

## ANSD Canberra and Region Report 2016/2017

### 2016 Events

Since our last AGM in Perth in May 2016, the following three workshops were held in the second half of last year:

- **8<sup>th</sup> July** *Spiritual Direction and the Natural World* (following on from the ANSD May 2016 Conference with Belden Lane), facilitated by Sally Longley;
- **3<sup>rd</sup> September** *Exploring the Ecstasy of the Divine in an Interfaith World* with Dr Kerrie Hide (hosted by the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture);
- **18<sup>th</sup> October** *Art and Spiritual Direction* – an experiential workshop with Betsy Beckman (also hosted by ACC&C).

### 2017 Events

This year on **21<sup>st</sup> March** we held a reflective workshop led by Nanoya Barrett on *Art and Spirituality – using art as a valuable tool in spiritual direction*.

Two more reflective workshops are scheduled in June and September:

- On **26<sup>th</sup> June**, Sally Longley will facilitate a workshop on *Discernment in Spiritual Direction*. As with last year, we decided to follow on from the ANSD national conference focus for the benefit of those who could not attend and at the same time, enrich the experience of those who did attend.
- On **29<sup>th</sup> September** Sue Dunbar will lead a workshop titled *The Transformation Story: The Truth of our Connectedness* based on her presentation at the Spiritual Directors International Conference in Toronto in April this year.

In addition to these workshops for spiritual directors and trainees, **four Quiet Days in February, May, August and November** are being facilitated by ANSD Canberra and Region at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

These Quiet Days are for all those interested in Christian Spirituality and Contemplative Prayer and were introduced at the ACC&C by Susanna Pain, our former regional convenor, who took up her appointment as Dean at the Anglican Cathedral in Sale in September last year. The first Quiet Day was led by Alice-Anne Macnaught and the remaining three will be led in turn by Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard, Dr Heather Thompson and Dr Kerrie Hide.

**Financial Report**

Opening Balance (1/7/16)	\$1465.81
Income (1/7/16-21/3/17)	\$1478.81
Expenditure (1/7/16-21/3/17)	\$1085.00
<b>Balance (21/3/17)</b>	<b>\$1860.09</b>

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