



Please join us for  
 an eco-talk and the JAEI AGM 2019  
 Saturday 23 February 2019 at 8.30 for 9am  
 St Joseph's Anglican Diocesan Centre  
 Cnr Good & Herman St, Sophiatown, Johannesburg

Johannesburg as a leader  
 in climate change and the environment  
 on the African Continent  
 Speaker: Clr Nico de Jager

**Representatives of all Parishes in the Johannesburg Diocese are welcome**

**Clr Nico de Jager**

MMC (Member of the Mayoral Committee)  
 for Environment and Infrastructure services  
 City of Johannesburg



**Program**

8.30 for 9am	gather
9am	prayer walk on the koppie – Rev Martha Gordon
9:30-10.30am	“ <b>Being outdoors in our City Parks</b> ” - Speaker Clr Nico de Jager
10.30am	refreshments and fellowship
11am	<b>JAEI AGM &amp; Report back</b>
11.45am	close and farewell

## JA EI AGM 2019 - AGENDA

Saturday 23 February 2019 at the Diocesan Centre, Sophiatown Johannesburg

1. Welcome (with apologies) and acceptance of the agenda
2. Business of AGM
  - 2.1. Accept the minutes of previous year's AGM
  - 2.2. Accept the verified financial statements
  - 2.3. Consider the office bearers of JAEI
  - 2.4. Accept the Annual report
  - 2.5. Receive any nominations to the JAEI Committee
3. Close - meeting review & wrap up – and the Grace



### JA EI Annual Report 2018

Reverence for Life includes the non-human with the human in the sacred family of Life, so that the Johannesburg Anglican Eco-Spiritual Initiative (JAEI) seeks to hear the Cry of the Earth as the Cry of the Poor (the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the Earth), and humbly continues with its eco-ministry within the Diocese of Johannesburg.

'We Depend on Plastic. Now We're Drowning in It' is the slogan chosen by National Geographic, aptly describing the global campaign that many organizations have taken up in a multi-year effort of awareness-raising. JAEI has joined the effort with messages of: 'no plastic straws'; the BYOB (bring your own bag) initiative, combining a social imperative with caring for the Creation through selling beautiful cloth bags made by women in Cosmo City made from donated end-of-loom fabric, who reap the income generated; and eco-bricks (2l cooldrink bottles stuffed with up to 500g of non-recyclable plastics), a simple idea that has caught folk's imagination and created much enthusiasm. The children at Vuleka schools participated in an Art competition on themes of an environmental nature in a joint venture with JAEI, which generated much creativity at a high standard. An eco-panel debate of four clergy explored the role of eco-theology in the future of the church, to JAEI members and the DoJ Ordinands. JAEI will in 2019 bring an eco-spiritual message to members of the FoX (Fellowship of eXploration) candidates. The healing nature of the outdoors, ministering to our modern 'nature deficit', has been a recurring theme at retreats and gatherings of JAEI.

The reports sent in by parishes in Johannesburg tell of many creative ideas in eco-ministry:

Worship, with the Eucharist outdoors, the Season of Creation in September, and the celebration of special environmental days, some with pets included;

stewarding Church Property, recycling of paper and plastics and the shunning of one-use-plastic, water-wise gardening, the use of PV panels for generating electricity, energy-wise lighting; and

raising awareness of our interconnectedness with Creation, through the plastic campaigns, the compiling and distribution of the monthly eco-prayer diary, and of the various JAEI events.

Participation at parishes is dependent on the presence of eco-champion(s) and the support of clergy. Eco-matters are integrated into the ethos of some parishes, a trend that supports eco issues being not-separate from other aspects of our lives.

The JAEI Committee meets monthly, and during 2018 we were: Anne Wright, Charles Dey (stepped down in December 2018), Fiona Maskell, Gift Ngwenya, Karen van den Heever (stepped down in August 2018), Rev Kevin Balkwill, Rev Judy Bassingthwaighte, Mark Franklin, Rev Martha Gordon, Modjadji Ramogayane, and Noeleen Mullett. This coming year we will add meeting outdoors to our agenda. JAEI invites nominations from parishes as very welcome.

Let all the Earth praise the Lord!

## Minutes of JAEI AGM – Saturday 10 March 2018 at St Joseph’s Diocesan Centre, 12:15-13:30

See formal attendance register (18 in attendance)

Present from committee: Fiona (chair), Modjadji, Noeleen, Gift, Judy, Mark, Kevin, Martha (minutes)

