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Chairman, Pdt Dr Anthonius D. Sompe, M.Pd.K  
Secretary, Pnt Dr Donald Wagey, MBA  
Church Council  
GMIM, "Riedel" Wawalintouan,  
Tondano, North Sulawesi,  
Republic of Indonesia

Dear Rev Dr Dan Sompe,

As we approach the season of Lent which calls us to honesty with ourselves and before God, we send warmest greetings from the church council of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church in the name of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to members of your congregation joining us in May to further discuss and develop our cooperation together "...to carry out the duties of Communion, Witness and Service". As you know over the weekend of 5th (Friday evening), Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of May we will be holding an Indonesian Festival in the church. We look forward to you joining us in these celebrations and events including worship on Sunday.

While we note that you have forwarded us 23 names of church members who would like to come to Melbourne, we take seriously our responsibility to be good hosts in the light of our limited resources. We would like to provide hospitality for as many of our guests as possible. Consequently, we would suggest that 12 people would be an excellent number for us to host. At the same time with 12 we would need to rely on your offer for some people to pay for their own accommodation. From a practical viewpoint we could travel together in two vehicles with 12 guests. Please suggest 12 names, so we can write a letter of support for your visas for Australia.

A visit of up to 8 or 9 days containing two Sundays would be ideal, but finding the best fares is a priority too. Since the invitation we sent in 2020, which was interrupted by COVID, we have set aside money for two fares.

For you to talk with Mr Lucky Kalonta, the convenor of our Indonesian Fellowship about details of your planned trip continues to a good way for us to communicate.

Yours in Christ,

Alison Clarkson, Chair of Church Council  
Rev Neil Peters, Minister of the Word  
Glyn Howells, Convenor Intercultural task group