

Notes from Combined Meeting of Mt Waverley Inter -church Council and Glen Waverley Inter-church Council on Wednesday 16 March, 2022.

Meeting on zoom.

1. WELCOME-Jan Clear. (Chair).

2. PRESENT-Fran Brook, Jim Aylmer, Margery Kennett, Karolee Jones (High Street Rd. Uniting Church), Bernadette Allen (Holy Redeemer), Noelle Sullivan (Holy Family), Margaret Taylor, Doug Hastings (St. Stephens and St. Mary's Anglican church), Meredith Bartlett (St. Phillips Anglican), Heather Spurling, Gavin and Ros Faichney (St. Luke's Uniting), Rev. Julie Ross, Francisco Disilvestro (St. Leonards), John Hurst, Jan Clear (Glen Waverley Uniting), Pat Hodges (Glen Waverley Anglican), Tony Hodges (Good Shepherd), Anthea Persico, Joe Persico (St. Justins).

3. APOLOGIES-Agnes De Roza, Rev. James Douglas, Rev David Moffatt, Rev. Semisi Tauli'i, Dianne Sharrock, Louise Kulkens.

4. READING-Jan read Psalm 27.

5. PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER. Jan opened the meeting with prayer and we joined together saying the Lord's Prayer.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS.

a) World Day of Prayer- Karolee gave a brief report about the World Day of Prayer held on Friday 4 March at High Street Road Uniting. Seventy-five people attended. Rev. Pam White's reflection was well received. Next year's service will be held at St. Stephen's and St. Mary's Anglican Church in High Street Road, Mt. Waverley.

b) Joe presented his three proposals for Christian Unity Sunday.

First proposal-All participating Churches celebrate in one church only. (Each year there will be a different host church.) Two representatives are sent from each church. The ceremony could be broadcast on zoom.

Second proposal- Churches are divided into two groups. (Each year there will be a different host church.) Two representatives are sent from each participating church in the group (six churches). The ceremony could be broadcast on zoom.

Third proposal- All participating churches will be celebrating in their own churches, no visitors will be sent to other churches. Churches will be divided into two groups. Members of each congregation light candles for other churches in the group and offer a prayer.

Focus prayers-The Peace Makers, The Good Samaritans in the World.

After much discussion, it was decided that we would go with the third proposal and Christian Unity Sunday will be on **Sunday 29th May** and there won't be any visitors going to other churches. Joe will draw up the letter informing churches about Proposal 3 and asking if they wish to participate, in this way.

c) Way of The Cross (GWICC)- Francisco and Tony explained that we had had trouble getting a copy of the insurance from VCC but we have that now and are ready to send letters to the churches. The event will take place at Central Reserve at 11am on Good Friday 15 April. Ros explained that Mt Waverley's Way of the Cross is a walk around the streets.

d) Mt Waverley Carols at the end of the year. This will hopefully be held on Sunday 11 December (same day as rotary Craft market) and there will be a street stall on 10 December. GWICC invited. Joe

will advertise in Monash Interfaith Gathering (MIG). The council is waiting for permit and grant from Monash Council. Last year \$14,779 was raised for the Christmas Bowl appeal.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS. Nil

9. NEXT MEETING -20 JULY ON ZOOM. (St. Luke's Zoom account.)

10. Rev. Julie Ross concluded the meeting with prayer.