



# The Association of Christian Spiritual Directors Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

June 2016

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Hello again from the Executive, who met in Wellington on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> June. We were a slightly smaller group than usual as two members were away at other activities.

We covered the usual administrative business, and wanted to share with you these items of the most interest to you all (and yes, the finances are much healthier after the change to subscriptions).

### 2017 TRAINING EVENT

Even though it is early days planning is well under way for the next event titled: *Holistic Spirituality: Exploring Belonging and Being* to be held at Burns Lodge [www.burnslodge.nz](http://www.burnslodge.nz) in Mosgiel from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The keynote speaker will be Fr. Mark Chamberlain, a Spiritual Director from Dunedin. The Training Event will be preceded by an Open Day on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> August and the speakers and topics for that will be worked through at the next Executive meeting in October.

The Planning Team in Dunedin would love to hear from any of our members who would like to offer a workshop on the Saturday afternoon or Sunday of the Training Event and if this interests you please drop an email to John Franklin on: [john.franklin94@gmail.com](mailto:john.franklin94@gmail.com).

## SECRETARY/ TREASURER

### VACANCY 2017

Just some forewarning that Mary Hepburn our current Secretary/Treasurer of the Association will be resigning at the end of August 2017. Yes, this is plenty of warning and if it interests you to find out more please contact Glenda Prosser our Chairperson at: [harmony@xtra.co.nz](mailto:harmony@xtra.co.nz). The role is responsible for providing administrative assistance and secretarial support to the executive and to assist in facilitating the work of the association. It is for 300 hours a year, can be based wherever there is good internet access and reasonable access to an airport as most meetings (3 a year) are held in Wellington. The tasks predominately relate to liaison with the Executive; managing the annual Renewal of Covenant process; membership processing, membership list updating; secretarial and administration matters such as preparing the agenda and taking minutes; filing and recording communications; overseeing the finances, such as paying the insurance and payments relating to the Training Event and meetings, arrangements around the meetings – including the BGM;– and of course there will be tasks Mary is asked to do by the Chair and others she gets to do on a regular basis – probably giving out the password for the members only page so we'll put it here again!

The password is  
**1acsdanz9**  
so keep this handy

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION BY SKYPE

More and more people are offering skype sessions or requesting them. We thought it would be good to add this information to the website so if you do offer Spiritual Direction by skype, please contact Ricky Waters on: [gillandricky@gmail.com](mailto:gillandricky@gmail.com) by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Ricky will work through getting this uploaded to the website.

### DONATIONS TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Historically when we renew our membership we have the opportunity to give a donation to further the work of the Association. The next renewal time – to be emailed out in September – we will have a second category of donation. This will be for a contestable Scholarship Fund that members may apply for to attend; retreats, conferences, short courses, purchase books, do short research etc. that will enhance their practice of Spiritual Direction. Any donations for this purpose will be 'ring-fenced' and open to any Associate or Full member bar any current member of the Executive. We would like to be able to offer the scholarship next year so need to gather funds now so we have some available. We would attempt to disperse all funds gathered in each year. Look for further details regarding the Scholarship Fund in our next Newsletter.

## **BLOGS**

Several of our members publish a 'regular' blog and we'd like to put these up on our link page of the ACSD website. While that is happening we know of Sue Pickering's at: <http://suepickering.blogspot.co.nz> and Sheila Pritchard has one at: <http://sheilapritchard.blogspot.co.nz>. If there is anyone else who would like to have their blog added to the website please contact Ricky Waters at: [gillandricky@gmail.com](mailto:gillandricky@gmail.com) by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

We are working through instigating two new categories of people wishing to join our Association, one for Students of SD formation programmes and one for Friends and we'll keep you informed how we are progressing with them. A full list of membership categories will be posted to the website soon.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

A warm welcome to our two new Associate Members:

Christopher (Chris) Lee from Invercargill

Regina Daly from the Hutt Valley

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Executive will be held in Dunedin on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October. This will give us an opportunity to meet with the local planning group for the 2017 Training Event and to see the venue.

Be well in the meantime,



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