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Annual General Meeting of General Council

Saturday 27 October 2018

Anglican Church of St Philip, 294 Brighton Road, North Brighton

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Minutes

Relationships, Renewal and Reform on the Ecumenical Journey...

Present:

General Council:

Anglican:	The Rev'd Barbara Paull-Hunt, Rev'd Dr Jane Lee-Barker, Mr Ben Williams
Catholic:	Dr Marie Loller and Ms Jill Gallio
Churches of Christ:	Rev Doug Walladge and Rev Scott Combridge
Coptic Orthodox:	-
Ethiopian Orthodox:	-
Greek Orthodox:	Fr Silouan Fotineas
Lutheran:	Mr Gilbert Materne, Rev Leon Rosenberg and Rev Ian Lutze
Religious Society of Friends:	Dr Jenny Stock
Romanian Orthodox:	-
Salvation Army:	-
Uniting Church:	Dr Marelle Harisun and Rev Sue Ellis

Executive Committee: Rev'd Dr John Littleton (President - Ecumenical), Mr Peter Burke (Chair - Anglican), Mr Neil Traeger (Treasurer)

Standing Committees:

Community for Ecumenical Learning:

Mrs Ivana Quadrelli (Catholic)

Community for Local Ecumenism:

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Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace:

Ms Pamela Jones (Justice and Peace Issues)

Finance:

Rev Colin Dredge (Churches of Christ)

Pending Appointments for 2019 & Local Churches (Observers): Mr Andrew Hunt, Ms Jo Jordan, Ms Julie Staszyc, Ms Christine Gilbert, Ms Anne Hewitt, Mr Bill Harris, Ms Helen Beeby (NCCA Act for Peace), Mr David Hall, Mr David Houston and Ms Deborah Jeanes

SACC Staff: Ms Geraldine Hawkes (Executive Officer) and Mrs Melanie Rain (Office Administrator)

For apologies and absences, please see Appendix 1.

SA Council of Churches: nurturing and nourishing the understanding, spiritual growth and practice of ecumenism across the Churches of South Australia

1. Prayer led by Anglican Church of St Philip

Upon welcoming all to the Anglican Church of St Philip, Barbara Paull-Hunt lit the Peace Candle, placing it on the Altar, and then led all in song and prayer. All were invited to participate in receiving a gift of thanksgiving from the Church of St Philip. With comments of thanks and welcome, Barbara then asked all to find their seats in the hall as the SACC General Council was to begin.

2. Welcome, Introductions & Sharing of Stories Part 1: Anglican Church of St Philip

John Littleton, President, welcomed all, beginning with Acknowledgement of Country, welcoming visitors and speakers, especially those at a Council of Churches meeting for the first time, including Helen Beeby (Relationships Fundraising Partner, NCCA Act for Peace).

John thanked Barbara and her team for the work and effort put in to provide such a wonderful prayer service. He then described a conversation that had occurred at a Community for Ecumenical Learning meeting; that in our ecumenical journey the highest common denominator is Jesus Christ. Doug Walladge, Vice-President, added that the highest common *factor* is 'multiplying us'.

John then invited Barbara to speak and she described the story of St Philip's, the purchase of the land, becoming a parish in 4-5 years and having a worship centre beginning in the space where we the Meeting were seated. She went on to share two significant recent stories for the parish about Paringa Park Primary School and the local Surf Life Saving Club.

John thanked Barbara for sharing, and opened the AGM reminding all who had a green dot on their name tag that they were eligible to vote.

3. Annual General Meeting

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes & Business Arising

3.1.1 Minutes of AGM: Saturday 21 October 2017, Happy Valley Church of Christ, Aberfoyle Park (Minutes previously distributed and available at www.sacc.asn.au)

The Meeting noted that the Minutes of AGM 2017 had previously been distributed, however the page numbers of the final two pages have been amended to correctly reflect pp7 & 8. (distributed previously with final pages showing "2" & "2").

Sue Ellis moved that the Minutes of AGM of Saturday 21 October 2017 be accepted with page number amendments. Jill Gallio seconded. Carried.

3.1.2 Minutes of the General Meeting: 28 April 2018 on the Gawler train (Minutes previously distributed and available at www.sacc.asn.au)

Doug Walladge moved that the Minutes of the General Meeting of 28 April 2018 on the Gawler train be accepted as distributed. Jenny Stock seconded. Carried.

