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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 26 November 2023

9.30 am	Mornington	Reid
10:00 am	Mosgiel	D Poultney
11:00 am	Glenaven	H Watson White

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held at the Mornington Methodist Church on **Tuesday 21 November at 7:30pm.**

MORNINGTON METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Wednesday 22nd November in the Mornington Methodist Church at 2pm. All members and friends of the Mornington Methodist Church are invited to join in our Christmas Meeting in the Church.

Our special guest is Sharon Connor who will lead the afternoon with the theme "Christmas is Coming...." We look forward to you all joining us for this afternoon of fun, fellowship and Christmas cheer. Please bring a small treat for the Christmas Hamper.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR

Christmas
HAMPER

YOUTH TRANSITION HOUSES
YOUNG MUMS' HOUSE

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Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa

WEST PAPUA INDEPENDENCE CAMPAIGN

I have been approached by Barbara Frame, from the West Papua Independence Campaign to ask if Mornington could host an event on December 1st to affirm support of this cause by raising the West Papuan flag.

You may recall both Marjorie Spittle and Ken Russell were involved with this movement and the congregation resolved in an AGM to support it.

I however am on study leave on that day on a course in Auckland. I would be grateful if interested people would let me know.



The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

A First step towards Reconciliation and Peace

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly” Martin Luther King Jr.

We, the members of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the release of hostages as a first step towards reconciliation and peace.

We are outraged at the ongoing bloodshed and violence in Gaza and other parts of Palestine perpetuated by the Israeli government and military. We are also outraged by the death and suffering of innocent people in Israel, caused by the terrorist organisation, Hamas. We express our deep solidarity with all who mourn and suffer, and we pray for healing and restoration.

We condemn the bombing of homes, public spaces, and sacred sites, killing thousands of innocent civilians, particularly children and women. We are equally concerned about the destructive impact of the occupation and violence on God’s creation—the land, the water bodies, and the atmosphere.

We contest the narrative that the conflict in the Holy Land is a war between two religious communities. We categorically state that the conflict is the consequence of settler colonialism and the illegal occupation of Palestinian land by the Israeli state, defying international laws and UN resolutions. A just peace in the Holy Land will not be possible without a non-violent transition from settler colonialism to self-determination (tino rangatiratanga) for the Palestinians.

We urge the international communities to create corridors for humanitarian interventions, such interventions must be based on human rights and human dignity. We reject antisemitism and Islamophobia in all its forms and call on Churches and the wider community to build bridges of reconciliation and peace. We commit ourselves to strive together to tear down all walls that colonise people and the planet.

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