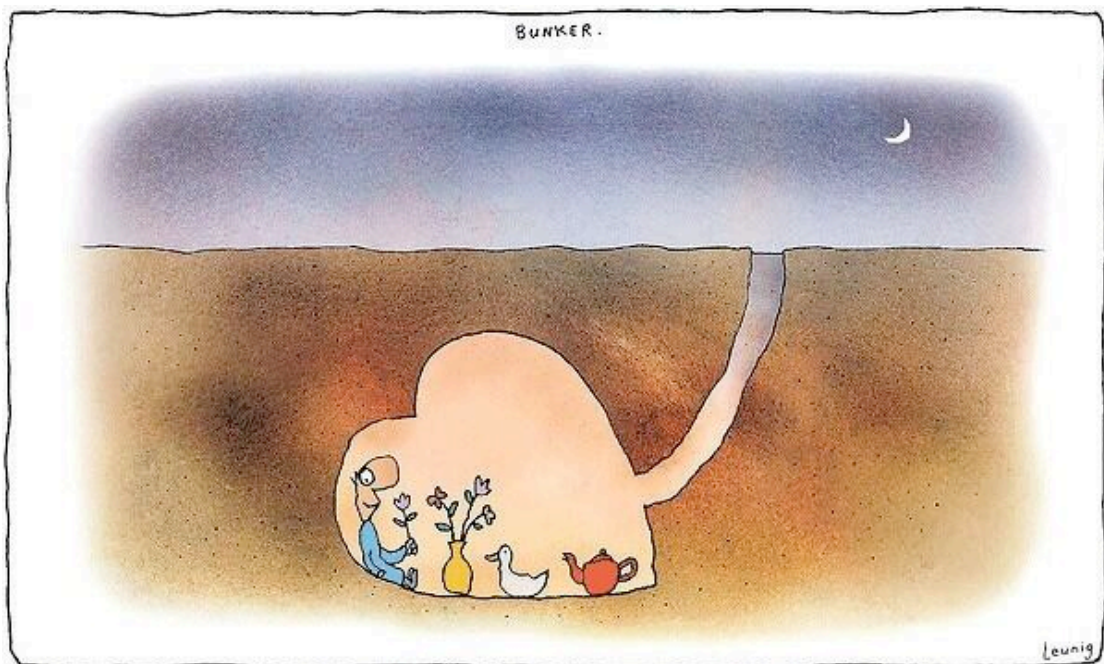


## *Reflection*

*We give thanks for the blessing of winter:  
season to cherish the heart  
to make warmth and quiet for the heart  
to make soups and broths for the heart  
to cook for the heart and read for the heart  
to curl up softly and nestle with the heart  
to sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart  
to dream with the heart  
to spend time with the heart  
a long, long time of peace with the heart  
We give thanks for the blessing of winter:  
season to cherish the heart.*

*Amen*

*-- Michael Leunig*



“When you learn to love and let yourself be loved,  
you come home to the hearth of your own spirit.  
You are warm and sheltered.  
You are completely at one  
with the house of your own longing and belonging”  
— John O'Donohue

Dear Fellow CSD Members & Friends,

As I ponder this month's newsletter, we in the south-east corner of Australia are experiencing one of the coldest winters for some time, with snow covering the ground to sea level in Tasmania. Winter-time is an invitation to go inwards and nurture the soul for ourselves and for those to whom we minister. I am indebted to Carole Carmody rsm for providing the reflection material for this newsletter.

We are fast approaching the AECSD conference to be held in Adelaide in early September, during which we will hold the CSD Triennial General Meeting. I will be completing three years as National Chair of CSD. In doing so, I thank our secretary Cecilia Rogers, webmaster Chris Chaplin msc, reference group members Kathleen Spokes sgs and Carol Dyer. We in CSD are also grateful for the contribution of Jill Dance rsj who is our CSD representative on AECSD. All these people have been a wonderful support to me and have engaged in CSD activities with enthusiasm, professionalism and wisdom. I have also appreciated greatly the work done by our regional co-ordinators:

- Marie Therese Ryder rndm (WA)
- Mary Cresp rsj (SA)
- Michele McCourt (Vic & NT)
- Carey Mclver (Tas)
- Liz-Anne Smith (ACT)
- Nerida Drake (NSW)
- Margaret Trevethan (Nth Qld)
- Irene Alexander (Sth Qld).

By the time of the conference, winter will have passed so I pray blessings for all of you as we welcome the lengthening of the days and the gifts they may bring us.

Tim Moloney cfc, *National Chair, CSD*



## Notice of CSD Australia's Triennial General Meeting

Further to advice provided in our previous newsletters, we confirm that CSD Australia will hold its Triennial General Meeting (TGM) in Adelaide on 6 September 2015. As you are aware, this is the same weekend as AECSD's Conference, 4-6 September 2015, and time has been allowed by AECSD for the spiritual direction associations to hold their individual meetings.

The details of the CSD Australia TGM are:

**Sunday 6 September 2015 at 11.30am**  
**Nunyara Conference Centre**  
5 Burnell Drive, Belair SA 5052  
Tel: 08 8278 1673  
[www.nunyara.com.au](http://www.nunyara.com.au)

Kindly note that the actual room for our meeting has not yet been determined and so information on this will be available at the Conference venue during that weekend.

We estimate that the meeting will go for approximately one to one and a half hours.

The meeting will deal with mainly official matters including the presentation of the Chair's Report and Financial Report, Election of Chair (see Call for Nominations below), and Confirmation of Executive Appointments.