3.2 Sharing of Stories - Part 2: SACC Reports July 2017 – June 2018

The reports named below were distributed with agenda except where indicated. People were encouraged to read beforehand and raise any questions to authors by contacting sacc1@picknowl.com.au

3.2.1 President

3.2.2 Ecumenical Facilitator/Executive Officer

3.2.3 Standing Committees

- i. Community for Ecumenical Learning
- ii. Community for Local Ecumenism (*unavailable*)
- iii. Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace

John Littleton drew special attention to reports 3.2.1-3.2.3, thanking Geraldine for all her wisdom and guidance from the beginning of her appointment to now, her last AGM with SA Council of Churches as Ecumenical Facilitator/Executive Officer.

Jenny Stock moved that the Reports 3.2.1-3.2.3 be accepted as distributed. Anne Hewitt seconded. Carried.

3.2.4 Auditor's Report (*distributed by email on 26 October 2018*)

A hard copy of Auditor's Report was available upon entry to the AGM. Neil Traeger, Treasurer, opened the floor for questions.

As no questions arose, Neil noted the budgeted deficit for financial year 2017-18. However hard work and reduction in EF/EO hours had brought expenditure back to a relatively balanced outcome for the financial year.

Neil Traeger moved that the Auditor's Report be accepted as distributed. Sue Ellis seconded. Carried.

Neil Traeger moved a note of thanks to Auditor, Geoff Davis, for his time and efforts above and beyond the call for the last 10+ years. A formal letter of thanks was to be arranged. Marelle Harisun seconded. Carried.

3.2.5 Finance Report (*tabled at the meeting*)

All were invited to take a few moments to read over the Finance Report. Questions were invited while Neil explained that the opportunity to question was not limited to being at the meeting. Further questions were invited to be sent to sacc1@picknowl.com.au in the days following the AGM. No questions arose.

Neil Traeger moved that the Finance Report be accepted as tabled. Doug Walladge Seconded. Carried.

3.3 Appointments, Nominations and Elections

Member Churches had been invited to make appointments for one year only, from November 2018-AGM November 2019, rather than the usual two years. This was due to the consultation process under way, the process of which will form part of Item 5.

John Littleton stood aside as President for this 3.3.1 and handed over to Geraldine Hawkes, Ecumenical Facilitator/Executive Officer to Chair.

3.3.1 Election of Officers for 2019: President, Vice-Presidents [2] & Treasurer

Nominations for these positions had been distributed prior to the meeting and people invited to send any other nominations. No others had been received.

President:

Marie Loller [Catholic] had been nominated by Peter Burke, seconded by Neil Traeger. No other nominations were received. Marie was elected unopposed as President to AGM 2019.

Vice-Presidents:

Doug Walladge [Churches of Christ] and John Littleton [Anglican] had been nominated by Peter, seconded by Jill Gallio and Neil Traeger respectively. No other nominations were received. Doug and John were elected unopposed as Vice-Presidents to AGM 2019.

Treasurer:

Mr Neil Traeger was appointed unanimously by Executive Committee on 4 September 2018 to be Treasurer to AGM 2019.

John resumed the chair for the remainder of the AGM.

3.3.2 Election of one Ecumenical Delegate from General Council to Executive Committee to December 2020

People had been invited to send in any nominations. As none were received prior to the meeting, nominations were invited at the meeting.

Geraldine Hawkes explained a little more about the role of an ecumenical delegate from the General Council to Executive Committee, describing they are not elected to represent their church but rather, to listen to and represent the ecumenical voice. One vacancy existed for an ecumenical delegate to AGM 2020.

Jane Lee-Barker nominated Fr Silouan Fotineas however he explained that he was already appointed to Executive.

Barbara Paull-Hunt nominated Jane Lee-Barker and Jane accepted. Seconded by Marelle Harisun. Carried. Jane was then invited to share some information about herself.

3.3.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2018/19

After 10 years as Auditor, Geoff Davis decided not to be nominated for 2018/19. A vote of thanks was given again, as described at 3.2.

