



CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council invites members of the Community of Spiritual Directors in Australia (Spiritual Direction Associations, Networks, Formation Programs and individual Spiritual Directors) to discern and nominate people who are recognized as leaders in this ministry.

Four people from the spiritual direction community need to be discerned to join the Council for a four-year term, commencing February 2022. Please consult with the people whom you intend to nominate about their readiness and willingness to serve on the Council, before submitting your nomination.

The criteria for nominating Council members are that the nominee would be:

- committed to the [AECSD's Formation Guidelines](#) and the [Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors](#).
- experienced with, and currently involved in the practice of spiritual direction.
- open to and in part of the wider ecumenical spiritual direction community in Australia [e.g. an active member of one of the Spiritual Direction Associations, a staff member of a recognised Spiritual Direction formation program, a supervisor of Spiritual Directors,] etc
- committed to pursuing best practice in Spiritual Direction in Australia as a God given vocation and charism of the Holy Spirit.
- committed to contemplative discernment on behalf of the Australian Spiritual Direction community.

Further information on membership is available in the [Constitution of the Australian Ecumenical Council for Spiritual Direction](#).

Nominations need to be returned by **8 October 2021**. The Council will then discern the new members of the Council at its Council meeting on October 25-26, 2021.

The discernment will be attentive to the geographical, gender and denominational diversity.

To assist nominees to discern their availability to serve on the Council, nominees will need to be available to:

- attend three, two-day Council meetings each year, usually in February, June and October (if interstate travel resumes, the Council reimburses travel costs, otherwise meetings are held on Zoom) and attend to AECSD business as required between meetings.

- be involved in the recognition process of Spiritual Direction formation programs. This may include visiting formation programs that have applied for recognition according to the [Formation Guidelines](#).
- help plan and participate in Council sponsored events, for example National Gatherings, as well as undertake specific roles associated with the work of AECSD as discerned.

Download and complete the nomination form on the home page of the [AECSD website](#) and send a copy by email to chair@spiritualdirection.org.au for each person that you nominate. Please ensure that you have notified and obtained agreement from your prospective nominee.

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