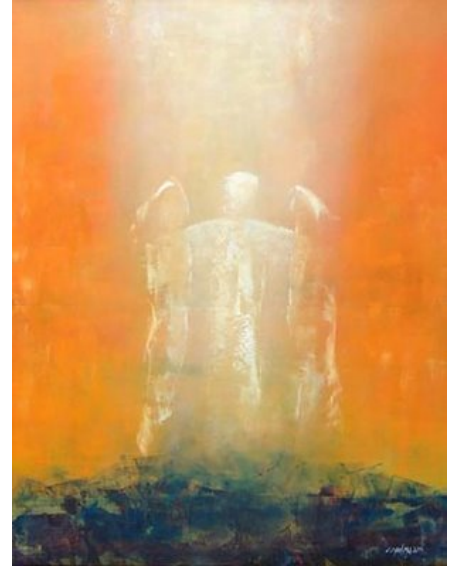


Reflection

Transfiguration *by Malcolm Guite*

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.



<http://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2012/08/04/a-sonnet-for-the-feast-of-the-transfiguration>

Dear Colleagues,

Regional Conferences 2013

Regional gatherings are going well. Thank you for your participation, and your bookings for events yet to take place. For more details on the gatherings in your or any other State, please contact the relevant Regional Co-ordinator.

ACT: Contact Liz Anne Smith, lizannes24@gmail.com, for information.

NSW: Mon 16 - Tue 17 Sep 2013 at St Joseph's Spirituality & Education Centre, 8 Humphreys Rd, Kincumber South (NSW central coast). Theme 'Abundant Life'. Leader: Janet O'Sullivan. Contact Nerida Drake, mdrake@tpg.com.au, for further information and bookings.

Qld Nth: Regular meetings, including Peer Group Supervision, throughout 2013. Contact Margaret Trevethan margt@aanet.com.au

Qld Sth: Sat 21 Sep 2013 at Presentation Centre, 26 Kooralgin St, Manly. Theme 'The Essence of Spiritual Direction: Listening to

the Holy Spirit'. Leader: Margaret Trevethan. Contact Irene Alexander, irenics@ozemail.com.au

Tas: Fri 25 - Sun 27 Oct 2013, theme 'The Enneagram & Its Implications for Spiritual Direction'. Contact Carey Mclver careymciver@gmail.com

Vic (&NT): Sat 19 Oct 2013 at YTU Study Centre, Yarra Theological Union, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill. Theme 'Evolutionary Spirituality: Soundings & Horizons'. Leader: Dr Di Shearer. Contact Michele McCourt, michelemccourt23@bigpond.com

WA: Regular meetings throughout 2013. Contact Marie Therese Ryder (thereseryder@hotmail.com)

2013/14 Membership Renewals

Thank you to all members who have flooded us with 2013/14 membership payments.

If you are yet to renew, please do so before 16 September 2013. Thank you!

CSD and the AECSD

Peter Bentley, President of the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction (AECSD) has written to us (see below) acknowledging the fine contribution that Jill McCorquodale has made as our CSD representative on that Council.

We are now looking for another person to fill that role. We would ask members to be open to this invitation to serve the Australian spiritual direction community. I would be interested in hearing responses, individual or group, to Peter's invitation. We need replies fairly soon so that we can contact AECSD, who will then consider nominations made through CSD.

'The Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction (AECSD) has worked to build links within the spiritual direction community of Australia and particularly with the three main spiritual direction associations: CSD, ANSD and the Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Two years ago an invitation was made to each association to nominate a representative to join the council as full members for a four year term. Each association responded by putting forward a member of their association to represent the association and to communicate the relevant Council activities to their respective associations.

'For the last 18 months, Jill McCorquodale has represented CSD on the Council. Due to an increasing workload in other arenas, Jill has had to stand down as the CSD representative. AECSD has greatly valued Jill's contribution to the executive both in bringing her own experience and wisdom to the deliberations and also in the way she humbly served the executive in her very considered and insightful way. She also helped facilitate a gathering of formation program leaders for AECSD before coming onto the Council. Jill will be sorely missed by the Council. The AECSD is seeking another person discerned by the CSD community to represent the association on the Council.

