

MEETING OF MT WAVERLEY.-CHADSTONE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
Thursday, 22nd October, 2015 at 7.45pm
at St Luke's Uniting Church, Mt Waverley

Devotions –were led by Rev James Douglas.

Chairman's Welcome – Veronica Nicoll

Apologies:- as per attendance sheet held by Secretary

1 News from the Churches

- 1.1 **St Mary Madgalen's RC** Louise Kulkens reported that Father Chris Toms is now back in Melbourne. A recent Hoppers Evening was very successful. The two seminarians Adalbert and Sebastian have now left Melbourne. They have gone to Hong Kong and New York respectively for a year before returning to Australia to study for the priesthood..There has been a school art and craft display. There will be a fete on Saturday, November 7th. Two visiting priests have been at SMM while Father Chris Toms was away.
- 1.2 **St Luke's UC** Allan Clausen spoke of the Skype Hook up with Tent of Nations on October 29th at St Luke's. Rev James Douglas led a recent service on "Hearing the Hurt", both being sorry for those who are hurt and recognizing our role in hurting others. On Sunday October 25th, there is a service for the Preschool and also Blessing the Animals. A dinner for the West Papuans is on Saturday, October 24th
- 1.3 **St Philip's AC** Pat and Anne Hollinson said the fete in early September was successful. Father Jeremy Morgan has initiated a Man Cave at St Philip's on the 3rd Friday of each month. The room has a pool table and a large screen TV. Nineteen men attended the recent gathering. He is also working on a forming a group of young people from the community and Monash University to discuss "How to go forward in the Christian religion".
- 1.4 **The New Church** Marika Sivak said there is no full time minister yet. They have visiting interstate ministers. They are running workshops on the future of the church. The ladies are meeting for coffee and a chat and have formed a book discussion group.
- 1.5 **Christ the Holy Redeemer RC** Bernadette Allan reported that Father John Magri has been reappointed as the Priest of the Parish with its two churches. He has already served there for nine years. RCIA began last week introducing people including older children into the Catholic Faith.
- 1.6 **High Street Road UC** Rev Julie Ross said that the Hill Top Fete is on November 14th. On Sunday October 25th, Pastor Gospel and his wife Grace will be at High Street Road for the evening service and meal. They are Burmese immigrants who now attend Mulgrave UC and live at the flats at St Mark's UC. Julie Ross has attended a successful workshop initiated by James Douglas and organised by Katrina Dowling on writing sacred music. Julie has written a hymn. The church is half way through confirmation classes for 4 young people. The service is on November 8th. "heArt of Christmas" is planned for Sunday December 13th. There will be a Family Service with a children's play followed by a barbeque lunch and exhibition of Christmas art and craft. People are asked to lend Christmas art or craft to be exhibited.
- 1.7 **St Mark's UC** Rev Raj Perera said that Rev Inia Mavai was not able to attend this meeting. Raj was "loaned" by Synod to go to London for a week. He attended a conference about Harmony in Sri Lanka. Of the countries represented, UK, Norway, Sri Lanka, Germany, US, Canada and Australia, only Victoria has made an attempt to promote harmony. In February/March 2016. all these countries will send people to attend Harmony Day in Melbourne. The 55 person Sri Lankan choir, ConChord, has had successful concerts in Melbourne and Sydney recently.. The initiative has come from David Pargeter.
- 1.8 **St John's UC** Rev Clive Skewes has served as Supply Minister since May but will finish his term in mid November. Rev Bill Perry will take over until mid February. The process of calling a new minister is a long one. The recent St John's and Bethel Korean Presbyterian Churches Dinner was very successful with each group enjoying the other's dishes,
- 1.9 **Holy Family RC** Veronica Nicoll reported that the new Parish Administrator, Father Nicholas Pearce, is settling in. Veronica has briefed him about the ICC. It is too late for 2015, but the Holy Family Carols may be moved to another date in 2016 to fit in with the Community Carols in the Village. Father Pearce works for two days a week with the Archdiocese Vocations Office. The other Priest, Father Michael Kelly is moving to a new community in South St Albans.

2 Minutes of the meeting on August 27th 2015 were signed by Veronica Nicoll. Moved Gavin Faichney, seconded Rev James Douglas.

3 Business arising:-

- Joint MWCICC & GWICC meeting held on September 9th –
Rev Julie Ross reported on
the planning for the meeting on Australian Aid Contributions for November 4th,

reaching to non-English speaking Christian communities, information on Christmas services in the Churches, Monash Inter Faith Gathering (MIF) wanting more Christian members. The MWCICC is not represented as such on MIF. Individuals become members after attending three meetings. The MWCICC history which they highly commended.

3 Treasurer's Report Financial statement 22/10/2015 Moved Bernadette Allan, seconded Veronica Nicoll

Opening Balance	\$2993.51
Income	
Subscription	\$100
Vemassee collection	\$326.50
Interest	05
Expenses	
Asylum seeker donation	\$469.50
Printing expenses	\$253.00
Balance 30/09	\$2697.56

Outstanding cheque Vemassee \$ 326.50, letter of thanks received
 Income Monash Council Carols grant \$ 2750 banked 3/10

4 Correspondence: See agenda.

IN Also an invitation from the Mayor of Monash to recipients of grants to attend Afternoon Tea. Ros Faichney attended for the ICC and Bernadette Allan for Monash Oakleigh CIS.

