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Anglican
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Australia

**The following reports
were presented at the
Annual General Meeting
held on Friday, 25th February 2021
in the say.kitchen, 78 Currie Street, Adelaide, South Australia.**

OFFICERS FOR 2022

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Governor of South Australia

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Mr Darryl Royans JP

DIOCESAN MEMBERS:

Mrs E Ingram

OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT:

Vacant

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Mrs H Cooper

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY:

Miss C Barber

PUBLICATION:

Mrs M Heyer

SOCIAL ISSUES AND ACTION

Mrs Mary Catford

THE LINK NEWSLETTER:

Ms R Miller

LIAISON OFFICER TO AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:

Mrs H Cooper

MU REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN :

Miss C Barber

MU REPRESENTATIVE TO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Mrs Heather Cooper

AREAS:

EASTERN AND ADELAIDE:

Liaison: Position vacant

GAWLER:

Liaison: Mrs Anita Lennard

SOUTHERN:

Liaison: Mrs Cynthia Kennedy

SOUTH WESTERN:

Liaison: Mrs Cathryn Fardon

WESTERN:

Liaison: Position vacant

MU AUSTRALIA MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life.

PURPOSE

To be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

AIM

The advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

OBJECTS

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity

Membership is open to all those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and intend to support and work for the Aim, Purpose and Objects of the Society.

REBUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

PRESENT: Life Vice President Mrs Dorothy Ferrier in the Chair.
Life Vice Presidents: Mrs Janet Dickey, Mrs Carlien Walter. Vice Presidents Rev'd Dawn Colsey.

Members: Mesdames: Betty Edwards, Heather Cooper, Enid Sutton, Cynthia Kennedy, Joan Martin, Mary Handley, Pamela Binks, Heather Emery, Cathryn Fardon, Anita Lennard, Yvonne Saunders, Marilyn Heyer, Pearl Jenkins, Barbara Bowering, Beth Ingram, Elaine Arnold, Christine Barber, Maureen Nicholls, Mary Catford.

Therefore, 14 Branches were represented.

In attendance: Robert Jackson Honorary Treasurer.

APOLOGIES: Diocesan President Marion McCall OAM, Helen Deefholts, Reverend Fr Bart O'Donovan, Linda Roberts, Lesley Fenton

WELCOME on behalf of President Marion McCall OAM was extended to all present by Dorothy Ferrier, especially our Life Vice Presidents Janet Dickey and Carlien Walter.

OPENING PRAYERS AND REFLECTION were led by our Chaplain, The Reverend Dawn Colsey.

MINUTES of the 2020 Annual General Meeting were taken as read and approved for signing – Proposed Cynthia Kennedy/Beth Ingram. Carried unanimously.

There was no business arising.

REPORTS AND REFLECTION all as printed in the 125th Annual Report Book. Presented by:

Diocesan President:	Mrs Marion McCall OAM, read by Mrs Dorothy Ferrier
Diocesan Secretary:	Mrs Betty Edwards
MU Adelaide Chaplain:	The Reverend Dawn Colsey
Hon. Diocesan Treasurer:	Mr Robert Jackson

That the Audited Accounts and above Reports be received: Moved Enid Sutton/Pamela Binks – Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS all as printed in the 125th Annual Report Book. Presented by:

Archivist:	Mrs Joan Martin
Diocesan Members:	Mrs Beth Ingram
Helen Mayo House:	Mrs Heather Cooper
Membership:	Mrs Cynthia Kennedy
Overseas Links:	Mrs Anita Lennard
Prayer and Spirituality:	Miss Christine Barber
Promotion and Development:	Mrs Enid Sutton
Publication:	Mrs Cathryn Fardon
Social Issues:	Mrs Mary Catford
The Link:	Mrs Dorothy Ferrier on behalf of Editor Rosemary Miller

That the above Reports be received: Moved Mary Catford/Pearl Jenkins – Motion carried unanimously.

AREA REPORTS all as printed in the 125th Annual Report Book. Presented by:

Gawler:	Mrs Anita Lennard
Southern:	Mrs Cynthia Kennedy
South Western:	Mrs Cathryn Fardon

That the above Reports be received: Moved Cathryn Fardon/Maureen Nichols – Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATED GROUPS all as printed in the 125th Annual Report Book. Presented by:

Australian Church Women (SA Unit):	Mrs Heather Cooper
National Council of Women:	Miss Christine Barber
World Day of Prayer:	Mrs Heather Cooper

