

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF GLEN WAVERLEY AND DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL AND MOUNT WAVERLEY CHADSTONE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Held at Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Wednesday, 6th September 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, John Hurst, Tony & Pat Hodges, Francisco Disilvestro, Julie Ross, Bernadette Allan,

Apologies: Margery Kennett, Hazel Roberts

Spiritual Reading

Story: Wait until you get to the corner.

There was an interesting discussion about the reading

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

Every member introduction

Tony Hodges: God Shepherd,

Pat Hodges, St. Barnabas

John Hurst: GW Uniting

Bernadette Allan: Holly Redeemer, Oakleigh

James Douglas: St Luke Uniting

Jan Clear: Glen Waverley Uniting

Julie Ross, Uniting Church

Francisco Disilvestro, St Leonard's

General business

The way of the cross

- MWCICC Stopped a few years ago. For the past three years they start in St John, first station in the church, and then continue through roads, final station back at the church. They created a book, it is evolving every year.
- Tony H. asked for a copy of the liturgy
- Tony H describes the way to the cross organised by GWICC at the reserve (oval)
- MWCICC - Gathering after the event is very important. Discussion about possibility of doing something similar at GWICC

Shared responsibilities

- Tony H: Joe Persico prepares a list of services in the districts that goes out in May
- Program to visit / talk to lonely people
- Food for Friends: Bernadette Allan, around 10 churches involved, they have permission from IGA Mount Waverley, the 10 churches everyone has a morning of activities. They give letters to customers of IGA, so they can put something on the trolley.
- St John allows the donation to go to the church. 90-100 boxes of food in a week. They distributed among 10 churches. Also they got 900\$ in the collection box. Each church nominates the charity(es) that will get the goods.

Activities:

- Christmas Carols is perhaps the biggest activity for MWCICC, fifth year, get the ground from Monash Council. They had a function on the Church.
- They wanted to do something more related to church than the Jells Park one. The event has increased, it almost fills the parking lot
- GWICC – Way of the cross, biggest event. The next important events are the Christmas sign and Ecumenical celebration.
- MW – Ecumenical hymn singing
- 500 years of Martin Luther, special events. – High Street road – 29 October 4:00 pm
- Exchange to America, Julie Ross was in Oregon, by means of a grant for Uniting Church to be a Pastor in Portland (It is a gorgeous little church), while the Pastor from Portland would come to Australia.. She applied, and got accepted.
- A foundation covered all costs, she stayed with a family. She was the minister there for 5 weeks.
- Interesting experiences related with the gay communities, families of same gender parents, with kids.

Victorian Council of Churches

- No updates

Correspondence In**Correspondence Out**

The Meeting concluded at 9:20 pm

Next meeting will be the GWICC AGM. It will be held at St Leonards (location to be confirmed) on Wednesday 22 November at 7.30pm