

General

- God is expressed through community when people come together to share and listen.
- God is in the questions, challenges – showing God in our lives.
- Reaching out to those in need.
- Christ's life on earth is a reflection of our situation. Christ was out of step with the community as we are seemingly out of step with the community.
- It is clear that the GWUC God is welcoming.
- I am excited at what is going on.
- Be prepared to tell your motivation serving the community.
- Representing God's love to the community – answering people's questions and helping them to understand what it's all about.
- We are not part of the furniture but part of God's community of love.
- Sharing stories of mission work is inspiration and builds up our own community and commitment.
- To keep the enthusiasm going.
- In what ways is our Church relevant to today's society? Relevance to the world in 2012 – not 1960!
- In what way is our 'volunteer' programs different from those non-Christian volunteer programs?
- “We do not need to alter services. We need to retain those who find spiritual sustenance there. The Playgroup, Hub, Leisure Time are the extensions of our Christian outreach. The need to maintain the base numbers for financing and 'people pool' needs.”

Direction

- There are still many challenges that we need to face within and without of this church. God will help us to discern courses of action.
- Am I sure that when I believe I am discerning God's will, that it is not confused with my desires?

- The challenge – to be a Christian community from 80% caucasian in a secular community of 50% non-English speaking background people.
- How do we engage with the new residents here around our church? With the younger generation.
- Q: How can we allow Jesus to shine through all the things we do at GWUC?
- Q: What is the best way to follow our passions / calling in a diverse congregation?

Leadership

- Offer ourselves and be sensitive to needs and be inspired to act.
- Asking probing questions is a good start for discerning the answers.

Community Outreach Group

- Outreach: God must be smiling! but also saying 'more'!
- Let us hope that many of the ideas that were mentioned can be 'put into action' eg: Lyn McDonald's ideas on advertising, outreach. Maybe a day workshop "On putting ideas into action".