That the above Reports be received: Moved Heather Cooper/Cynthia Kennedy – Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: Proposed Betty Edwards/Marilyn Heyer - *That Mr Darryl Royans JP be appointed to Audit the Mothers' Union Diocese of Adelaide Inc 2020 Finances.* Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed** Joan Martin/Mary Catford *that the Bequest received from the Estate of the late Reverend Frank Maygar in March 1987 “to the Adelaide Mothers Union to be used and applied by the Literature Department thereof, known as the Frank Mayger Memorial Fund” be vested in the Adelaide Diocese Mothers' Union Executive Committee.* Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Proposed** Joan Martin/Pamela Binks *that the care of the Adelaide Mothers' Union Archives, previously administered under the umbrella of the Publication Department, be vested in the Adelaide Diocese Mothers' Union Executive Committee.* Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Helen Mayo House** Mothers' Union volunteers are now down to 8 members making this area of outreach no longer viable. Items for the mothers and babies can still be sent to the House. The Coordinator at the House has made contact with the Adelaide University and younger people will now be able to do the volunteering that our members have done for so very many years.
4. **Lady Day:** As parking in the vicinity of St Peter's Cathedral is now limited making the transporting of banners difficult, it was decided that Branch Banners would not be paraded this year. The Diocesan Banner would be paraded as usual.
5. **Dates:** World Day of Prayer – Friday 5th March, various times and locations; Lady Day – Thursday 25th March from 11:00am in St Peter's Cathedral when our Vice Regal Patron Mrs Lan Le will be in attendance; Film Morning at the Regal Cinema Kensington – Thursday 20th May 9:45am Morning Tea; Reflection time – Wednesday 12th May at St Andrew's Church, Walkerville from 10:00am 'til 1:00pm; Mary Sumner Day – Monday 9th August from 11:00am in St Cuthbert's Church, Prospect.
6. **Long Service Awards** will be presented at the Lady Day Celebrations. Names required asap.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. A question was asked about the Mary Sumner House Appeal and how things are going there during the current pandemic. Information can be obtained from the Web-site

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS: Thursday 29th July and Friday 26th November (unless otherwise advised) both to be held in the say.kitchen.

MIDDAY PRAYERS Were led by Miss Christine Barber.

CLOSE OF MEETING There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:30pm with The Grace

.....signed.....dated

PRESIDENT

Our theme for 2021 was ***Building Hope and Confidence*** and we certainly needed it in what was a difficult year for MU and for me personally with the death of my beloved Bishop David. Thank you to all of my MU friends who have loved and supported me especially my amazing Executive and Council led by our wonderful Secretary, Betty, and our Vice-Presidents, Reverend Dawn and Dorothy. All of you have been so loving and I have valued the prayerful support from you.

I participated in the Australian Council meeting via Zoom when we discussed our national theme for 2022, ***Transformation Now***. Some ideas brought forward were training in Zoom, more social ways of gathering as branches, being "overt" as MU members and transforming ourselves "personally"! The Adelaide theme for 2022 chosen by our Executive is ***Recognising Families of Today***.

We have some significant changes in Executive. **Cathryn Fardon** has relinquished her role as Publication Coordinator. She did a magnificent job over many years. Thank you Cathryn and we welcome Marilyn Heyer into this position. **Enid Sutton**, after many, many years of service has also retired as Promotion and Development Coordinator. She has brought so much knowledge to all the positions she has held over the years. Thank you Enid and welcome to Heather Cooper who has taken on this portfolio. **Anita Lennard** has held two jobs as Overseas and Northern Outreach Correspondent and Gawler Area President. She feels she is past her "use by date"! Thank you Anita and we are looking for members to take on these roles. Also, thank you **Rob Jackson** for being our Honorary Treasurer.

We have settled into our new routine so are grateful to St Barnabas College and the Diocese for their help and co-operation and for providing us with a base for our Executive meetings and storage of office equipment.

I keep in touch and exchange ideas with the other two dioceses in our Province, The Murray and Willochra. Lynette Pole from Willochra is in the middle of her three year term as Provincial President.

Our past Governor's wife, Mrs Lan Le, was a wonderful Patron and took so much interest in MU. She loved coming to Lady Day and continues to ask me about MU whenever I catch up with her. We have a new Patron, our new Governor, **Her Excellency The Honourable Frances Adamson**. I am looking forward to meeting her and inviting her to Lady Day.

Thank you for all your love during this difficult year.

Blessings,

Marion McCall OAM

SECRETARY

Building Hope and Confidence has been our Theme for the past two years and it has been most appropriate as we have had to cope with changes and new regulations due to the COVID 19 pandemic. All this as we were still lamenting over vacating our home for many years in Leigh Street. We certainly have been hopeful and have great confidence in our Executive to take us into the future with new ideas and new procedures.

Due to the Covid restrictions we have only been able to have two Council meetings this year - our Annual General Meeting in February and the November meeting. The say.kitchen has to abide by strict regulations on numbers gathering in their meeting rooms. This meant that the mid-year Council had to be cancelled and the November one limited in numbers attending. Both these meetings went well and with a positive attitude.

Lady Day was a splendid celebration. The Very Reverend Frank Nelson Preached and Presided at this service as one of his last duties before his retirement as Dean of the Cathedral and his move to New Zealand. His sermon was so well received we were asked if copies of it could be sent to members. Dean Frank agreed to this and so copies were sent to those who requested it. Our Vice Regal Patron, Mrs Lan Le, also attended with her usual grace. Due to Covid hygiene regulations, rather than Mrs Le presenting badges and scrolls to members for their long service, these members stood in their places in the Nave and were greeted with acclamation. One sad thing, only our Diocesan Banner was paraded at the entrance to the service. Members have found bringing banners into Adelaide very inconvenient with car parking unavailable around the Cathedral. Therefore, it was thought that no branch banners would be paraded this year.

