

VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ENGAGEMENT IN MULTI FAITH

Over the year 2021, the Victorian Council of Churches through its Executive Officer and the Living Faith Commission have attempted to engage in dialogue and projects with the other peak faith organisations. VCC has primarily worked with the Faith Communities Council of Victoria and the Jewish, Christian Muslim Association.

A highlight for 2021 was being able to attend the Premier's Iftar in May held between lockdowns and a Two day online conference held by JCMA exploring Hope in the Midst... Faith engaging with life.

The restrictions imposed by the Covid Pandemic made meeting in person very difficult and so meetings and dialogue went online.

However...

Victorian Council of Churches continues to be an active member of the Multi faith Advisory Group – a body of religious leaders that works with Victorian Multicultural Commission to engage with Government around policy and projects. A current priority is the eradication of domestic violence from within Faith communities.

Victorian Council of Churches also maintains a strong relationship with the Commission for Children and Young People, working closely in the training of Faith Communities in the compliance with the 7 standards, Reportable Conduct and Mandatory Reporting.

Note that from July 2022 the Victorian Standards are being expanded in line with the National Agreed Standards so work on updating our training website need to be undertaken.

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