Apologies: Charles

1. **Opening and welcome** – Fiona officially opened the AGM, after the successful debate had adjourned and there was a break.
2. **Minutes of 2017 AGM approved** – Kevin Balkwill proposed the minutes be accepted. Margie Visser seconded.
3. **Chairperson’s report:** Before giving her official report, Fiona mentioned that a one-page letter was sent to the Diocese email group explaining the role of JAEI and to invite participation. Another email was sent regarding the AGM and the debate. She said the terms of reference for JAEI were tabled at the Diocesan Synod in Sept and unanimously accepted. Fiona then presented report. See copy. Tim Grey proposed that JAEI sends a letter to SAFCEI congratulating them on their efforts against nuclear energy and how they took the government to court and won. Nicky Lowe proposed and Lorraine seconded to send this letter.
4. **Annual Financial Statements:** Mark Franklin presented the report and said they were verified by Arthur Christie of the Diocese. It was a modest year in terms of finances. With more funding, we could do more. Anyone interested can fill in the form to donate. Karen van den Heever proposed to adopt the finances. Nicky Lowe seconded. Nicky also expressed appreciation for Mark’s expertise.
5. **Documents for the AGM:** Fiona thanked Noeleen Mullet for all her efforts in preparing the documents for the AGM, and Mark Franklin thanked her for her monthly eco prayer diary.
6. **Terms of Reference:** (NAME) There was a discussion about the name Johannesburg Anglican Environmental Initiative. Fiona proposed to change it by replacing the word “Environmental” to “Eco-spiritual”. She said Environment implies separation of humans from the environment, while Eco-spiritual speaks more of us as being part of creation. Eco-spiritual speaks more to the olive agenda inclusive of social justice issues. When JAEI started ten years ago, environment was right but now the context has changed. Noeleen proposed a counter proposal to say Eco and not spiritual. She said spiritual is not active enough, whereas eco includes spiritual and action. Kevin motivated to be eco-spiritual so we are different from other environmental or eco organisations. Spiritual is unique to JAEI. Modjadji said Eco is more inclusive and spiritual may put people off who are not very religious. Kerrigan McCarthy said the debate speaks of integration of church and society and we must see this holistically. Anne Wright said saying spiritual doesn’t narrow but widens. If someone is uncertain about the term, it is an opportunity to teach and explain. Nicky proposed something more African like Jozi Anglican Eco Ikayi. There was no seconder so she withdrew the proposal.  
**Counter proposal:** Noeleen proposed, Modjadji seconded. Vote: 3 in favour, 11 vs, 1 abstention.  
**Original proposal:** Mark proposed, Kevin seconded. Vote: 14 in favour, 2 vs, 1 abstention.  
(TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CHAIR) Fiona proposed that to encourage new ideas and leadership, the committee chair rotates and the chair serves two years and the deputy serves two years before becoming chair, so after 4 years in total, the person has to step down. Fiona has served one year, so a deputy must be elected in April.  
(NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS) Kevin nominated Anne Wright to be a member of the committee. She accepted. Mark nominated Karen van den Heever to the committee. She accepted. Both were welcomed by all.
7. **Announcements:** Noeleen appealed for Kruger Park memorabilia and maps (prior to 1980s) for their tourism museum. She also demonstrated the eco brick, putting little bit like sweet wrappers you can’t recycle in a plastic cold drink bottle until full. They are using them to build houses, as they last over 20 years. St Mike’s Weltevreden Park is having a garden talk on Sat 17 March from 9-12. All welcome.

**JOHANNESBURG ANGLICAN ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>Income:</b>		
AGM donations	540	0
Other donations	7,365	1,000
ECO breakfasts	0	1,255
Sale of laptop	500	0
Bring your own bag	370	0
Interest on deposit account	2,452	2,411
	<u>11,227</u>	<u>4,666</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Depreciation of laptop (3 years)	0	4,472
Cost of web-site	1,870	89
SAFCEI subscription	1,000	1,000
Donation to St Francis Parkview	1,000	1,000
Art Festival costs	783	0
Consumerism Workshop	417	0
	<u>5,070</u>	<u>6,561</u>
<b>Surplus (deficit) for the period</b>	<u>6,157</u>	<u>-1,895</u>
<b>Surplus brought forward</b>	26,832	28,727
<b>Surplus carried forward</b>	<u>32,989</u>	<u>26,832</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER**

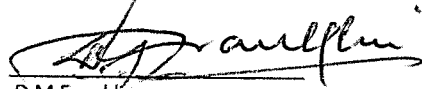
	2018	2017
<b>Accumulated funds</b>	32,989	26,832
<b>The Story of Stuff Project:</b>		
Unexpended surplus	8,349	8,349
<b>Sundry creditor - St Francis</b>	1,000	2,000
	<u>42,338</u>	<u>37,181</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Laptop computer for Intern	0	1
Pre-payment	0	2,220
Diocesan Deposit Fund	42,338	34,960
	<u>42,338</u>	<u>37,181</u>

**Report of the Treasurer**

I have prepared the above financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 from the records and vouchers supplied to me by the Committee.

In my opinion, the above balance sheet at 31 December 2018 fairly presents the financial position of the JAEI at that date, and the income and expenditure account fairly presents the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.

These financial statements have been approved by the Committee.



D M Franklin  
Treasurer

31 January 2019

**Report of the Independent Verifier:**

I have examined the above financial statements and the records supplied to me by the Treasurer. From my investigations and tests I confirm that these statements are in agreement with the accounting records and that in my opinion adequate records have been maintained.

It is not possible to verify income before it is recorded in the records as cash received.

Subject to the above comments, in my opinion, the above balance sheet at 31 December 2018 fairly presents the financial position of the JAEI at that date, and the income and expenditure account fairly presents the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.



A Christie  
Independent Verifier

14 February 2019