Our second important celebration of the year was Mary Sumner Day in August. The Prospect Parish extended a welcome to Mothers' Union for this year's service and we thank our Chaplain, Reverend Dawn Colsey for her

organisation of the service and for her reflective sermon. There was a great feeling of love and fellowship on the day which is what MU is all about.

We were very lucky to be able to have our two fund-raising events this year. Film mornings at the Kensington Cinema and the Capri at Goodwood. The response to these events was excellent and you will see in our Treasurer's Report how our funds were boosted for us to be able to support our projects which are also noted in his Report. On behalf of your Executive, I thank you all for your support of these projects.

Mothers' Union in this Diocese is very supportive of the World Day of Prayer Committee and we have encouraged members to support their local WDP service or the City service which this year was held in the Pilgrim Church, Flinders Street. WDP is always celebrated on the first Friday in March. This year the focus was Vanuatu and the many problems faced by that nation.

Our President Marion has noted in her report our sad farewells to some members of our Executive team who have served MU in this Diocese faithfully and diligently over many years. We wish them God's peace and blessings in the coming years and offer thanks for their dedication to this wonderful mission organisation we belong to.

The fourth of our five Objects is *To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children*. With this in mind our theme from January 2022 is **Recognising Families of Today**. What a changed world we now live in from the one we grew up in. Families in all its forms are the backbone of society and so that fourth object is very important for us to promote.

We go forward in faith.

Betty Edwards

CHAPLAIN

This is the sixth year in which I've been your chaplain, and I'm now recognised as a chaplain, thanks to Susan McLeod's relatively new role as Senior Chaplain. My main task in the past twelve months has been to prepare a reflection for Executive and Council meetings, which I have done with pleasure.

It's also been my privilege to accompany our President Marion McCall OAM in her journey during Bishop David McCall's illness, and after his death on 7th May 2021. His funeral in St Peter's Cathedral was a wonderful celebration of his life, and revealed the amazing musical and speaking talents of an amazing family.

Covid has made an impact on when and where we have been able to have face to face meetings as Executive and in branches, but the big change has been in the move from the Leigh Street rooms to the use of St Barnabas College for Executive and the say.kitchen for Council.

The month of March saw two important events: the World Day of Prayer, which we supported at Pilgrim Uniting as the city venue, and our first major festival, Lady Day in the Cathedral, with the Very Rev'd Frank Nelson, the Dean, presiding and preaching before his departure for New Zealand.

On 12th May I conducted a Quiet Morning of Reflection on the theme of HOPE at St Andrew's Walkerville, where the Reverend Sam Goodes had everything beautifully organised for our Eucharist and Covid safe morning tea and lunch.

I don't think I need to talk about film mornings – we all enjoy them and the effort put into making them sociable and profitable.

One highlight of the year for me was Mary Sumner Day at St Cuthbert's Prospect, where the Reverend Tim Sherwell presided and I preached. Tim was my "Training Minister" at St Edward's Kensington Gardens.

On 8th September Mitcham MU celebrated 125 years. I had a prior engagement, but arrived in time to get the feeling of what a happy and special day it was for this really active branch. I have promised a Mary Potter Rose for their beautifully refurbished rose garden when we can locate one at the right time for planting.

On 30th September I had the pleasure of presiding and preaching at St Jude's Brighton, and I chose the topic of "Angels," as it was close to the Feast of Michael and All Angels. It brought forth very interesting stories of encounters with angels in whatever form, as happened also when I used the same topic at St Elizabeth's Warradale a fortnight later.

A Zoom meeting for the Pacific Region was a new experience for me – not easy to participate in, but it was fascinating to hear from Sydney and Melbourne about how immigrant and refugee women are joining MU, or resisting and meeting in their own communities.

Covid restrictions meant the curtailing of some events – Belair's kind invitation to lunch in November – and a final Executive meeting without invited guests or shared festive lunch.

One cause which we all supported in our own way was the marking of Global Day in November: the keeping of three minutes' silence to reflect on and pray for the end to domestic violence in all its forms throughout the world.

After two years of study in the Ignatian tradition, and continuing in an ecumenical setting for a third year, my future work will mostly be in offering Spiritual Direction to individuals who seek that kind of companionship in their spiritual life.

My thanks go to Marion for her leadership in a very difficult year, together with Dorothy Ferrier, joint Vice-President with me, and our indefatigable Secretary Betty Edwards, as well as to all members of Executive including Christine Barber in Spirituality, and our Treasurer Rob Jackson who has really found his feet.

May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. (Jude1.2)

The Reverend D E Colsey

DIOCESAN MEMBERS

Not many members attended this year due to Covid virus problems, with some not happy to use public transport because of this, and others have moved into Residential Care. The say.kitchen is a perfect meeting place and those who do attend, enjoy the fellowship and celebrate together. There are no steps or stairs to negotiate. If you do not belong to a branch at your local parish we invite you to join this group. Please contact me for details.