We will need to know the numbers of members attending our TGM so that sufficient copies of papers may be made available. Please therefore advise the secretary by email ([secretary@csdaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@csdaustralia.com)) if you wish to attend CSD Australia's TGM in Adelaide. (Kindly note that registration for the AECSD Conference does not book you in for the CSD Australia TGM - hence the need to advise us by email.)

If you are not able to attend the CSD Australia TGM, please feel free to advise us of this ([secretary@csdaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@csdaustralia.com)) and your Apology will be recorded.

## Call for Nominations - Chair of CSD Australia

Nominations are invited for the position of Chair of CSD Australia. This is a national position with a term of three years. The term will be from September 2015 to approximately September 2018 (the date of the CSD Australia Triennial General Meeting in 2018 is not yet known).

As indicated in the CSD Australia Constitution, the role of the CSD Australia Chair is:

- \* to be national co-ordinator of CSD's activities
- \* to animate, encourage and support CSD members
- \* to review and accept new members of CSD
- \* to oversee the planning and conduct of CSD conferences
- \* to prepare the agenda for the General Meetings
- \* to attend to such items of business and decision-making required for the sake of CSD's life and mission.

The current incumbents in the roles that support the Chair - Reference Group members, Secretary/Treasurer, Website Manager - are all currently located in Melbourne Vic and so nominations of Victorian members is preferable, but not compulsory.

**Nominations must be received by the Secretary (email: [secretary@cздаustralia.com](mailto:secretary@cздаustralia.com) or by post: CSD Australia, P O Box 171, Surrey Hills Vic 3127) by Friday 28 August 2015.**

Members should be advised that Tim Moloney, the current incumbent, has been nominated for the position of Chair once again. (Our Constitution allows for re-election of the Chair to a second subsequent term of office.)

## AECSD Conference in Adelaide - Registrations close 14 August 2015!

A reminder and encouragement to register for AECSD's 2015 conference in Adelaide '*Landscapes of Encounter*'.

Shared accommodation only is available at the Nunyara conference venue. There are other accommodation options in the area and these are listed on the event brochure - see (<http://spiritualdirection.org.au/news-events/upcoming-events/>). We understand that local attendees will assist with carpooling for those who stay offsite.

Enquiries can be made to Jillian Dance at [josephite.mission@sosj.org.au](mailto:josephite.mission@sosj.org.au) or tel 03 6278 1503. Online regns at Trybooking - <http://www.trybooking.com/GWGC>

Fees are: Live-in \$395/Live-out \$335.

### News from SA (Mary Cresp)

- 1) We look forward to the AECSD Conference in Adelaide and continue to assist with its preparations.
- 2) The Ecumenical Spiritual Direction Association in South Australia (ESDA), of which CSD South Australia is a part, held a formation day on 27 June with Marlene Marburg, where the poet in each of us found expression and joy.
- 3) We enjoy regular reflection days and programs that are available to CSD SA members via other groups (also part of ESDA), eg Roy's Retreats and Loyola Centre.
- 4) Note: There will be **A Day with Margaret Silf (Faith without Frontiers?)** at Loyola Centre on **23 September 2015**. For further information, please contact the Loyola Centre, tel 08 8364 3834 or email [wayne.loyolacis@internode.on.net](mailto:wayne.loyolacis@internode.on.net)



## Retirement from CSD of Margaret Dwyer and Angela Dance

After years of membership with CSD, and more importantly, decades of service to others through their ministry, including spiritual direction, Margaret Dwyer and Angela Dance are retiring from CSD.

Margaret Dwyer rsc achieved her Master in Sacred Theology in California, USA in 1979. In 1986, she was part of the first group studying a spiritual direction program in Melbourne that was inspired by the courses offered at Centre for Religious Development in Cambridge, MA, USA. Margaret was an initial member of CSD (under its previous name CRD Australia) and she was also the Secretary for some years.

Angela Dance lcm achieved her Spiritual Leadership qualification in Chicago, ILL in 1980. For nearly 20 years, she was a spiritual director at the Marymount Mercy (Spirituality) Centre in Castle Hill, co-directing the Renewal program there. She followed on to the Emmanuel Centre for the next 10 years, co-ordinating spiritual direction in Hobart.

We are happy to report that both Margaret and Angela will continue to be connected with CSD, and the spiritual direction community generally, through their acceptance of Honorary memberships. May God bless them in their retirement.

## News from ACT (Liz-Anne Smith)

Wishing to take seriously our Code of Ethics of Spiritual Directors, especially the responsibility to be faithful to ongoing formation, and as professionals to take

seriously the call through the Holy Spirit to be artisans of our ongoing formation, we decided to embark on a more formal process of formation which includes reading a selected book and sharing our reflections, preparing and presenting verbatims using the contemplative supervision process, and using DVDs as resource material on occasions. This group meets monthly for a two-hour session, preceded by prayer.

The group also discerned a need to participate in being trained in methods of supervision that would further support and enhance others seeking professional supervision.

To make the group occasions wholistic, personally and professionally supportive, we also celebrate each other's life with a celebratory lunch.

Our formation program for this year includes reflecting on '*Knowing Ourselves*' *The Gospel of John* by Jean Vanier, sessions reflecting on *Sacred Fire* by Ronald Rolheiser, watching Hesychia DVDs (*The Sacred Intimate*; *Contemplative Listening for the Director*), the sharing of resources and three celebratory lunches.

## New CSD Member

We welcome new member **Marlene Foote**. We wish her well in her ministry.

## DATES TO NOTE in 2015:

<b>4-6 Sep</b>	AECSD Conference, Adelaide
<b>6 Sep</b>	CSD General Mtg, Adelaide
<b>17 Sep</b>	Reference Group Meeting
<b>19 Nov</b>	Reference Group Meeting

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