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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting to be held Sunday 26 July, 4.00pm at The Church of St Peter & Emmaus, Mt Hawthorn.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Reflection
- 3. Apologies
- 4. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting dated 19 March 2018
- 5. Reports
 - a. Chairperson's Report
 - b. Dean of Studies Report
 - c. Librarian's Report
 - d. Events Coordinator's Report
 - e. Dayspring South West Report
 - f. Treasurer's Report incl Budget for 2020
- 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7. Acceptance of Annual Reports
- 8. Election of Guiding Committee Ordinary Members
- 9. Election of Office Holders
- 10. Presentation of Strategic Plan
- 11. Special Resolution to Amend the Objects of the Association
- 12. Any Other Business
- 13. Meeting Close

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting to be held Sunday 5 May, 2019 at 5pm at All Saints Anglican Church Dianella

Attendees: Wendy Gilbert, John Clapton, Bronwen Griffiths, Jenelle Pike, Sandy Clifton, Abigail Lewis, Lyn Cannon, Paul Cannon, Brian Holliday, Glenis Holliday, Wendy Morrison, Beth Roberton, Lucy van Kessel, Anne Zevis, Brian Stitt, Patricia Stitt, Joy Brann, Maureen Lissman, Catherine Warner, Bernie McKenna, Faye McKenna, Sarah Brown, Kathryn Yee, Cynthia Wai, Margaret Beach, Lynne Eastoe, Dennis Ryle, Chris Durrant, Sue Wilkins, Kevin Wilkins, Julie Nelson-White, David Cohen, Kevin Leung, Cathie Lambert, Jeremy Roberton

- Welcome and Introductions
 Wendy Gilbert welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Reflection
- Apologies
 Simon Holthouse, Julie Smout
- 4. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting dated 19 March 2018

 Proposed Resolution: That the Minutes of the previous AGM, held in March 2018, be accepted.

 Moved: Paul Cannon

 Seconded: Abigail Lewis
- 5. **Graduation Ceremony**

The Ceremony for the 14 Graduates of the 2017/2018 was held with each graduate receiving their certificate and saying a few words.

6. Celebratory Refreshments

Family and friends of the Graduates joined with Dayspring Members and Companions to share refreshments and the Graduation cake.

7. Chairperson's Report

Wendy Gilbert spoke to her report, thanking the other members of the Guiding Committee for their friendship, guidance and support.

Abi Lewis and Sandy Clifton, who are both stepping down from the Guiding Committee, were invited to the front. Wendy thanked them both for their significant contribution to Dayspring. Abi has been part of Dayspring for 20 years, starting on the Steering Committee. Sandy is also stepping down from her position as Office Manager and will be concentrating on Spiritual Direction and building community.

Wendy also expressed the Community's appreciation to Brian and Patricia Stitt who are stepping back from a more active role.

8. Dean of Studies' Report

Beth spoke to her report, indicating that the last year had been the fourteenth year of Spiritual Direction training and the largest intake in the history of the program. Beth spoke of the challenges faced in the past two years regarding re-accreditation and acknowledged the graciousness and generosity of the graduates during this difficult period.

Beth also expressed her gratitude to the staff members, Brian Holliday, John Auer, Cathie Lambert and Dennis Ryle.

Although re-accreditation has now been achieved, the uncertainty resulted in a small number of applicants for 2019/2020, so it has been resolved that 2019 be a sabbatical year and that the next intake be for 2020/21.

Beth also thanked Abi and Sandy for all their assistance over the years.

9. Librarian's Report

The Librarian encouraged members to take advantage of the considerable and constantly growing library at Dayspring.

10. Dayspring Manager and Events Coordinator Report

Sandy Clifton spoke to the combined Dayspring Manager and Events Coordinator Report on behalf of herself and Jenelle Pike.

11. Dayspring South West Chapter Report

The South West Chapter Report was tabled and circulated. Paul Cannon spoke to the report with particular reference to the Chapter Committee of himself, Lyn Cannon, Cathie Lambert, Deborah Robertson and Simon Holthouse.

12. Treasurer's Report

John Clapton spoke to the Treasurer's Report and read out the Auditor's Statement which had not been received in time to circulate before the meeting.

13. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Proposed Resolution: That Ian Mansfield be appointed as the Independent Examiner for 2018/19

Moved: Wendy Gilbert Seconded: Sarah Brown

14. Acceptance of Annual Reports

A vote of thanks was extended to all those who had prepared Reports.