Beth Ingram

OVERSEAS LINKS

Betty Edwards spoke on behalf of Anita Lennard who is unable to continue in this role. Anita reported that she has not heard from any of our overseas links. The meeting expressed thanks to Anita for her persistence in trying to communicate and for her years of service.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Daily readings and prayer study papers from the MU National Convenor, Reverend Dr Lesley McLean have been distributed including Lent/Easter, Trinity and Advent.

Members were able to meet for our two special services during the year. The Lady Day Eucharist was celebrated in St Peter's Cathedral in March and Mary Sumner Day at St Cuthbert's Prospect in August.

Christine Barber

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

After 12 years in the position, Enid Sutton has retired from the position of Promotion and Development Representative for the Adelaide Diocese of Mothers' Union, and we thank her most sincerely for her wonderful effort. One of Enid's initiatives was establishing connections each year with the ordinands, educating them about Mothers' Union and presenting each one, on our behalf, with a monetary gift towards their expenses as they completed their training. Enid used her lovely voice, musical talents and organisational skills to convene several concerts raising funds for this purpose. Well done Enid. We hope you will stay in touch.

I have taken on the role as your representative from Enid. I attend the Mitcham Branch and I am part of the MU Adelaide Executive.

The Executive is appealing for two more people to make a team to carry on the important job of Promotion and Development. New brochures and materials are currently in production nationally and your branch will be receiving them soon. Meanwhile, we all need as individual members to promote our organisation to friends from other churches, as well as approaching everyone in our own parishes. To the recently-retired, new parishioners, previous members; be bold, pray for courage and ask them to come along. You may be surprised to find some who will decide to join our World Wide and wonderful organisation. Please come to Lady Day, bring some friends, make an extra effort to promote the Film Day and speak hopefully of a renewal in Mothers' Union.

Heather Cooper

PUBLICATION

This will be my last report for Publication now that Marilyn Heyer has offered to take on the responsibility this year. A very welcome offer.

You will be pleased to hear that all the blue Christmas cards, all but about fifty of the red and all the diaries were sold last year, but not all by active branches. A significant number of cards and diaries were sold by Elizabeth Laffrey at Elizabeth, Joan Middleton at Plympton, Reverend Lesley McLean at Campbelltown and Bett Moller at Lockleys.

During 2021, I took MU items to sell, and freebies to give away, at film mornings, Mary Sumner Day and the Day of Reflection.

Publication has sold mostly service books, badges and membership cards, plus a few of the Lady Victoria Buxton card and Baptism kits. We have been giving away baptism cards, the booklet "Thoughts" and stationery which has been in the cupboard for a long time. There is a large number of "Not Just Tea and Biscuits" to give away, which I suggested at our last Council meeting could be given to new members. We also have many Baptism and Confirmation cards.

Service books, Baptism kits and brochures about Mothers' Union were provided again, to be given to the ordinands at the Ordination Service.

For the last three years, we have not charged Branches for service badges, as had been the custom. We have bought some, but also, some of our members, when they have received their new awards, have been pleased to donate their old badges to be given to new recipients.

Thank you all for your support for Publication and for the friendship and support for our previous Publication committee. The closing of the Rooms in Leigh Street meant a huge rethink of the way we had been accustomed to working, so there have been many changes since I was first on the Publication Committee.

Thank you to Marilyn, for offering to be the new Publication Coordinator. It will be good to have someone quite new in the job and Marilyn's Branch, Clarence Gardens will be there to support her when needed. I am sure you wish her well.

Cathryn Fardon

SOCIAL ISSUES

The continuation of the Covid 19 Pandemic has, of course, meant a continuance of many social problems, namely domestic violence, homelessness, drug addiction, and an increase in alcohol consumption, especially in women and the unemployed

Our Mothers' Union Social Issues and Action Coordinator, Susan Skowronski, continues to alert us to projects that our organisation is particularly concerned with.

The United Nations World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on February 24th to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration.

Bringing year 7 students into secondary schools will, according to educators, enable students to be taught in the way it is intended. South Australia is now in line with the rest of Australia and students will have access to specialist facilities and teachers.

There is concern for the care of residents in nursing homes during the Omicron variant, with claims that the aged are being neglected in some homes.

"Safe and affordable housing must be a priority" say services supporting domestic violence victims, people with disabilities and youths leaving state care. Soaring house and rental prices have resulted in a shortage of housing.

Naming Dylan Alcott as Australian of the Year is a good choice. He is a shining example of a disabled person making the most of his life.

I am aware that there are so many issues about which I could speak but I feel sure that MU members will continue to be alert to, and pray about, the many social issues in our society.

"May we always see the world through the eyes of Christ, speak to those we meet with the words of Christ and take with us, on our journey, the peace of Christ."

Mary Catford

THE LINK

Firstly, I do hope that you are still enjoying our Link. Secondly, many thanks for sending in articles, photos, etc for inclusion in it. It would be good to be able to tell you that we may receive the Link and the Mia Mia at more regular intervals, but unfortunately this is not possible.

Many thanks to those members who are involved in the Link preparation, especially our Editor, Rose.

