



**The Association of  
Christian Spiritual Directors Inc.**

**BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**

College House, Christchurch  
11am, 23.8.2013

1. **WELCOME.** Ricky Waters took the chair for the meeting and Mary Hepburn took the minutes. Ricky warmly welcomed all those present.

PRESENT: 58 Members and 9 associates.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Terry Alve, Lois Bellingham, Lyndall Brown, Joyce Budenberg, Jim Dooley, Shirley Duthie, Diane Gilliam-Weekes, Anne Hadfield, Margaret Harris, Catherine Harvey, Tina Kapeli, Mary Kay, Caroline Leys, Kathleen Luxon, Trish McBride, Anne McCracken, Bev McDonald, Merv McGettigan, Mary Maitland, Nola Myles, Margaret Anne Mills, Pip Nicholls, Judith Anne O'Sullivan, Sue Pickering, Anne Powell, Kathleen Ryan, Maggie Smith, Anne Warren, Catherine Woodcock.

It was agreed that these apologies be accepted.

3. **MINUTES OF 2011 BGM MEETING:**

That the minutes be approved: Mike Wright/Andrew Dunn Agreed

MATTERS ARISING: None.

4. **EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

Prepared and tabled by Carol Grant on behalf of the Executive.

Clare O'Connor expressed admiration at the comprehensive and solid work done by the Executive. Carol expressed thanks to the Executive for the extraordinary commitment of time, tireless work, and support. It had been a steep learning curve for all involved. The Association's affairs are in good heart thanks to each member of the executive. Carol also noted it was a pleasure to have Mary Hepburn as Secretary/Treasurer.

Moved: That the report be received. Carol Grant/Glenda Prosser Agreed

5. **TIME of REMEMBRANCE:** Sr Mary Concannon op and Joan Davidson.

A short period of silence was observed. Ricky prayed with thanks for the gift that both Mary and Joan have been among us, committing their memory to God.



- c. Andrew Pritchard noted that this year marks 30 years for SGM. In May 2014 there will be SGM celebrations throughout NZ on Saturdays in May: Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Dunedin.
- d. Cathy Elkington presented a report of Northland Spiritual Directors' Support Group. They now number 8, with one in training, and one considering... The Northland group meets twice a year for support; they pray together, share information/programmes, resources. They have a convenor for a year. A current focus question is 'How can we promote spiritual direction in our area?' The group promotes upcoming contemplative events. Ideas for the future include: DVDs on contemplative spirituality with discussion; reviewing journal articles; researching and presenting topics of interest.
- e. An invitation was issued by the chairperson to keep in contact with the Executive.

**Ricky led the meeting in prayer before the meeting closed at 11.30am.**