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KIEK, Rev. Winifred, 1884-1975

PRG 225  
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Winifred Kiek (nee Jackson) was born in Manchester, one of three children of a devout Quaker family. She was educated initially at a Dame's School run by a Mrs. Bullock, later moving to Raby Street School, and then to Urmston British School in 1896. At the age of 16 she won a "King's Scholarship" which enabled her to continue her education at the Manchester Pupil Training Centre. She matriculated in 1904, and received a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University in Manchester in 1907 before starting work as a teacher at Manley Park School.

In 1909 Winifred Jackson met Edward Sidney Kiek while visiting Switzerland, and they were married in 1911. As Edward was already a Congregational Minister she joined this church at the time of her marriage.

In 1919 Edward was accepted as Principal of Parkin College in Adelaide, and the family thus moved to Adelaide. Here Winifred took part in the academic life of the College, and in 1923 qualified for her Bachelor of Divinity degree from Melbourne University. In 1926 she offered her services to the Congregational Church in Colonel Light Gardens, and was accepted, the next year being ordained in this church, the first woman minister in Australia. Mrs. Kiek remained here for eight years before moving to the Knoxville Congregational Church for another eight years, until she resigned in 1946.

Throughout her married life, Mrs. Kiek and her husband were involved in many organisations as well as pastoral and family activities, often holding executive positions. In 1935 Winifred Kiek was President of the Women's Non-Party Association, in 1936 became President of the Congregational Church Women's Society of S.A.; and was President of the Congregational Women's Association of Australia and New Zealand 1943-1946. She also held the position of President of the League of Women Voters, and was Vice-chairman of the Congregational Union 1945-46, and Acting Chairman to 1947.

In 1945 she was invited to write an article for *The American Churchwoman*, and in the next year was appointed by the World Council of Churches to conduct a nationwide questionnaire on "Women's Work in Churches". Subsequently, she was appointed Liaison Officer for work among Women in Australia by the W.W.C., a position that brought her into contact with both the Women's Inter-Church Council and the Australian Council of Churches. In 1950 Winifred Kiek was made a member of the World Council Commission on the "Life and Work of Women in Churches", and in 1953 was appointed convenor of the World Council Commission on Cooperation of Men and Women in Society, a position she held for 4 years.

Such positions meant a lot of travel, and in 1952 Winifred Kiek travelled to Oxford for a W.C.C. conference and to New Zealand for a Pan-Pacific (of which she was President) and South-East Asia Women's Association of Australia. Her annual report in 1956 included a report on a visit to Ceylon.

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In 1949 both the Kieks travelled to the United States to attend the International Council of Congregational Churches at Wellesley College, Massachusetts. Edward Kiek resigned as principal of Parkin College in 1957, and the couple worked briefly in Brisbane, Katoomba and Ballarat before returning to Adelaide. Edward Kiek died on the way home, but Winifred Kiek returned to perform many more services before her death in 1975. Several series in this record group relate to Edward Kiek, whose work as a congregation minister and principal of Parkin College closely paralleled his wife's in terms of interest. Biographical details of his life may be found in series 31.

(Based on Winifred: The Story of Winifred Kiek, by M.L. Knauerhause; and biographical notes in PRG 225/-).

Additional reference:

The Register, Adelaide, Tuesday June 14, 1927

page 4: Church, Home and Children – Mrs Winifred Kiek's Ideals.”

page 11; “First Woman Minister – Mrs Winifred Kiek Ordained.”

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| Papers relating to the Rev. Winifred Kiek's ordination comprising an order of service leaflet, the Ordination Statement, a notice from the Registrar-General about the marriage act, and 2 newspaper articles relating to the ordination.<br>1927. 0.5cm.                       | <u>1</u> |
| Papers relating to Winifred Kiek's tenure as minister to the Colonel Light Gardens Church, comprising reports, financial papers, programmes, notes and The Church Magpie magazine.<br>1927-1938. See Special List for Series 2 for details.                                     | <u>2</u> |
| Papers relating to the "Society for the Ministry of Women" comprising a statement of aims, an application form for membership, a list entitled "Roll of Ministers", a Prayer List, and booklet titled "Women Free Church Ministers" (2 copies).<br>1929-1930 and n.d. 8 folios. | <u>3</u> |
| Papers relating to the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia and New Zealand, comprising correspondence, open letters, leaflets and notes, together with a history, a programme and devotion booklet for the Golden Jubilee.<br>1939-1969. 2cm.                        | <u>4</u> |
| Papers relating to the Chairmanship and Presidency of the Congregational Union of S.A., comprising two letters to Mrs. Kiek and a programme for the Service of Induction.<br>1945-1948. 3 folios.                                                                               | <u>5</u> |

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- Papers relating to the sixth International Council of Congregational Churches held in Massachusetts at Wellesley College, including itineraries, programmes, reports, correspondence, photographs, postcards, newspaper articles, booklets and a diary kept by Mrs. Kiek. Also included are papers relating to the rest of the trip, elsewhere in America and in England.  
1948-1949. 3cm. 6
- Papers relating to the questionnaire on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, conducted by the World Council of Churches over the period of 1946-1948 for discussion at the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam. Includes correspondence, a copy of the questionnaire, a synopsis of the results and newspaper clippings.  
1946-1948. 1.5cm. 7
- Papers relating to Winifred Kiek's role as Liason Officer for Women for the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches. Includes correspondence, reports, and printed material, with a large portion of the material concerned with the Commission on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church and Society; and the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Churches. It is closely related to PRG 225/7 which precedes it.  
1948-1971. 6cm. 8
- Papers relating to "Australian Church Women" and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship which was implemented and administered by this organisation. Included is correspondence, a history of the A.C.W., papers relating to the establishment of the scholarship, notes, and material on various scholarship holders. See Special List for Series 9 for details.  
1964-1973. 1cm. 9
- Sermons written and preached by the Rev. Winifred Kiek. The majority are in typescript with manuscript annotations and often include related notes and details of where the sermons were preached. See Special List for Series 10 for details.  
1921-1945 and n.d. 5cm. 10
- Manuscript of "We of One House" written by Winifred Kiek which consists of a series of letters written to her father, and a printed version of the same.  
c.1954. 1cm (51 folios). 11
- Book of typewritten manuscripts entitled Their God and Ours, a series of 24 sermon essays on Old Testament themes written by Winifred Kiek.  
n.d. 4cm. 12

