



**Australian Church Women Inc.**  
Sponsors of the  
**Winifred Kiek Scholarship**

**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.

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 is awarded annually and may be used for fares, tuition fees or accommodation.

When it is deemed more appropriate, the scholarship funds may be used for designated educational or charitable projects for women through the National Council of Churches of Australia World Christian Service.



## **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 State Women's Inter-Church Councils which led to the formation of Australian Church Women, of which she was a Life Member.

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

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.

### **Funds – Fellowship Day**

The offerings received at the Australian Church Women Inc. Fellowship Day Services, held throughout Australia in July each year, are invested and the interest 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 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustees**

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

### **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 is noteworthy. Along with the submission a donation is given, 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 held by the National Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener.

#### **National Contact:**

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#### **State/Territory Contact:**



## **2016 Scholar Esline Toamavute**

Esline Toamavute from Vanuatu is the 2016 recipient of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship. She is married with four adult children, and for more than 25 years Esline has been an active member of her local church, especially in women's ministries at both the local and national level.

Esline loves working with the women and she is passionate about assisting her rural sisters to develop their leadership skills to enable them to work in their local areas.

In 2011 Esline was elected National Coordinator of the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of Vanuatu. She served in this position for two terms.

In June 2012 Esline was one of two delegates who attended the World Day of Prayer Conference in Manhattan, USA.

Esline will use her scholarship to study Christian leadership training with Biblical background at the Taulua Ministry Training Centre in Santo, Vanuatu. Her studies will be used for the benefit of the CWF of Vanuatu and her church community.

Please pray for Esline.

## **Winifred Kiek Fellowship**

At the discretion of the trustees, in consultation with the 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 visit State/Territory Units under such a Fellowship.

<b>Winifred Kiek Scholars</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
Sue Nitrai	2000	Australia	Theology
Celestial Lusi	2001	Solomon Islands	Theology
Lai Mui Ching (April)	2002	Hong Kong	MA On Women in Relation to Religion
Monique Crabtree	2003	Australia	Religious Education
Gaye Inall	2003	Australia	Deaf Education
Susan Liersch	2003	Australia	Christian Counselling
Mereani Dinacika Raqeu	2004	Fiji	Ministry to Women in Sex Industry
Siok Cheng Chew	2005	Malaysia	Advanced Certificate Autism
Anju Borgoary	2005	India	Pastoral Counselling
Vivian Cheung	2006	Australia	MA Theology
Tania Eichler	2006	Australia	Dip. 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
Esline Toamavute	2016	Vanuatu	International Women's Conference

### **Winifred Kiek Fellowship Recipients**

Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam	1981	Dr Esther Byu	1999
Mrs Eunice Kim	1984	Ms Christina Wong Wai-Yin	2003
Mrs Rachel Matthew	1991	Rev. Valamotu Palu	2005
Mrs Annathaie Abaysekara	1991	Ms Shu-Wen Chiang	2007
Rev. Mary Y K Au	1993	Ms Corazon Tabing-Reyes	2009
Mrs Violet Sampa-Bredt	1993	Rev. Lee, Moon-Sook	2011
Mrs Janice Shearer	1995	Mrs Esther Kilagblian	2013
Deaconess Barkat K Dass	1996	Mrs Devika Ukwatte	2015
Rev. Iluminada Domingo	1997		