

MINUTES OF THE GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL,
Held at St Christopher's Catholic Church
5 Doon Avenue, Mt Waverley
Wednesday, 3rd February 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, Joe Persico, Agnes De Roza, Ray Lamerand, John Hurst, Tony Hodges, Pat Hodges.

Apologies:

Welcome: Jan welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer

Spiritual reading. Psalm 103: 1-8. There was some discussion regarding the meaning of a few of the verses, particularly "...your youth is renewed like the eagle's" and "Slow to anger and abounding in love". It was felt that the psalm or verses thereof, call for patience with those you love.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Regular activities for 2016

- Christian Unity Celebration. Joe gave a brief resume of the background of this event. Invitations have been sent out to member Churches and a meeting will be held at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on 23th February at 8.00pm. Joe is Chair of this meeting. Tony gave a copy of the GWICC contact list to Joe and is to send the latest version to Jan and Francesco. The correct name for the Priest in Residence at St. Justin's is Fr. Francis Reddy Mondeddu.
- World Day of Prayer. Jan advised that she understood that Val Noble was to attend this meeting. Jan to follow up with Val.
- Way of the Cross: Pat and Tony talked through the To Do list. Copy attached.
- Joint meeting with Mt Waverley-Chadstone ICC. Jan or Francisco to contact Mt Waverley-Chadstone ICC to arrange a suitable date.
- Recruiting of new members & Leadership: Several items were submitted for consideration before our next meeting. Approach Ministers at Way of The Cross; perhaps change the model of the meeting; try to revive interest in the local Ministers Fraternal as it is the belief of delegates that without involvement of minister it will be extremely difficult to recruit more delegates.
- List of services and churches in the Monash Council area to be sent out in May.
- Cycle of Prayer roster for 2015-2016 has been distributed.
- Advertising Services for Easter on our website. John and Joe are waiting on information from Francisco. John to send email to member churches seeking information re current service times.
- Information letter to Aged Care Facilities to be sent out in May.
- Advertising Christmas Services to be discussed later in the year.
- Nativity Scene Thanks to Ray for organising this in 2015. 2016 to be organised later in the year.

GWIC Member Churches happenings:

St Justin's: Pastoral Council to meet with Parish Priest and Priest in Charge on Thursday to discuss future directions.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church: The church is once again seeking a Childrens' and Families Minister.

St Christopher's now has 2 people working with youth, one for younger children, and the other for those transitioning to tertiary studies. Fr. Ralph is taking an interest in the older group.

Glen Waverley Anglican Church: One member of the parish is being ordained next Sunday and will continue her work in the parish. Several candidates cannot be ordained as there are no parishes available for them.

Interfaith activities

The recent seminar was very well attended. Rev Costello was very informative. The second speaker was a Muslim lady who debunked many ideas about the teachings of Islam on the status of women. The next meeting of the Inter-Faith Group will be held on Thursday, 17th March at the Monash Council Chambers.

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Letters to Churches; seeking speakers for the Way of The Cross.

The Meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Next meeting will be held at 6 Harptree Close, Rowville on Wednesday March 2nd at 7.30pm