Please continue to send Rose your contributions, and we sincerely thank Rose for her invaluable assistance and continued dedication as we keep our members informed of important occasions and news.

Dorothy Ferrier

GAWLER AREA

Once again it has been a strange year for Mothers' Union with the varying rules concerning Covid. As Linda Roberts from Elizabeth Down's branch commented, "we communicate and socialise" and Ann Dickinson from Gawler remarked, "we have stayed at home". We have however continued to care for one another and to offer support where needed, during these difficult times.

Gawler Branch.

The highlight for Gawler branch this year was the presentation of long service awards to ten members representing four hundred years of prayerful service to Mothers' Union. Jenny Evans, Jane Gregory, Elaine Lee, Reverend Bart O'Donovan and Joan Watts, celebrated twenty five years; Gail Hardy, Pam Moulds and Yvonne Saltmarsh fifty years; Patricia Ahrens sixty years and Helen Gregory sixty five years. The badges and scrolls were presented by Father Simon Bailey who officiated at both the mass and presentation. Jane Gregory accepted the award for her mother Helen, who had recently died. Pam Moulds' award however, was later presented to her by Father Bart who, accompanied by Joan Watts, visited her in the aged care facility where she now resides. Joan Watts presented each awarded member with a small posy which she had made. A shared morning tea followed at President Bart's house. Ann Dickinson's daughter, Alex had prepared a delicious cake topped with lemon and orange syrup for the occasion. Members then shared with one another, a special holiday venue which they had enjoyed. Apart from a geography lesson, everyone learned a little more about each other.

Responding to the Global campaign, the Zonta Club in Gawler had arranged a week of activities protesting against family violence and had invited the public to join them in a Gawler park. Following a notice placed in the pew sheet by Father Bart, members from Mothers' Union, the Gawler Caritas group and several parishioners joined with Zonta. The Mothers' Union banner was displayed on a stand which had been specially made. Ceramic tiles are to be decorated, with the number of tiles corresponding with the number of women killed through family violence. The tiles will then form a mural and be displayed in the park as a monument to these women.

At the meeting in November, a Christmas craft morning with Alex was held which provided a happy and productive time. Christmas lunch was enjoyed at a Gawler restaurant.

Elizabeth Downs Branch

The first meeting, held on February 2nd, was the day of the Presentation of our Lord. After opening with Form Two in the MU prayer book, a discussion was held about being mindful of the beliefs of others. Father Piers talked about how to stay in touch with those unable to attend and Barbara showed everyone the very attractive knitted flowers she had made for the church.

In March, Tash from Anglicare, spoke about her work as a social worker, helping people to connect and communicate with one another through socialising, craftwork and arts. Joyce spoke about the bags of toiletries

collected and where they go. They are given to Anglicare and Reverend Prue, for the homeless enabling them to have showers, and to the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

Speaker Charles talked of Easter and Lent. He spoke of fasting, pancakes and lunar months which was most interesting and led to an article being submitted and then published in the Link in June.

In June, Beth Ingram spoke of her sixty four years in Mothers' Union and of how she became involved and at the July meeting, held in Indigenous Week, President Linda found a lovely Aboriginal Blessing by Brook Prentis.

The August meeting was cancelled owing to Covid but the President posted relevant information and prayers to all members. October and November were just "getting in touch and catching up".

The following month it was decided to "bring a plate" as it was the last meeting of the year. This provided much amusement! Was the plate to be empty, how big and what to do with this plate? This went back to the early 1960s, when migrants first experienced "bring a plate" and they didn't know what this meant. They did eventually learn!!

On the twenty seventh of November a small service about Gender Based Violence was held with a good number of people attending. This was followed by coffee and cake.

A yoga demonstration provided a "fun time" to finish off the year.

Salisbury Branch.

During the service in February, Jean Malander was presented with her twenty five year membership badge and scroll and in March, Jennifer Sutherland gave a presentation on family, using the parable of the Prodigal Son as background.

Olive Bennell, head of Anglicare's Homelessness Programme, was the speaker in April. She told of the reduced number of properties available to rent at affordable rates, which was forcing care agencies to accommodate the homeless in motels.

In May, as many had been unable to attend Lady Day, the Dean's sermon was read to all.

Jill and Brian Polkinghorne were the guest speakers in June. They presented a very interesting illustrated account of their work in Tanzania. Brian had been very involved in agriculture and Jill with various aspects of work involving the women and girls. Members were very pleased to welcome Joyline Flint and Maureen Nicholls as special guests.

At the July meeting, two members, Pat Burgess and Leonie Olsson described their individual holidays in the Flinders Ranges and their very different types of accommodation.

The August meeting was cancelled but members met again in September for a "chat". The allocation of monies to the projects was finalised at the October meeting.

In November, members discussed the Sri Lankan family from Biloela in Queensland. Everyone expressed concern over the plight of this family and all refugees coming to Australia.

Lunch at meetings has proved interesting! Everyone brings the usual shared lunch which is served in a covid-safe way and then the rules change and they have to be contacted and asked to bring individual sandwiches. A shared Christmas lunch however was held and members brought Christmas gifts for children to be given to Reverend Prue to distribute through Quickest Warmth.

