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NEWS

CREAT GATHERING – EMERGING RELIGIOUS LIFE SEPT 5-9

Terry Casey gave the following account of this gathering which was held at the Glen Osmond Monastery

Squally winds gave way to fine weather at the gathering of fifteen brothers who joined Luke Quinn and Terry Casey for the Adelaide gathering to look at our new understandings of religious life today, how it has changed, what our earlier experiences meant, how they shaped us and where it had all moved. This was the second such gathering, preceded by an earlier one in Mulgoa in August. Seven of the local brothers were joined by three from Victoria, three from WA, three from Queensland and one from East Timor.



Over the course of those few days brothers shared and reflected on what came and went in Religious Life, what was the Essence of the call they experienced and what was distilled from the wisdom of the group. There was a time for prayer, quiet reflection, exploration of insights in small and plenary groups, opportunity for challenging reading, and some really good social time between and after sessions. A lot of ground was covered in the time together and one observation was made that a new style of “retreat” had developed where serious conversation, use of symbol, Scripture and prayer had given a meaningful new form of Reflective Practice.

With the assistance of Berkeley Fitzhardinge, a new group was set up on the Province Website where the initial findings of the group were recorded and made available for the members to peruse, comment on or continue the conversation.

The venue at the Monastery proved very suitable. Meals and accommodation were excellent. But the hospitality of the local brothers to the visitors from as far away as East Timor (Richard Walsh), was deeply appreciated as a special expression of brotherhood which seems to be a characteristic feature of being brother wherever such a gathering occurs.

Terry Casey

The Local Brothers who attended were: Michael Flaherty, Trevor Dean, Peter Faulkner, John Moylan, Ben McCabe, Pat Guidera, John McGee.

We were pleased to be able to welcome visitors from other Clusters: Kevin Laws, Neville Thornton, Frank Hennessy, Berkeley Fitzhardinge, Richard Walsh, Basil Hickey, Paul McGlade and Russell O'Brien,

Thanks to Ted Magee for his part in organising things and to Terry and Luke for leading it. Thanks too especially to Ben McCabe for his hospitality at Glen Osmond.



**CREAT GATHERING – EMERGING RELIGIOUS LIFE
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NEWS continued . .

LIVING THE VISION AWARDS

The Celebration of these awards on Friday 17th September was a wonderful evening. There was a remarkable atmosphere throughout the evening. Many of the more than eighty people who were present commented on what a worthwhile venture an Awards Night such as this was.

Br Joe Lauren was present as representative of the Province Leadership. The talks by Azim Kamisa and Ples Felix that told their story of forgiveness and reconciliation were appropriate to the theme of the celebration of these awards.

The three award winners were Christian Brothers, **John McGee and Reg Whitely and Justin Chung**, a Rostrevor staff member. The citation for these awards is printed below:

Br John (Jock) McGee cfc – Margaret Rice Award for Presence
Alive to the wonder of all creation opening us to intimacy with the Mystery of God



For years, Jock has been known as a person of outstanding integrity, deep compassion and a true humility. A quiet achiever as a teacher, he had the unqualified respect of his students.

In recent years, Jock could well have settled into a quiet retirement in Adelaide. Instead, he recognised the needs of those around him – the indigenous, refugees and other marginalised groups.

It is obvious to those who know him that Jock has a special rapport with indigenous people. He has given of himself to their welfare, particularly through his work at the Otherway Centre.

His genuine concern for others has earned him the trust and confidence of many. Although suffering from physical infirmity in recent years, Jock bears this with courage and does not allow it to interfere with his mental energy, encouragement and practical support to the disadvantaged.



Jack McGee accepting the award from Joe Lauren

Jock's continued commitment to be present to the students of St Pauls, and previously at FAME, is testament to his life as a man Living the Edmund Rice Vision.

In all respects, he is an outstanding example of compassionate support to people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Jock stands in solidarity with the marginalised through his understanding of their needs, and his actions to offer support and relief. He demonstrates leadership in being an exemplar through his actions. He has developed active and effective relationships with the vulnerable who in turn recognise his advocacy on their behalf.

Mr Justin Chung – Nano Nagle Award for Compassion
Opening our hearts to and standing in solidarity with the suffering world



Justin attended Rostrevor as a student, and eventually returned as a staff member. He became involved with the Indian Pilgrimage and eventually became the pilgrimage leader.