A letter from Waverley Benevolent Society (WBS) to inform donors that WBS is moving from Holskamp Street, Mt Waverley to open at Link at 2 Euneva St, Glen Waverley on November 9th.

A letter from Monash Friends of Vemassee to thank the ICC for its donation from the collection from the Ecumenical Hymn Singing.

A letter from Lentara

A newsletter (electronic) from the Islamic Council of Victoria (to be distributed with these minutes)

OUT Also To Keith Irwin of Ashwood Mt Waverley Lions concerning the gift of 15 Lions Christmas cakes for the Carols. A disclaimer is required once the cakes are cut up for distribution.

Three Carols management plans to the Monash Council.

5 General Business:-

6.1 Report on preparations for the Carols – Ros Faichney – items on which church members should be focusing: selection of carols; provision of chairs for the Carols; Christmas church service times; potential manpower & helpers for the Carols. Ros presented a spreadsheet with jobs, due dates, items, details and outcomes.

Holy Family RC will lend 250 chairs. Monash Council has given permission for an offering to be collected. It will be used to defray costs and if any is left over for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Musical items are being arranged, so far from the Sri Lankan Choir, Greek choir, Brass quartet, Gould Family +. The Children's Tent sub-committee is as in 2014. Rev Julie Ross will introduce the Carols and will talk about the 30 year Anniversary of the ICC. The programme will include the service times for all churches **Please send this information to the Faichneys by the end of October.** The programme will be prepared by November 9th and emailed to the musicians. Anna Burke's office will be asked to print the programmes. St Luke's UC has 6 marquees. The Kulkens family will provide the Children's tent. Rob Barrow and Bernie Perera from St Mary Madgalen's RC will volunteer their services all day. Stewart Nicoll will organise transport of the 250 chairs from Holy Family RC. **Manpower is required from 2.30 pm to erect the stage and marquees.** There will be a sound check at 6.00pm for all choirs. Councillor Rebecca Patterson has suggested that a mat should be placed in front of the stage for children to sit. Ros will prepare a backdrop of a nativity scene for the Children's Tent. Margaret Taylor and Margery Kennett will organize publicity with the Leader, Crosslight, Newsbeat, The Melbourne Anglican and Kairos and enquire about the poster at the Mt Waverley ANZ Bank. Qualified First Aider will be required.

6.2 Design for a banner – Ros Faichney; Margery Kennett Margery Kennett has met and corresponded by email with Lisa Weller of Jellis Craig concerning sign boards and banners. Ros Faichney has contacted Bryce Wellington for a quote for a wide banner with the MWCICC logo and "Carols Here Tonight" to hang between trees in Stephenson's Road and a pull up banner system to use at all ICC events. It was decided to ask Jellis Craig to supply the long banner but to commission the free-standing banner from Bryce Wellington (quote \$280 + GST \$28 = \$308). Jellis Craig also offered to provide DL cards to be handled locally (i.e. letter box drops) within the community. These are 21 mm x10 mm cards with information about the Carols on one side and a Jellis Craig advertisement on the other. It was agreed to ask Jellis Craig to supply and distribute the DL cards.

6.3 Monash Friends of Vemassee (MFofV): Allan Clausen Allan reported that the AGM was held on the day prior to this meeting. MFofV were pleased with the donation from the Ecumenical Hymn Singing. Five members visited Vemassee recently so have a good understanding of the situation in Vemassee. The Mayor and others at Monash Council are very interested in Vemassee and would like to visit there in future years. Allan would like the ICC to invite a committee member to attend to brief an ICC meeting in 2016. Allan has retired as President, a post he has held since he and others set up the Friendship group. He was congratulated at the MFof V meeting and again at the ICC meeting for his dedicated work.

6.4 Food for Friends: Margery Kennett distributed the draft roster for the member churches to confirm contacts, times, recipients and pick up details. Letters have been written to Ritchies IGA and St John;s UC.

6.4 AGM – Nomination forms were organized for the 2016 ICC committee.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Rev Julie Ross announced that a meeting was to be held at High Street Road UC on Sunday November 1st from 3.00 to 5.00pm concerning Asylum Seekers. Julian Burnside will be the speaker.

7.2 People were reminded of the meeting Campaign for Australian Aid - Monash Forum to be at the Clayton Church of Christ 23-25 Burton Ave, Clayton VIC 3168on Wednesday November 4th. 7 30 to 9 00 Speakers include Anna Burke, Member for Chisholm and Matthew Maury, TEAR Australia

7.3 Rev James Douglas enquired about actions of member churches concerning the Prayer Roster. A St Luke's person contacts the rostered church to ask if there are any special concerns to be included in the Prayers of the People. It appears that St Luke's is the only church doing this. Other churches just mention the rostered church in these prayers.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: General meeting: ***November 26th at St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican Church, High Street Rd***
preceded by the Annual General meeting at 7.30 pm