

MINUTES OF THE **GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL**, Held  
at Yeronga, 32-42 Larch Cres. Mt Waverley  
Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>. March 2012 at 7.30 pm

Welcome by Val Noble from Syndal Baptist Church, followed by the opening prayer. A special welcome to Agnes De Roza (new delegate from Holy Saviour Catholic Church), Eve... from St Christopher's Catholic Church and Guest Speaker David Spitteler and his wife Yvonne.

**Present:** Val Noble, Joe Persico, Ray Lamerand, John Hurst, Agnes De Roza, Eve ..., David and Yvonne Spitteler, Tony Hodges, Pat Hodges.

**Apologies:** Gloria More

Val Noble chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Faith Discussion.** 1 John:1-10 this reading stresses the love of God. We are to live the right way so that we can live in truth and fellowship with God and each other.

**David Spitteler** spoke of his work in the Asylum Seeker Centre, currently based at the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Dandenong.

There are 4 different groups of Asylum Seekers

- Those that fly into the country on a legitimate visa, then apply for asylum.
- Those who are in community detention and are provided with housing.
- Those in possession of a bridging visa and who need to find their own accommodation but do receive 80% of the Newstart allowance.
- Those in detention centres.

David supplies food and small household items. His organisation also supplies computers and he has quite a few in stock but needs accessories such as leads, monitors and mice.

Dandenong is currently a destination of choice for refugees, with 40 coming into the district in the past week. In March 2011 his group had 67 clients on its register, last week it was 182. The group has just had its allocation from the 'food bank' doubled and can cope at the moment. The group has 20 volunteer staff and also runs a free Op Shop

### **Regular activities**

#### The Way of The Cross.

- Joe has booked the sound system. Will collect and return.
- Pat to collect keys from Monash Council and check if it is possible to get access to toilets in the community hall. Return them on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Advertising the Service on the website and Val N to send a notice to the Monash Journal for inclusion in 'What's On'.
- Posters to be printed for Church Notice Boards.
- Joe has developed a banner to be added to the Easter sign showing the web address
- Soldiers to be recruited from either St Barnabas Anglican Church or Mazonod College
- Pat to deliver copy to St. Leonard's where 600 copies will be produced.
- It is hoped that a number of Mt Waverley ICC Churches will join in the ceremony. At the time of the meeting it was confirmed that High Street Road Uniting Church will provide a speaker.
- Booklet. Change 'antiphon' to response. Cover bottom lines to read "Waverly District Inter Church Councils". John to select new hymns.
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#### The World Day of Prayer.

90 people attended on 20<sup>th</sup> March at Syndal Baptist Church and the Service went very smoothly. In 2013 the Theme will be France.

### Easter Event.

The Mt W-Chadstone ICC will not be running this event in 2012 as there is no suitable venue available.

### Christian Unity

8 people attended the last meeting and 11 Churches have agreed to host services and Joe is expecting more to participate. Joe is waiting to hear back from Member Churches re extending an invitation to non-Trinitarian Churches.

Joe will send out details at the end of March.

### Easter advertising

John will put service times from member Churches on the website. (He reported that there have been 470 hits to date.) There will be a small advertisement in the Monash Journal at a cost of \$500, to be shared with Mt Waverley ICC.

### List of Services

Joe will have these prepared for the next meeting.

### Information to Aged Care Services

Tony to distribute after they are available.

### Monash Interfaith Gathering

The meeting decided that we should have a table at this event, to be held at the Clayton Community Centre on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April Pat and Val hope to attend. We will have copies of the list of Services and addresses of Churches available on the day.

### **Treasurer's report**

There was no Treasurer's report but John advised that the Christmas advertising was the only expenditure since the last meeting

### **Correspondence**

As detailed in agenda.

The Meeting concluded at 9.35 pm

***Next meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 34 Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill at 7.30pm on Monday, 7th May.***

### ***Meetings for the remainder of 2012***

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 at 7.30 pm. At Good Shepherd, 34 Academy Avenue, Wheelers Hill

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 at 7.30 pm. At St. Justin's Catholic, 48 Whalley Drive, Wheelers Hill

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2012 at 7.30 pm. St. Leonard's, Springvale Road, Glen Waverley?

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 at 7.30 pm. At 33 Sunnybrook Drive, Glen Waverley,