Geraldine spoke of the blessing to SACC that Geoff Davis had been, and described that it is a nomination that requires much thought and acceptance of the person nominated. Geraldine commended Melanie and Neil in the process of the Audit over the last several years and that therefore, it is not such an onerous task for anyone coming on to the position. Nominations can be received, addressed to General Council, at sacc1@picknowl.com.au

3.4 Other Business

3.4.1 Other AGM items for discussion

None were received prior to the meeting

3.4.2 Vacancy – Farewell

Opportunity to show appreciation and thanks to Geraldine has been arranged for 31 January, 4.30pm-6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

Thanksgiving toast and speech at 5.15pm. RSVPs to Melanie by 23 January 2019. sacc@picknowl.com.au or Ph: 08 8215 0300

John mentioned the Position had been advertised and hoped to move soon to interview.

3.4.3 E-news – open-rate

The New-look E-News – Weekly Averages as at 8 October 2018 document was distributed at the meeting.

John Littleton described that SACC now had capacity to see how E-News is being received, opened and viewed. Melanie further described the information provided.

Helen Beeby made a reflection and suggested a change to the name for each week – select “tasters” of the headlines after the standard headline of the E-News.

Anne Hewitt suggested all go back to their communities and encourage people to read the E-News and to utilise the E-News and make an announcement.

Geraldine described that the E-News is about the work of SACC and Member Church communities and others across SA involved in Christian unity.

SACC office will continue to assess with the General Council and recipients of E-News, whether the E-News could be sent less often or in some different way. Ben Williams offered to assist.

Peter Burke invited all to receive E-News as not just advertising but as news and resourcing for the ecumenical journey, something we can use as a way of praying and connecting ecumenically with each other. A resource to be supported and shared widely – not just a source of information individually.

John Littleton, as President to AGM 2018, then gave thanks for the opportunity to serve, he thanked all who served for the past year and more, and to any who were concluding their appointment. He also gave special welcome to any who were taking up appointment for the first time. Geraldine then thanked John for his facilitative manner as President, and for the joy in the journey.

Scott Combridge, Churches of Christ, gave thanks for Colin Dredge’s passionate contribution over many years as he concluded his appointment by Churches of Christ on Finance Committee.

John Littleton vacated the Chair. Marie Loller assumed the Chair.

Marie described the feeling as she took the position of President and the opportunity to serve SACC in this role.

4. Sharing of Stories - Part 3: Helen Beeby, Relationships Fundraising Partner, NCCA Act for Peace

Marie welcomed and invited Helen Beeby, Act for Peace, to speak.

Helen described her transition from ‘saying a few words’ to speaking, a little of her background and faith journey. Helen went on to share about Act for Peace, and how people can support the work.

Marie thanked Helen and Geraldine thanked Bill Harris for being a link between SACC and NCCA Act for Peace for providing items for E-News that SACC readers can remain abreast of.

The meeting then broke for Morning Tea with time to chat with one another.

Prior to resuming for item 5, Geraldine thanked those who provided morning tea, with appreciation shown with applause.

5. Sharing of Stories - Part 4: Consultation on encounter, conversation, collaboration and learning, in the way of Receptive Ecumenism (Appendix A: context & focus question were distributed with Agenda)

Geraldine invited all to be aware of Appendix 1 distributed with the Agenda, and the story so far. Today *all* were continuing the story together in the hope of guiding any necessary re-shaping and easing of some of the existing SACC relationships and structures.

Comments were invited before the Consultation began:

- a. Sue Ellis described attending an interfaith anti-poverty rally. The leaders there were challenged about where the churches were in midst of poverty and social justice, a scathing challenge to say something and be present amidst it. In the middle of it was an awareness of the churches in the world, the way media plays a part in not showing what the local church does in the social justice arena.
- b. John Littleton responded by describing that the Council of Churches has shifted from the doing, to enabling the churches to act together.
- c. Geraldine described that the preference of the Church Leaders is generally to make individual statements, which are then shared with one another. Few churches have a dedicated justice desk, other than through the caring agencies, and it makes it difficult to move forward with integrity in arenas of justice and peace.
- d. Peter Burke shared that he was encouraged that what Sue heard is important but also it is important that she said media isn't interested. Church to return to prophetic voice in these issues. A good question to talk about.
- e. Geraldine reminded the gathering that we can all use our voice on such matters, including in the local context.
- f. Ben Williams made comment about the notion that media is not interested except in scandals being not always accurate, because the church aid agencies have quite a strong voice in the media. Perhaps it is about reconnecting the church to the agencies; draw a stronger connection between the church and the agency so the public are more aware.
- g. Fr Silouan spoke about recent laws changed in parts of Australia. Our collective voices are strong and it is possible when the church gets involved in the political arena. The church can influence social policy. He thanked Peter for mentioning the prophetic voice returning; an important part of our society.