Proposed Resolution: That the Annual Report presented at the Annual General Meeting, be accepted.

Moved: Wendy Gilbert Seconded: Beth Roberton

15. Election of Guiding Committee Ordinary Members

The following were nominated, and nominations did not exceed the number of positions to be filled. Paul Cannon, Lyn Cannon and Jenelle Pike were re-elected onto the Guiding Committee and Glenis Holliday, Bernie McKenna and Sue Wilkins were elected as new Guiding Committee members.

16. Election of Officer holders

The nominees were:

- Chair Wendy Gilbert
- Treasurer John Clapton
- Secretary no nomination received.

The meeting resolved to accept these nominations and agreed that the Secretary be appointed from among ordinary members of Guiding Committee at its first meeting.

17. Other Business

The Guiding Committee proposed the conferral of Life Memberships on the two departing members of the Guiding Committee – Abigail Lewis, and Sandy Clifton.

Abigail has been continuous a member of the Guiding Committee since its inception and held the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair at various times as well as being an ordinary member of the Committee.

Sandy has just completed nearly a decade as Events Co-ordinator and other administrative roles as well as being a member of the Guiding Committee for more than a decade. The proposal was received with acclamation.

The Guiding Committee wished also to mark the decision of our Founding Director, Brian Stitt to cease his service as a Spiritual Director for Dayspring for health reasons. He was presented with a certificate of Appreciation.

18. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.46pm.

Minute Taker:	Bronwen Griffiths
Signed:	
Name:	Wendy Gilbert
Date:	

Chairperson's Report

More than a year has passed since our last Annual Meeting due to the impact of the COVID-19 regulations. During this time much has been developed in the Dayspring Community programme based at Dianella, and the South West, and with our Spiritual Direction course based in the Perth Hills though not limited to the hill area. Those responsible for these ministries and developments in the reach and depth of the various events and programmes will individually report on our year. I take this opportunity to thank them for their motivation, time and resourcefulness in these times which has called much from us, and of us.

As in all aspects of life, the Dayspring Community scheduled programme was interrupted this year. An interruption not only from doing what we were doing, but also in how we were doing it. This enforced isolation time offered us space to both reflect and develop ways we could remain connected as we practised physical isolation. The use of our resources of skills and persons using the internet as our vehicle of connection was something we had been considering prior to the enforced time of isolation and is now something we have developed and experienced. We were very pleased to be able to offer times of contemplation and meditation via the internet. I thank everyone who enabled this new Dayspring mode of communication and connection, and all those who participated in the offered events.

In last year's report I outlined the Guiding Committee's sense of being on the cusp of a God moment with the want to develop who we are and what we offer requiring, if not demanding, our attention. I am very pleased to report we have attended. One result of this is the Strategy Plan, which has previously been sent out with the AGM notification and agenda.



Of all the papers this Strategy Plan is the paper which now demands your attention. The work of this Plan has been The Guiding Committee's focus and will remain our focus in terms of being the now discerned and shaped base from which we function and operate. Having this Strategy Plan enables us all to know where we have been and the direction in which we travel. It will enable us to be proactive rather than only reactional in our planning and delivery knowing the base and vision of our ministry and community. I thank all Guiding Committee

members, and the input of Beth Roberton and Brian Holliday, while we all acknowledge the giftedness of Bernie McKenna in this work. His experience, his wisdom, with an overwhelming inclusiveness in listening and attending to all communication from criticism, suggestions, affirmation, and confirmation. This process is what makes this Strategy Plan actually that – a strategy we can utilize and base our planning upon in the knowledge of where we have been, and where we want to be – keeping in mind the role of the Spirit in all the aspects of planning.

We have developed both our Webpage, which was a need commented upon at our last AGM, and our Facebook page. Our thanks to John Clapton for his enthusiasm, energy, and skill for this outreach development.

At the end of last year, we farewelled Bronwen Griffiths due to our limiting financial situation. This was not a decision taken lightly and given the repercussions of COVID-19 one which may have been made for us. We continue to wish Bronwen well in all her endeavours and loves.

I am not re-nominating as the Chair or member of the Guiding Committee while Bernie McKenna has indicated he will not be continuing as Secretary or a Guiding Committee member. It is our prayer that others will consider their role in the life of Dayspring Community. The calibre of our members is our lifeline to explore and experience all which is possible, and with God much is possible.