During this time, he forged links with many Christian Brothers in India, and many clients of the Brothers. When he resigned as leader of the pilgrimage to focus on his forthcoming marriage, he continued his work by **going to Fred's Van on a regular basis and encouraging students to go with him.**

He used and shared great compassion in his role as middle school Barron House Leader particularly when dealing with boys who were in trouble.

Two years ago, he applied for, and won the position of Service Learning Coordinator. In this, he has embraced the breakfast programme run on Wednesday mornings at Wandana School.



Justin with Helena Sweeney & Azhim Kamiza

Most recently, Rostrevor sent Justin on an African experience run by Br John Carrig as an insight into the work of Christian Brothers in East Africa. He has presented a moving and engaged account of what touched his heart there – Barron House gave him the first

Coming Events

FUNERAL PETER BIGNELL

Peter is Libby Oudshoorn's brother who died last Friday. His funeral is to be held next Tuesday (28 September) at Mattiske Funeral Chapel, 2 Wiltshire St, Salisbury at 10.30 am.

COSMOLOGY RETREAT:

*This is to be held on 9th October at a venue is yet to be notified. It will be held from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Peter Faulkner will be providing the input and facilitating the day. RSVPs are important so that arrangements can be made. **RSVP to Natasha Siebert by 5th October. msiebert@edmundrice.org or 103 George Street, Thebarton SA 5031 or Telephone: 8354 2100; Mobile: 0438 505 400***

EMERGING RELIGIOUS LIFE.

This reflection time is to be held from 13th – 17th October at Mulgoa, NSW. It is a repeat of the Programme that was presented recently here in Adelaide

ASSOCIATES MEETING

The next gathering of the associates will be Wednesday 13 October.

LEADERSHIP FORUM

This is a gathering of the Province Leadership Team and Directors of Ministry with Cluster Leaders from 27 – 29 October at Riverglenn in Brisbane. It is at this gathering that we will be looking at all the recommendations and consultations that have been undertaken over the past couple of months in the various clusters.

Prayer Intentions

Aubrey Murray: Jim's brother who passed away at age 90 in Perth last month. Sympathies to Jim and all the family at this time. It was good that Jim was able to be over there in the West for his brother's death.

Connie Ryan: Died about a week ago. Connie was a friend of many of the Brothers who were in Whyalla over the years.

Peter Bignell: Libby Oudshoorn's brother who died last Friday. His funeral is to be held next Tuesday at Mattiske Funeral Chapel, 2 Wiltshire St, Salisbury at 10.30 am

Please keep these recently deceased and their family and friends in

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INVITATION TO BROTHERS FROM EREA

I have received the following from Wayne Tinsey:

Dear Brothers

The warmest of greetings from National Office of EREA.

As you would be aware, EREA is approaching its third birthday and much has happened. 2010 is a very significant year as we move towards PJP status and a new relationship with the Congregation.

I would like to invite Adelaide Brothers to a gathering on Thursday 28 October where I will share with you some of the journey thus far and fill you in on the progress and aspirations of EREA. I would also like to use the opportunity to seek your feedback and ideas on how EREA can more fully embrace the vision of Edmund and the dreams of the Brothers. My sense is that we could meet mid morning and conclude with lunch.

I understand that not all will be able to attend but look forward to seeing those Brothers who can be there.

I would ask that Cluster Leaders distribute this information to the Brothers please; Helen Bird will contact you again after 11 October with further details re venues.

With every best wish.

Wayne

Because I will be in Brisbane on the proposed date, I have replied to this to ask if the date can be changed. I will let you know if the date is changed. Wayne is in India at the moment, but will let me know soon after 11 October.

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Living the Vision Awards *Continued*

Justin is a wonderful and engaging presence wherever he goes. His ability to be in solidarity with those around him makes him an excellent role model to the students and staff as they witness Justin putting into action what he believes.

Justin is someone who walks the walk and talks the talk.

Br Reg Whitely cfc – Ambrose Treacy Award for Liberation

*Freeing and enlivening a world groaning
under the weight of injustice*



Reg Whitely has been the constant moving spirit behind the Edmund Rice presence in the southern suburbs of Adelaide for the past sixteen years.

