

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 3rd October 1978 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Betty Davis, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph and Glad West.

APOLOGIES: Marjorie Stanhope, Heather Stevens.

OPENING: The President shared some of the comments that would lead into discussion at the Bible Studies in Japan, on Call and Commitment. Mary Andrews led in prayer.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting, held on 5th September, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

1. Mrs. L. Tevi, Pacific Conference of Churches, re W.K.S. awards.
 2. Mrs. A. O'Grady, Singapore, advising "Circle of Prayer" Vol. 7 was posted September 19, 1978, direct to State Units.
 3. Mrs. I. Macintyre, re travel to Japan.
 4. Mrs. A. Strack, Sec. W.A. Unit, enquiring re Miss Nebro's travel costs to Japan.
 5. Miss G. Locke, Treasurer W.A. Unit, enclosing cheque.
 6. Mrs. F. Cheater, Sec. N.T. Unit, enclosing cheques.
 7. Mrs. D. Woodhouse, Sec. N.T. Unit, enclosing report on study programme "Simpler Life Style" and conveying the Unit's suggestion that the Fellowship of the Least Coin be the main theme for 1980's World Community Day service.
 8. Uniting Church in Australia, minutes of National's Women's Committee
 9. A.C.C. News and Information, September 1978
Christian Education News, August 1978
 10. ACFOA "Third World News", August 1978
- to President
11. Mrs. Fran Bailey, Adelaide, re A.C.W.C. Constitution
 12. Mrs. Rachel Cocks, Hobart, advising that replies had been received from all States concerning the A.C.W.C. Constitution.
 13. Miss Ruth Nebro, Perth, re accommodation in Singapore.
 14. Mothers' Union, inviting the President to participate in their World Conference in Brisbane 8-21 July 1979.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Special Days. It was reported that Heather Stevens has received the 1979 Fellowship Day order of service from the group in Armidale N.S.W. and she has written and thanked them for a lovely order of service.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. A report of Barkat Dass' visit to Queensland and current activities will be included in "Women at Work". Barkat passed her Old Testament examinations with distinction and has further examinations in November.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Marjorie Stanhope is home from hospital and is very pleased with her plastic hip joint.

"Women at Work" The October issue will highlight news of previous Winifred Kiek Scholars.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - ASSEMBLY

The President displayed the Australian Banner for the A.C.W.C. Assembly. Based on the Assembly theme and emphases, it depicts commitment to Christ, the family and three women of different races, and it is decorated with Australian fauna and flora. The art work was done by Glenn Stace, the 16 year-old god-son of the President's husband, and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation and thanks be sent to Glenn.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer presented the following statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of September 1978 and it was received:-

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<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
To balance at 31/8/78	15626.88		
<u>Fellowship of Least Coin</u>			
N.S.W. Unit, sale of "Small Beginnings"	12.50		
<u>W. Kiek Scholarship</u>			
Donation	200.00	B. Dass, Pocket Money Board	40.00 60.00
		C'lth Spec. Bond - Qld.	100.00
<u>Fellowship Day</u>			
Tasmanian Unit	120.63		
<u>World Community Day</u>			
South Aust. Unit	98.08		
<u>Overseas Conferences</u>		<u>Overseas Conferences</u>	
NSW Unit - donations	85.00	Mrs. I. Macintyre - fare to Japan	1169.00
Vic. Unit "	150.00		
Churches of Christ			
Women's F'ship (Fed.)	293.06		
		<u>Administration & General</u>	
		President - postage, phone	8.60
		Secretary - postage, statny.	49.05
		Treasurer - " "	5.75
		Balance at 30/9/78	15153.75
	<u>\$16586.15</u>		<u>\$16586.15</u>
		<u>Summary of Balances</u>	
C'lth Bank Fixed Dep.	9522.78	Fellowship Least Coin	395.09
Glebe Administration		W.Kiek Scholarship	10920.28
Board - Investment	3000.00	Memorial Bursary	154.55
Bank Account	2630.97	Fellowship Day	669.67
		World Community Day	138.82
		Overseas Conferences	534.37
		National Travel Fund	78.68
		Admin. & General	2262.29
	<u>\$15153.75</u>		<u>\$15153.75</u>

It was agreed that the following payments be made:- Barkatt Dass 3 weeks' Board to 15th October \$90, 2 weeks' pocket money to 12th October \$40, Book Bursary \$100; to A.C.C. for duplicating paper, etc. \$16.69.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A general discussion took place regarding A.C.W. policies and procedures. In order to clarify such matters as the payment of fares of observers to A.C.W.C. Assemblies, the appointment of the Australian representative, procedures for Winifred Kiek Scholarship applications, guidelines for Fellowship of the Least Coin grant applications, guidelines for Special Day orders of service, etc. etc., it was resolved that a draft manual be prepared for the benefit of members of National Committee Meetings and Working Committees. It is intended that the draft will be sent to State Units and member bodies by June 1979, so that they can suggest any necessary amendments and the manual can be considered and adopted by the National Committee Meeting in September 1979.

CLOSURE

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rachel Cocks, who was in Sydney en route to Japan and called in to briefly greet the members of the Working Committee.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7th November 1978 at
9.30 a.m.