean Y.

²be a good meeting for her on Mon. evening 28th. Sept.

Does she speak (give addresses) with confidence, or should public appearances be more of an interview type? We are planning this second approach for the meeting. However, I am reasonably sure I could get her in to some large church in the area.

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August 24th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

Sorry I didn't get onto this earlier, other things seemed to be crying out to be done. However here is our list.

Methodists. Mrs. A.C. Smith, (Hosp Conv) Mesdames Trust, Ross, (Liaison) King, Shearer, Thomson and Beaney.

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Ch. of Christ. Mrs. W. Morrow (Pres) Mrs. W.A.K. Crosby (W/K/S' shir) Mesdames ~~Rosewarne~~, Pederson, Bright, Neighbour, Rosewarne (Liaison) and Mrs. Jones Fed. Pres of C.W.F as associate mem.

Ch. of Eng. Mrs. ^{Y.W.C.A.} Gray (treas.) Mesdames ^{Y.W.C.A.} Hall, Stirling, Norman, Nichol, Draper. Mrs. Marshall as an associate.

Sal. Army. Mrs. Brig. Orsborn, Mrs. Maj. Sketcher (Liaison) Mrs. Maj. Gudgeon. Mrs. Packer.

Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Crosby (see Cong list) Mesdames Gray (See C. of E) Mesdames. Harrison (Meth) Gooden (Baptist) Hall (C. of E.)

Inter-Church Group reps.

Mrs. Heard Col. Light (Baptist) Mrs. Hourigan Goodwood (R.C.)
Mrs. Bailey " " (Cong) Mrs. Ellis Goodwood (United) (Parish)

Observers. Baptists Mesdames Neil Adcock and Cambell,
Roman Catholic Mesdames Kain and Fee.

Associate from Jewish Community Mrs Camens.

I hope you can follow this- --

Kind regards

Kath. H.

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Nov. 4th 1970.

Dear Sheila,

The executive of W.I.C.C.(S.A.) asked me to write this recommendation regarding the National Committee Meetings to be held in Feb. 1971.

'That the working Committee of A.C.W. contact the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council asking them, if at all possible, to provide a group of people who would take minutes and duplicate the minutes and other needed material whilst the meetings are being held. If possible for this to include reports and papers presented at the meetings which could then be taken back by delegates'

You will know that we were all very distressed that so much fell to you and feel this is not desirable. Therefore we suggest that others be asked to do this routine work.

Is it possible for an 'Issue' to be forwarded by a person? If so I would like to have time to speak to the 'Issue' --The program content of women's groups and their role in the total mission of the church.-- I am feeling very disturbed at the tenuous link between women's groups generally and the church.

I have a feeling that this request is out of order. Had I put it to our committee before sending off our report they would have been glad to include it in our 'Issues'. May be you or the Working Committee can give a ruling.

Blessings,

Yours sincerely



Kathleen Howie.

