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Annual General Meeting of General Council

Saturday 21 October 2017, 8.45am/9am-1pm

Happy Valley Church of Christ, 179 Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park <http://www.hvccoc.com/>

AGENDA Walking together: *conversations of the heart*

8.45am:

Registration

9am

1. Prayer led by Happy Valley Church of Christ



9.30am

2. Welcome, Introductions & Sharing of Stories - Part 1: Happy Valley Church of Christ

10am

3. Annual General Meeting

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes & Business Arising:

3.1.1 Minutes of AGM: 19 November 2016, Australian Lutheran College, North Adelaide

3.1.2 Minutes of the General Meeting: 29 April 2017 in four Adelaide City Churches

3.2 Sharing of Stories - Part 2: SACC Reports July 2016 – June 2017

Reports will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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

iii. Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace

3.2.4 Auditor's Report

3.2.5 Budget 2017/18 & Finance Report

3.3 Appointments and Elections (*Nominations will be invited in advance and will be distributed prior to or at the meeting*)

3.3.1 Election of Officers for 2018: President, Vice-Presidents [2] & Treasurer

3.3.2 Election of one Ecumenical Delegate from General Council to Executive Committee to December 2018

3.3.3 Appointment of Auditor for 2017/18

3.4 Other Business

3.4.1 Other items for discussion at AGM (invited in advance)

End of AGM

10.30am

4. Sharing of Stories - Part 3: Resourcing - A Book Launch

A new book will be launched during this part of the SACC AGM. The book, written by John Littleton, *Enhance Learning in Parishes: A Learning Community Approach for Church Congregations*, published by MediaCom Education Inc, Unley, Adelaide, in August 2017, will be available to buy \$17.95 at the AGM from the publishers. A description of the book on the publisher's website reads: "Out of the research of his doctoral work, John Littleton has identified the marks of a congregation as a learning community including how it enables church growth; spiritual maturity and theological capacity." <http://www.mediacom.org.au/jl>

John is a member of the SACC Community for Ecumenical Learning. Learning has been a constant and vital theme at SACC for the past 10 years and we are delighted, therefore, at this opportunity for John's book to be launched at this gathering of SA Council of Churches, as we continue the journey together in faith.

Following the launch, we will have a little time to walk in twos or threes, inside or outside - to browse 'Enhance Learning in Parishes', stretch legs, exercise voice boxes, invite the imagination ... then collect tea/coffee/cake and take a seat

11am

5. Sharing of Stories - Part 4: Individual

Over tea/coffee, share an experience of unity with each other, with opportunity for brief sharing with whole group

11.25am

6. Sharing of Stories - Part 5: Resourcing - Pilgrimage to the Heart

The Ecumenical Lenten Resource 2018 – Launch and Introduction

11.40am

7. Sharing of Stories - Part 6: SACC Priority 5 - Ecumenical Partnership in the Mission of Christ. In what ways does your church act with other Christians on education, advocacy and fundraising to help alleviate poverty, oppression and injustice in Australia and overseas?

All appointees were invited in July 2017 to describe examples of ecumenical partnership in the mission of Christ, together with hoped-for areas. Responses will be distributed to General Council in advance of the AGM, and when we gather there will be time for presenting, conversation, discernment and what action may SACC recommend to Member Churches.

12.45pm

8. Dates, venues and themes of General Council Meetings 2018

9. Review and 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 ...?



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