

MINUTES OF THE **GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL**, Held
at St Justin's Catholic Church
Monday, 4th July 2011

Welcome by Joe Persico.

Present: Joe Persico, Val Noble, Peter McCluskey, Tony Hodges, Ray Lamerand, Enda Eames, Gloria More, Ros Faichney, Gavin Faichney, Allan Clausen, Pat Hodges.

Apologies: John Hurst, Pat Hollinson

Welcome by Joe Persico to Allan, Ros and Gavin from Mt Waverley Chadstone ICC, followed by The Lord's prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Proposed Val Noble, seconded Enda Eames. Apologies once again for the mis-spelling of Eve Trpak's name..

Regular activities

- There was a discussion over a newspaper article regarding refugees sending money to relatives abroad.
- Christmas Advertising. As advertising in the local papers has become very expensive, other options were discussed.
The ICC website could be added to our Christmas sign. This would enable access to the times of services.
Mt Waverley could add a link to its website 'Waverley Churches in Glen Waverley', Re: websites. At present Mt Waverley has Chadstone and Mt Waverley and we are shown as Glen Waverley Interchurch Council. Should we link both under 'Monash Churches' with a map which has already been organised for distribution to hotels and motels in the municipality. (Need to add The New Church on High Street Rd to the list and map.)
Ros to get in touch with John Hurst and discuss the idea.
- Tony has sent copies of our information letter to all Aged Care facilities.
- Nativity Scene/Christmas sign. Mt Waverley has a sign that is renewed each year.
Glen Waverley had a sign last year produced by Judd White Real Estate. The sign for this year to be decided at the next meeting.
Pat to write to the Monash Council to book the site on the corner of Springvale and Waverley Roads for 2 weeks prior to Christmas.

Joint Items

- Website of Inter-Church Councils – already discussed.
- Nativity Scene/Christmas sign – already discussed
- Easter Event 2012. Mt Waverley ICC. Jim has organised a meeting with the relevant people at Holy Family.
- Religious Education in schools has come under fierce criticism of late. Mount Waverley ICC has a letter going out to schools.
- World Day of Prayer. Val to see if Holy Family will host this in 2012

New activities for 2011

Additional member recruitment. There were no replies from member churches when asked for a representative on the Council. Mt Waverley ICC has set a limit of 4 representatives from each Church, not counting clergy who are always welcome.

We had hoped to hear from the Glen Waverley Church of Christ whose minister had shown interest when approached by Val.

The Salvation Army are happy to take part in the Way of The Cross but are too involved in the

community to be part of the GWICC.

The Lutheran Church has one minister to serve what were 2 parishes and has shown no interest in taking part in the ICC.

Video Competition

- The idea of young people making a video about how they worship was suggested. Tony proposed a study of this as there are many issues (privacy etc.) to be considered.
- Ray brought forward the idea of youth sitting around a table and talking about their faith and worship.
- Perhaps each church could have a video clip on its website.

Enda to put a proposal forward to both Glen Waverley and Mt Waverley ICCs.

Mental Health. St Luke's Anglican Church held seminars on this subject with one focussing on Youth Depression. It was organised by Christine and Ron McCulloch. Ros to find contact details and send to Joe.

Lenten and Advent studies. Mt Waverley organised these with the Advent studies being based on Handel's Messiah. These were held at St Luke's and were a combination of music from the Oratorio (several versions of this were played for comparison) with scripture readings and discussion. Mt Waverley to inform us if they are to be run again.

Choirs singing in The Glen shopping centre.

John Hurst suggested that the GWICC could consider organising for choirs of member Churches to sing in the centre prior to Christmas. Pat to check with management of The Glen.

John Hurst asked if it would be possible in future years to move the July meeting from the first week of July as this will avoid it clashing with his commitments to Glen Waverley Uniting Church that month.

Victorian Council of Churches

Rev. Ian Smith has been commissioned as President for a term of 2 years.

The Meeting concluded at 9.45 pm

Next meeting will be held at Yeronga, Larch Crescent, Syndal, at 7.30pm on Monday, 5th September.

Meetings for the remainder of 2011

November 7th