We thank Monica O'Neil, Minister of Living Grace Church, for her continued generous and gracious support and assistance of the Dayspring Community throughout the year. We look forward to further developments in this relationship.

I wish to take this time to thank the Guiding Committee members for their commitment of time, experience, and gifts as we have prayerfully gathered to reflect, gazing both back, grounded in the now, reaching into the future. Our Guiding Committee, comprised of long-term members and new members, will serve this community of Dayspring with discernment, vision, and prayerful commitment.



Wendy Gilbert Chair

Coursework Report

New course has been launched for spiritual direction training

During 2019 and into 2020, *Dayspring* has been part of a process to register a new course for our spiritual direction training program. In affiliation with ACAS (the *Australian Centre for Advanced Studies*), *Dayspring* is now registered with the Worldwide University which has official degree-status.

From February 2020, we will be able to issue a *Master of Arts in Spiritual Direction*. The Worldwide University (WU) is approved under the Distance Education Accrediting Commission in USA, registered in Arizona State. We anticipate that this will be more appealing to those accessing the distance education aspect of the course.

For *Dayspring*, this has been a long process of developing a credible training regime. Our reputational value is now well established, and we will be looking to take this into a new opportunity for our applicants.

GDSD/MASD 2020-21

Participants in our current intake have been offered the choice to enroll in the Masters' program or remain at graduate diploma level. The Masters' option is a coursework and thesis combination. Staffing will be adjusted accordingly due to the expectations of WU for those delivering the course at this level. Dr. Brian Holliday, Cathie Lambert (PhD Candidate) and Dr. Beth Roberton will be the core staff.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, delivery of the program in Semester 1 was taken online and the second residential delayed. With the lifting of restrictions, we are now looking to resume full tuition sessions again in August.

Upgrade to MASD

Over the next year or two, *Dayspring* will be able to offer past graduates the opportunity to upgrade their graduate diploma qualification to the Masters' level. This requires one additional year of study in which additional units and a thesis from a research project will be completed.

GDSD 2017-18

This cohort has finally been awarded their full certification for the *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*, under the auspices of the Worldwide University. Due to the uncertainty and delays over the reaccreditation of ACAS, we are still awaiting the outcome of their Australian award under VET.

ASQA - VET Accreditation

ACAS made a formal application for re-accreditation with ASQA in October 2018 and despite the many pages of supporting evidence submitted to ASQA, their response has remained negative. Dr Ross Woods has been working on the appeals process with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal – the final hearing for the appeal will be at the end of July 2020, attended by Dr Ross Wood and Dr Beth Roberton. At this stage, we are not confident that the VET accreditation for ACAS will be successful. Once again, it has taken nearly two years to complete this process – a sad indictment of the government processes.

Professional Development

In was planned that Michael Paterson would lead a Supervision Intensive in August 2020. Due to the current health concerns and closed borders to international travel, this has been postponed until 2021.

Financial Report

The Coursework Financial Report for the year January-December 2019 has been supplied by the Treasurer and is part of his report.

Dr Beth Roberton

Dean of Studies

Librarian's Report

Like most libraries in Australian, the *Dayspring* library has been closed for the last four months. One benefit of the interlude is that I have had time to sort through boxes of books which have been in storage! But it also means that there is not much to report, other than that for the months the library was open it continued to update its books through the purchase of new titles, and through books being donated or made available on loan.

While these are still uncertain times with the worldwide pandemic, I am looking forward with anticipation to the library coming to life again, and to experiencing the joy of people returning for quiet reading, research, and for quiet chats.

Thank you to all those who have generously loaned or donated books this year. Thank you all for your ongoing support and interest in the *Dayspring* library.



Brían Hollíday Librarian

Events Coordinator

2019 Events - Attendance

Date	Event	Attendance
10 March	Inner Peace in Divine Love	10
13 March	Twilight Retreat	16
9 June	Pentecost Retreat	12
14 July	Turning Aside to Look	24
26 October	Who we are is how we pray	11
18-20 October	New Norcia Retreat – Abbot John	11

REPORT

Thank you Companions for a wonderful year of community. On reflection the year of 2019 was an eventful year full of blessings and goodbyes for Dayspring.

The community days, held on Tuesdays, have seen a regular group of contemplatives gather and share together in prayer, Eucharist, and life. Their shared rhythm and presence have been vital to the core and creation of contemplative space at Dayspring. New faces leading Quiet Days, and familiar faces creating a hospitable atmosphere enabled our regular monthly Quiet days to be a wonderful time of contemplation, sharing and community.



