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State News: World Community Day will be held in October.
 The theme is "Unity in Diversity".

World Day of Prayer packing day,
 Monday, 19th. October.

A.C.W. NSW celebrates 60 years of
 service and ecumenical worship on
 Monday 20th July, 1998.

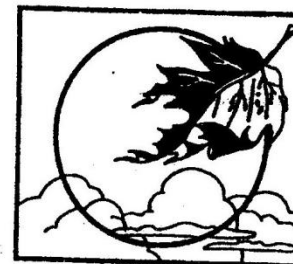
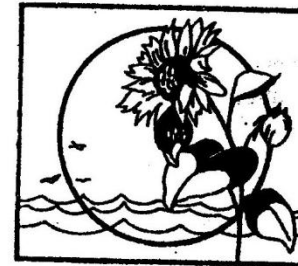
Please send all offerings to the State Treasurer.
 Thank you for all your continued support of Fellowship Day.

World Community Day 1998 will be held in October.
 (Theme:- 'Unity in Diversity')

World Day of Prayer - March 1999
 (Theme: - 'God's Tender Touch')



A Message for all Seasons



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
 FELLOWSHIP DAY, 1998

Australian Church Women came into being in 1965 when Women's Inter-Church Councils from all States and Territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenicism and undertaking action on behalf of Church women.

Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship

The offerings presented at Fellowship Day Services all over Australia go to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship which was instigated by the first woman minister to be ordained in Australia. The Scholarship is offered to Christian women of multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations and member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

Designated projects in these regions may also be supported by the Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

1998 Winifred Kiek Scholar

The Winifred Kiek Scholar for 1998 is Miss Milise Taipaleti from Sia-'a-toutai Theological Wesleyan Church College, Tonga. Milise has a Bachelor of Divinity and is studying at Melbourne College of Divinity for her Masters of Theology degree.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Western Australia Unit of Australian Church Women.

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Fellowship Day 1998

Theme: 'A Message for All Seasons'

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-7, 8a, 8d

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:2-4

Leader: Jesus gave us A Message for all Seasons when He said: 'I am come that they might have life, and have it to the full'. No matter what the season in your life right at this moment, Jesus' promise of 'life to the full' remains the same. As we seek to explore this throughout the service may you be very conscious of His living presence with us.

SUMMER—A season of growth and development

Leader: Let us pause and remember before God those into whose lives have entered new beginnings—new babies, new family members, new employment, new achievements, new challenges (pause...)

To help us in our time of celebration let us share together in the hymn 'Morning has broken'

Hymn: 'Morning has broken' AHB 91
Tune: Buessan (2) 55.54 D

Lighting of Summer Candle (Yellow)

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-19a

Prayer Meditation:

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.
Response: Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

Response: Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us everywhere spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

Leader: You are God's personal possession. You belong to Christ, and Christ is God's.

Response: Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own, through what Christ would do for us.

Leader: See how very much our Heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called His children.

Response: He has put His brand upon us—His mark of ownership—and given us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee that we belong to Him.

Leader: 'They will be mine', says the Lord Almighty, 'in that day when I take up my treasured possession.'

Response: My soul claims the Lord as my inheritance; therefore I will hope in Him.

Chorus: He is Lord, He is Lord

Martin V. Frey Praise & Worship No. 32

AUTUMN—A season of reflection, patience, discarding

Leader: Let us pause and remember those who are passing through a time of dryness, the fading of dreams, the need to discard plans (pause. . .)

Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 3-8

Reflection: Autumn
I am like a barren Autumn tree,
Stripped of the fruit and glory of my past,
Waiting for new life, new hope, new beauty,
Longing to yield and give—but for now standing empty.

This is how I come to my God.
Putting aside all that I clothed myself in before,
Anger, greed, selfishness, pride, envy, boredom, apathy, emptiness,
Have all fallen from me.

Now I stand open before my God,
Waiting for new life, new hope, new beauty,
Longing to yield the fruit of God's Spirit.
Soon I will be clothed in love, joy, peace,
Patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self control.

Heather Peble,
West Epping Uniting Church
Sydney, NSW

Hymn: 'Be still my soul' AHB 48
Tune: 'Finlandia' 10 10.10 10.10 10

Lighting of Autumn Candle....(russet or orange)

WINTER—A season of faithfulness, of waiting,
starkness, desolate beauty

Leader: We pause to remember sisters and brothers whose circumstances remind us of the season of winter—those who are holding on in faith when days are dark in bereavement and grief, those who face terminal illness, loss of communication within family, change of lifestyle (pause. . .)

There is opportunity at this time to name in our hearts and in God's presence those we know and love who are passing through times of winter.

(Silent prayer ..)

Thank You our Heavenly Father for hearing our prayers and we leave these our friends and loved ones in Your loving care.

All: Our Father which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory
Forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of Winter candle (white)

Convenor of Winifred Kiek Scholarship to speak

Offering: Winifred Kiek Scholarship

All: *(All standing)*
Lord, we ask You to bless these gifts. We pray for those who have benefitted or will benefit in the future, from the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. We pray for our 1998 scholars——. We ask You to bless them and keep them in Your love as they use the opportunities You open up for them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen
(Please be seated)

Musical Item:

SPRING— A season of hope, joy, re-birth

Address (Theme : Hope, joy, re-birth)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Thank You for a joy that is entirely independent of circumstances. (It is not difficult to have gladness of heart when all is going well for us.).

Response: *Please help us to clear our inner lives of all conflicts, resentments, fears, grumpiness, bitterness and sin, and to open our hearts to the joyous Christ.*

Leader: We know that we can go into our valley of trouble with the 'joy of the Lord' if we never allow the fountain of inspiration to run dry.

Response: *Your joy will keep the brightness of our hope from becoming dim.*

Leader: The thrill of being in Your presence keeps the spring of joy bubbling and flowing, for 'in Thy presence is fullness of joy'.

Response: *Let Your joy flow freely through us so we can share it. Help us to allow the joy of the Lord to spill over on everyone and everything.*

Liturgical Dance or Listening Music e.g. Rustle of Spring

Reflection:

Leader: Our land is alive with the glory of God
Response: *Desert sands hum and gum trees dance*

Leader: Brown grasses sing
Response: *and mountains breathe their stillness.*

Leader: All created things add their rhythm of delight
Response: *and even the stones rap out their praise.*

Leader: Let our voices mingle with the song of the earth
Response: *May our hearts join the beat of her joy*

Leader: For our Triune God is with us:

All: *Our Creator surrounds and upholds us.
Christ Jesus walks beside and before us.
The Spirit moves within and between us.
Blessed be God, our wonder and our delight.*

From 'MOVING WITH GOD'S SPIRIT' Jeremy Tynms

Lighting of Spring candle (green)

Hymn 'Joy to the World' AHB 224
Tune: 'Antioch' 86.86 extended

Leader: God sends us into the world to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship.

Therefore let us go, carrying with us the peace of Christ, the love of God, the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing.
Amen.