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PILGRIMAGES

have been to

2001 Central Australia

ANSD Pilgrimage to the Centre

2005 Kangaroo Island, SA

ANSD Pilgrimage on Kangaroo Island

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

have been led by

Rev'd Canon Gordon Jeff (two)

Rev'd Dr Margaret Guenther

Sr. Sue Richardson PBVM,

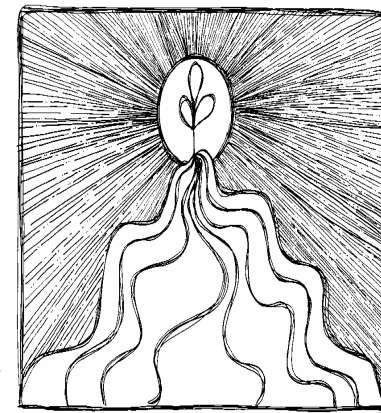
Rev'd Brian Gallagher MSC,

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Australian Network for Spiritual Direction

Inc.



For people
engaged in
godly listening

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ANSD MISSION STATEMENT

The Australian Network for Spiritual Direction, an ecumenical endeavour, is committed to fostering spiritual direction and to the training of spiritual directors in the Christian Community.

We believe spiritual direction to be a vital ministry in the continuing transformation of all people. It is one of many ministries by which people are set free to take their share in God's ongoing work. It is a ministry of guidance taking many forms, and is exercised by women and men, lay and ordained.

The challenges and benefits of spiritual direction are both personal and corporate in nature. This historical ministry is an effective tool for helping people address the complex issues of our time.

The Network is committed to:

- encouraging spiritual directors in their work;
- offering opportunities for care and nurture through regular gatherings and communications; and
- supporting national, regional and local training programs.

We welcome to membership and involvement in the Australian Network for Spiritual Direction all who desire to support this work.

(This Statement was adopted by the original committee in Canberra in 1989)

The story so far

A small group met in Canberra in 1989 and the network was given birth. The Mission Statement was developed and adopted at that meeting. Since then, a Newsletter has been produced regularly and the Regional Networks continue to be established throughout Australia. ANSD is nurtured by an Executive comprising the National President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus members representing the regions throughout the country. This executive meets for a day prior to the annual conference to envision and plan for the ongoing life of ANSD. Annual conferences held in rotation in the various regions provide support, training and encouragement for people involved in the ministry of spiritual direction. Several training workshops have also been held. ANSD was incorporated in 2006.

The ANSD has been actively involved in the formation of a new national body known as the **Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction**. The AECSD aims to serve the wider spiritual direction community of Australia through the provision of a Code of Ethics, establishment of Formation Standards, supporting the various associations and formation bodies for spiritual directors in Australia, providing opportunities for conversation among formators, and encouraging the ongoing personal, spiritual, and professional development of spiritual directors. **The AECSD was launched at a national gathering at Trinity College, Melbourne University, 30 June 2006.** The President is Marie Thompson from Brisbane.

SPEAKERS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES

have included:

- Veronica Brady on *Australian Christian Spirituality in Contemporary Literature*;
- Denis Edwards on *Discerning God in an Evolutionary Process*;
- Brian Gallagher MSC on *Spiritual Direction and the Human Experience of God*
- Br Bruce Paul SSF on *Desire: Human yearning for intimacy*
- Monica Furlong *Turning the Goanna Around*
- Isobel Gregory, Mary Rose Fitzsimmons and Lister Tonge on *Exploring aspects of Spiritual Direction*
- Gordon Jeff *Companions on the Way*
- Peter Malone on *Images of God and Self*
- Sr Mary Aquin O'Neill RSM on *Seeking the Presence and Companionship each other*
- Veronica Brady, Marnie Kennedy and Ed Travers msc on *Songlines of Reconciliation*
- Margaret Guenther on *Holy Listening*
- Margaret Hebblethwaite on *Finding God in all things*
- Jill Manton on *Receiving Life, Giving Life*
- Eileen Glass and Kerrie Hide on *Change, Transformation and Hope: Conversion and Spiritual Direction*
- Stephanie Dowrick on *Making Room for the Sacred*
- John Stewart and Christina Fox on *Give me a word...ancient Desert Wisdom for the 21st century*
- Brendan McKeague on *Spiritual Directors: The Art and Heart of Peacemaking*

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