Geraldine then invited all into a brief time of silence, followed by some music, and then in twos, to share insights - whether in the gardens or the church or the hall, to the questions posed by the Consultation Working Party:

The CWP invites you to consider what encounters, conversations, collaboration, or learning would your denomination need, or seek, in relation to:

a. Neighbourhood/Local Church

b. Social Justice

so that there may be deeper and more authentic flourishing in the way of Christ.

Upon returning to the hall, opportunity was given for all to write down key thoughts and

comments on the provided paper. Geraldine suggested that purpose of SACC being together is for the healing of the body and of the mind. She then invited a few people to share verbally any comments and insights. The comments received during this session are available attached to the Minutes at www.sacc.asn.au, as Appendix 2 *Consultation Notes from AGM 2018*.

Geraldine concluded the meeting, sharing about the book of **`Receptive Ecumenism: Listening, Learning and Loving in the Way of Christ'**, Editors Vicky Balabanski and Geraldine Hawkes with contributions from John Littleton and other Australians, as well as internationally. She invited all to attend the launch on Friday 16 November, 10.15am at Adelaide College of Divinity, 465 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park.

Peter Burke then briefly shared about the Concert Choir, an ecumenical way to join together, before praying a blessing over Melanie Rain as she prepared to take leave and travel.

6. Dates, venues and themes of General Council Meetings 2019

Are there key dates in your denomination of which SACC should be aware?
All invited to email sacc@picknowl.com.au to provide any significant dates.

7. Review, followed by Closing Blessing

- What have I learned...what will I do differently...?
- What story/image will I communicate to others about today's gathering ...?
- What steps will I take within my Church...with whom do I need to speak ...?



Marie Loller invited all to reflect on the above questions and offered a short blessing as all departed, and a Maronite gesture of passing on peace.

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Apologies/Absent:

General Council:

The Rt Rev'd John Stead, Rev Dave McDougall and The Most Rev'd Geoffrey Smith (Anglican);
Bishop Greg O'Kelly, (Catholic);
Mrs Ngaire Llewellyn and Mr Barry Grear (Churches of Christ);
Fr Abraam Elbaramousy, Fr Philippos Boghdadi and Bishop Suriel (Coptic Orthodox);
Mr Mekonnan, Mr Hailmariam Kassa and Mrs Alganesh Abegaz (Ethiopian Orthodox);
Bishop Nikandros of Dorylaeon (Greek Orthodox);
Bishop David Altus (Lutheran);
Ms Millicent Stein and Yarrow Andrew (Religious Society of Friends);
Fr Viorel Stoica and Bishop Mihael (Romanian Orthodox);
Major Barry Casey and Major Rosslyn Casey (Salvation Army);
Rev Rob Brown (Uniting).

Executive:

Mr Pierre Magar (Ecumenical), Ms Kathy McEvoy (Catholic), Mr Refaat Georgy (Coptic Orthodox)

Standing Committees:

Community for Ecumenical Learning:

Ms Mary Camilleri and Ms Teresa Lynch (Catholic), Ms Carol Assaad and Dr Heshmat Keroloss (Coptic Orthodox), Envoy Ted Wright (Salvation Army)

Community for Local Ecumenism:

Ms Bridgid Medder (Catholic),

Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace:

Ms Sarah Moffat (Catholic), Mr Refaat Megalli (Coptic Orthodox), Dr Colin Cargill (Uniting), Mr John Sullivan and Mrs Dawn Sullivan (Justice and Peace Issues)

Finance:

Mr David O'Dwyer (Catholic)

Local Churches (Observers):

Dr Don Hopgood, and Ms Velvy Holden

Consultation Notes from AGM 2018 (27/10/18)**SACC serving the Member Churches - 2018 onwards****Consultation Appointees to SACC General Council and Committees****Focus Question for General Council**

