



INTO Summit 2016 AGM Draft Minutes

NOTE: AGM Minutes are considered draft until approved at the next AGM

The 2016 CCVT AGM began at 2.40pm on Saturday, May 14,
and was held at Ringwood Church of Christ

Apologies Bellarine Peninsula Church of Christ, Emmanuel Christian Church - Burmese,
Maryborough Church of Christ, The Lighthouse Church on Well St, Huonville Community
Church, Grace Church of Christ

Welcome

The Chair, Milton Oliver (Roxburgh Park/Wallan) welcomed people to the AGM, outlined the CCVT Inc.
Board nominations process and explained the process that would be followed.

Motion—Affiliation of CiTiGATE Church

Resolved: That the CiTiGATE church be affirmed and welcomed as an Affiliated church with Churches of
Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc.

Moved Philip Kua (Clayton), **Seconded** Paul Cameron (Discovery); resolved with acclamation.

Minutes of General Meetings

Minutes of 2015 AGM

Resolved: That the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Churches of Christ in Victoria and
Tasmania held at Wallan church on May 16, 2015 be accepted.

Moved Geoff Meehan (Montrose), **Seconded** Ann Fair (Door of Hope)

Minutes of 2015 SGM

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of Churches of Christ in Victoria and
Tasmania held at Doncaster church on October 17, 2015 be accepted.

Moved Robyn Millership (Doncaster), **Seconded** Don Gall (Kardinia)

Reports

Executive Officer, Council, Community Care and Mission and Ministry

The Executive Officer, Paul Cameron provided an update on the implementation of the governance structure, the three functional areas and teams, and further implications of CCVT moving from the Renewal Challenge to the Renewal Movement phase.

The AGM noted the current transition process underway for staff and as the Council becomes the Board; that the operation of the Trustees of the Properties Corporation will be extended until June 30, 2016, and that the Council, Community Care and Mission and Ministry reports were taken as read

After a short break the three teams—Leadership, Communities and Operations—were introduced.

The AGM noted the following comments from the Team Leaders,

- Team Leader—Leadership, Philip Kua paid respect to Kaye Reid’s leadership in the transition period, acknowledged the great Team, that the Team’s goal is to partner with affiliates in building Leaders to move them into new spaces, explore possibilities to work together, and to link people together.
- Team Leader—Communities, Michael Vanderree affirmed the value of strengthening the Team this year, that the Team is eager for conversation with churches and leaders, acknowledging that something different is happening as we move from ‘maintenance’ to ‘missional’ conversations, including in regional clusters.
- Team Leader—Operations, Joel Plotnek acknowledged that Prop Corp had grown a lot since it first started, and now it’s coming to an ‘end’, as it morphs into the new world of Operations and CCFS; the constant is a commitment to be supporting church mission with resources, and indicated his real excitement about the next three to five years in CCVT.

The Team Leaders also introduced members of their Teams who were present.

Stirling Theological College

The Chair of the Stirling board Lynette Leach, made some brief comments noting that the Principal, Dr. Andrew Menzies is currently on sabbatical; expressing appreciation to the college’s faculty; the recent opening of the Hindmarsh Centre; an emerging partnership with Churches of Christ in Queensland to develop a graduate leadership centre for those in caring professions; the launch of a 12 month ‘Catalyst’ program for 18-21yr olds; that by 2018 a full Bachelor of Theology will be offered online.

The AGM also ratified the appointment of Rebecca Smith (One community) to the board by acclamation.

CCVT Inc. Finance Reports

The AGM noted the comments of Frank Morabito who indicated that the stewardship of resources is something CCVT takes very seriously; that CCVT Inc. has had a good surplus, enabling it to put a reserve aside for the time it is needed; that CCVT continues to appreciate the generous support received through bequests; that it was the final financial report for Mission and Ministry; and that the proposed budget like all first year budgets is something of an experiment.

Resolved: That the CCVT Inc. financial reports, including Mission and Ministry be received. **Moved** Frank Morabito (Williamstown), **Seconded** Russell Kilgour (Connection)

Story

Catherine & Gabriel Hingley, Neighbourhood Engagement Catalysts within the Communities Team were introduced. Catherine noted that last year's Summit theme, Adventures made her think of their trip to Melbourne 11 years ago yesterday, when they moved into Noble Park and community engagement with UNOH; and that from that place of convergence last year Catherine knew she wanted to join in with the Renewal Movement within CCVT. Gabriel reflected that understanding more about what 'catalyst' means has been valuable, for the shared role is to encourage and equip leaders to hear and respond to what the Spirit is already up to in a neighbourhood. Catherine and Gabriel noted they were both available to visit churches and agencies and take part in conversations.

