



GLEN WAVERLEY and MT. WAVERLEY – CHADSTONE DISTRICT I.C.C.

Held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Wheelers Hill

Monday, 2nd September 2013 at 7.30 pm.



"Many Voices – One Body"

JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Joe Persico.

Joe Persico welcomed members from Mt Waverley-Chadstone ICC.

Present: Joe Persico, Kath Andrackze, Bernadette Micallef, Ray Lamerand, Gloria Moore, John Hurst, Francisco Disilvestro, Agnes De Roza, Gavin Faichney, Ros Faichney, Bernadette Allan, Julie Ross, Tony Hodges, Pat Hodges.

Apologies: Margery Kennett

Minutes of the previous joint meeting were read and accepted. Moved Ray Lamerand 2nd Joe Persico.

Business arising from the minutes

- Following the address by the guest speaker Theo Mackaay, General Secretary, Victorian Council of Churches. Gavin Reported that 2 full time people have been appointed to the emergency team. The Monash Council has yet to come on board and recognise the team. Joe to raise this at the next inter-faith meeting.
- Ian Smith has been appointed Chief Executive of the VCC following the retirement of Theo Mackaay.
- The "Way of The Cross" Service for the Mt Waverley-Chadstone ICC was a success, the walk finishing with hospitality for 250.
- The Monash Council was supportive of the 2012 "Carols in the Village" and the event was successful despite the rain. This year there will be changes to the PA system and it is planned to hold 2 sessions, one at 4.30 and the other at 6.30 - 7.00 pm. The Monash Chorale is participating, both as a full choir and with a smaller group drawn from its ranks.

Faith Discussion. Galatians 1-24 Paul admits to being over zealous in his persecution of Christians and that he was changed through a revelation of Jesus Christ and called the Galatians to turn away from their proclaiming of a different teaching and accept the grace of Christ.

Items for discussion.

1. Advertising Easter and Christmas: There was disappointment in the presentation in the 'Leader' last year and the meeting decided not to use this medium in 2013. It was suggested that circulation of the Leader is declining.
2. Easter and Christmas Service times to be included on our website.
3. Google: There was discussion regarding the advantage of paying to be near the top of sites listed when people search for Church Services on line. No decision reached, but John Hurst to investigate.
4. Way of The Cross Mt Waverley-Chadstone and Glen Waverley Inter-Church Councils to continue with their separate services. Glen Waverley had over 400 attend at Central Reserve.
5. Easter Event: This event has not been organised for the last couple of years. Mt Waverley contacted schools for 2012 and found there was not enough interest and willingness to participate. State school staff are really not interested. In 2013 the Glen Waverley Uniting Church was unable to host the event. The equipment is currently stored in a garage.

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5. The idea of a travelling event has been canvassed but with the current antipathy within the state school system to Christian religious events this is not an option. Can something be done on the internet i.e. an addition to our website that will interest young people? Joe suggested we could build a list/library of books and apps on our website
6. Lenten Studies: Most churches are conducting their own studies. Perhaps we can advertise studies on our website and encourage people to attend studies at a different church to the one they normally attend. St Lukes Anglican and High Street Road Uniting Churches have a joint committee to co-ordinate studies.
7. Visitation Sunday: The meeting agreed this was very worthwhile. Ray said that those who attended St. Christopher's Catholic Church greatly appreciated the opportunity to socialise afterwards. This year, in many churches, visitors were given the readings. Julie noted that if this is to continue it needs to be organised differently as Churches have different readings. Good Shepherd was happy for visitors to lead the Prayers of the faithful. For the last few years this event has been held on Trinity Sunday. Should it be put back to Ascension Sunday? Mt Waverley will bring this up at its AGM.
9. Joint Speaker The meeting agreed that a speaker or a forum would be a good idea for our joint meeting or on some other occasion next year. Gavin to investigate possibilities and venue
10. Christmas Display Boards Mt Waverley have their graphic design work done, just need to change dates and add to website.
Glen Waverley has permission from Monash Council to erect a sign at Central Reserve. Ray L. will negotiate the sign with Harcourts or Judd White.
11. Membership Mt Waverley usually has 15 members attending meetings.
Glen Waverley ICC Is finding it difficult to increase numbers.
The VCC has approved the inclusion of non-Trinitarian Churches.
12. The delivery of the list of Churches and service times to hotels, motels and Aged Care Facilities will continue.

New Joint Activities for 2013

A Monash Mosque is to be built in Bedoe Ave. The original cost estimate was \$400,000 and the current estimate is \$4,200,000. The concept of Christian Churches collecting donations for the building was discussed at the meeting. It was decided that a common approach was needed and should be put to the November meetings

Victorian Council of Churches

Gavin advised the meeting that the World Council of Churches would meet in South Korea From the 1st- 8th November.

Interfaith activity

Thursday 5th September – Mental Health Forum at Clayton Community Centre.

Thursday 26th September – Meeting at Monash Civic Centre, discussion on Organ Donations.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next meeting of the Glen Waverley Inter Church Council, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will be held on 11 November at Holy Saviour Catholic Church, Highbury Road, Commencing at 7.30 pm.

