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## MML Newsletter – February 2018

2018 has begun and for many of you the weeks have been very busy and the Christmas break is but a dim memory. For each of you I hope 2018 is life-giving for you and for those to whom and with whom you minister.

### New members in MML

Welcome to Sisters Liz Rothe and Helen Kearins who have joined MML this year. Liz is offering Spiritual Direction and Spirituality reflection days, and Helen is working as a Sociodramatist and Facilitator.

### MML Gathering 2018

The registrations were sent out for the 2018 Gathering which will be held at Rydges Central in Sydney.

The dates are Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 August. The Gathering begins at 11 am on the Monday morning to allow for people to travel on the Monday morning rather than book an extra night at the hotel.

Those travelling from distant and remote places will need to book for the Sunday evening.

Please note that after the cut off date of Tuesday 6 April, if you cancel or don't turn up MML still has to pay so please keep an eye out for the last day for changes. Also, please make your travel plans earlier rather than later. Last minute travel is often more expensive.

### Suggestions for the 2018 Gathering program

If you have suggestions regarding the content and program for the Gathering we would love to receive them. Please email them to [denise.fox@ismapng.org.au](mailto:denise.fox@ismapng.org.au)

#### *New Year's Prayer*

*Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.*

*Amen*

*Charlotte Anselmo*

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## **MML Accounting**

We advised in the November newsletter that MML will be providing its own accounting services. Previously these were provided by the ISMAPNG finance office. This change provides MML with more control over its processes and timing. Like anything new there will be some inconvenience during the changeover and we thank you for your understanding.

For the majority of you this will not mean any change to what you already do.

For those of you who charge clients for services it is very important that you have had a conversation with Barbra or myself and confirmed the process you will use.

We require a document trail for every MML transaction as all financial activity in your ministry is subject to audit.

If you have questions please contact Barbra Parmaxidis 02 9572 5400 [mml@ismapng.org.au](mailto:mml@ismapng.org.au). Barbra is in the office Monday – Wednesday.

## **Professional Standards 2018 Training Requirements**

At the MML Gathering in October, Margery Jackman, Professional Standards Officer, presented an outline of the Professional Standards training requirements for 2018. The key focus was on Maintaining Safe and Respectful Relationships.

The 2018 Professional Standards training comprises of three components:

- 1) MML Forum Presentation (13/10/2017) by Margery Jackman
- 2) Personal Reflection on your own ministry using the *Reflection & discussion* sheet
- 3) Collegial discussion of key issues arising from step 2. You may like to organise local meetings to complete step 3.

For those who attended the Gathering please note you have completed the *first part* of the training requirements and are required to complete the steps 2 and 3.

*Please note the 2018 Professional Standards training is required to be completed by all MML ministries by 30 June 2018.*

## Royal Commission Recommendations

You will be aware the [recommendations from the Royal Commission](#) were released in December 2017. There are a number of areas that MML will need to consider including the requirement of professional supervision, performance appraisal, and training in regard to Codes of Conduct, Child Protection standards and best practice.

Some of these practices MML has in place, and some areas will require further development. The Institute is working closely with CRA and other bodies to address these and MML will explore what changes in practice will be required.

With every blessing for the year ahead,



Denise