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#### CONFERENCE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AUSTRALIA

Newsletter - March 2013

## Reflection

**Easter Morning** 

A garden inside me, unknown, secret, neglected for years, the layers of its soil deep and thick. Trees in the corners with branching arms and the tangled briars like broken nets.

Sunrise through the misted orchard, morning sun turns silver on the pointed twigs. I have woken from the sleep of ages and I am not sure if I am really seeing, or dreaming, or simply astonished walking towards sunrise to have stumbled into the garden where the stone was rolled from the tomb of longing.

(David Whyte)

(http://www.davidwhyte.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=218)



Dear Colleagues,

There is much to report!

#### **Regional Conferences 2013**

So far, we can advise the following in relation to Regional Conferences in 2013:

**ACT**: Contact Regional Co-ordinator for information.

NSW: Mon 16 - Tue 17 Sep 2013 at St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, McKillop Rd, Kincumber (central coast), theme 'Abundant Life'. Speaker Janet O'Sullivan.

**Qld Nth**: Regular meetings, including Peer Group Supervision- contact Regional Coordinator for further information.

**Qld Sth**: Contact Regional Co-ordinator for information.

SA: Tue 11 Jun 2013, 5pm-8pm at ACD Common Room, 34 Lipsett Tce, Brooklyn Park, theme 'Starting Out - Directing Those Unfamiliar with the Inner Journey'. Speaker Suzanne Dunbar.

Tas: Fri 5 - Sun 7 April 2013 and a weekend in Oct 2013 (date to be finalised) - contact Regional Co-ordinator for further information.

Vic (&NT): Sat 19 Oct 2013 - further details to be advised.

**WA**: Regular meetings throughout 2013 - contact Regional Co-ordinator for further information.

For more details on regional gatherings taking place in your or any other State, contact the local Regional Co-ordinator:-

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## **New Members**

We welcome new members:
Anita Brennan, Mary Davis, Pat Hearity,
Margaret Moore, Robyn Blunt,
Bernadette Egan, Bruce Warwick,
Helen Houghton and Delfina Trail. We wish
them well in their ministry and hope they
have a long association with CSD.

### eConference 2014

Planning has begun for our eConference in 2014. A suggested topic is 'The Trinity - Relationships in Spiritual Direction'. We would be pleased to receive topic suggestions from you to help in our planning (please send to secretary@csdaustralia.com).

## Membership Renewals for 2013

CSD is changing its membership year from a calendar year to financial year. The 2013 renewal will therefore cover 18 months, ie 1 Jan 2013 - 30 Jun 2014. Invitations to renew membership will be sent out to members in May/June 2013.

#### **Trish Dance**

Trish Dance recently moved from her beloved Emmanuel Centre, Launceston, to Hobart due to health issues. Trish was a powerhouse instituting the Centre as a beacon of spirituality for the Hobart Archdiocese. Since 1987, Trish has fostered exploration of many spiritual areas and mentored many spiritual directors and pilgrims seeking the Mystery of God so dear to them. I am sure Trish would have been sad to move from Emmanuel but we wish her well through this small and inadequate

tribute. From all her colleagues and friends at CSD.

#### **New Address for CSD**

CSD Australia has a new address - please send all postal correspondence to: P O Box 171, Surrey Hills Vic 3127.

## **CSD Reference Group**

Our 'team of management' consists of: Tim Moloney (Chair), Kathleen Spokes, Carol Dyer, Chris Chaplin (website manager) and Cecilia Rogers (secretary/treasurer). We have called ourselves the CSD 'Reference Group'. Our aim is to meet in the odd months of the year and distribute a newsletter to members in between, ie every two months.

Should you wish to have an item discussed at one of our Reference Group meetings, or submit any material for inclusion in a newsletter, please ensure it is emailed to <a href="mailto:secretary@csdaustralia.com">secretary@csdaustralia.com</a> prior to our meetings (dates listed below).

The CSD Reference Group - Carol, Kathleen, Chris, Cecilia and Tim - wish all our friends and colleagues in CSD many blessings for the Easter Season.

Tim Moloney cfc, National Chair, CSD



Your CSD Reference Group: (l-r) Cecilia Rogers, Tim Moloney, Carol Dyer, Chris Chaplin, Kathleen Spokes

## **DATES TO NOTE in 2013:**

23 May	Reference Group meeting	16-17 Sep	NSW Regional Conference,
11 Jun	SA Regional Conference,	-	Kincumber
	Brooklyn Park	19 Oct	VIC Regional Conference
11 Jul	Reference Group meeting	28 Nov	Reference Group meeting
12 Sep	Reference Group meeting		