Members in Gawler Area have continued to support the Quickest Warmth Project, our Mothers' Union projects, and have attended events when possible. We are hopeful that in 2022 we shall return to normality so that we can look forward to our usual meetings and activities once again. It would be such a big step forward if we didn't have to wear those wretched masks!

Anita Lennard

SOUTHERN AREA

The Southern Area comprises Belair with 10 members, Glen Osmond with 8, Hawthorn has 19 and Mitcham 24. The total of 61 includes 2 new inductees in both Hawthorn and Mitcham, 1 in Glen Osmond (our Link editor in fact) and 3 women who re-joined Mitcham after an absence of many years. The branches are well supported by their priests.

The highlight for 2021, was Mitcham's 125th birthday celebration. The occasion was marked with a thanksgiving service followed by special prayers at the rehabilitated MU garden. Three senior members were interviewed and one of them was recognised for her 65 years membership.

The power of prayer was the theme for all Belair meetings. The group was encouraged by *James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"* and members knew that despite the restrictions of covid, they could still pray for families, friends and communities and particularly for those whose relatives had died or lost their livelihoods. Members shared readings, hymns, and passages from the Bible that have carried them through tough times or enabled them to carry on praising God.

At one stage Belair became concerned with dwindling numbers but regular members resolved to keep the meetings informal to encourage infrequent members to come. It was recognised that catching up in person and being united in prayer was beneficial to all.

Belair's overseas linked branches have closed due to age and infirmity, but its connection with Port Lincoln remains. Mitcham is encouraging a link with Naracoorte and recreating a local one with Hawthorn and an overseas one in Cornwall.

Glen Osmond always preceded its meetings with attendance at the parish morning Eucharist, and lunch frequently followed. A special Advent lunch was hosted by a member in her home which raised funds for MU projects.

Encouraged by their priest, Hawthorn members used the church for their meetings to avoid the pandemic restrictions. This proved very successful.

Speakers throughout the south were varied with knowledge imparted on subjects such as cochlear implants, performing surgery in Rwanda during the troubles, mining church archives, Australian women pilots and a fascinating insight into bell ringing and the sets of bells in Adelaide. This talk, which was illustrated in sound, left its audience exhausted but very satisfied given the mathematics and mechanics involved.

Some of the activities included a visit to Anglicare Westbourne Park, participating in the worldwide global day to support victims of domestic violence and filling boxes for children at Christmas. Mitcham's successful monthly trading tables meant that \$1400 was distributed to 4 of the major projects. The Quickest Warmth Project was well supported along with the 5 diocesan events, Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day, the Day of Quiet Reflection and 2 film mornings.

All in all, I felt that 2021 was a more contemplative year, but a very thankful one.

Cynthia Kennedy

SOUTH-WESTERN AREA

Most of the Branches in the South-Western Area were able to meet each month during 2021 and Members supported the two successful Film Mornings, Lady Day, Mary Sumner Day and the Day of Reflection.

BRIGHTON begins each meeting with a Eucharist and members enjoy lunch together. Last year The Reverends Prue O'Donovan and Gayle Hardy joined them and spoke about their work and the support given by Mothers' Union. The Branch held a recipe and home hints sharing meeting and a Show and Tell morning where members brought along a treasured possession. For their Birthday meeting, two choirs from the Brighton Primary School, next door to the Church, entertained with their singing.

ST MARY'S Branch meetings are held with the Guild and they share a time of prayer and praise and intercession for their parish and families around the world. They heard talks from their priest The Reverend William Deng about his life and the support Mothers Union members give their communities in Africa. From Enid Sutton, they heard about the life and work of Mary Sumner and from a past parishioner, of her travels in India. Members enjoyed a picnic day at Wittunga and held a special trading table to raise money for Mothers Union Projects.

GLENELG is now a very small branch but still meets each month, sometimes with a speaker and they enjoy going out to lunch a couple of times a year. The Joy Boxes they produce with gifts and encouraging messages are much appreciated by the sick and other recipients in the parish. Members hold their meetings at St Martin's Church, and this year look forward to celebrating the 100th birthday of Joan Richardson. Some of you will remember her.

CLARENCE GARDENS has continued their strong support of Quickest Warmth and also their very useful contribution, organising the trading table for the Regal film morning. At one meeting, their Priest talked about her forebear, Hannah Fry, one of the early residents of North Adelaide. A parishioner told them about Sri Lanka,

where they once had a link, they enjoyed a games night and at another meeting, made Russian dolls using pegs. Their outing was a cruise on West Lakes and they finished the year with an entertaining skit and supper.

WARRADALE was pleased to welcome Reverend John Beiers speaking about his time as a Bush Brother, and Cheryle from the Brighton Church of Christ speaking of their "Grocers with a Heart" initiative. The Reverend Michael Rogers spoke of his life before ordination and our Chaplain Dawn talked about Angels, asking others of their experiences with Angels. Again, Pancake Day provided a worthwhile contribution to the Mothers Union projects. On Remembrance Day, a rather moving reflection was led by Helen, the newest member, with the Last Post at 11am and a recalling by members of their memories of war time.

