

Notes on Meeting

Sub-Committee on Case-Studies
Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group

Brussels, 21 September 1970

Present: Maria Meersman, Kitty Strong

Ten case-studies so far have been received, two of which are inadequate. One more is being solicited from Ceylon so that we ought to have at least nine usable ones. They come from a good geographic spread and represent a variety of experiments.

It was decided that the case studies should be left as they are (with the exception of one which included a lot of related documentation), and mimeographed for distribution to all members of the WELG and the participants in the Rome meeting. The following questions will be the basis of a period of discussion in Rome:

- 1) Evaluate each case-study as to whether you consider it a valuable ecumenical experiment or not. On the basis of what criteria do you make your judgement? Do you think these case studies would prove stimulating to local groups who are interested in trying to plan some form of ecumenical encounter? If so, what questions would you suggest be added to each case to make it more valuable as a tool for discussion? If you don't like these, do you think others could be found which would be stimulating?
- 2) What general principles can you draw from these case-studies which would serve as guide-lines for local groups in planning for ecumenical encounters?
- 3) Are there basic questions which come out of consideration of these case-studies which warrant further study and discussion by the WELG?

In reading through the case-studies, the Sub-Committee attempted to draw up a list of possible answers to these questions.

It was further decided that the agenda of the Case-study session of the Rome meeting should be roughly as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 27

9.30 - 10.00 Presentation of case-studies, M. Meersman

10.00 - 12.45 Break-up into 3 small groups for discussion:

Group I: consider case studies no I Switzerland (French), no II Argentina, no III Edinburgh, Scotland.
(This group will be French-speaking and the case-studies for this group will be translated into French)

Group II: consider case-studies no IV Switzerland (German), no V Netherlands, no VI Ceylon.

Group III: consider case-studies no VII Australia, no VIII Tanzania, no IX Scotland (CORBY)

16.00 - 19.15 Plenary - K. Strong in chair.

Summary of findings - Suggestions for future - Conclusions.

A complete set of the case-studies and the questions will be given to each participant at the time of their arrival in Rome. Study and discussion of them will be carried out in small groups during the morning session. -