



Membership

- District Committee members are Jim Carty (convenor), Kevin Bates, Paul Mahony, Ron Nissen, Kevin Stewart.
- The Committee has continued to meet/ maintain contact with members of the Marist Family including Ruth Davis SM, Sr Mary Farrell SM, Andrew Dumas and Margaret Wood (MLA), Paul Murphy FMS, Margaret Tisch SMSM and Cathy Gallo (Marist Laity).

Meetings

These were held in May and October by Zoom and in December with an end-of-year luncheon meeting.

Agenda

- Regular items have included:
 - Reports on JPIC activity from committee members
 - International JPIC Blog
 - Reports on Pacific Climate Watch and its focus on Climate Change and the impact of rising sea levels
 - Updates on Wilai Foundation and other organisations
 - Recommended article and web pieces, esp on *Laudato Si* themes.

District website

Fifty-three items were posted on the JPIC page, most of which were International Blog items from Rome prepared by Ben McKenna (*see below*) and re-posted on Facebook according to our 'Social Media Package' strategy of website, Blog and Facebook.

International JPIC Blog

- After three years this continues to be managed by Ben McKenna with weekly items published every Monday.
- Several Committee members have supplied items.
- The Blog is translated into French for the European Marist Blog site.
- Technical support continues from Justin Lynch, Brisbane.

International webinars

- Members have participated in a number of international webinars on JPIC themes hosted by Marist Family groups and other *Laudato Si* inspired organisations.

Wilai Foundation

- Jim and Ron participated in a fundraising *Walk for Wilai* in April, a 200 km 'camino' from Portland, Vic, to Penola, S.A.
- The Committee has received several reports on the situation of Wilai in Thailand and on the general plight of stateless children.

Finances

Separate financial reporting has been provided by Jim for the District Business Manager including budget suggestions for contributions to small projects overlooked by larger agencies.

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