Reg represents the embodiment of Edmund Rice ministry in southern area. He does this in many ways

With the young people: Reg is fully present to them each day. Testimony to his capacity to be with young people, who find it challenging to form positive relationships with others, is the genuine affection he receives from them when he enters the room. His unassuming and gentle nature encourages a culture of acceptance that helps them relate to him. He has a passion for their education, learning and real outcomes for their efforts. Reg understands and promotes the liberating qualities of proper assessment of students in these programs.

Reg is the most wonderful storyteller and uses this technique in his support for staff. He laughs with them and helps them through difficult days. He writes beautiful and poignant reflections that enable all staff to see the vision of the ministry and deepen their understanding of Edmund, the Brothers and the Edmund Rice Network. He can certainly “bring people with him.”

Reg helps those of us around him who are no longer active in ministry to remain engaged with our faith and our relationship to Edmund. He helps others feel connected and able to re-engage as they can around other commitments. He reminds people of the work they have done, and the potential into the future to do more.



Jock with Andree Brown & Tiffany Newman

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INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALITY TEAM

This team is due to be in Adelaide from 10 to 12 November. I do not have any further details at this stage, but I imagine that there may be some gathering in order for us to meet with the team maybe on Thursday 11 November in the evening. I will give further information when I have the details.

SHEPHERDING THE DECADES

*This Gathering is intended for the over 71 year olds. It will be held at Kincumber, NSW from 31 October to 5 November. Contact Ted Magee if interested.
VISITATION – STAGE 2*

Peter Harney and Joe Lauren will be returning to SA from 7 to 11 December for the second stage of the Visitation. So far Regent St have requested their visit Thursday 9th December at 4.00 pm and Thebarton have put their bid in for Saturday Morning 11th December. Des will join with the West Beach Community at a date yet to be decided (unfortunately Reg will be unable to be present – he will be in the West). Magill also has still to choose a date and time.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS – 7 DECEMBER

This annual gathering of many people associated with Edmund Rice Network has proved very popular over the years. As in previous years it will be held at Thebarton and is in the nature of a drop in time from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Food and drinks are provided.

JUBILEES WA

*The Jubilees will be celebrated in WA on **11th December**, with the usual Jubilee Mass and Celebratory Meal at Aquinas College. If any SA Brothers want to be part of these celebrations, please let Pat Kelly know of your intentions*

JUBILEES SA

*We will be celebrating the Jubilees here in SA next year on **Thursday 20 January** with Mass in the Rostrevor Chapel at 5.00 pm, followed by the meal in the Pavilion. Those celebrating will be Jim Murray (70 years) Trevor Gibbons (60 years) and me (50 years). If any from WA intend to attend these celebrations, please let me know.*

OTHER MATTERS

MAGILL COMMUNITY

Pat Guidera has generously accepted appointment as the Community Leader at Magill for 2011. I thank Pat for accepting this appointment which will help in continuing to prepare the Magill Community for its role in being suitable for older and infirm brothers.

One area that is being attended to is installing safer and more effective heating in the Magill house.

This move of Pat from West Beach to Magill, may necessitate some other changes in the SA communities. I will be talking to all about possible changes over the next couple of weeks. Please let me know if there are any preferences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark McCabe for his leadership of Magill over recent years.

CARD FROM DAYLE FOREMAN

We received a post card (below) from Dayle addressed to the SA brothers:

Dear Brothers,

Just thought I would 'drop you a line' to say I miss you all and thinking of you in the 'deep South'. I can't believe it is nearly three months since leaving Adelaide. How time flies! I managed to catch up with Peter Clinch & the team (as I was working nearby). I also managed to catch up with Steve McLaughlin on his way out to the car park (CB Head Office), lovely to chat to them both. In working at the Australian Catholic University, I have found a strong community of dedicated followers of the Christian Brothers within my work colleagues – either fundraising for the work in Timor, carrying on the work of the Brothers in their teaching & community partnerships. We meet up for chats and coffee. Will be in touch, Love and best wishes to all.

Dayle Foreman

Dayle included her contact details:

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FINAL NOTE

I encourage you to contribute news items, photos, book reviews and other information that may be of interest to others.

Photos from the Living the Vision Awards



Jim Dwyer & Trevor Dean



Joe Lauren, Mark McLaughlin,
Cheryl Fleming & Karina
McLaughlin



Jeff & Mary Croser, Caz Bosch &
John Ahern



Pat Guidera & Daniel Lawler



Ples Felix and Donella Brown