John Clapton and Wendy Gilbert were vital in their efforts to get events off the ground in 2019 and continually collaborated and generously shared their expertise. Bronwen Griffith was an anchor for the Dayspring Office smoothly gliding from job to job, gently reminding me of all the small details that were needed to build the bigger picture that was the Dayspring Community program of events. We said goodbye to Bronwen from her role as office secretary (and Jenelle's anchor) and she has been sorely missed.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2019

- Collaboration with Perth Christian Life Community in running a 5-week retreat in Ignatius living called Inner Peace in Divine Love. It was such a well-loved experience that it was decided to run this event again with CLC in 2020. Great thanks to Chiara and Chris from CLC!
- Our Twilight Retreat was held at First Home Project. This meaningful journey through the stations of the cross was followed by a beautiful feast. Such wonderful hospitality and community in this setting with our hosts Bernie and Faye Mckenna.

- John Clapton shared his wisdom on various perspectives on the holy spirit in a wonderful community event at Pentecost. I remember it was a rainy and cold evening, yet we were warm and cosy in the library, our hearts afire with sharing on the Holy Spirit!
- A wonderful experience with our international guest speaker Dr Michael Patterson coming from Scotland. We were so glad so many of you could attend this event as Michael shared his wisdom on discernment. I think many would agree it was a fantastic day!
- Our silent retreat in New Norcia with Dom Robert was an amazing experience. A beautiful setting and weather and such generosity from our friends in New Norcia.
- Dennis Ryle and Margaret Beach led a much-anticipated workshop 'Who we are is how we pray'. Much enthusiasm came out of this event with a desire to see more events in 2020 related to the Enneagram.



Thank you Companions for your commitment to our community. It is good to remember the blessings and the goodbyes. We give thanks to God for another year we have been able to share in community with each other, to learn more and enjoy the love of God and to grow in our understanding and our contemplative journey.

Go in peace, the Lord is with you.
Go in peace, the Lord is within you.
Go in peace, for wherever you go
The Lord is already there to greet you.
Go in peace, the Lord is with you.

Jenelle Pike

Events Coordinator

Dayspring SW

Dayspring SW continued to provide a range of Dayspring events for people in the South West during 2019. Our Chapter group did a lot of the coordinating through their regular meetings. We have Chapter members in Bunbury, Margaret River, Harvey and Kojanup.

Regular Events

The main regular events we hold are generally held at the Church in the Park, Bunbury and include Quiet Days on Tuesdays most months and Sanctus - an alternative style contemplative liturgy that will be held on the third Sunday of each month — creating sacred space to reflect, meditate and pray using a contemplative style of liturgy and regular Group peer-supervision for local Spiritual Directors.



Paul Cannon continues to conduct programs for clergy based on Daysprings former "Spirituality for Ministry" certificate course and these have been well received.

Special Events

We planned three special events in 2019, one of which had to be cancelled. In July Cathie Lambert led a group of 15 people in an *Introduction to Mandalas* workshop, and later reports indicate that a number of participants have continued to practice these in their contemplative times.

Simon Holthouse facilitated *A Benedictine Day* at his Moojalup Winery in Harvey – an event which was enjoyed by 9 people.



Lyn Cannon SW Convenor

Financial Reports

2019 proved to be another difficult year for Dayspring finances and again we saw a cash result of a deficit of just over \$11,000 and saw our Equity or Net Assets fall by \$7343 to \$14,597. Since I began as Treasurer in 2017 the Guiding Committee has been concerned at the gradual erosion of our Equity and knew that it was time to do something about our expenditure.

As you are all aware there were two major components to our fixed costs each year – rental of the premises and the salary of our office worker. In the middle of the year, we took the decision to give our office worker notice that we would cease employing her at the end of the year. This invited a question from a member of the Guiding Committee about *termination of employment* entitlements. On the face of it and based on the Guiding Committee's understanding of the basis of employment we thought there would be none – the basis of employment was contractual between Dayspring and a sole-trader Contractor. However, our enquiries of both the Australian Tax Office and the Fair Work Ombudsman's Office made it clear that this could not possibly be the case. We discovered that our arrangement had created a 'false contractor' situation and that it should have been regarded as *Casual Employment* and that once the office worker had been with us for a year, we should have changed their status from *Casual* to *Part-time Permanent*. Because of this, there was about three years of accrued Annual Leave entitlements that had never been paid to them and which needed to be paid on termination – an unexpected employment expense of nearly \$4,000. This made a significant contribution to the negative result for the year.

