



Winter 2020

Dear Network Member

We hope you are staying safe and well. It is just over a year since we held our Advent Quiet day, and so much has changed since then.

As you are aware, the Network has undergone some significant changes in the past year, with Alison Evans stepping down from her role as network co-ordinator.

None of the current core group members had the capacity to take on this role, so things have been quite a challenge moving forward. However, that does not mean that things have not been happening.

The work of the network falls into two areas: the first being the support of Spiritual Directors and the Spiritual Direction Course, the second being organising quiet days and study days.

The first part of this is now moving into a separate charitable organisation, with trustees and a legal identity. Several members of the Core Group have been involved in this and continue to do so. Understandably that will take up much of their time and energy.

That leaves the second part for the remaining members of the core group. It has not been possible to hold quiet days this year for obvious reasons, and their organisation was very much part of the role of the network co-ordinator. With no one in that role it is difficult to see how that can be taken forward by the core group in its current form, or indeed if it needs to be when there are two well established regular quiet days being offered by Rudford Retreats and Riverside Retreats as well as those organised by Harnhill, Holland House and others.

We are therefore at a 'fork in the road' moment for the network, and would value your prayers as we discern the next step. If you have any thoughts or suggestions do please let us know.

In the meantime we will updating the network website with information about events and websites that may help you on your spiritual journey.

If you know members who are not online perhaps you could pass this information on to them. We hope to send a physical mailing out in the new year to those not online.

The words from Isaiah 43:19 which we read in this Advent season, seem very apt.

"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."

With blessings for the Advent and Christmas season
The Core Group, SNFG

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