

Reflection

Prayer from the Celtic Cross of Violence and Love by Matthew Lamont

A new piece, a contemplation of violence in our world ...

*Violence abounds...
Pools of pain, blood, grief, aggression and brutality.*

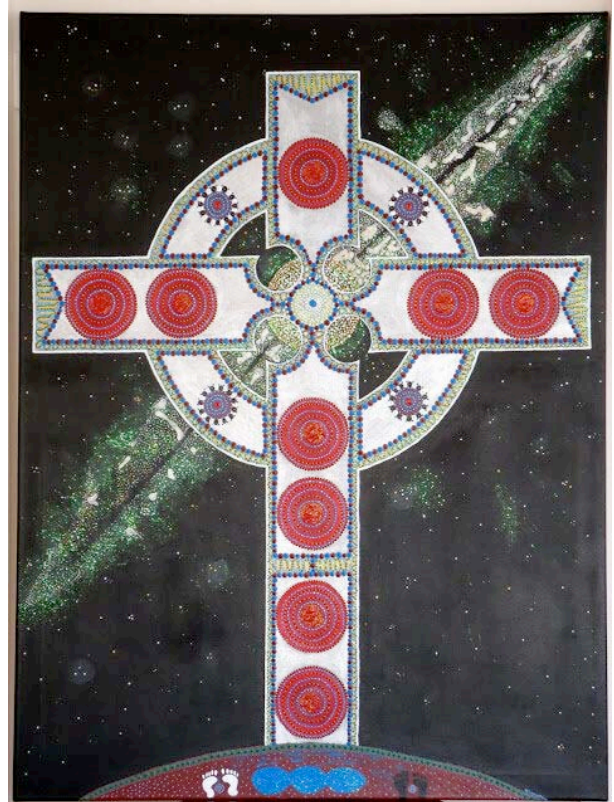
*Deep Sadness of the Executed Ones,
Deep Sadness of the Murdered Ones,
Deep Sadness of the Beaten Ones,
Deep Sadness of the Lost Custodians,
Deep Sadness of the Scarred Earth.*

And yet...

*Love abounds...
Earth, waters, life, cosmos reclaim and transfigure the
unfeeling hateful cross.*

*Deep Peace of the Glittering Galaxies,
Deep Peace humming Silence of Earth,
Deep Peace of the Underground Rivers,
Deep Peace of the Wise Elders and in the Heart of all Living
Things,
Deep Peace Gentle Spirit of Yeshua, Cosmic Christ.*

So be it, Amen.



(Artwork by Matthew Lamont)

Dear Fellow CSD Members & Friends,

Spring has truly sprung, and thanks to AECSD, the National Conference was successfully held at Nunyara Centre in Adelaide. Many thanks to the organisers for the engaging context and sharing that was held in early September.

George Warren from Victoria is the new President of AECSD and we welcome him into that role. Many thanks and best wishes to Peter Bentley, the outgoing President, who has guided AECSD well in recent years.

Whilst in Adelaide, 25 CSD members were present for the Triennial General Meeting. We briskly got through our agenda and I was elected as National Chair once again.

We were conscious of the fact that we are very Victorian-based as an association, an issue that may need to be addressed in the future if we are looking for office bearers and wish to cast the net wider.

Also in recent days, the Victorian arm of CSD held a meeting at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The gathering focused on one of Sue Dunbar's papers about ways of introducing people new to spiritual direction.

Lis Teggelove and Joanna Klep facilitated a conversation for the 15 present around this topic.

The initiative of having three or four gatherings/afternoon teas over the year, that commence with some input or an article and conclude with a cuppa, is new for the Victorian group and was appreciated. There was a great desire to build on the networking that occurred and that it continue into the future.

Our sincerest sympathies go to Michele McCourt, the Victorian CSD Co-ordinator, whose mother passed away recently. Michele had organised the Victorian gathering and asked Lis and Johanna to step in for her whilst she attended the funeral in Queensland. Many thanks to Michele for her organisation of the event.

As we head into the last quarter of the year may all your plans and wishes evolve into blessings.

Tim Moloney *cfc*, *National Chair*, *CSD*

[Report on CSD Triennial General Meeting](#)

The CSD Triennial General Meeting occurred on Sunday 6 September 2015 at Nunyara Centre in Adelaide.

Tim Moloney presented his report on CSD's activities during the past three years that he has been Chair. The meeting also dealt with General Meeting formalities and the presentation of CSD's Financial Report.

Minutes of the meeting, which include the Chair's Report and the Financial Report, can be found on our website via the following link:

<http://www.csdaustralia.com/news.html>

[Report on AECSD Conference](#) [\(Mary Cresp\)](#)

The AECSD conference was a rich experience, in a beautiful setting, with a well-balanced program, scrumptious food and superb organisation.



The 90 participants had plenty of opportunity to integrate Fr Denis Edwards' theological input with various forms of expression led by poet Marlene Marburg, artist Kateri Duke RSJ, musicians and other contributors.



The expansiveness of our God did indeed materialise before our eyes.



Judy Backstrom and Marlene Marburg

News from VIC (Lis Teggelove)

'Ways of Introducing People to Spiritual Direction' was the focus for reflection for the spiritual directors at the CSD Victoria gathering on Saturday afternoon, 17 October 2015.

The title was a re-framing of the theme of a workshop presented by Sue Dunbar at the 2012 AECSD Conference: "Spiritual Direction for those unfamiliar with the Inner Journey". Sue had graciously made available her notes, which became a springboard for lively conversation and deeper reflection for those gathered on Saturday at the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre.

October 17 being the date for celebrating the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, this was recognised also as inclusive of spiritual poverty.

The session began with a short time of prayer based on John 6: 1-11, the feeding of the five thousand with a young boy's contribution of five little loaves and two fish. We were invited to listen to the

reading from a stance of spiritual direction.

The group then broke into smaller clusters to share reflections, thoughts and questions arising from the theme.

Before the end of the session, participants were asked to suggest ideas for future gatherings. These included:

'Mysticism / The Mystical Experience';
'The Dark Night of the Soul vs Depression';
'Group Spiritual Direction';
'Living in the Moment';
'Cultural Influences on the Spiritual Life';
and 'The Use of Symbols in Spiritual Direction'.

Time for social interaction over afternoon tea concluded the day.

New CSD Member

We welcome new member **Karen Atkins**. We wish her well in her ministry.

DATES TO NOTE in 2015:

19 Nov Reference Group Meeting



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