

Waverley & District Inter-Church Council Team
Meeting: at Glen Waverley Uniting Church- cnr Bogong & Kingsway G.W.
(Monday 3rd MAY 2010 - 7.30 pm) **Melway 71 C3**

- AGENDA -

ITEM

Chair: John Hurst (GWU).

WELCOME

1 OPENING PRAYER: All

'Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.'

2 PRESENT

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3 APOLOGIES

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4 Minutes of previous Meeting

- Accepted by: Seconded by:
- Matters Arising

5 REGULAR ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
a) Presentation/Discussion about Sikh Religion history and beliefs	5min	Ray Lamerand.
b) Faith Reading/Discussion Paul Letter to Romans 7:1-25	5 min	Pat & Tony H
c) 2011 Easter Event at GWUniting. How can we help?	22 nd April 2011	Pat & Tony H, Carol P Peter Mc.
d) Way of the Cross Good Friday		Val N. Carole P Joe P.
i. Pick up key & provide insurance cover to council	21 Apr 2011	
ii. Pick up Sound System from Mc Lean Sound in Balaclava		
e) Christian Unity (Ascension) Celebrations	16 th May 2010.	Joe Persico
f) List of Churches & Services In Monash for Motels	3 rd May 2010	Joe Persico
g) Advertising Services Easter.(Mt Wav ICC?)(+ Website) Discussion on future strategies, Standard Form was communicated to Mt Wav ICC.	July 2010 Joint meeting	Treasurer: John H.
h) Information Letter to Aged Care Services.		Tony H. John H.
i) Nativity Scene, Christmas Display Banner.	13 th Dec 2010	Tony H. Peter Mc C.
j) World Day of Prayer Cameroon Friday Cameroon	5 th March 2010	Val Noble

6 NEW ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

- a) Joint Meeting with Mt Waverley ICC. Volunteers. Joe P.+
- b) Additional members recruitment? From St. Christopher's?
- c) Propagation of the Christian Faith in the city of Monash.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

<u>IN</u> - Received meeting minutes from Mt Waverley ICC	Mar-April 2010	Secretary Pat Hodges
<u>OUT</u> - Send GW ICC meeting minutes to Mt Waverley ICC	Mar-April 2010	Secretary Pat Hodges

8 VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Activities updates & Discussion

- Gambling Robert Mc. Innes

9 GENERAL DISCUSSION

ad-hoc items.

10 NEXT MEETINGS: are the DATES and TIME suitable to EVERY ONE?

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Monday 5th of July 2009 at 7.30 pm. St. Justin's, 48 Whalley Dr., Wheelers Hill. 71 J12
Monday 6th of September 2009 at 7.30 pm. Holy Saviour 5 Sherwood Rise Vermont Sth 62 E 9
Monday 8th of November 2009 at 7.30 pm. Pat & Tony 13 Sunnybrook Dr Wheelers Hill 71 H 7

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ROMANS 7:1-25

Rom 7:1 Do you not know, brothers and sisters--for I am speaking to those who know the law; that the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime?

Rom 7:2 Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband.

Rom 7:3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

Rom 7:4 In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Rom 7:5 While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

Rom 7:6 But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code, but in the new life of the Spirit.

Rom 7:7 What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Rom 7:8 But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead.

Rom 7:9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived

Rom 7:10 and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

Rom 7:11 For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

Rom 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Rom 7:13 Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means!

It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.

Rom 7:15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Rom 7:16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

Rom 7:17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

Rom 7:19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Rom 7:21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,

Rom 7:23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Rom 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Rom 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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SIKH RELIGION

By Ray L.

In the interests of brevity, let's try to situate Sikhism as a religious movement emanating from a Hindu background and striving to bridge the gap with Muslim stances.

Unfortunately a number of splinter groups makes generalisations problematic. Nanak (1469-1539) led by example, prayer, teaching; eventually it was the fifth "guru" Arjan who compiled the first authorised collection of Sikh (disciple) writings: *the Adi Granth*.

This was a period of tension in the Punjab and Guru Arjan was executed.

Males were expected not to cut their hair, but wear it in a bun on the top of their heads under a turban.

There are **key beliefs**: there is only one creator God (Satnam) "There is one supreme eternal reality; the truth; immanent in all things; creator of all things; immanent in creation.

Without fear and without hatred; not subject to time; beyond birth and death; self-revealing.

Known by the Guru's grace [beginning of the Guru Granth Sahib].

God is a guru as are other key teachers; spiritual union with God is salvation (heaven).

Sikhs are to live a modest life: Sikhs should share what they have through the distribution of free food at Sikh gurdwaras, giving charitable donations and working for the good of the community and others.

All are encouraged to eat together because "all humans are equal" there are no caste differences.

Sikhs believe in karma, reincarnation and the ultimate unreality of the material world.

Khalsa Sikhs (dedicated) have uncut hair (*kesh*), a comb (*kanga*), a specific undergarment –knee-length pants (*kachchhera*), metal bangle (*kara*), and a small dagger (*kirpan*), - signs which tend to set them apart from other people.

Sikh temples have four doors to invite people of different backgrounds to enter.

The most famous temple is at Amritsar in the Punjab.

Sikhs tolerate other religions, but do not proselytise.

They abstain from alcohol and tobacco.

Theirs is not a missionary religion, but people can convert.

While some Sikhs came to Australia in the late nineteenth century, the biggest groups migrated after Indian independence when some settled in Queensland as banana growers and others at Wolgoola (between Brisbane and Sydney on the highway).

Numerous families migrated from Gujarat and even Africa and have integrated readily into Australian society.

Members of the community are hard-working and well educated, achieving above average levels of affluence.

Fijian Indians have migrated to Australia when they felt their country of origin discriminatory.

Many of these were skilled engineers and IT specialists, but those who failed to find positions in Australia moved elsewhere where work beckoned.

Sikhs are most welcoming and have become well-known on the north coast of New South Wales.

Their annual conferences and games attract numerous visitors to Wolgoola, something documented for Compass last year.