

Notes of World Church Group (WCG) Zoom Meeting: Wednesday 15/09/2021

Present at meeting: Pauline Tang (Radyr MC), Gillian Peace (St Andrew's MC), Peter Richards (Llandaff North MC), Martin Hunt (Cathays MC), Julia Edwards (St. Paul's MC); Jayne Powell (Conway Road MC) and Superintendent Minister Rev. Cathy Gale. **Apologies** received from Jude Snook (Ely Methodist Church)

This was the first meeting in the new Methodist Year as the group, has not met for a short spell. Meeting opened with these readings as Opening Devotions:

Proverbs 19:21: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

Jeremiah 20:9: "If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."

Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Current WCG participants come from different churches in the Circuit. WCG continues with searching questions on building relations and moving WCG forward collectively as a Circuit. We welcomed and appreciated Rev. Cathy for her attendance at this meeting and providing her insight on matters:

- 1. The lack of movement re: proposed combined bible study with Rev. Buckland's church (South Africa)** - Due to the pandemic and lockdown there were other priority issues 'swamping' them at the moment. Rev. Buckland has written to Rev. Cathy Gale asking for support with a ministry of outreach to the men at the roadside, seeking for work and hungry which one of the churches is involved. This outreach is becoming urgent as the numbers of people needing support are rapidly increasing. A conversation ensued as to whether members of our Circuit churches can support this, yet, at the same time more information is needed to several questions such as the hamper cost, who oversees this outreach, the sustainability and accounting measures. WCG empathised that food for the hungry and climate change are all issues of priority to pray about. Gill reported that St Andrew's Methodist Church has recently set up a link with the Church in Philippines and careful processes to set this up are significant. **Action: Rev. Cathy to liaise with Rev. Buckland for more information and to take this to Circuit meeting on 30/11/2021.**
- 2. What WCG hopes to do** - All are conscious of **Proverbs 19:21:**"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." WCG was encouraged to focus on World Mission. Circuit and individual churches are encouraged to get involved. There are several global issues and a monthly Online Prayer Breakfast for the World was suggested. Happy to hear from anyone who would like to be involved. **Action: Pauline and Julia will follow up with Rev. Cathy Gale after Circuit meeting on 30/11/2021.**

The meeting ended with prayer by Rev. Cathy Gale.

Date and Time of next meeting: Wednesday 24th November 2021. All are welcome to participate – do join us. Pauline Tang 27/09/2021