SEACLIFF, sadly, this church is contemplating closure including the Mothers Union Branch. They held some meetings through the year, including Christmas, at the home of Margaret Greenhalgh. They have also enjoyed lunching out together. The combined meeting with Warradale, to hear a speaker from the Refugee Support Association, was marred by a last-minute cancellation by the Speaker because it happened to be the day refugees were arriving from Afghanistan after the withdrawal of Australian and US troops. Please pray for Seacliff in the decisions they will have to make.

Cathryn Fardon

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (SA Unit)

ACW is an inter-denominational group of Christian women, and Mothers' Union is offered a seat on the committee to represent the Anglican faith. I am your representative on that committee. Leadership is shared annually by the various faiths.

We give thanks for the calm and faithful leadership of Christine Barber, President of the SA Unit of ACW over the past two difficult years.

All meetings have taken place within COVID rules and, with an average attendance of 24, the SA Unit is healthy and looking to continue.

A film day, a Fellowship Day Service and the World Community Day service were all successfully held, with donations for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund, Jubilee 150 and the Fellowship of the Least Coin collected. Thanks also for the support which many members gave to the World Day of Prayer.

The new president is Maureen Clark, representing the Roman Catholic faith and we pray for her as she begins her two- year term. We are blessed to have as our ongoing Secretary, the efficient Aileen Eldridge whose daily emails keep members and others smiling and praying, and to have as our treasurer, Barbara Greer whose experience as the Public Officer is profound.

Heather Cooper

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Mothers' Union is a member of NCW, a representative body of Women's Groups with a voice to the community. It is affiliated with The National Council of Women of Australia Ltd, and The International Council of Women which has consultative status Category 1 with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

NCW has taken on a very comprehensive presence in the community under the presidency of Mrs Fiona Dorman who took on the additional role of Chair of the Premiers Women's Council in South Australia for two years. Meetings were covered by Zoom when numbers were restricted. A Strategic Planning Day was held to discuss Advocacy issues. An online survey followed (*"Advocacy Priorities for 2021 and beyond – what matters to you"*) from which a priority list was formed for future action with affordable housing both public and social, particularly for older women, being given the highest priority.

Guest Speakers at our meetings have been many on a wide range of topics. If you are interested in them, please contact me.

NCW distributed the Premier's two new Pilot Mentoring Programs to support veterans across South Australia, and a paper from member Dr Wendy Abigail, (Health, Nutrition and Wellness Advisor) *Aged care issues - A Focus on Health Care Packages*. NCW participated in Women's Health Week on 7th September 2021 when the ABC, in collaboration with the Multicultural Communities of SA, hosted a conversation facilitated by ABC Radio announcer Sonya Feldhoff, *"Menopause - Let's not talk about that"*.

The Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden Trust which is affiliated to NCW celebrated its 80th anniversary in April. Earlier in the year, former President Betty Khor was awarded the highest SA Volunteer Award, the Joy Noble Medal which was presented by the Premier of SA, Steven Marshall MP and our then Governor, His Excellency Hieu Van Le.

Christine Barber

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The focus country for 2021 was **Vanuatu**, which has multiple needs as a result of frequent tropical cyclones, in addition to the disappearance, through the Covid virus, of the tourist trade upon which many islanders relied for income.

The destruction of infrastructure, the flooding of homes and the failure of crops have brought about food shortages, medical problems and social dislocation worsened by the effects of the pandemic. Please pray for this island nation and its people, 85% of whom are Christian.

The theme was *Build on a firm Foundation* and it was particularly sad that many people's homes have been inundated because of rising seas and climate change.

Thank you to AMUA members who helped with the organisation for the WDP service which was held in the Pilgrim Church in Flinders Street on Friday, 5th March at 10:00am. We thank members for their support on the day in their local areas and for their donations. Giving was very generous, resulting in \$13,000 each being sent to the chosen projects – namely Counselling for Victims of Domestic Violence and Rebuilding of Villages devastated by recent cyclones. In addition \$5,000 was given to the local Schools Ministry.

Please put next year's WDP in your diaries – Friday, 4th March in the Bethlehem Church in Flinders Street. The focus will be on England, Wales and Northern Ireland and we seek your continuing prayers and support for the World Day of Prayer.

Heather Cooper

Mothers' Union Adelaide Augustus Short Scholarship

Augustus Short was the first Anglican Bishop of Adelaide, a position which he held for 25 years. He also became the first Chancellor of The University of Adelaide and was a great advocate for tertiary education being available to anyone regardless of their financial means or status.

In recent years, the university established scholarships to honour his name and ideals. These are available to any fulltime student of merit who is disadvantaged in some way i.e. financially, disablement or coming from remote or rural areas etc.

In 2021, 70 applicants vied for 3 scholarships which were publicly funded. Mothers' Union executive deemed that it was possible to fund one scholarship for 4 years at \$6,500 per year thus making a difference to one person, their family and potentially having a ripple effect into the community. This mirrors Anglicare's Augustus Short Scholarship.

President Marion signed the agreement in December 2021. Applications opened on 17th January and closed today, 25th February. I have placed a summary in the next LINK. Here is the internet connection to our page on the university web site.

