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## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

# ACW News

We seek: *to unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;*  
*to help Christian women to take more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church.*



....from our National President FEBRUARY, 1987

The theme for the Bible readings I am studying this week is "the benefits and responsibilities of being God's people."

I am sure we would each respond to this theme in our own way - perhaps the greatest benefit is the gift of God's Grace so freely given. As Australian Church Women we have the special responsibility of showing by our actions "we are all one in Christ".

Last week I was privileged to attend 2 special gatherings. At the first Mrs. Tutu was present and answered many questions about the South African situation. Archbishop Tutu was speaker at the second. They were both asked the same question: "What can we do?" Their replies were the same. Firstly, PRAY, secondly, INFORM yourselves about the true situation and share the information with others.

We in Australia are able to worship when and where we please - we do not suffer for our faith and we so often become complacent and apathetic. It is only when we hear people like Bishop Tutu and Mrs. Tutu or talk with Asian sisters that we begin to understand what it means to be God's people.

*Benefits...Responsibilities...Prayer...Being Informed...*

How can we achieve these things?

I am reminded of one of the questions from the Bible Study at the ACWC Assembly: "What do we understand by the phrase, 'making room in our lives for Divine Initiative'?" Does this question and what it means help us? I think it does. We often become so busy trying to do God's work that we forget to let Him work through us. We need to spend part of each day seeking His will. We often say, "I haven't time" but if we make time and hand over to Him we will soon notice the difference. Life may not be easy, but He will be in command and we will find, as we emphasised at the Assembly, "through Christ we can do all things."



## A.C.W. CONFERENCE 1987

\*\*\*\*\* 1987 is HERE! \*\*\*\*\*

000000000 have you decided to come to Sunny South Australia in September and share in the A.C.W. National Conference ? ? ? ? ?

As announced in an earlier edition a Seminar about "TOURISM" will be included in our get-together.

LIVING and SHARING with us in the Seminar and holding meetings concurrently with our Conference Sessions will be the Executive Committee of the ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

What a wonderful

Maya Michael

Barbara Grealy

Boonmee Julkiree

Kozuka Hayashi

Wong Sion Ting

Monika Mannan

Ingrid Pi Ting Hong

the Executive Secretary, Eunice Kim, from Korea.



opportunity to meet from India, Australia, from Thailand, from Japan, from Malaysia, from Bangladesh, from Taiwan...and

There will also be a delegation coming from New Zealand. So do not miss out on this opportunity to meet and get to know these ladies from many countries.

THE COST .... we can't be exact about this just yet, but (unless there is a dramatic change in the economy) it will not be more (and we hope it will be less!) than -

Registration ... \$30 (others incl. husbands....\$20)

Accommodation ... \$200 for the week September 12-19

This will be followed by a weekend with a South Australian hostess ...  
S000000 ... SEE YOU IN ADELAIDE on September 12th!!!!

Greetings from National Executive



GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



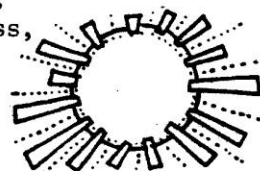
Sisters, let us talk together.  
 Let us talk of our prayers, answered and unanswered.  
 Let us talk of God's love, shown openly or working secretly.  
 Let us talk of life, and the wonder and pity of it.  
 Sisters, let us talk and let us listen.

Sisters, let us encourage one another.  
 Let us tell of little successes against great wrongs.  
 Let us tell of small steps of progress, which give us hope.  
 Let us tell of strength and peace in times of violence.  
 Let us encourage and be encouraged.

Sisters, let us look forward together.  
 Let us share our hatred of injustice and inequality.  
 Let us stand resolutely, shoulder to shoulder, against war.  
 Let us plan wisely and with confidence for our coming freedom.  
 Let us look forward and expect success.

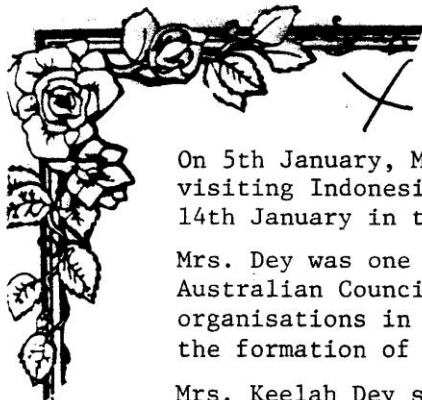
Sisters, let us pray together.  
 Let us pray for generosity in those who have much.  
 Let us pray for understanding and patience in those who have little.  
 Let us pray for a wider vision and braver hearts.  
 Let us pray together, whispering in the ear of God.

Sisters, let us give glory to God,  
 Glory that there are gleams of light in the darkness,  
 Glory that though there is sin, there is also goodness,  
 Glory that through our weakness He pours His power.  
 Let us lift up our hearts and give glory to God!



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*The above greeting from ACW was written by  
 Mrs. Margaret Knauerhase, currently National  
 Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.  
 The greeting is in relation to the Asian Women's  
 Solidarity Day - 8th March 1987 arranged by the  
 Women's Desk of the Christian Conference of Asia.*



IN MEMORIAM

On 5th January, Mrs. Keelah Pulsford Dey died while visiting Indonesia. A Thanksgiving Service was held on 14th January in the Uniting Church, Epping NSW.

Mrs. Dey was one of the four ladies invited by the Australian Council of Churches to co-ordinate women's organisations in Australia, the outcome of which was the formation of Australian Church Women.

Mrs. Keelah Dey served as the first treasurer of the National ACW (Conference) Committee. In February 1973 to mark the completion of ACW's first decade, tribute was paid to Mrs. Dey together with Mrs. M. Wyllie, Mrs. M. Verco and Deaconess Mary Andrews "for vision and patient endeavours" at the National Meetings of ACW held at Deaconess House. She was a Life Member of ACW.

We are grateful for the memory of an enthusiastic Christian who was always ready to serve her Lord wherever she was called.

*Mary Andrews*

ADDRESS CORRECTION - We apologise for giving the Victorian Secretary's address incorrectly. Marion Dodds' number is 22 Hender Street, NOT No. 2 as stated.

*best wishes*

*to State and Territory Units and all members  
of A.C.W. for much Blessing in Fellowship  
and Service during 1987.*

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