



UPF connecting with Thai Buddhists:

31st January

The king of Thailand has only sent out 5 high level representatives to Australia, one of them is in Geelong. Randall Apps visited them on the last Sunday of January and had a private discussion with them.



i4Give:

1st February

1st Feb was i4Give (I forgive) Day, remembering innocent victims of road accidents. It was the first anniversary of 4 children from one family killed by a drunk driver, and the parents were asking for prayers and remembrance on that date. Geelong Interfaith joined the Convent Grace Church in Johnstone Park in Geelong. <https://humansingeelong.com/2021/02/03/i4give-day-geelong/>



Prayer Marathon at Parliament:

4th February

3 members from the Victoria Church join other faiths outside Victoria Parliament for a prayer marathon. This was held by ACL to oppose the Conversion Bill which was being voted on that very day. Michael Treacy, Daniel Meadows & Melanie Moreau represented (by age) 1st, 2nd and 3rd generations.



Building Bridges:

4th February

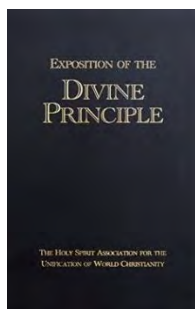
Randall Apps joined “Building bridges”, Samoan USO Talanoa webinar. Randall talked on RYS (Religious Youth Service) from the Philippines in 1986, which George Lemon participated in. It was a great way to see how interfaith and youth could build bridges to break down barriers.



Racial Discrimination and Prejudice webinar - UN Interfaith Harmony week:

4th February

Geelong Interfaith had an interfaith panel speaking on a) Their faith's scripture quotes on the theme, b) personal experiences overcoming racial discrimination, and c) question and answer time. On the panel was Randall Apps; who spoke for FFWPU, Bishop Phillip Huggins of the Australian Council of Churches; who spoke for Anglicans, as well as speakers for Baha'i, Hindu, Latter Day Saints and Thai Buddhists.



Community Witnessing Goal:

7th February

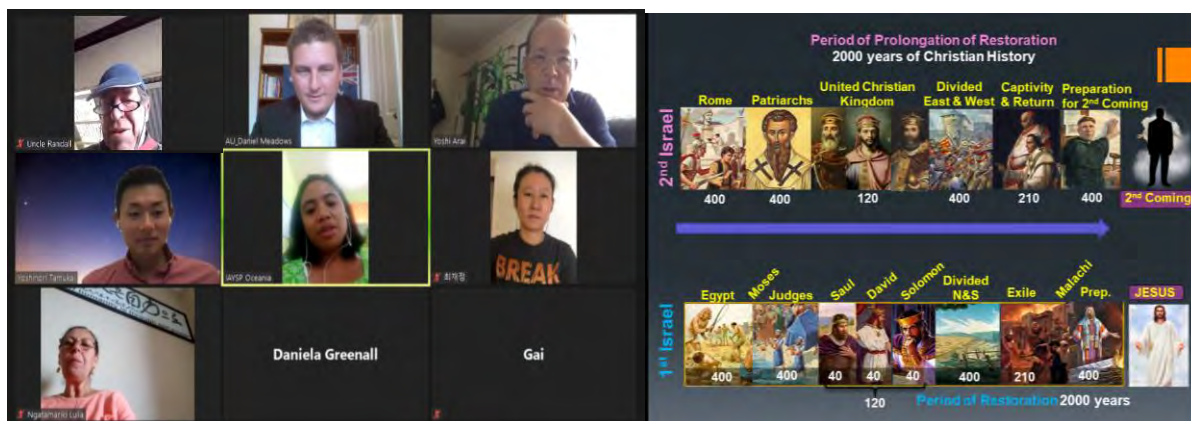
Pastor Daniel Meadows has asked the Melbourne community to take on the goal of witnessing to 1 new member this year. This goal is purposed for reviving the spirit of witnessing in Victoria and opening up a path to educate Australians in Divine Principle.



Kurt Jede Memorial Gathering:

8th February

Today marked the 20th year since Kurt Jede's ascension into the spiritual world. A small memorial service was held at his gravesite. It was conducted by Pastor Couple Daniel & Chizuru, after a prayer and the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem Noriko Jede gave a testimony, followed by Joon Jede who shared his. The Jede family prepared a lunch afterwards. Big thanks to Mr & Mrs Arai for their help.



Online Divine Principle 3/3:

11th February

The final 3 lectures of a 9 lecture Divine Principle series was held on Thursday. It was attended by members from Melbourne and Rural Victoria (Yea), as well as international members from Samoa, Cook Islands and Hawaii.



True Parents Birthday Celebration:

17th February

Members of the Victorian community were so grateful to be able to join with our True Mother for True Parents holy birthday. Many members who don't often have the opportunity to see Mother felt a great sense of connection and closeness as they watched her live from their homes. The event was very good, it begun our traditional way with song and prayer and offering our love and devotion to True Parents with bows and flowers. We were then graced with wonderful performances.



Youth gathering:

20th February

Melbourne 2nd gen gathered on Saturday to share fellowship and watch the 1st episode of the Chosen documentary. This is part of their determination to meet together once every month.



Youth step up:

21st February

Sunday Service was MC'd by Emily Hour and the opening prayer given by Melanie Moreau. The community was very happy to see bright young members stepping up.



CPFWP online event:

21st February

10 Victorian members attended the CPFWP New Year's event on zoom. Some members attended from their homes, the event was also 2 ways broadcast at the Belgrave centre after service.



Good Go Boats Appraisal:

23rd February

Ross Robertson has organised for a Volvo mechanic to appraise the engines and seek further appraisal of the hulls. Ross and Mr Arai both met the gentleman on Tuesday morning. We are now waiting to hear back from him with details.



Garage clear out and hard rubbish:

26th February

Michael Treacy, Rick McInherney, Mr Arai and Daniel Meadows helped clear out the carport on Friday. Hard rubbish that had been stored was taken out last week with the help of Joon Jede.