

# Missions Interlink Missionary Transition & Re-entry Retreat Planning Meeting

January 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

Held @ CMS Blackburn

*Meeting opened with prayer:* Helen

*Present:* Helen Macnaughtan, Graeme Vines, Michael Collie, Jenny Johnston, Fran James, Laurence Whitehead (via skype once we connected)

*Apologies:* Nil

*Minutes:* Jenny Johnston

## **Business:**

*Venues:* Please email 'reply all' with all follow up information on venues by **Friday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- Letter from Elkanah: **Helen** read out- rebuilding delayed but my start in Feb. Anticipate catering for 50 in a guest house and 2 independent facilities for 30.  
**Action - Helen** will contact Peter & Vera Gill to discuss future. ? distance a factor + / -
- Amberley: **Michael C.** ? Cost too great (Details tabled)
- Wycliffe: **Fran** – emailed and contacted both, no information back as yet, will continue following up. If available, should be affordable.  
**Action - Fran** to follow up
- IBLP - Lilydale  
**Action - Fran** making contact, and waiting for a reply
- Jumbunna lodge: **Jenny** tabled info.  
**Action - Jenny** called and received a quote - tabled: too costly (although minimum 15)
- Lyrebird Park: **Helen** read out info  
**Action - Jenny** to investigate as PoA using this venue for Orientation Weeks
- Chestnut Hill: **Helen** reported that the Foundations Course used this venue in 2010 - ? cost too great  
**Action - Helen** will follow up.
- Holy Cross: **Graeme** reports that venue is available on Sept 1-4, Oct 6-9. Minimum no. 15. ?Cost prohibitive
- **Michael** suggests we form a relationship with a suitable venue and pledge to book for a number of years
- **Michael** suggests we need to outline on a spread sheet our needs and compare with venues available

*Contact details of facilitators:*

- Please send your name, residential address, work and home phone number, mobile number & **SKYPE** address if possible to **Jenny** for collation

*Dates:*

- ? Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, but all venues will be asked for all their available dates for Sept & Oct.
- Keep in mind school holiday dates

*Promotion of retreat:*

- MI - promote value – **Helen** to discuss with **Pam** (mention at the MI ConneXtions event)
- Mission agencies to be encouraged to view retreat as essential and normal component of facilitating re-entry .

*Facilitators:*

- Helen, Fran, Michael, Jenny, Laurence, Graeme (depending on dates)
- Elspeth Young is interested but depends on dates – **Jenny** to contact
- Graeme Taylor – **Helen** to contact
- Christine Bird – **Graeme** to contact
- Marjorie Seiffert – **Graeme** to contact

*Brochure: Action - Michael* to start looking at

*Facilitator/participant ratio:* 1 to 4 minimum (ideal 1 to 3)

*Registration cutoff date:*

- Helen suggests a cutoff date to avoid the stress of 2010
- One month cut off point – allows us a month for final preparation
- Early bird rate to be discussed – include the wording ‘Early Bird Rate’ – July (if retreat in Sept)

*Possible participants:*

**CMS:**

Charlie & Kathryn Fletcher

Graeme & Jane Peters

? Mitchells (2012)

**AOG:**

Russell & Robyn Harbour - definite

**SIM:**

Peter & Sally Cunningham - definite

Rob & Denise Ottoson

? Colin & Jill Bakon

? Neil & Lisa Sim

**PoA:**

?Kate Pocklington

**SIL:**

? Ben & Kylie Chenowyth

*Date of next meetings:* TBC (second half of July & second half of August)

Items for discussion: Co-ordinator of retreat, content, venue confirmation, review 2010 feedback and content