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An Exchange of Gifts on the Journey towards Unity: a pilgrimage

Four Adelaide churches - Pilgrim Church [Uniting], St Francis Xavier Cathedral [Catholic], St Mary Magdalene's Church [Anglican] and St Stephen's Church [Lutheran] – welcomed more than 100 people from nine different denominations, leading prayer and offering hospitality, as SA Council of Churches celebrated 70 years as an ecumenical council on Saturday 29 April 2017.

Below are reflections from Dr Heshmat Keroloss, appointee of Coptic Orthodox Church-Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions to Community for Ecumenical Learning, a Committee of SA Council of Churches.

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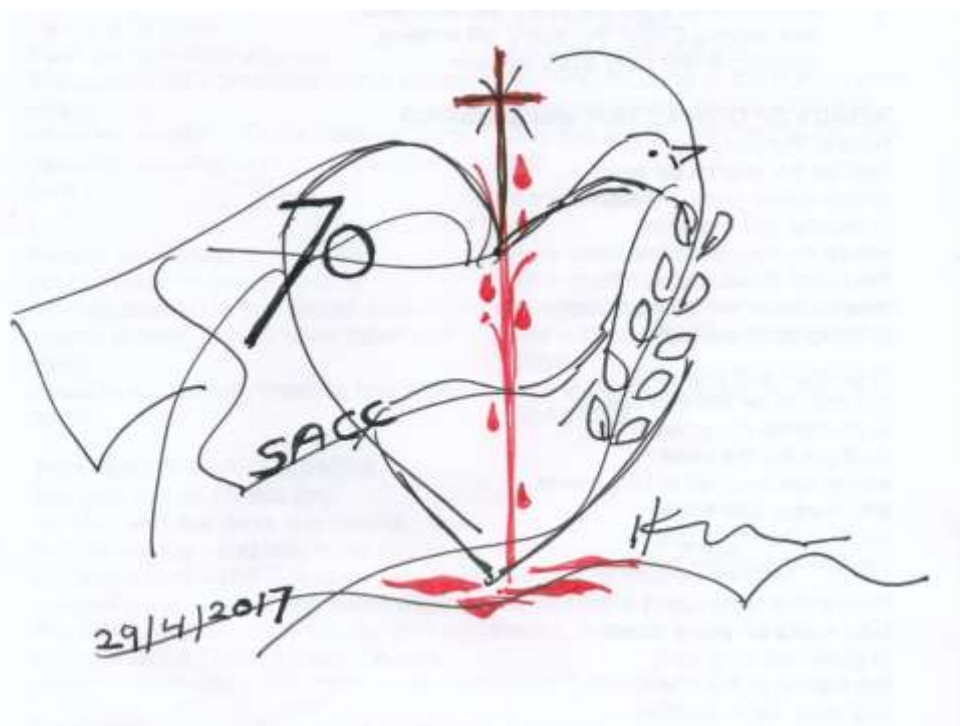
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON
& THE HOLY SPIRIT ONE GOD AMEN

As we gathered together – in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the South Australian Council of Churches (24/6/1947-29/4/2017) the Lord inspired me during the day to make this little drawing.

It expresses the idea of the Cross being the ultimate source of Redemption, that is offered to all humanity through the life-giving death of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. And the Holy Spirit who takes from Christ and gives us all the fruits of Christ's salvific work. Only in Christ and through the Holy Spirit working now in the Church, can we be truly one in faith, hope and love, fulfilling Christ's prayer to the Father in John 17.

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