

Open Space Meeting 2nd May 10.30-11.30am Zoom

Attendance: Viki, Phil, Julie, Kathy, Fleur, Vanessa, Judy, Kristine, Chris, Mary, Paul, Jamee.

Jamee opened in prayer.

Areas of Exploration: Together we discerned where the energy is for each of these areas and how we might go about putting them into action or praying over them further.

- Welcomers role at worship opening up (No energy for this)
- Sharing the invitation to community (A lot of energy for this!)
 - Promo Video with members sharing what HHO means to them – Include in testimonies the thread of how liberating HHO services are for moving about, joining in from elsewhere. HHO member diaries series of videos featuring how each member joins in and what it means for them.
 - Approaching new partners – lay role in that? Schools, aged care, hospitals, prison? Recognizing that parishes can happen over time organically with Jamee speaking to colleagues, but approaching other agencies or groups could be something of a lay role to be shared by members.
 - Investigating Twitter and Facebook to grow holy hermits. (Privacy issues to consider)(Explore another time)
 - reaching out to all, but also to specific communities - the home bound for whatever reason -- those with sensory issues - Autistic people can have issues with the level of movement in church, with the aromas (incense, perfumes), with the level of noise -- this method of worship has none of that and allows for a huge amount of self-control of environment and privacy to be and do who they are in a comfortable manner for them.
 - Liberating perceived expectations for behaviors in a Church space, freedom at HHO to move about or relate to the service in different ways which may not be as accessible at physical gatherings. Like the idea of having a paragraph on the web-site about it. The testimonial page might include something along these lines.
 - Important to be truly inclusive and for everyone not just those living with disability.
- Checking in on the vision and mission (Don't need to spend time on it as it might be better to do this in September when we do a new strategic plan.) Revisit at later date.
- Any other callings that we can support?
 - Exploring children's ministry online (revisit this next meeting – members to spend some time in prayer and thought on this now it has been raised)
- Spiritual communion (revisit this next meeting)
 - Explore dispensation with Bishops for communion online, Agape feast, could we have one every month or so?
- Sisters of Sacred Advent - partnering - guest preachers? Maybe Franciscans here in Brisbane also.
- Contemplative ambience with hymnody along the lines of Taize etc.
- Exploring creative spaces in contemplative services – Julie, Viki and Fleur volunteered to gather contemplative resources for next service.

For exploring next meeting:

- Sharing the invitation
 - Promo video plans
 - Partnerships – aged care homes, hospitals, respite, schools, prisons, special needs services
 - Communicating the liberating ‘free’ space of HHO
- Children’s ministry outreach
- Communion
 - Extra thought to share from Mary: “Re the Agape Feast.
In the 1st C Jewish Church we had this arrangement:
On the Friday Evening Shabbat Shalom - this was the Family Eucharist.
On the Sunday Morning Congregational Gathering, the Families brought along their pre-Consecrated Holy Gifts “Leftovers” to share with the Congregational Gathering. There was no need for a Congregational Epiclesis Prayer (Consecrating them into the Body & Blood of Christ).”

An observation from the chat: “Great creative energy showing up right now!”

Actions:

- ☺ New Contemplative service team: Work on next service together 23rd of May 6pm for Pentecost, including creative space activities.
- ☺ Think on and pray about Children’s ministry and outreach to young folk.
- ☺ Everyone pray over next meetings areas for exploration.

Next meeting agreed for 30th May 10.30am-11.30am

Kathy closed with grace.