



# *South Yarra Community Baptist Church*

## *Decisions and Questions from the Host Group Meeting*

### *1 February 2024*

Listed below are the main decisions and questions from our recent Host Group meeting. This is not the full minutes, but a summary of the main decisions and questions. In line with our church policy, these are circulated not only for your information, but to allow you to consider the decisions and ponder the questions and, if you have any concerns about any of them, to seek more information or ask for them to be reconsidered. Where possible, we will not implement the decisions for at least seven days, in order to allow time for people to respond. Questions or concerns can be raised with any member of the Host Group, or by emailing all of them at once at [hosts@southyarrabaptist.church](mailto:hosts@southyarrabaptist.church)

Those in attendance at the recent meeting via Zoom were Eliz Cook, Ian Cook, Shelley Taylor, Liesl Filippi, Samara Pitt, Uncle Dennis Fisher and Nathan Nettleton.

### **Summary of the Decisions and Questions.**

1. A reminder that our **Listening Circle sermons** are included in the recording of the service which is uploaded to our YouTube channel. For the most of us who didn't realise this was the case, note that if you do not want what you said to be included, please let Nathan know and he will edit your part out.
2. Our **Church Activities Calendar** will be distributed shortly. Check the weekly notice sheet or announcements after the service for more up-to-date event reminders.
3. As you know, we recently found out that Ugo, who attended our services for a couple of years before returning to Nigeria, had passed away in 2021. We have had some discussion about whether we should continue to use his recorded voice in our liturgy. If you have any thoughts on this, we would like to hear from you.
4. The **Open Baptists Association** is now set up and inviting congregations to become members. **Nathan** has circulated a discussion paper to explain what the Association is and how it will operate so we can consider whether we want to join. If you have any comment on this, please share it on the email list so we can discern together. Or you could get a group together to discuss in person!
5. The **Lenten Retreat Day** will be on February 18, at St Luke's Baptist in Abbotsford with the option to attend online also.
6. In response to feedback last year about the length of the **Paschal Vigil service**, we are considering dividing it into two parts this year. As the service is supposed to start in darkness, we are proposing that we start at 7pm, have a break at about 8pm, and then resume at 9pm, ending at about 10:30pm. What do you think?
7. Anyone is welcome to **attend a host meeting**, please let Nathan know if you wish to do so. The hosts may also invite a congregation member to attend a meeting if we feel they have insights into a particular issue on the agenda.

**Dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday service, 7pm
Sunday 18 February	Lenten Retreat Day
Thursday 7 March	Host meeting