

MINUTES FOR JOINT GWICC & MWCICC MEETING HELD ON Monday, February 6th, 2023 [on Zoom]

Welcome: Ros Faichney welcomed everyone

Devotions were led by Rev James Douglas. James read a section from Matthew's gospel followed by a commentary and prayer which encouraged us to find new ways for standing up for others and courage to venture into the unknown.

Present: Anthea & Joe Persico [St Justin's RC], Fran Brooke, Karolee Jones, Margery Kennett [MWUC], John Hurst, Janice Clear, [GWUC], Rev James Douglas, Heather Spurling, Gavin Faichney, Ros Faichney [St Luke's UC], Francisco Disilvestro [St Leonard's RC], Doug Hastings, Margaret Taylor [St Stephens & St Mary's AC],

Apologies: Louise Kulkens [St Mary Magdalen RC], Rev David Moffatt [Swedenborg Community], Noelle Sullivan [Holy Family].

1. Reports:

Glen Waverley ICC: Janice Clear: Tony and Pat Hodges are leaving the GWICC due to relocation to Warrnambool, and leaving a huge hole in the work and activities of the ICC. The Advent board was erected two weeks before Christmas at Central Reserve. The Way of the Cross was regarded as a "low risk function" by the Monash Council and therefore has the go ahead. It will be run as in the past with readings at each of the stations.

Mount Waverley Chadstone ICC: Ros Faichney: After trouble gaining permission from the Monash Council, the ICC Stall on 10 December was very successful with several features: a manger scene built by Rev David Moffat, three vocalists [James Douglas, Gavin Faichney, David Moffat] sang various carols unaccompanied; good camaraderie between the various ICC members, \$1395 raised for Act for Peace from the sale of goods on the stall. Food for Friends: 111 boxes, \$1200 raised with the 6 charities selected from the 8 participating churches. An excellent ICC event. James and David will be purchasing a new sound system for the Way of the Cross. Semisi Tauali'i and James will be revisiting the script before Easter.

2. World Day of Prayer: Friday March 3rd at St Stephen's and St Mary's AC at 10am for 10.30am. There will be no live streaming as the operator works during the week. Invitations to VIPs will be sent. Doug Hastings pointed out that MWCICC & GWICC are now in two state electorates, so both State MPs will need to be invited.

3. Suggestion that the two ICCs permanently meet together due to GW struggling to have sufficient Council members especially after the Hodge family leave. There are only three engaged congregations. James Douglas opened the discussion by saying he was not opposed to the concept, but wondered if combining would solve the problem as the MWCICC also has fewer members than in the past. John Hurst explained that the 'critical mass' is very small. Gavin Faichney mentioned that 42 years ago, the MWCICC grew out of the GWICC. It was agreed that the clergy vary in their support of the ICC, and this affects the representation on the Council.

James: The proposal will be put to members of both ICCs with a motion to work towards a trial period as soon as possible. Francisco emphasized the need to think about the situation; the ICC could not continue if the situation is not changed; a transformation is required, not just repetition. John compared it to the 'economies of scale' concept which may enable diversity.

4. Ecumenical visiting Sunday. The date will be Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023 [the first Sunday after Pentecost and the 50th day after Easter]. Reference was made to the Proposal of Joe Persico which had previously been circulated. The Bible readings on one side of the Proposal was background information as to why this Visiting Sunday is a Celebration. The Ceremony was accepted, with the need to ensure that the "All" prepare at the bottom of the sheet, was part of the Ceremony, not the end of the Church Service. Joe would be sending out various forms and information before June.

5. Dates for 2023/24

The following dates for future meetings were to be put in the calendar although circumstances may change and they become redundant.

All Zoom meetings on the first Monday of the following months:

May 1st; August 7th October 2nd March 1st, 2024

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm with the Grace