

GWUC Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group

MINUTES

10am 4th April 2024

	Follow up/Action
1. Present : Margaret Fraser (chair), David Morgan, Annette Wojak, Vida Foo, Rev Ian Ferguson Devotion (Margaret), based on verses from Psalm 25	
2. Introduction : A really positive start to the year for OSJMG. Need to limit our goals for new work to an achievable level, esp while COP selection is in progress. Our committee of 4 needs to grow.	
3. Minutes of last meeting - 23 Jan 2024. Agreed.	
4. Reporting and Matters Arising from last meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. COP preparation to date - documents, CC approval, timelines – Now ready to begin process. b. Article re COP 2024 prepared for March <i>Kingsway</i> by Margaret and John Snare. Margaret to talk in services 7/4 & ?14/4 – encourage congregation to submit COP applications, Closing date 26 May. Enquiries to Margaret or OSJMG. c. Check UCA regs re COP panel financial decisions without Cong approval for 2025 and future d. COP 2023 recipient speakers have all agreed to attend, need confirmed possible dates. e. Websites and wiki updates for OSJMG f. OSJMG Annual Report needs updating g. Mission and Scope of OSJMG – CC approved our mission statement, and the list of groups linked to OSJMG. Margaret prepared support letter and sent to Shoeboxes (Kimberley Easton), Flood Relief (Fiona Leister) and Honey Money (Margaret & David Fraser) groups. h. <i>Bulletin</i> notices and Noticeboard, Annette keeping Material Aid up to date, Margaret displayed COP 2023 Thank You letters i. New members for OSJMG, need 1-2 new members on OSJMG. j. List of Social Justice concerns for future action, See 6.c k. OSJMG Display in Monash Library for one month, Vida has booked Sept 	<p>David to ensure wiki links are working</p> <p>All to keep promoting applications from GWUC cong.</p> <p>Margaret to investigate</p> <p>Ministry team to propose dates, then Margaret & Vida to discuss with grps, then advise Ministry team of definite dates</p> <p>Margaret, David & John Snare</p> <p>Margaret</p> <p>Margaret to prepare Bulletin items re Honey Money, Welfare and COP 2024.</p> <p>Margaret to place new COP24 info on board, including application form</p> <p>Margaret to appeal for new members on 7 April announcement in service</p> <p>Vida to plan display. All to suggest content for the display to Vida.</p>
5. Correspondence	
a. David email to Wendy Flahive re Solomon Islands Birthing Kit fundraising. Item in <i>Kingsway</i> .	

<p>b. Margaret email letter to Kimberly Easton, Fiona Leister and Frasers re support from OSJMG</p>	
<p>6. Today's Business</p>	
<p>a. COP next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Select COP panel members – Vida Foo, Annette Wojak, Margaret Fraser ii. agree on selection processes for COP Panel iii. Prepare spreadsheets (1) application details and (2) financial requests <p>b. Material Aid update - Annette, plans</p> <p>c. Social Justice Concerns for OSJMG to consider for new action, NB. <i>as time permits (we are a small committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rescued Bread, pantry items, for background info see https://localfoodconnect.org.au/local-directory/68263/eastern-food-rescue This idea will be put on hold for the present. Possible link to days that Ray is at GWUC – Wed and Fri. ii. Great Outback BBQ for Frontier Services, free kits may be requested and preferred date/menu set locally We will go ahead with this event, and try to make it link to upcoming Frontier Services speakers, preferably before the end of May. Ministry team to provide possible dates. iii. JIM survey and campaigns, calendar of Social Justice dates, survey indicates issues of most concern (Asylum Seekers, curbing Climate Change, ending Racism, justice for First Nations Peoples). Is there a JIM campaign that we could support now, eg. Postcards to politicians. We will look at this again at a later date. 	<p>COP Panel to be familiar with all COP documents asap and share any queries/actions via email. David to prepare Google docs for COP Vida to provide old examples to David Annette to maintain noticeboard, bins and Bulletin items, do offering items</p> <p>Vida - To consider again at a later date.</p> <p>Margaret to speak to Inclusive Community MG who organised this last time. Margaret to contact Frontier Services to order the kit and to advise date. Margaret to speak to Joanne re date and organization for BBQ, catering. Annette to speak to Chris W re Youth helping with set-up and cooking David to approach Stringers, Swains, Glyn & Iris regarding their BBQ help.</p> <p>David to link JustAct calendar to Prayers of People resources on wiki.</p> <p>All to watch out for JIM actions which we may be able to promote at GWUC. Read JustAct newsletter.</p>

<p>iv. Knitting for disadvantaged and vulnerable, to either display at GWUC craft exhibition 16-17 August, or to use as Material Aid project, then donate to Knit One Give One (KOGO) https://www.kogo.org.au/ We <i>will go ahead</i> with this.</p> <p>v. National Reconciliation Wk 27 May-3 June, or NAIDOC wk 7-14 July www.monash.vic.gov.au/reconciliation-week Monash Council has an Aboriginal Partnerships Office Perhaps we could display some First Nations artwork, if this works for Ministry team. We <i>will make enquiries</i>.</p> <p>vi. Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre visit to Brunswick. Margaret making arrangements for a <u>visit to the Centre in late April</u> to observe their programs.</p>	<p>Margaret to liaise with Faye Wagon who is happy to include this idea in craft display. Margaret to contact KOGO and also to access knitting patterns- beanies, scarves, squares for rugs. Margaret - Handouts to be prepared for UCAF and congregation and for Bulletin. Margaret/UCAF - Knitting kits to be prepared if needed – pattern, needles, wool. Margaret to contact Monash re what resources may be available. Zyeallah.fenton-woods@monash.vic.gov.au Margaret speak to Ministry team.</p> <p>Margaret to contact Aimee Dare (Mgr) to confirm date/time for visit. Margaret, David and Annette to visit Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre. Margaret to write a Bulletin/Kingsway article after the visit and link it to our Honey sales.</p>
<p>7. Any other Business</p>	
<p>a. Eco Task Group – this group mainly focuses on property matters, but does link to OSJMG through Climate Change/Social Justice issues. How should this be promoted to congregation? Still not sure if it sits with OSJMG or some other umbrella.</p>	<p>David will organise an article for Kingsway to promote the work of Eco Task Group and Climate Change matters of interest to the congregation.</p>
<p>8. Next Meetings – all in Room 2 at 10am Thursdays: 6 June, 1 August, 3 Oct, 28 Nov David will be away May 7 – June 17, sends <i>apology for 6 June</i> meeting</p>	