

Social Justice Reference Group
Tuesday 7th June 2022 @ 1.30pm
 (Webex and in person)

Attendees	David Walker, Louise Levy, Colleen Hampson (all CESL), Kerry Stone (Diocesan Justice Coordinator), Ruth Bakogianis (SMotA Nathalia), Jacqui Partington (St Monica's Wodonga), Rob Walker (Galen Wangaratta), Michael Goss (CMC Bendigo)	
Apologies	Lee Pethybridge (CESL), Sarah Cody & Mallory Thompson (CMC), Eliza Wood, Zara Limbrick & Kate Buha (SMotA students)	
Acknowledgement of Country	David Walker	
Chair and Prayer:	David Walker (God of the Future) Reflection prompts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the purpose of our life on this earth? • Why are we here? • What need does the earth have of us (rather than us of the earth)? 	
Minutes	Colleen Hampson	
AGENDA ITEMS		
Business arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Social Justice Plans. David navigated those present through the website. The action plans (primary & secondary) are now available to schools via the website • Suggestion to use the platform of the Director's Briefing to update schools re this area of the website • Possibility of including a 'Social Justice' page in Communication Matters (similar to that of Aboriginal Education page) 	David
Laudato Si	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laudato Si Action Plan and Launch was a fantastic day which also incorporated the celebration of 20 years of Catholic Earthcare. A number of dignitaries were present and Bishop Shane and Sue Martin (National Catholic Earthcare Coordinator) were part of proceedings. Positive feedback has been received including catering and the walk to the park. Two versions of the video are available. Each school and Parish was presented with an Olive tree, certificate and badges. Olive trees were chosen for Biblical links, low maintenance, evergreen and hardy. Earthcare Registration has now been received from a total of 31 schools and 23 Parishes/Organisations (including CESL & Chancery). Proposal to hold local ceremonies in Shepparton, Wodonga and Wangaratta for those who were unable to be present on the day. 	

Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David has been maintaining a social justice calendar on the website. • Some pages need updating (eg. Other social justice groups - include Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project); David is seeking support to update the Site. Should ACRATH move under Modern Slavery? 	
Just Leadership days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqui and Rob to approach their respective leadership teams to gauge the feel for gathering Year 5&6 and 7&8 students with other schools 	
CESL Modern Slavery Working Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Party has been formed to meet not only legislative requirements for CESL but additionally for moral, ethical and justice reasons. Met yesterday (06.06.22) which was the first meeting. Liaison Officers are Kim Saunders and Monique Chalker. A Communication Plan is being developed as well as some advice for schools and Offices regarding purchasing. 	
Justice Matters Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 students attended from 8 schools • Romina (Caritas - facilitator) is always well received by our students • Environmental focus • Students were enabled to plan future social justice / ecological justice activities in their schools. 	
Refugee Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources are available from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * RCOA (Refugee Council of Australia) * Caritas * Australian Bishop's Office for Justice, Ecology & Peace * CES Library Learning Centre 	
Winter Sleepout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: SMotA (third time lucky?) • Date: Thursday 4th August • Events organised include: live music, guest speakers, games, VCAL Hospitality class to cater, movie, guided meditation • Publicity poster to be updated and will aim for distribution prior to the end of Term 2 • Jack O'Sullivan's availability to be determined 	
Caritas & Diocesan Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously discussed matters regarding Camp & Launch. • Project Compassion money is coming in 	Kerry
Professional reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Carwardine - article & Youtube clip re Laudato Si action and moving to zero waste • Discussion following reading of article. Current terminology appears to favour "ecological justice" and "integral ecology" over "sustainability" 	

Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All sang in tune and unison to Louise: 'Happy Birthday!'	
Meeting closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.45pm	
Next meeting date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday October 19 1.30pm	