

Reflection

Glossolalia of Yearning by Bruce Sanguin

Cf Acts 2:1–11

O Holy One,
our prayer is a hunger for wholeness,
an insatiable appetite for completion,
a sighing for coherence.

What is easy to forget
is that you are the Desire of our desires.
You burn within us as the intuition of greater freedom,
of deeper meaning,
of a brighter future,
for us, our families, our communities, and our world.
Today, we honour this “blessed unrest,”
this “divine dissatisfaction,”
as your very image
that flared in Jesus,
leaving him no place to rest his head—or heart.

We open now
to Spirit’s fierce push and pull of the possible.
We give thanks
for Spirit-sighs that sound in us,
a glossolalia of yearning
that angels decipher
and translate into choruses of praise.
Amen.



(Artwork ‘Illumination’ by Mary Southard CSJ)

Dear Fellow CSD Members & Friends,

The last few weeks have been very busy with Pentecost, and all the feasts that surround that great day. We also enter in the period of the winter solstice when days seem darker and colder. Our autumn and winter seasons offer us rich symbols that invite us into the cycle of life.

Spring will bring us the AECSD Conference at Nunyara Conference Centre in Adelaide as we explore the ‘*Landscapes of Encounter*’. Hopefully I will get to see a number of you then.

I take this opportunity to mention that the CSD Reference Group has been working hard, especially Chris Chaplin and Cecilia Rogers, to set up our new website. I think you will be pleased with what they have created and we will let you know of its launch soon.

DATES TO NOTE in 2015:

16 Jul	Reference Group Meeting
4-6 Sep	AECSD Conference, Adelaide
6 Sep	CSD General Mtg, Adelaide
17 Sep	Reference Group Meeting
19 Nov	Reference Group Meeting

Local Gatherings of CSD Members

Local gatherings of members build your networks, offer a supportive environment and provide a wonderful opportunity for friendship and sharing. You can find other directors local to you by using the CSD website. Simply go to www.csdaustralia.com and click on the tab 'Find a Director'. By entering your postcode, a list will be displayed of spiritual directors whose postcodes are 20 either side of yours. Remember too that the Regional Co-ordinator for your State/area is a resourceful point of contact.

If you are meeting locally, please tell us! Other members would like to hear about your gatherings. Please send an email (photos welcome also!) to secretary@csdaustralia.com



AECSA Guidance re Formation Guidelines, Professional Indemnity Insurance, Mandatory Reporting

AECSA has been working on the above topics over past months and information is being uploaded to its website that will be beneficial to spiritual directors and formation training providers.

The Formation Guidelines have already been uploaded and appear under the 'Resources' tab. Information on Professional Indemnity Insurance and Mandatory Reporting will be uploaded within the next few weeks.

We encourage you to browse the site regularly - www.spiritualdirection.org.au - as it is a great resource.

Remember to book for AECSA Conference!

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

The event will be held 4-6 Sept 2015 and allows for CSD's General Meeting at 11.30am on 6 Sept.

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 or tel 03 6278 1503. Registrations may be made online at Trybooking - <http://www.trybooking.com/GWGC>

Conference fees are:
Live-in \$395/Live-out \$335.
Registrations close 14 August 2015.

AECSA Calling for Nominations for New Council Members

AECSA is calling for nominations for new Council members and the President's invitation to nominate follows.

Kindly note that Jill Dance, who is our CSD representative on the Council, will continue her term for the next two years. And so, for clarity, those appointed as a result of this Call to Nominate will be 'general' Council members and not a CSD representative on the Council.

The Council invites the Community of Spiritual Directors of Australia, Spiritual Direction Associations, Networks, Formation Programs and individual spiritual directors to discern and nominate people whom you recognise as leaders in this ministry.

We thank those who have generously served on the Council and have concluded their term: Peter Bentley, Tess Milne, Jack Stuart (representing ANSD), Paul Beirne and Trevor Trotter.

There is need for two people from the spiritual direction community to be discerned at this time. We ask you to consult with the people whom you intend to nominate about their readiness and willingness to serve on the Council for a four-year term, commencing February 2016.

The criteria for nominating Council members are that the nominee would be:

- publicly committed to the AECSD's *Contemplatively Forming Tomorrow's Spiritual Directors: Formation Guidelines for Spiritual Directors in Australia (revised 2015)* and the Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors
- experienced (for some years) in, and currently involved in the practice of spiritual direction
- open to and in some way already part of the wider ecumenical spiritual direction community in Australia, eg an active member of one or other spiritual direction associations, a staff member of one or other spiritual direction formation programs, a supervisor of spiritual directors
- committed to pursuing best practice in spiritual direction in Australia as a God-given vocation and charism of the Holy Spirit
- committed to contemplative discernment on behalf of the Australian Spiritual Direction community.

Further information on membership is available in the Constitution of the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction.

Nominations need to be returned by **Friday 7 August 2015**. The Council will then discern the new members of the Council at its Council meeting on **Thursday 3 and Monday 7 September 2015**.

The discernment will be attentive to the need to have people from different **geographical** regions of Australia, a **gender** balance and a **denominational** balance.

To assist nominees to discern their availability to serve on the Council, nominees will need to be available:

- to attend three, two-day Council meetings each year (the Council reimburses interstate airfares)

- to be involved in the recognition process of spiritual direction formation programs. This may include visiting formation programs that have applied for recognition according to *Contemplatively Forming Tomorrow's Spiritual Directors: Formation Guidelines for Spiritual Directors in Australia (revised 2015)*

- to help plan and participate in Council sponsored events for example, National Gatherings, as well as undertake specific roles associated with the work of AECSD as discerned.

Go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJGDYGJ> to complete the nomination form. Complete the form and click the 'Done' button for each person that you nominate. Please ensure that you have notified and obtained agreement from your prospective nominee.

Peter Bentley
President of AECSD



Vale Melodie Cross

Spiritual Direction in the Northern and Western regions of Queensland lost a wonderful friend and companion recently. Member Melodie Therese Cross from Mount Isa passed away late March and was buried on Easter Sunday 5 April 2015. Melodie was a wife and mother of six children. Being a mother was her greatest joy and achievement.

In 1996, Melodie began making a yearly retreat directed by the Western Ministry for Spirituality. This led to participation in a Spiritual Directors formation program from 2006 to 2012. Melodie then dedicated herself to the Spiritual Direction Ministry in Mount Isa, giving direction and being on the Team for the yearly directed retreats.

We didn't know then, but this Ministry was a wonderful preparation for her biggest journey yet. Melodie was always grateful to God who, she said, was so good to her.

News from Marg Trevethan, Qld Nth

Directors of the House of Prayer in Townsville are currently leading people for Mary MacKillop Parish in a guided everyday life retreat using the First Spiritual Exercises process.

New CSD Member

We welcome new member **Elizabeth Reynolds** and wish her well in her ministry.

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