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Dear Indira

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) Request

Thank you for your email dated 3 March 2019 asking for information on churches, religious groups/organisations and any other community groups affiliated with a religious belief located in the Council area.

I advise that we are declining your request for information under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, as this information is not held by Council.

We do note however that all our Council meetings are opened with a prayer. This is organised by Reverend Greg Hughson, University Chaplain, which enables us to include many different religions and cultures. Below is a link to Reverend Hughson, who may be able to help you with your request, along with some other links that may be of interest.

https://www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain/about/greghughson.html - Reverend Hughson, University Chaplain

 $\underline{\text{https://canz.co.nz/towns/view/Dunedin+City/churches}} - \text{a list of churches obtained from google}$

<u>https://www.otago.ac.nz/chaplain/worship/</u> - a list of Religious and Worship contact information and other links of interest.

I hope these provide some assistance to you.

As we have declined your request for information, I advise that you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman (0800 802 602) or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Lynne Adamson

Governance Support Officer