Reverend Winifred Kiek, MA BD

In 1927 Winifred Kiek was the first woman to be ordained in Australia in the (then) Congregational Church (now Uniting Church). She was a pioneer in working for a National Committee of all the State Women's Inter-church Councils which led to the formation of Australian Church Women, of which she was a Life Member.

Winifred attended many world conferences and worked for peace in local, state, national and international organisations.

Because of her concern for women in Third World countries at that time, she was influential in the founding of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, which has been awarded every year since 1965.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship (WKS)

This scholarship is available to Christian women from multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations, and member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference who already have basic training in a chosen field of work.

It provides the opportunity for further theological training to better equip the scholar to provide leadership in her own country, church and community. The scholarship covers fares, tuition fees and accommodation, and is awarded annually.

When it is deemed more appropriate, the scholarship funds may be used for designated educational or charitable projects for women through Act for Peace, the international development arm of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Funds—Fellowship Day

The offerings received at the Australian Church Women Inc. Fellowship Day Services which are held throughout Australia in July each year are invested, and the interest is used to finance the scholarship. Additional donations are encouraged and may be made at any time to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund through State and Territory Units or the National Executive.

The WKS Trustees

The Trustees of the Scholarship, who are located in Adelaide, are responsible for investing funds and act as an advisory body to the National Executive of Australian Church Women Inc.

Hendriyane Anthony



Hendriyane (Yane) Anthony (Damanik) is from the Northern Territory of Australia. Although born in Indonesia, Yane now calls Australia home after moving here with her family. She is 46 years old.

Hendriyane is a Women's Chaplain for Australian Indigenous Ministry, has been a Teacher Aid at a Christian College, Lay Preacher in the Uniting Church as well as participating in her local Church area.

The Scholarship awarded to Hendriyane will be for Post Graduate research in Christian Ministry and will be done through Adelaide College of Divinity.

This course will, when completed, be used as a guideline to establish a Christian Counselling Institute for equipping others in Counselling Ministry, and training for indigenous clients

Please pray for Hendriyane (Yane)

Caryn Rogers



Caryn Rogers is 33 years old and comes from Adelaide in South Australia

She is working on her PhD in Linguistics, and this Scholarship will allow her to concentrate more on her studies.

While studying, Caryn has been working as a Research Assistant in order to fund her living expenses.

With Honours in Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Arts as well as study to be a Celebrant, Caryn has a good foundation for further study.

During her PhD studies Caryn plans to learn Modern Hebrew, expand her French and German, and learn basic Classical Arabic. Once completed, Caryn will have opportunities to use her new skills for the benefit of Biblical studies within the Uniting Church in Australia, the Adelaide College of Divinity, and Flinders University.

Please pray for Caryn.

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Lai Mai Ching (April) 2002 Hong Kong MA course on Women and Religion	
Monique Crabtree 2003 Australia Bachelor of Ministry	
Susan Liersch 2003 Australia Christian Counselling/Family Therap	У
Gaye Inall 2003 Australia Ministry to deaf people	
Mereani Dinacika Raqeu 2004 Fiji Social Work	
Siok Cheng Chew 2005 Malaysia Advanced Certificate Autism	
Anju Borgoary 2005 India Pastoral Counselling	
Vivian Cheung 2006 Australia MA Theology	
Tania Eichler 2006 Australia Diploma Theology	
Leinamau Manrogoana Seru 2007 Vanuatu Evangelism	
Cathy Paraka 2007 PNG Theological Education	
Imelda Aquino 2008 Philippines M. Divinity (Missions)	
Christine Ferguson 2009 Australia Pastoral Theology	
Inise Foiakau 2009 Australia Pastoral Theology	
Ruth Marsipal 2010 PNG Empowering Women	
Tonu Fakraufon 2010 Fiji Empowering Women	
Arpona Mejahary 2011 India Bachelor of Divinity	
Sisarat Kheng 2011 Cambodia Evangelism	
Denise Champion 2012 Australia Christian leadership	
Kyounghee Cho 2012 Australia Conference attendance	
Sara Dingle 2012 Australia Bachelor of Theology	
Berebere Katauea 2013 Kiribati Bachelor of Divinity	
Lou Momoru 2013 PNG Theology	
Christina Taviti 2013 Vanuatu Diploma in Theology	
Verenaisi Toga 2013 Fiji Bachelor of Divinity	
Wasana Fernando 2014 Sri Lanka Master's in Theologies of Gender	
Seng Ja 2014 Myanmar Master of Divinity	
Hendriyane Anthony 2015 Australia Christian Counselling	
Caryn Rogers 2015 Australia PhD Linguistics	

Winifred Kiek Fellowship Recipients

Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam	1981	Rev Illuminada Domingo	1997
Mrs Eunice Kim	1984	Dr Esther Byu	1999
Mrs Rachel Matthew	1991	Ms Wong Wai -Yin (Christina)	2003
Mrs Annathaie Abayysekara	1991	Rev Valamotu Palu	2005
Rev. Mary Y K Au	1993	Ms Shu-Wen Chiang	2007
Mrs Violet Sampa-Bredt	1993	Ms Corazon Tabing – Reyes	2009
Mrs Janice Shearer	1995	Rev.Lee, Moon-Sook	2011
Deaconess Barkat K Dass (deceased	d) 1996	Mrs Esther Kilaghbian	2013

Honouring Australian Church Women

(Previously known as the Memorial Bursary Book)

Nominations are invited for Christian women whose association with the work of Australian Church Women Inc. is noteworthy. A donation is given along with the submission, and the interest earned from the invested monies is used to provide a book grant to current scholarship holders.

A profile and photograph of the woman is then recorded in the book which is held by the National Executive.

Winifred Kiek Fellowship

At the discretion of the trustees, and in consultation with National Executive, funds will be made available (on a predetermined basis) to invite a representative from the following bodies:

- Asian Church Women's Conference
- The Pacific Council of Churches
- Past Winifred Kiek Scholars
- The Fellowship of the Least Coin International Committee
- Church Women United Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Or a noted Christian woman leader

to attend the National Conference of Australian Church Women Inc. and to visit State/Territory Units under such a Fellowship

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