

GWUC Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group

MINUTES

10 April 2025, 10am, Room 2

Welcome to all

Present: Pam Bunney, Rev Ian Ferguson, Vida Foo, Annette Wojak, David Morgan, Margaret Fraser (Chair)

Apologies: nil

Devotion: Margaret

Minutes of last meeting on 13 Feb 2025

1. Matters arising from last meeting

- ❖ *Crosslight* article re GWUC support for 1st Nations treaty. Information and photo sent to Marina Williams, journalist. Included in April 2025 edition.
- ❖ Electronic payment for Honey Sales now set up
- ❖ Appeal for New volunteers for GWSC pancake breakfasts. 3 new volunteers now on roster.
- ❖ Dinner to support Asylum Seeker Resource Centre held on 23 March at FEAST. Very successful with 45 present.
- ❖ New members for OSJMG still needed. Margaret and John Campbell have declined. **Annette** will ask Michele Stringer. **Vida** will ask Russell Lang. Other??
- ❖ UCAF (Margaret Duncan) has advised that they support a few outreach projects for us to be aware of -
 - Least Coin – donated to World Day of Prayer
 - Quilts for Orphans – when the speaker comes
 - Backpack items
 - Help provided for: Sammy Stamp trimming, KOGO knitting project and coordination of Fete cake stall
- ❖ Feedback sought from the 5 COP 2024 recipients through their COP applicants –Margaret,
 - UnitingWorld: speaker Antony McMullen has agreed to participate at 30 March service and has participated in a Zoom planning meeting.
 - Written reports for inclusion in Kingsway have been received from
 - Welfare: written by Faye McDougall
 - Kids under Cover: Susan Karoly organized a report from Kids under Cover staff
 - Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre: Robin Pope organized a report from ASWC staff.
 - Choir of Hope: written by Deb Leigh
- ❖ John Snare (Congregation Chair) advised of COP2025 Selection Panel and plans to date

2. Ongoing Projects – updates, if needed

- a. Material Aid –Annette. 72 pairs of spectacles were donated for Recycle for Sight. Will focus on “Quilts for Orphans” to link with UCAF speaker in June. Lynne Boyer would like collections of recycled materials, eg bottle tops. **Annette** to suggest that Lynne place an item in Bulletin and takes items home.
- b. Honey Money- Margaret. Going well, **Margaret** will purchase and prepare new batch within next month.
- c. Pancake Breakfasts at GWSC –David. Increasing no. of staff attending and interacting. Are there opportunities to include parent helpers? **Vida** to ask Chris.
- d. Welfare Committee –Ian. New coordinator Tamara Maguire starting 11th April, 2 days/wk. There are 2 new volunteers, but others needed.
- e. EcoTask Group – David. Climate Change banner is in place facing Kingsway. Finance committee not moving on purchase of batteries for now.

3. Occasional Projects – update

- a. KOGO Knitting project –**Pam**. Continuing notice in Bulletin. Also to be put on noticeboard. Knitted squares to be accepted, **Pam** to include instructions.
- b. Choir of Hope will be presenting entertainment in May at a nursing home.

4. Noticeboard, Bulletin & Kingsway - Thank-you letters from all COP2024 projects were included in *Bulletin*.

Margaret to update noticeboard with COP 2025 info

Posters from organisations should be A4 not A3 to fit on our noticeboard. **Margaret** to request.

5. Correspondence

IN: UnitingWorld information from Antony McMullen

Tearfund Lent appeal including Social Justice project ideas

Letter and Certificate of Appreciation from Christmas Bowl after receipt of GWUC donations- to go on noticeboard.

Newsbeat (Presbytery newsletter) – **Margaret** to ask Rev Dr Robert Johnson to allow us to reprint his Acknowledgment of Country article in Kingsway Just Act newsletter, including info about the Palm Sunday march for Justice and Kindness on 13/4 at 1pm – to be included in Bulletin. **Margaret** attending.

Request for Ian F and/or Outreach reps to meet with Tonya Peters from Compassion Australia charity (seeking sponsorships for overseas children) – no action for now.

OUT: Report to Church Council March meeting

Requests for reports to all COP 2024 recipients

Treaty information and photo for *Crosslight*

6. Today's Business

- a. COP: Review of March 30 service promoting UnitingWorld and the COP 2025 applications. Frontier Services BBQ – organisation/outcomes. The format worked well and the BBQ was well attended. The speaker from UnitingWorld was informative. Sound in the Fellowship area with a microphone was not successful for hearing the Frontier Services rep, so went ahead without microphone, needs better speakers – **David** to talk to John Snare about that.
- b. COP: Applications open Sun 6 April - Sun 25 May. How to maintain the interest in COP during application period? **Margaret** will speak in church this Sunday and will continue to place items in the Bulletin until applications close. Also, **Margaret** to ask that Glyn mentions COP in his PoP on 13/4, then use Prayers after Easter to continue this –eg. holding the process in our prayers, responding to needs. **Margaret** to check with **David** that copcom@gwuc.org.au is still working as it is the email provided for COP submissions.
- c. JIM: Ideas from JustAct newsletter for consideration? **David** to organize for JUST ACT Postcard ministry to be a regular feature on Stewards table.
- d. 1st Nations: Early notice - National Reconciliation Week 27 June-3 July “Bringing Now to Next”, 6-13 July NAIDOC Week

7. Any other business

8. Meetings - Room 2 is booked for Thursdays at 10am: **June 26 (NB. Changed date & apology from Vida)**, August 7, October 2, November 27
DM away 15/4-6/6, MF away ~23/5-mid June, Ian away Sundays 11, 18 & 25 May.

****A brief meeting of the COP Selection Panel will follow the OSJMG meeting.**