



Mission Statement

Coolamon - the journal for ANSD members

Vision

To be a vessel of wisdom, inspiration and connection among the ANSD community.

Mission

To produce a journal which:

1. Nurtures, inspires and informs ANSD members, and thereby supports the ANSD mission to foster SD as a vital ministry in the continuing transformation of all people (<http://www.ansd.org.au/mission.htm>).
2. Supports professional development of spiritual directors in Australia.
3. Provides a platform from which the wisdom and insight of the ANSD community might be shared; where we listen to each other as we each seek to develop our capacity to listen to others and to God.

Aims

1. To represent the life of ANSD in words and images while calling the community to a deeper and fuller embodiment of its mission.
2. To be an inspiration to ANSD members to share the wisdom and insight God gives them as they reflect on Scripture, life and creation and on their practice of giving and receiving spiritual direction.

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3. To increase the sense of connection within the ANSD community as we learn from each other.
4. To support increased professional competence in ANSD spiritual directors.
5. To be beautifully presented, in artwork, layout and language, so as to be a blessing to all who receive it.
6. To unearth some of the deep wisdom held in the ANSD community and make it available to all ANSD members.
7. To assist in discernment of the movement of God's Spirit within ANSD and within Spiritual Direction practice in Australia.
8. To honour diversity and to respect individuals by publishing material from a variety of perspectives (aligned with the aims and values of ANSD and the Journal).

Goals:

1. To publish the first issue before the end of 2018.
2. To publish two issues per year after that.
3. To formally assess the extent to which Coolamon is achieving its mission, and make appropriate adjustments every two years.
4. After producing three issues, to assess the feasibility of meeting all expenses through advertising revenue from partners who share ANSD values.
5. To call for contributions from members at least twice per year, giving clear descriptions of the type of contributions we are seeking.
6. To maintain respectful relationships with ANSD Executive, with contributors and among all involved with the Journal.
7. To start producing themed issues from issue #3. (For the first two we will work with whatever material we have.)
8. To make use of a professional designer initially, while seeking to find and develop these skills within the ANSD community.
9. To produce journals in which every element expresses the values of ANSD and the Journal.
10. To creatively find ways for all willing ANSD members to contribute effectively to Coolamon through:
 - Committee membership
 - Writing
 - Artwork
 - Editing
 - Proof-reading
 - Layout
 - Encouraging others to contribute
 - Seeking advertisers
 - Fund raising

11. To develop processes that express the highest standards of accountability.

Values:

Coolamon will express the ANSD values (derived from the ANSD Mission Statement) of:

1. Christian Ecumenism;
2. Diversity of forms of spiritual direction; of people giving spiritual direction and in the provision of encouragement and training for spiritual directors;
3. Nurture of spiritual directors through community
4. Open membership (“We welcome to membership and involvement in the Australian Network for Spiritual Direction all who desire to support this work.”); and
5. Recognition of spiritual direction as a charism of the church (ANSD Constitution 3C).

In addition, the Journal expresses the following values:

1. Quality in writing (grammatical correctness *and* creativity of expression);
2. Depth in spiritual and theological reflection;
3. Artwork that flows from and invites spiritual reflection;
4. Diversity of voice and vision; and
5. Beauty and truth.