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Principles, Themes & Ethos

1. Relationships are key. They help us to see a wider picture.
2. Focus on relationships: What is a constructive relationship?
3. Whose are the prophetic voices? Is it “the churches” or are they the voices of those who are wounded, in need, spun to the edges?
4. Image: carrot, egg, coffee... Being in transition (the boiling) and holding the tension just as Christ did, being mindful of how the transition may change us but also how we change the environment around us – the Church is in a position to change the environment around it but must hold the tension between the world and being Christ in the world. It is a way of being.
5. So much can be activated with ecumenism.
6. Changing ourselves to change the other.
7. The Families of Churches need to come together.
8. What might receptive ecumenism look/sound like across the spectrum of our life together eg social justice?
9. Linking our vision and sense of mission with that of other traditions by sharing stories, insights and what gives purpose and meaning and our shared yearning.
10. Penitence for our work (denom) rather than kingdom work (volunteers). Recognition v Activity. Together we are the body of Christ. (Divers – Unified) Expression. Activity. Theology. Lone. Faith.
11. Invitation to share experiences and celebrate together at particular times or events eg anniversaries.
12. Good story of church rep on local council committee re Domestic Violence – got endorsement of a plan by LoCCSA and then back to local churches – community knew of churches role. Sharing interdenominational roles for child abuse – working party prepare document. Relationships.
13. Spiritual awakening events in community/public spaces – family environment meditations, social justice stands from all denominations. Counselling/inter church councils developed. Fifth Sunday of the month (Ecumenical Sunday).
14. Healing of the body and healing of the mind – the brokenness.

Neighbourhood/Local Church: Renewal

1. Ecumenical church planting – what would this look like if we did? Polity, structure, value?
2. Focus on partnership: We do it for overseas aid and its projects. How do we do it for local situations or issues?
3. As a small denomination we would benefit from working well collaboratively with others in

- developing resources, resources, and being involved in training opportunities.
4. Glenelg ecumenical story – from “doing” to “listening” – hearing transformation through images; reflections and stories to relationships.
 5. Revitalising local ecumenism – being seen together. Recognising which denomination has best asset/people for a particular ministry. The place of chaplaincy and Deacons in ministry to connect to community, discover needs of community and join community. Some young people like liturgical churches.
 6. Combined church plants? Combined congregations for new growth, not as last resort for shrinking churches.
 7. In ecumenical projects work intelligently with resources and assets for best community input.
 8. A greater emphasis on strengthening relationships identifying issues in common and working in partnership with other church and community groups.
 9. Church planting as a joint/agreed initiative and not a denominational church growth initiative.
 10. Issue of resourcing congregations and communicating decision of social justice and resourcing – information and empowerment.
 11. The desire on the ground level for conversation and sharing in ecumenical communities – be the voices to speak into the leadership space to encourage ecumenism.
 12. Why not reach out to other church communities in faith to offer community events collaboratively? The community does not see denominational divisions; we are seen collectively as the Christian Church.
 13. Chaplaincy examples of acceleration of ecumenism:
 - a. Aged Care
 - b. School’s Ministry
 - c. Flinders University – Oasis – a multi-faith/interfaith celebration of diversity. International students to the multicultural area of support/need.
 14. Perhaps to step put more confidently on the local ecumenical scene, and gain some imaginative ideas on why it is important and worth putting more energy into.

Neighbourhood/Local Church: Practical

1. Crisis Care Brighton; shared social justice Inter-Church Council [ICC] projects in local ICC. Should be celebrated at least actually in the Churches participating (in rotation to keep awareness current).
2. Neighbourhoods: support ecumenism already in place; World Day of Prayer: encourage church leaders to recognise excellent connection; Do more services; Swap preachers – each service tradition remains but invite each other to share; Use/support each other’s resources – youth groups, op-shops, sports teams, craft programmes; Taize group; publically celebrate at higher level in churches; address fear of losing our own people; annual ecumenical service – city church; Chaplaincy circles also ecumenical.
3. Connection with other groups in the community eg school, masons, where need is seen and aid and care is given through food hampers to those in need in the schools or wider community. Connecting with principal of school, those who know the needs of the families.
4. Freemason help fund. Food hampers for the schools in an area. Oz fund us \$600 a year to do outreach to the community via lunches.
5. Offer our facilities for community use eg home school children and families who use our facility whom we listen to their pain, their joy and what life is for them.
6. Who we are becoming. The whole church together – God – all the denominations.
7. Connecting with other groups in the neighbourhood – church where need is clear – help with food hampers and connecting with local groups.
8. Offering the church as a resource for spiritual gatherings eg Taize style. Invite children once