'The AECSD continues to explore ways to support the wider spiritual direction community and is currently looking at issues relating to insurance coverage for spiritual directors, the refinement of spiritual direction formation

guidelines, clarifying issues relating to mandatory reporting and other ethical issues and exploring visions and options for the future of professional associations of spiritual directors. The AECSD is also supporting programs that are seeking recognition.

'The AECSD, over the last few years, has facilitated a spiritual direction academic symposium, a national consultation with formation program leaders and three national conferences.

'As the community of spiritual directors continues to grow, the need for stronger links between programs and associations becomes more necessary. We ask for your support and partnership in prayerful discernment for our shared future.

'The AECSD looks forward to working with the CSD and its new representative in shaping the future that will see the ministry of spiritual direction continue to grow in its influence in the broader faith community in deepening awareness of the God who is always present to us.'

Rev Peter Bentley, *AECSD President*

Public Liability Insurance for Spiritual Directors

Recently, I met with representatives of Catholic Church Insurances and had a productive conversation about provision of professional indemnity insurance for our members, especially our lay spiritual directors. The AECSD is also looking into this matter and wishes to include all members across Spiritual Direction groups in Australia in the acquisition of indemnity. At this point therefore, the matter is on hold and hopefully we will get a resolution through AECSD possibly in the new year.

Kaye Evans rsm

Congratulations to one of our members, Kaye Evans rsm, on being appointed Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Kaye succeeds Margaret Dwyer rsc, another of our members, who was in that role.

Many thanks to Marg for her sterling devotion to duty and best wishes to Kaye as she takes on this ministry.

eConference 2014 - Date Claimer

CSD is planning an eConference for next year. The date we have selected is **Thursday 12 June 2014**. Dr Mary Coloe pbvm has agreed to be the presenter on the topic "The Trinity - A Place of Deep Listening". Please mark this date in your diary for 2014. We will supply further details in future newsletters.

Mary MacKillop Centre, Adelaide SA (report from Mary Cresp)

Especially during this month of August when we celebrate Mary MacKillop's feast day (Aug. 8th), CSD Members in South Australia are invited to tap into the resources at the Mary MacKillop Centre, Adelaide. The Centre, located at Kensington, 10 minutes from Adelaide CBD, on the historical site of St Joseph's Convent, was established by Mary MacKillop in 1872. There she lived, prayed and worked until 1883. Mary MacKillop Centre Adelaide comprises: St Joseph's Chapel, Mary MacKillop Exhibition Centre and Bethany Conference Centre. Together, they form a 'hub of spirituality, education and hospitality.'

The Bethany Conference Centre offers adult spirituality programs throughout the year, and is also available for hire by



Kensington Chapel

Church-related groups and organisations. At present, a committee is working on ways that the Centre can facilitate Spiritual Direction on site.

The Chapel, built by Mary MacKillop, was for her a much-loved place of prayer, and has become a place of pilgrimage, prayer and peace for people of all backgrounds. It is open to all from 8.30am-4pm each day.

New CSD Members

We welcome new members Kerin Caldwell, Christine Ritchie and Joan Sibberas. We wish them well in their ministry and hope they have a long association with CSD.

Tim Moloney cfc, *National Chair, CSD*

DATES TO NOTE in 2013 & 2014:

- 8-15 Sep** Supervision Training Program by Canisius CIS (see email to members 26/7/13)
- 12 Sep** Reference Group meeting
- 16-17 Sep** NSW Regional Gathering, Kincumber Sth
- 21 Sep** Qld Sth & East Regional Conference, Manly
- 25-27 Oct** TAS Regional Gathering
- 19 Oct** VIC Regional Conference, Box Hill
- 28 Nov** Reference Group meeting

- 2014**
- 12 Jun** CSD eConference