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Dear Friends at St Mary and Anba Bishoy Coptic Orthodox Church

On behalf of the Member Churches of SA Council of Churches, I give thanks for all you contributed towards making the gathering of SACC Member Churches with Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, World Council of Churches, on Friday 14 October, a time of prayerful, gracious and generous hospitality.

Through your hospitality, we were nourished in body, spirit and mind, while we took some steps together on the journey towards more visible signs of our unity in Christ.

As I reflect on the day and the many conversations, there were several moments of delight and many insights for follow up across the Church in SA – and perhaps all the way through to WCC! I look forward to being in touch with you again as we explore.

Meantime, may your faithfulness in Christ continue to be an inspiration to us all as we journey together in living more fully our love and unity in Christ - in, with, and for our world.

Peace,

Jill Gallio  
President

*Copy: Bishop Suriel*

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#### Members of South Australian Council of Churches

Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Adelaide, The Murray and Willochra; Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie; Churches of Christ in SA/NT; Coptic Orthodox Church-Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions; Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia – District of SA & NT; Lutheran Church of Australia - SA/NT District; Religious Society of Friends SA/NT Regional Meeting; Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of Australia/New Zealand – SA Parish; Salvation Army SA Division; St Urael Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church in SA Inc; Uniting Church in SA

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