- a year – music.
9. Few neighbourhood churches for us to relate to. Good co-op in North Adelaide with the Cathedral – St Mark's (mainly on property and environmental issues).
 10. More co-op on witnessing together on peace and social justice issues eg refugees, poverty, arms expos. Monitoring of legislation going through parliament show the more 'liberal' side of the Church – too often invisible.
 11. Find a way to meet and pray and to share locally for 1-2 hours a month or as agreed.
 12. Community chaplaincy and the broader presence of church within secular communities eg Rev'd Barbara's connection with Somerton SLSC.
 13. Offer to host jointly activities for children and parents eg picnics during holidays for both churches.
 14. Sporting clubs – connect to those groups who have replaced churches as gathering places of well-being.
 15. Local and neighbourhood not the same – emphasise neighbourhood for ecumenical contacts. Structures for n'hood contacts not well functioning (inter church councils). Maybe look at churches in local council areas as a new impetus to neighbourhood cooperation. In country, neighbourhood clearly works.
 16. What is positive? Denominational welfare agencies; Chaplaincies (prison/school/hospital); country collaboration; inter church councils (beacon at Blackwood a local welfare agency); Christian Heads of Churches messages; Local – Christmas pageants (Norwood, Blackwood have a strong Christian flavour).
 17. Sending support flowers and gifts with messages to the staff at the school.

Social Justice – Issues & Process

1. We often consider what we 'do' for those who are poor or we wonder about how the church can be prophetic. But perhaps receptive ecumenism invites us to reflect on how those who are poor change us. What gift does our relating with them give us?
2. Social justice and higher profile for Act for Peace but in competition with denom aid agencies. SACC do for churches v get churches to do and they don't. Re-visit?? Prophetic voices?
3. Invite input from social justice elements of each denomination (schools/agencies/aged care/chaplains – hospital, military, schools) to submit info, ideas, suggestions for discussions in our own traditions and share stories. Raise Centrelink allowance and procedures – cruel – policies.
4. Exploration their interest, writing action in relation to social justice issues so that we might strengthen our voice and collaborate and act together.
5. Refugee situation.
6. Loneliness a social issue. Acceptance. Drugs, alcohol etc addiction. Sexuality. Homeless, easy to sub-contract out and pay money – harder to invest personally.
7. The question of broadening the concept of marriage continues to be a vexed question. Can we help each other to explore these issues in a respectful way, or is this issue too difficult at the moment with differences that are held by the denominational/groups within denominations?
8. Amber light under environment.

Speaking together

1. Connect our agencies together as a voice together for social justice.
2. Create a collective voice – Consultation Working party – with media guidelines and a few spokespeople for the media to respond to issues in news (local/national/international) that reacts swiftly.
3. How might we as churches provides space for everyone to give voice to their stories –

especially the poor and marginalised – rather than the energy going toward ‘our’ speaking for them as a church?

4. Unrealistic for one denomination to speak for whole church. Difficult for SACC. Difficult for Heads of Christian Churches.
5. There is so much division within our own and other denominations – how can we speak with one voice?
6. Show the diversity of people or faith. A place for everyone? Should be able to agree on key principles, although the interpretation may vary eg compassion for those driven to ‘bad’ behaviour.
7. Develop a stronger link between SACC and LoCCSA re social justice issues with a view to encouraging action and public response either individually or together.
8. Re social justice: in more ‘professional’ world we do tend to send experts on our behalf. Churches need to be guided by their experts to make credible statements.
9. Social Justice: Joint statements, conversation from LoCCSA – only 15% Christians, only 6% regular attenders so why not encourage conversations; advertise each other’s social justice events to make a stand together; Churches in neighbourhood – op-shop/food bank/ESL for example Marion Church of Christ, Ascot Park UCA and Cornerstone UCA.
10. On the ‘prophetic voice’ thing, is there scope for SACC to speak on behalf of member churches, or is this just not our role and would over-ride a process that currently works.
11. Unity in Diversity is ok. That’s why we can’t always speak with one voice.
12. I share humanity with you but I might disagree on some things. Who is my neighbour?
13. Social justice needs to embrace community development and wider partnerships. SACC and HoC need to speak out as single voices as expressions of shared concerns.

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