The Chair, Milton Oliver, prayed for the Hingleys in their important role.

Motion—Disability Inclusion

Resolved: That Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc., at its Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2016,

1. **Acknowledges that,**

People living with disabilities¹ are people formed by God (Psalm 139) and confirmed by Jesus as being welcomed at the Kingdom table (Luke 14);

People living with disabilities have often been excluded from the community of God's people throughout the history of the church, reflecting the social devaluation present in the society that surrounds us.

2. **And, given** one of CCVT's Shared Values is to "value the dignity, equality and inherent worth of all persons, and (to) work for their justice and equal opportunity"; and, based on a later decision by CCVT "to participate in bringing the Kingdom of God to earth through practices of inclusion, justice, fairness and hospitality"²,

We Resolve to seek, where appropriate, to repent of any instances of exclusion, and to become a true body of Christ where we celebrate that "those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary" (1 Corinthians 12: 22).

In so doing, we recognise that,

- *There are many obstacles, including attitudinal barriers, for people with disabilities, their families and carers, which prevent them hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship, which we have not always considered;*
- *People with disabilities and their families are an important part of our churches and communities and both need our support and the opportunities to serve and be served;*
- *Jesus made himself vulnerable for us (Philippians 2:7-8), and we can discover true community through the leadership of those who live with the vulnerability of disability. This contribution can bring growth to all of us and deep relationship with God and our neighbour. Jean Vanier, writing about living in community with people with an intellectual disability, says: "Loving someone means, of course, wanting to do things for them, but more essentially it means being present to them. Presence involves helping the person to see their beauty and value, to trust*

¹ People with disabilities includes all those living with a physical, intellectual, sensory or psychiatric disability

² CCVT Refugees and Asylum Seekers Statement, Annual Report 2014

themselves and to grow humanly to greater maturity. Loving involves letting others see my own poverty, and giving them space to love me.”³

3. **And, we invite all churches and agencies** affiliated with Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania to:

- Welcome the partnership that CCVT has with CBM Australia through its Luke14 initiative which provides resources and support in this commitment to inclusion;
- Develop and implement a plan to remove those obstacles that currently prevent people living with disability from hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship;
- Adopt proactive practices that extend welcome to people living with disability and their families into our communities and provide education to tackle the attitudes and theological issues that have brought about the exclusion experienced by many;
- Continue to advocate for Government policy that promotes the wellbeing and interests of people with disabilities and their families and carers.

Moved Gabriel Hingley (CCVT Neighbourhood Engagement Catalyst), **Seconded** Paul Cameron (D)

Bill Hearn (Mulgrave) reminded delegates at the AGM that the link to the CBM clip can also found in the background papers to the Motion.

Safe Places Review Update

The AGM noted an update provided by the Safe Places reviewer, Libby Klein: Her comments included, that safety is very broad and reflects many contexts; it is about risk management but also about recommending best practice; the review has included conducting focus groups; examples of types of risks are being identified; the Report won't recommend a whole lot of red-tape etc but be as practical as possible; that for CCVT to do well at being a 'safe place' it requires the involvement and commitment of all levels of the Movement; and it is part of our best possibility for developing Communities of Hope and Compassion

Other Reports

Resolved: That all other Reports be received as distributed.

Moved John Sharpe (Ringwood), **Seconded** Bill Hearn (Mulgrave), motion carried

Final Remarks

The Chair, in his last task as 'Council' Chair, thanked those present for the opportunity, that it has been a rich time, acknowledging that so much work takes place behind the scenes, as so many people contribute in boards, committees and taskforces etc. to move us forward. The Chair acknowledged his belief that God is doing such great things, that it is an important and encouraging season for CCVT; and expressed his thanks to the Executive Officer, Paul Cameron for his support and encouragement.

³ Jean Vanier *The Heart of L'Arche: A spirituality for every day*

The Executive Officer then indicated to Delegates that it is planned that Affinity will be revised in 2017, that the 2017 Summit date is under review, with a possibility of offering a leadership formation event separate to the May AGM/Summit event.

Prayer

The Chair then closed the meeting in prayer.

AGM finished at 4.50pm