Our end of year result also made us very much aware that we needed to see if we could reduce the cost of the rental of our premises from Living Grace Church. That would be a piece of work for the coming year.

BUDGET 2020

A budget was prepared at the end of last year and is presented here for your approval. The Guiding Committee has been monitoring Cash Flow on a quarterly basis and the first quarter was about on track, but then COVID-19 closed everything down for the second quarter. This has thrown everything up in the air but the Guiding Committee and I are confident that with savings that we can make for the remainder of the year, we will be presenting you with an Operating Surplus at our AGM next year.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW

You can see over the page that the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements presented to you at this meeting have been reviewed and the view expressed that "the records have been kept in a proper manner." I propose that we thank our reviewer, Mr Ian Mansfield, for his honorary work and inform you that he is willing to undertake this duty again for us next year.

John Clapton

Treasurer

Dayspring Consolidated Accounts 2019

Financial statement

1 January to 30 December

Income		Actual		Budget	Expenditure		Actual		Budget
Bank Interest	\$	927.26	\$	50.00	Office Expenses	\$	4,936.11	\$	3,000.00
Term Deposit transfer			\$	-	Merchandise	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,000.00
Donations	\$	715.70	\$	1,000.00	Rent & Utilities	\$	13,860.00	\$	13,500.00
Membership	\$	7,805.00	\$	9,000.00	Loan Repayment	\$	3,700.00	\$	-
Miscellaneous	\$	546.39	\$	-	Staff & Volunteers	\$	9,905.54	\$	6,000.00
Merchandise	\$	728.25	\$	1,500.00	Spiritual Direction	5	2,720.00	\$	3,000.00
Facility Use - Rent	\$	673.60	\$	1,500.00	Day Events	\$	1,175.50	\$	2,500.00
Spiritual Direction	\$	6,125.00	\$	5,000.00	Weekend Events	\$	1,662.95	\$	2,500.00
External Workshops	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	External Workshops	\$	-	\$	300.00
Day Events	\$	5,246.00	\$	6,000.00	Miscellaneous	5	100.00	\$	-
Weekend Events	\$	2,610.00	\$	3,300.00					
Transfers from Courses	\$	-							
Sub-total General Account		\$	25,377.20	Sub-total	Gene	ral Account	\$	40,260.10	
GDSD			-		GDSD			-	
Bank Interest	\$	24.23	\$	20.00	External Agency Fees	-5	784.00	\$	-
Course Fees	Ś	12,610.00	5	11,000.00	Presenters	5	4,600.00	\$	5,000.00
Donations	\$	-			Venue Costs	5	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Retreat	\$	2,510.00			Catering/Materials	5	1,685.75	\$	1,685.00
		No.			Postage / Advertising	5	646.51	\$	500.00
	7	- 100			PD / Books	\$	420.00	\$	-
					Retreat	5	3,395.17		
				A TOTAL	Dayspring General Account	\$	- 1	\$	-
					Miscellaneous	\$	1.20	\$	-
	Sub-	total GDSD	\$	15,144.23		Sub-	total GDSD	\$	11,964.63
Dayspring SW	+				Dayspring SW				
General Events	\$	75.85	\$	500.00	Venue Hire	5	-		
Day Workshops	\$	934.25	\$	5,150.00	Presenter Fees	5	350.00	\$	200.00
Sub-to	tal Da	yspring SW	\$	1,010.10		tal Da	yspring SW	\$	350.00
Total Income	\$	41.531.53	\$	86,552	Total Expenditure	\$	52,574.73	\$	94,760

Opening Balance	\$ 47,140.34
Closing Balance	\$ 36,097.14

Cash Result - General Account	-\$	14,882.90
Cash Result - GDSD	\$	3,179.60
Cash Result - Dayspring SW	\$	660.10

Assets		
Bendigo Bank General	\$	6,748.41
Bendigo Bank GDSD	\$	6,981.05
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$	22,367.68
Total Bank Accounts	\$	36,097.14
Liabilities	+	
Interest free loan	\$	21,500.00
SGP Entitlements - Staff	\$	
A/L Entitlement - Staff	\$	-
Total Liabilities	\$	21,500.00
Net Assets 2018	\$	21,940.34
Net Assets December 2019	\$	14,597.14
Net surplus/deficit		

