



DRAFT MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING

Held Online
Monday, 20th June, 2022 at 7.30 pm

Chair: Ros Faichney

Rev James Douglas opened the meeting with a Devotion, "God is not always in charge but will bring all things together at the end", a Video based on the words of Julian of Norwich and .Prayer.

Ros Faichney welcomed all present.

Present: GWICC Anthea and Joe Persico, St Justin's RC; Francisco Disilvestro, St Leonard's RC; Pat Hodges, St Barnabus AC; Jan Clear, John Hurst, Glen Waverley UC.

MWCICC, Rev James Douglas, Gavin Faichney, Ros Faichney, St Luke's UC; Rev Julie Ross, Fran Brooke, Margery Kennett, Mt Waverley UC (MWUC formerly High St Rd/St John's); Doug Hastings and Margaret Taylor, St Stephen and St Mary AC; Louise Kulkens, St Mary Magdalen RC; Marika Sivak, Swedenborg Community..

Apologies: Tony Hodges, Good Shepherd RC; Karolee Jones MWUC; Heather Spurling, St Luke's UC, Bernadette Allan, Christ our Holy Redeemer RC,

Reports:-

1 Christian Unity Sunday – GW and MW:- There were reports from

Tony Hodges. At Good Shepherd, there was an introduction explaining why the Day was being celebrated, and there were prayers for Peace in Ukraine.

Jan Clear. At GWUC, there were candles lit for the Catholic, Anglican, Uniting and "Other" Churches and a Prayer for Peace.

At MWUC at Virginia St, Rev Semisi was the Minister. He lit a candle and led the Prayer used by MW Churches.

Gavin Faichney. Two members of St Luke's visited St Stephen and St Mary UC.

Joe Persico. At St Justin's RC, there was an amalgam of 2 of the suggested formats. One candle which had the names of all the churches was lit. The Prayer prepared by Rev Julie was used and the community prayed together.

Louise Kulkens. At St Mary Magdalen, Louise had COVID, Veronica could not be present so another congregation member led the MWCICC ceremony . Father Martin lit the candle from the Paschal Candle.

Conclusion:- All are looking forward to visiting in 2023.

2 Ecumenical Hymn Service on Sunday 19th June MW at Christ Our Holy Redeemer RC:- Rev Julie Ross reported that Father Raju who is also Parish Priest at Sacred Heart Oakleigh was unavailable. He was officiating at a First Holy Communion at Oakleigh. Rev Julie was delighted to step in as the leader making the service very "Ecumenical". This service has been part of the MWCICC calendar for many years. There were about 50 people from all the different churches present. Each Congregation chose a hymn (and a spare to prevent duplication).. A representative announced the hymn with background information about the composers of the lyrics and the tune. Lucy Rogers organised the programme and read a poem. Jordan Burns, Bernadette Allan's Grandson, prepared and worked on the screen projections. He was also Cantor for a Psalm to which all responded. There were 8 hymns from "Together in Song" or 'Gather" Dawn Demonte played the organ and all enjoyed their favorite hymns or learned new ones. Then there was a time for fellowship and refreshments in the School Hall, Thanks to CoHR for a very uplifting afternoon.

3 Way of the Cross GW and MW

GW:- Unfortunately, there was a problem contacting the Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) due to the resignation of the Secretary, Ian Smith. He was out of the office in April. A new Secretary, Sandy Boyce, was due to start work in May. Monash Council would not approve of the "Way" to go ahead on Central Park Glen Waverley without a Certificate of Insurance from VCC. By the time the Certificate was obtained, it was too late to organise the "Way". However, there were processions at local churches:- at St Justin's 400 attended, St Barnabus 250 and St Christophers.

MW:- The Way began with the First Station in the Sanctuary at St John's Virginia St. Then people walked along Park Lane, and stopped at Stations through Sherwood Park, Stephenson's Rd and Virginia St to finish at St John's. Then all enjoyed "Hot" Cross Buns and a Cuppa. Unfortunately, the amplifier was not working so it was difficult for people to hear the accompanying music between the Stations.

Other items

- 1 MWUC Social Justice and Mission in Society Committee "Dementia Workshop" at 1,30pm on July 15th at the 482 High St Rd Site:-** Margery Kennett invited ICC delegates and others to attend the four-times postponed 'Dementia workshop. On three occasions, Melbourne went into Lockdown and on June 3rd, Valda Clark's (St John's Director of Music) funeral was held.

Ethan Gankanda and Ros Grant will be describing the activities and enrolling at the Uniting St Mark's Day Centre. It is an excellent facility suitable for older people to visit for one or more days each week. There are many activities, including a cooked lunch, singing, puzzles, exercise, walking at Jells Park and church services. It caters for not only those with Dementia or are Ageing but also those with other disabilities. In recent times, due to changes in "My Aged Care", the eligibility for clients has changed. Numbers are low for now. If anyone knows of people or their relatives who may wish to attend the Centre, please invite them to our Workshop (posters for the Workshop and about St Mark's are attached).

- 2 Carols in the Village (Mt Waverley), from 11am to 3pm on Sunday December 11th:-** Margaret Taylor said that there were no Carols in the Mt Waverley Village in 2020 and 2021. She recently received a grant from Monash Council to present a very different concept for 2022. Earlier the "Concert" was mainly attended by Church members and performers. This year, the Carols will be held in conjunction with the Mt Waverley Rotary Club Market to present the True Christmas Message to locals. The location will be in Winbourne Rd at the South end of Hamilton Walk and the Hexagonal Activity Centre. There will be a booth with a Nativity background where children can dress up for photos and an awning to give protection from sun or rain. The former Mayor of Monash, Cr Brian Little has been very supportive and was very disappointed when the 2021 decision to cease the Carols was made known. Margaret and a group of MWCICC members have been working on a programme. **They would like to have names of artists who could perform for 15 minute segments.** The Oakleigh Brass will be invited. Louise Kulkens said that there may be a possibility that a choir from St Mary Magdalen's School will perform. They have been in every Carols since they began. (Margaret's report is attached).
- 3 Street Stall in Mt Waverley Village, December 10th and 11th :-** Ros Faichney plans to organise a Street Stall on Saturday December 10th The stall held in 2021 was most successful and proceeds of over \$1400 went to Act for Peace. All member churches will be invited to bring food and craft items for sale on the Saturday. On the Sunday, items left over from Saturday and other Christmas gifts will be sold at a stall at the Rotary Market.
- 4 Glen Waverley ICC Christmas Activities.** The ICC has no plans at present. In earlier years, they took part in the Monash Council Carols at Jell's Park. More recently, their only task there was to direct traffic, so they "pulled out".
- 5 Advent signs:-** GWICC plan to have a locate a sign at the corner of Springvale and Waverley Rds. MWCICC's sign will be at the corner of Stephenson's and High St Rds.
- 6 MWCICC Pastoral Lunch:-** The date of the Lunch will be decided at the next ordinary meeting on June 24th. Originally the Ministers had an Annual Lunch. However, after those lunches ceased, the MWCICC organised lunches for all Clergy and delegates hosted by different churches. More recently, it was decided to book several tables at the "St John's Café" instead. The popular café has been in existence for about 30 years and caters for many local Waverley people and others. Volunteers prepare all the food, set up the hall and wait on the tables. Prices are very reasonable.

All proceeds are donated to charity. The Café is open on the first and second Wednesdays each month. At present it is located at the High St Rd site while renovations take place at Virginia St.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm. with The Grace.

Next Zoom meeting: Monday, 19th September, 2022 at 7.30pm, Glen Waverley to host

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