

Conversations Notes

Group 1: Physical and Economic gifts

-Physical things that the church values

-how the church funds its activities and what the church spend its funds on.

- Church buildings, Parish Mission Centre
- Investment (financial)
- Dorcas land, Richardson St Flats, Port Melb Manse, Albert Park Op Shop, Kinder, Man's shed

Looking for hidden gifts.

- Ethel hooper 105 years
- Church bus-collect from home and return them home
- Church supports women in Africa
- Kinder teachers
- young people

Group 2: Individual gifts

-Things that the church personal are good at, and knowing something about.

- Music
- Cooking, teaching,
- Connecting with local community
- high proportion of tertiary educated members
- Welcoming and open to change/experimentation
- faithful
- spread of ages and cultures
- leadership skills
- wisdom of age
- working together/ teamwork

Looking for hidden gifts.

- small contributions
- providing opportunities for individual contact allowing individuals to find a place
- providing attractive outdoor space for passive use.
- Sharing prayers and taper lighting opportunities
- children- questions, clear thinking including special needs children
- not panicking in times of crisis.

Group 3: Associational and Institutional gifts

-relationships the church has with other bodies, groups, organizations.

-the institutions your church belongs or is affiliated with that influence or make decisions that impact your church

- Presbytery - helping conflict, assisting in calling and filling in vacancies
- Synod - governance
- Community groups - mission partnership, Skillsfest
- SPICC-ecumenical partners

Looking for hidden gifts.

- Interaction between churches - World day of prayer, Good Friday walk etc.
- Assembly- hidden - Worship workshop in July,
- - Education, doctrinal liturgical resources
- underutilises relationships with schools, shops and markets