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Notes prepared for talks for broadcast on radio stations (usually 5CL). These include: Through Understanding to Unity (13/7/1939) After World Tour '49 State Women's Magazine (Beatrice Ternan) 27/11/1950 Womens Magazine (Sydney) (Beatrice Ternan) 1/12/1950 State Women's Magazine (Beatrice Ternan) 8/6/1951 Broadcast Notes (n.d.); and What is Lebens-Raum? (n.d.), 1939-1951. 23 folios.	<u>13</u>
Writings of Winifred Kiek, mostly in the form of an address, but including note form. Some are identified as to the purpose, and few are dated. See Special List for Series 14 for details. c.1925-1950. 1cm.	<u>14</u>
Published articles by Winifred Kiek, appearing mainly in newspapers. See Special List for Series 15 for details. 1921-1959. 3cm.	<u>15</u>
Prayers of "Chiefly Wartime Intercession Services", several of which are included in Order of service sheets. 1915-1947.and n.d. 1cm.	<u>16</u>
Copies of Congregational Women, the magazine of the International Congregational Church. Includes issues 1, and 5 to 12 inclusive. 1950-1955. 2cm.	<u>17</u>
Correspondence to Mrs. Kiek from the Chief Secretary's Office on the appointment of the former as a Probation Officer. Also included is a newspaper clipping about the probation scheme, and regulations relating to the position. 1925-1935. 11 folios + envelope	<u>18</u>
Papers relating to the pre-war International Peace Campaign and associated groups and activities. Includes leaflets, notes, minutes, broadcast notes and newspaper clippings. 1928-1957. 3cm. [Note: loose folios have been bound, but the notebook containing the minutes is filed adjacent to the other papers].	<u>19</u>
Papers relating to Federal Union, including leaflets, articles, letters, notes and newspaper clippings. 1939-1957. 1cm.	<u>20</u>
Papers relating to the Post-War Reconstruction Study Circle, comprising minutes of meetings (written by hand in an exercise book), and duplicated sheets of questions, and findings. 1941. 0.5cm.	<u>21</u>

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- Papers relating to the World Day of Prayer,  
comprising drafts of letters, the President's message, a sermon,  
and a booklet.  
1947 and 1958. 20 folios. 22
- Papers relating to the Pan-Pacific Women's Association  
comprising correspondence, photographs, roneoed material and  
a magazine article. See Special List for Series 23 for details.  
1948-1961. 13 items. 23
- Papers relating to Winifred Kiek's role as a member and president  
of the League of Women Voters. Includes leaflets,  
correspondence, a photo, and reports. See Special List for  
Series 24 for details.  
1945-1970 and n.d. 13 items. 24
- Correspondence from the International Congregational Council.  
1965-1966. 3 folios. 25
- Certificates of attainment and degrees for Winifred Kiek  
(nee Jackson), and documents relating to her educational  
attainments, comprising references, scholarships,  
programmes, membership cards of societies and invitations.  
1892-1929. 2 cm. 26
- Correspondence received by Winifred Kiek,  
with a few copies of replies sent, and a card.  
1920-1970. 36 folios envelopes. 27
- Papers relating to puppetry, including scripts, newspaper cuttings,  
photographs, journals, programmes and notes, See Special  
List for Series 28 for details.  
1937-1951. 2.5cm. 28
- Papers relating to Winifred Kiek's family, including the 29  
  1. Marriage Certificate of John Thwaite Harker and  
Susanna Brook, 1852;
  2. The will of John Thwaite, 1864;
  3. A school report for Margaret J. Harker, 1869;
  4. Ackworth Sghool 1871 Class List.;
  5. Ackworth School General Meeting: Questions for First Class  
of Boys, 1872;
  6. Admission ticket to the Centenary of Ackworth School, 1879;
  7. A letter to Winifred Kiek from her mother 1909;
  8. And a funeral card for Margaret Jane Jackson, 1911.  
1852-1911. 8 items.

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Biographical notes on Winifred Kiek, written at different times and in varying degrees of detail. 1949-1974. 1cm.	<u>30</u>
Photographs See Special List for Series 31 for details. 1928-1949 and n.d. 7 items.	<u>31</u>
Special publications: Johns' London Weekly Coronation Number 1937; Women's World Vol. 2, No. 21, 1923; Coronation issue of the <i>Manchester Guardian</i> , 3/6/1953, 1923-1953. 3 items.	<u>32</u>
Newsprint photos of designs for a Sinhalese Chapel at Trinity College, Kandy. n.d. 6 folios + envelope.	<u>33</u>
Newspaper clippings on various subjects. 1913-1964 and n.d, 3cm.	<u>34</u>
Published material in the form of booklets and pamphlets covering a wide range of topics. See Special List for Series 35 for details. 1923-1968 and n.d. 5cm.	<u>35</u>
Miscellaneous papers. See Special List for Series 36 for details. 1909-1964. 1cm.	<u>36</u>