

ACSD Newsletter February 2013

On the 9th of February your Executive met at College House, Waimari Road, Christchurch. All members of the Exec were present at the meeting. We also had the pleasure of the local group of people dealing with our Training Event matters; join us for an hour or two in the morning.

Having had a husband and son “grace” College House as students, I was aware of how the hint of dignity that pervades the place probably masks some of the realities. You see, table talk in our home has often centred round the behaviour of “housemen” at College House! And as an aside, we worry about inclusive language in our Church settings but the description “housemen” includes young women! And had you wondered whether academia will ever acknowledge that the terms “Bachelor’s” and “Master’s”, used to describe degrees, are descriptions that are worthy of debate?

- College House is the venue for our Training Event this year.
 - **With this newsletter is a very important attachment about this Event.**
 - **You will find it has all the details you have been wondering about.**
 - **And for ease of process, we ask you to note the registration procedure particularly.**
 - **Please print this brochure for your use so that the procedures outlined can be followed meticulously!**

- We would like to thank the Christchurch based group who have been working so hard to get the numerous details in place for an event such as this to happen.

- At our Training Event we all have an opportunity to address the matter of Executive vacancies. These vacancies occur because of our policy for membership of this group being that of a 6 yearly term.

- We invite you to see this as the time to prayerfully consider people with suitable skills to nominate for two positions on the executive - one from the upper North Island and one from middle / lower North Island....for that six year term. Executive members are usually required to attend three to four meetings in Wellington each year, to administer the business and manage the decisions and policies of the Association, hold responsibility for the organisation of the biennial training event and interview those applying for membership. This is a voluntary role but there is reimbursement for travel to Executive meetings.

- As well as considering people for Executive, it could be that you discern an appropriate person to nudge.... or suggest..... for consideration of the position of Secretary/Treasurer for ACSD. Here is the Job Description

Secretary Treasurer - The Association of Christian Spiritual Directors NZ

Reports To: The Executive of the Association of Christian Spiritual Directors NZ

Purpose of Position: To provide administrative assistance and secretarial support to the Executive and to assisting in facilitating the work of the Association.

Key Responsibilities: Liaison with the Executive in secretarial and administration matters such as preparing an agenda and taking minutes, basic filing, copying and recording, processing membership applications and renewals, subscriptions and membership list updating, emailing, correspondence, basic banking, paying of accounts, preparing financial material for the executive, the biennial meeting, archiving and any other

incidental work as required by the ACSD Executive.
in Wellington) and the biennial training event.

To attend four Executive meetings (usually

Remuneration: \$5,100 (based on 300 hours)

Please contact: Carol Grant, Phone 03 453 5552, or email nandcg@clear.net.nz for further details and to apply.

- It is a great pleasure to welcome 2 new Associate members to our Association.

Pauline Simonsen

Pauline hails from Palmerston North and has extensive experience with lecturing at Massey University and the training for leadership within her Lutheran tradition, covering a variety of topics.

Hannah Rowan

Hannah is from Levin and has had experience leading Quiet Days. One of her interests lies within understanding, and providing for, development with children's spirituality.

Our next newsletter should welcome some others whose processing for membership is still in the pipeline.

I can't imagine what it might feel like to "sit in the pipeline" but, all sorts of images come to mind. But..... **you** can do something!

If it relates to referees statements holding up the process, use your Spiritual Direction skills to prompt those concerned to respond asap!

You might like to add the following 7 name to the membership list that you received last newsletter. These names will no doubt be familiar to a lot of you and for one reason or another come as late membership renewals for 2012.

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Vaney, Neil Fr	Maryknoll 180 Church Rd Taradale Napier 4112	06 844 7953	neilvaney45@gmail.com	C
Renouf, Colin	62 Quinns Rd Shirley Christchurch 8013	03 385 4634	crenouf@xtra.co.nz	B

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- The season of Lent is now with us and perhaps, like me, you have had many prompts as to how you might use that time.

One that stands out for me is to find a time.....perhaps half an hour each day.....to put aside “busyness”.

Solitude with God offers a rich engagement..... our senses are heightened so that we **notice** and **hear** particularly.

It is the Executive’s hope that Easter for you all will be a time of rich blessing.

Molly King