

ECUMENICAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name of the organisation is “Ecumenical Spiritual Directors Association (ESDA), South Australia”.

HISTORY

2. The Association grew out of a 1979 Catholic Support Group for Spiritual Directors and gradually evolved into an Inter-church Spiritual Forum which in 1994 adopted the current name.

AIMS

3. The Association has the following aims:
 - Encouraging spiritual directors in their work.
 - Offering members opportunities for ongoing formation, peer supervision, care and nurture, through regular gatherings.
 - Supporting national, regional and local training programs.

ASSETS AND INCOME

4. The assets and income of the Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned aims and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

- 5.a) Membership of ESDA is open to Spiritual Directors in South Australia who belong to a Christian tradition and may be members of various national spiritual direction associations.
- b) Requirements for membership in the Ecumenical Spiritual Directors Association are:
 - Completion of an appropriate training and formation course as a spiritual director.
 - Participation on a personal basis with a spiritual director.
 - Involvement in the ministry of spiritual direction.
 - Active involvement in (peer) supervision.
 - Attendance at in-service days.
 - Acceptance and fulfilment of the Code of Ethics issued by the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Directors and in one’s own life and in the ministry of spiritual direction.
- c) Members of the Association undertake to contribute a membership fee as approved by the AGM and a fee for each in-service.

- d) Membership of ESDA will cease
 - i. immediately upon substantiated notification of unethical behaviour as outlined in the Cod of Ethics referred to above;
 - ii. two years after a member has ceased payment of fees;
 - iii. failure to continue meeting requirements for membership under 5b) above.

STRUCTURE

- 6.a) The management and administration functions of ESDA shall be through the General Meeting and the Executive Committee. The division of these functions shall be governed by clauses 6b) and 6c-e).
- b) One General Meeting each year will be designated 'The Annual General Meeting' at which the following will occur, providing that there is a quorum of at least one third of financial members in attendance:
 - i. election to or confirmation of members of the (Executive) Committee;
 - ii. receipt of reports from the Executive Committee and supervision groups;
 - iii. discussion and approval of the accounts;
 - iv. dealing with such other business as may have been placed on the agenda;
 - v. setting membership subscriptions.
- c) The management/administration of ESDA shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall consist of a minimum of four (4) person who themselves will decide which of them will assume the following roles:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. Treasurer;
 - iii. Secretary;
 - iv. General Support
- d) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for no more than two terms of three consecutive years.
- e) Where possible, there will be a turnover of membership of the Committee in such a way that any one Executive consists of those who have served for one to two years and those who are newly elected.

AMENDMENTS

- 7. This constitution may be amended at the AGM provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been forwarded to members at least one month in advance.

DISSOLUTION

- 8. In the event of the Association being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit of gain of its individual members, and according to the decision made by a special meeting, called for by the Executive, or Members of the Association.