

MINUTES OF THE GLEN WAVERLEY AND DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Held at St Christopher's Church
Syndal
Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jan Clear, Francisco Disilvestro, Pat & Tony Hodges, Ray Lamerand, Agnes de Roza, Joe & Anthea Persico, John Hurst

Apologies: NA

Welcome:

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

Faith Reading/Discussion

Discussion about Australia Day, what does it mean to each of us.

- Comments about giving more credit to Aboriginal on issues such as fire control, after the big fires in January.
- Australia is a great country where we can profess the faith that we believe in
- Australia was called the land of the holy spirit, before captain cook
- Extraordinary willingness to help others. Case of Coronovirus, fires, donations to affected people

Treasures report:

- Current balance: \$607.60 AUD in the bank account
- The responses from Churches have been low in regards to the annual contribution, only about 6~7 churches responded. John will try to contact those Churches that have not responded yet

Correspondence In & Out:

- No correspondence since the last meeting

Regular Activities for 2020:

- a) World day of prayer:
Will be held at Syndal Baptist Church on Friday March 6th. The speaker will be with Rev. Tim Costello and the country is Zimbabwe. Val Noble is retiring
- b) Ecumenical Celebrations:
 - There is an agreement about a proposal made during the last joint meeting with MWCICC to communicate via email. There is no need to have an in-person meeting
 - Proposed themes for this year are: Fire recovery, Environment, Medical Research

- The date for visiting Sunday is 24th of May, the Sunday that follows Ascension Day.

c) Way of the Cross:

- To be held on Good Friday - 10 April 2020.
- Reminder Letters to Parishes will be sent in March.
- Francisco Disilvestro will help with the booklet formatting, based on previous year's feedback
- Joe will look for options about the sound system

d) Joint Meeting with Mount Waverley Chadstone ICC:

Proposed to be at MWCICC chosen place, will be organized after visiting Sunday

e) Letter for hotels:

The letters will be issued and delivered during May

f) Website:

- There was an moderate response for Christmas, few regulars, lower than expected
- Recommended to draft a proposal for new content
- The website had 1400 access since 02 December 2019

Nativity scene:

All went well; the sign was erected and removed according to the Council permit.

Church Happenings:

- Pat Hodges: New Minister, from Forest Hill, St Marks
- St Justin's: Major rework, undergoing repair car park extension
- Glen Waverley Uniting Church: Book Fair, 29 February

Council of Churches

No activities to report

Monash Interfaith

- Working on Youth Forum, to be held on 26 March.
- Few youth from different congregations to answer questions from the public.
- Looking for New secretary (due to Joe Persico issue with the hand)

Next Meeting:

Will be on 4th March – at St Justin (To be confirmed)