<https://scholarships.adelaide.edu.au/Scholarships/undergraduate/all-faculties/mothers-union-adelaide-augustus-short-scholarship>.

Cynthia Kennedy

TREASURER

Operating account

INCOME

Opening Balance		\$6,508.52
Transfers	\$6,500.00	
Subscriptions	8,400.00	
Donations	4,042.90	
Pub/ Printing	2,748.75	
Fundraising	4,105.75	
TOTAL INCOME		\$32,305.92

EXPENDITURE

Overheads	\$1,265.90	
Subscriptions	3,860.00	
Donations	11,044.00	
Pub/Printing	6,148.14	
Scholarships	7,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$29,318.04

Final Balance

\$2,987.88

AFSA Investments
FIXED TERM DEPOSITS

Dec2020	\$55,000.00
Dec2021	nil

Note: Sept 2021 \$30,000.00 transferred to AFSA Monthly A/c with interest (\$75.35) and \$25,000.00 to the Endowment Fund.

ANGLICAN ENDOWMENT FUNDS ADTHMO1, ADMTHMO2

Dec 2020	\$79,850.54
June 2021	84,867.00
Sept. Transfer	25,000.00
TOTAL	\$109,867.00

AFSA MONTHLY INCOME ACCOUNT

Opening balance	\$11,012.22
Feb Interest THM01	150.94
Feb Interest THM02	1,854.30
MAT Interest Term Deposit	163.64
June Balance	\$13,181.10
Sept Transfer Term Deposit	30,075.35
TOTAL	\$43,256.45

Note \$6,500.00 transferred in Nov21 to Operating Account to fund Scholarship,

Robert Jackson
Hon Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY – DECEMBER 2021

The Treasurer's Report as presented herein will also be presented for Audit with an up-dated Investment Report following the provision of Anglican Funds SA (AFSA) 2021 results (March 2022).

BankSA Cheque Account is the sole operating (working) account.

The AFSA investment funds and profits are retained in the Monthly Income Account and the Endowment Account. With very low interest rates the Term Deposit was transferred to the two Investment Accounts.

Appendix 1 outlines in greater detail income and expenditure relating to project funding (including Branch contributions).

Appendix 2 lists bequests which make up the Historical Fund, held in the Endowment Account.

The Ordinand Support Fund (\$4,085.00) is retained in the Monthly Income Account. Executive approved an allocation of \$1,000.00 to two recipients.

A special project – The Mothers' Union Adelaide Augustus Short Scholarship was initiated. The first payment of the \$6,500.00 has been made to the University of Adelaide from funds held in the Monthly Account.

Income was recorded across five categories: transfers, subscriptions, donations, publication/printing, fundraising.

Expenditure as recorded across five categories: overheads, subscriptions, donations, publications, scholarships.

Anglican Funds SA managed

- The Monthly Income Account which received all interest generated by the Endowment Fund and the Term Deposit.
- The Endowment Fund Account which holds the Historical Fund
- The Term Deposit which was transferred in full during the year to the two above mentioned Funds.

Appendix 1 Special Projects Donations:

1. Branch Donations 2021

Local (unspecified)	\$1,008.50
Anglicare Turning Point	476.00
Northern Outreach	606.10
Indigenous Training	869.00
Australian Disaster Relief	40.00
Overseas Disaster Relief	90.00
Overseas Project	30.00
Mary Sumner House	158.30
PNG Parenting	765.00
Total:	4,042.90

2. Project Donations to AMUA and Locally 2021

*By Executive decision, using funds raised, donations were topped up as follows:

Anglicare Turning Point	\$2,000.00
Defence Anglicans	500.00
Northern Outreach	2,000.00
Indigenous Training	2,000.00
PNG Parenting	2,000.00
Aust Dis'ter, O/seas Dis'ter, O/seas Prjct, MSH	320.00
Total:	\$8,820.00

Appendix 2 Historical Fund.

This Fund is the amalgamation of the following Funds in the Endowment Account.

- Frank Mayger Bequest
- Jane Marks Crompton Bequest
- W Culross, Helen Welsh Bequest
- Stirling Bequest
- Mary Theodora Thomas Bequest
- Cromwell Magarey Fund
- Education Fund
- Jessie Hewitson Bequest
- Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund

Robert Jackson
Hon Treasurer

BRANCH LIST AT DECEMBER 2020

ADELAIDE BELAIR BRIGHTON CLARENCE GARDENS COROMANDEL VALLEY
ELIZABETH DOWNS GAWLER GLENELG GLEN OSMOND HAWTHORN HENLEY BEACH
MAGILL MITCHAM SALISBURY SEACLIFF ST MARY'S WARRADALE
DIOCESAN MEMBERS meet in the say.kitchen, Currie Street, Adelaide

THE MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Loving Lord,
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.
We pray for families around the world.
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the
encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.
Empowered by your spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and
service reach out as your hands across the world.
In Jesus' name. **Amen**

MARY SUMNER'S PERSONAL PRAYER

All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live. **Amen**

The Song of Mary – the Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.