



ANSD-WA REPORT

AGM

August 2023

ANSD-WA does not hold regular meetings, but instead holds professional development days and/or a retreat throughout the year.

After hosting the ANSD conference last year in Perth we held two events. The first was an online seminar with Michael Paterson on the 7th of November. The theme was “Reflexive Practice for Spiritual Direction”. This seminar was well received and when we heard that Michael was coming to Australia in 2023 we were keen to secure him for further workshops.

On the 3rd of December we held another online session titled “Learning from the Edges”. During this session West Australians who has attended the Conference shared their experiences and invited others into some practices learnt during the time. The participants were half and half those who had attended the conference and half who had not. It was a lovely time of sharing and building community.

The start of this year has been quite sparse in professional opportunities in WA due to my own personal circumstances. We do, however, have some great events coming up for the remainder of the year.

On the 19th of August, Beth Robertson will share a day with us reflecting on her recent pilgrimage to Spain. The day is titled “A Day with the Spanish Mystics”. On September 15-17 we will have our annual retreat weekend. Kerrie Hide is coming to share with us on the theme “Mystical Heart in the Light of Contemplation”. Robyn Fitzgerald is also coming for this weekend and will lead a follow-up day on Monday 18th of September titled “Heart Dialogue with Gertrud of Helfta”.

In October we will host Michael Paterson for two workshops. The first on Friday 13th of October is on the topic of Reflective Practice and the next day on Group Supervision. These events have been advertised more widely and have attracted some participants who are more broadly involved in pastoral supervision.

After this AGM I will be handing over the responsibility of ANSD-WA to a small group who will work together to promote professional development opportunities in Western Australia. I am grateful that Jenelle Pike has agreed to be the representative on the ANSD Executive.

Blessings!

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