

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

Held at St. Justin's
Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill
Wednesday, 7th March 2018 at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies:

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

Minute approved and seconded by Pat & Tony

Reading:

The voice
John 3:1-21

Some of the thoughts the group discussed:

- What is the difference between soul and spirit. There is a fundamental difference. Spirit is what we consciously choose, while soul is unconscious. Immortal soul is that there is something about you that survives
- A by-product of baptism is access to the power of god. Becoming brothers and sisters of Jesus (Baptist)
- When god created us he blew his spirit into us
- Soul exists from creation. During our conscious life, make the choice to follow good or bad
- Hell is a place where you regret bad decisions you made during your conscious life.
- In the end you have the choice, soul will exist but your spirit will depend on the choices you made.
- Thought that Jesus is divine by his actions, trying to explain the trinity

Regular activities for 2018

- World day of prayer, Pat: Speaker about Genesis, We have power, everyone has power and responsibility to use it wisely through love. Good experience, there was a speaker from Slovenia, a good morning overall.
- Meeting at GWUC Ecumenical: 8 Churches have signed up. Pending recontacting the others. Hope for 14. Pending also St Leonards. Planed deadline for Holy Thursday to have time to prepare all paperwork. Next year will be the 20th for Joe, He would like to have somebody else continuing the work. Comments about looking for new ideas, how to continue in the future. Joe commented about the history of the event. Ideas welcome
- Way of the Cross: Finalize issues, discussion about Hymn selection. Possibility of using an existing record (electronic). Deciding about putting only one verse instead of two. Discussing about details of the printed booklet due to lack of space. Agnes will do the welcome, Pat & Tony are organizing the details, who will speak at every station, and who will be the actors.
- Joint meeting with Mount Waverley Chadstone ICC. Usually contact them after Easter (May) – Francisco Disilvestro will make contact.
- Christmas Sign: Plan to do a permanent sign for Christmas, to be used several years

Happenings:

- St Justin's Catholic - Joe: Getting ready for Easter events. They started a mass in Italian, 11:30, first Sunday of every Month
- Glen Waverley Uniting - John: Builders confusion state, Had the book fair
- St Christopher's - Ray raised \$27,000 at the charity event
- Good Shepherd - Tony: Mosaic is in place, behind a curtain, unveiling will occur on 22 April

Interfaith

- 22 March – gathering Buddhist faith. Sing along with we are the world, Nat King Cole, what a wonderful world, Multinational event, everybody bring a plate from their country, and they can dress something typical from their country.

Meeting concluded at 9:05 pm

Next meeting St Leonard's, 2 May 7:30. Francisco to confirm location