



Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia

CSD National Online Conference

Listening for the Spirit in Troubled Times

Hearing Our Call in Today's Context Through Scripture



30-31 October 2020

9:30am-5:30pm AEST

Via Zoom

Registrations

CSD Member Early Bird \$160

CSD Member \$190

Non-Member \$230

Keynote Addresses

Dr Michele Connolly rsj

Psalms: ancient poetry of the human-divine drama *and*
Gospel story: a moment of encounter with Jesus, the
risen Lord

Rev Dr Peter Bentley

Exploring Treasures Old and New:
Evolving Frameworks for Spiritual Formation

Conference Facilitator

Ms Jill McCorquodale

Workshop Sessions

Dr Bill Attard

Assisting People Responding to Challenge in these
Troubled Times

Dr Rose Marie Prosser

Being Present to Presence

Sr Margie Abbott rsm

Listen Through Heart Coherence

Br Tim Moloney cfc

A Community of Companionship and Discernment

Dr Michele Connolly rsj, Scripture scholar, Rev Dr Peter Bentley, Spiritual Direction Coordinator at Wellspring in Melbourne and Ms Jill McCorquodale, Spiritual Director and Facilitator, will lead us in how we listen for the Divine when life ahead seems impossible.

We will also explore the landscapes through which we operate, through workshops with the following presenters: Dr Bill Attard, Dr Rose Marie Prosser, Sr Margie Abbott rsm and Br Tim Moloney cfc.

Keynote Addresses



Dr Michele Connolly rsj

**Psalms: ancient poetry of the human-divine drama *and*
Gospel story: a moment of encounter with Jesus,
the risen Lord**

Friday 30 October, 10:00am

Scripture holds much for our times if we but listen! Michele will invite us to open our hearts to hear the words that the Spirit speaks through the stories, the poetry, the history and the memories of our Hebrew and Christian ancestors.

Michele is a Sister of St Joseph of Lochinvar. After teaching in secondary schools, she studied theology, graduating in 2008 with a PhD from Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. Michele's principal area of interest is the Gospel of Mark. Michele teaches New Testament at Catholic Institute of Sydney and speaks regularly at conferences on Scripture.



Rev Dr Peter Bentley

**Exploring Treasures Old and New:
Evolving Frameworks for Spiritual Formation**

Saturday 31 October, 10:00am

Drawing on a variety of sources and inspiration, Peter will guide us through familiar, and perhaps more unfamiliar territory, to explore the development of emerging and rich frameworks for spiritual direction formation and ministry.

Peter currently lectures in postgraduate spiritual direction formation programs through the University of Divinity, Melbourne. Peter served as President of the AECSD and has a keen interest in spiritual formation across a range of spiritual perspectives. Peter completed a PhD examining formational learning in spiritual direction.

Conference Facilitator



Ms Jill McCorquodale

Jill, a native of Melbourne comes with a background in education, theology, spirituality and spiritual direction studies. She has lived and worked in several States in Australia and has worked nationally and internationally as a spiritual director, in retreat work, and as a facilitator for groups in parishes, dioceses and religious congregations.

Workshop Sessions



Dr Bill Attard

Assisting People in Responding to Challenge in these Troubled Times

Friday 30 October, 1:30pm

Appreciating the spiritual director's privileged role as interpreter and healer, we will explore ways to accompany those who sometimes feel adrift or uncertain, and/or struggle to reconnect heart, body, mind and spirit. Modelling a certain self-familiarity or 'self-leadership', especially as we minister, often involves unlocking the past, grounding multiple identities, and affirming a sense of agency. How, with the challenges of this time, may we be with those in anxiety or trauma, hurting or grieving, so as to hear, see, feel, understand and respond differently? Our task is not to discover new meaning, but to attribute meaning and make sense of, or reframe, their experience.

Bill is a Maltese Australian, with a special interest in the convergence of depth psychology and spirituality, and the social sciences and pastoral care. He has worked as a spiritual director and formator at Corpus Christi seminary and in the Pastoral and General Studies Department at Catholic Theological College. He trained under Luigi Rulla SJ at the Gregorian in Rome, and is currently a registered counselling psychologist.



Dr Rose Marie Prosser

Being Present to Presence

Friday 30 October, 3:00pm

For some people, faith has been linked to religious beliefs and practice. For Catholics, Vatican II brought in changes in the way Scripture was interpreted and God's presence in the world viewed. Now, in our communities, we have many identifying as SBNRs - "spiritual but not religious." Understanding spirituality as being attentive to the mystery of a loving, life-giving presence always with us, enables us to dialogue with many people of faith who are struggling with institutional religion.

Rose Marie formerly studied science and obtained a PhD in Chemistry. She furthered her study and is currently lecturer at Yarra Theological Union, teaching the units 'Faith, Religion and Spirituality in Contemporary Society' and 'Scripture for RE teachers.' She works with teachers throughout Victoria.



Sr Margie Abbott rsm

Listen through Heart Coherence

Saturday 31 October, 2:00pm

The Cry of Earth is becoming louder and the collapse of all her systems are getting closer. Pope Francis has announced a year-long reflection on 'Laudato Si'. The Global Catholic Climate Movement is developing a variety of ways to work actively for change. This workshop will explore the importance of active hope; building trust in ourselves to dwell together in the field of gratitude holding the Pain and the Promise.

Margie is a sister of Mercy based in Geelong with qualifications in education, spirituality, theology facilitation and psychodrama. She leads eco spirituality retreats, is a Laudato Si animator and facilitates groups nationally and internationally. Margie highly values inner independence, the contemplative stance and active hope for a healing world. She is the author of four books.



Br Tim Moloney cfc

A Community of Companionship and Discernment

Saturday 31 October, 3:30pm

During this time together, we will share what the benefits of group spiritual direction are and explore what would be the context and guidelines for creating such a group. We will also look at how the contemplative stance is critical to the value of this mode of direction.

Tim is a Christian Brother who has worked in education and formation in Australia and East Africa. He has been a spiritual director for thirteen years and a supervisor for ten years. He has worked with groups in the Oceania Province. His area of interest in spirituality is the emerging Universe story and how that impacts Church and society. Tim has been National Chair of CSD since 2013.

As the very first CSD National Online Conference approaches there is excitement that we will meet and greet each other across the airwaves in this amazing technology even in our troubled times! The Conference will be offered via Zoom enabling participation across our membership nationwide!

Other interested individuals from the wider spiritual direction community are most welcome! All you need is a stable Wi-Fi connection, a device for accessing Zoom and your own comfortable space.

A Zoom Tips sheet will be provided to Registrants to help prepare for the event.

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