Enterprise (profit/loss	5)		
Spiritual Direction		\$	3,405.00
Merchandise		-\$	1,471.75
Day Events		\$	4,070.50
Weekend Events		\$	947.05
External Workshops		\$	-
	TOTAL	\$	7,833.07

2019 Actuals to Budget 2020

Income	Budget	Actuals 2019	Expenditure	Budget	Actuals 2019
Bank Interest	\$ 300.00	\$ 927.26	Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,936.11
Donations	\$ 765.00	\$ 715.70	Mechandise	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,200.00
Memberships	\$ 7,840.00	\$ 7,805.00	Rent & Utilities	\$ 13,860.00	\$ 13,860.00
Merchandise	\$ 760.00	\$ 728.25	Staff & Volunteers	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,905.54
Facility Use	\$ 895.00	\$ 673.60	Spiritual Direction	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,720.00
Spiritual Direction	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 6,125.00	Day Events	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 1,175.00
Day Events	\$ 10,055.00	\$ 5,246.00	Weekend Events	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,662.95
Weekend Events	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 2,610.00	External Workshops	\$ -	\$ -
External Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	DSW Chapter Expenses	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 350.00
DSW Chapter Income	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,010.00			1
GDSD	\$ 50,030.00	\$ 15,144.23	GDSD	\$ 34,275.00	\$ 11,964.63
Total Income	\$ 85,205.00		Total Expenditure	\$ 66,075.00	

I G MANSFIELD & ASSOCIATES

11 June, 2020

TO THE MEMBERS OF Dayspring Community (WA) Inc.

I have completed and examined the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the Dayspring Community (WA) Inc. accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2019.

I have obtained such information and explanation as required and subject to:

1) That it is only possible in audits such as this to accept the income at its point of entry into the Dayspring records, therefore I can not offer any opinion as to the correctness of this.

The records have been kept in a proper manner and the accounts as presented reflect a true reflection of the Dayspring Community (WA) Inc. accounts as at the 31 December 2019.

I G Mansfield AICM Principal.

11 June 2020

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Special Resolution

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

I move that all the words of s2 (1) of the Dayspring Community (WA) Inc. Rules of Association (2018):-

The Objects of the Association are:

- I. To nourish engagement with the presence of God in our individual daily lives.
- II. To foster and develop a contemplative community available to all members near and far.
- III. To provide Christian education in contemplative spirituality by such means as courses, workshops, retreats and seminars and offering training and offering supervision to spiritual directors.
- IV. To make available skilled Christian spiritual directors.
- V. To foster interest in the use and support of the Association by other churches and the general community.
- VI. To co-operate with other agencies working in associated areas.

Our Vision

People encountering transformative and renewing experiences of God through contemplative spirituality

Our identity

An open community offering safe and sacred spaces for nurturing the journey towards wholeness in God Our Mission

Offer a welcoming community engaging with others in a contemplative lifestyle of prayer, wholeness, learning and growth

Our core values

To live an authentic Christ centred life of openness, hospitality, compassion and freedom

be deleted and replaced with the following words: -

The Objects of the Association are:

- I. Individually, to engage with the presence of God in our daily lives
- II. To nurture and affirm people in their quest to discover and engage with the presence of God in their daily lives.
- III. To provide Christ-centred educational opportunities to explore contemplative spirituality by such means as courses, workshops, seminars, and retreats.
- IV. To provide formal training and supervision in the practice of Spiritual Direction
- V. To promote the benefits of Spiritual Direction and to ensure its availability for those seeking a spiritual companion to support them in their journey with the Spirit.
- VI. Across Western Australia and beyond, to support and encourage those who wish to promote contemplative spirituality, (for example, within their churches, schools, workplaces, or study groups etc.),
- VII. To actively seek out like minded organisations willing to promote Contemplative Spirituality and the overall Dayspring objectives.

MOVED BY – John Clapton

SECONDED BY - Bernie McKenna

BACKGROUND

As part of the Strategic Review process the existing Objects of the Association were reworded slightly. Since the Strategic Plan is a working document designed to serve us for the next three years at least, it is considered helpful to amend the wording in the Constitution to reflect the wording in the Strategic Plan. The Guiding Committee believes there is no significant shift of intent in the change of wording and as such the change is seeking to align the wording of the Rules of Association with our current thinking in the Strategic Plan.

Please refer to the Strategic Plan and the Rules of Association that are attached to the Notice of Meeting.