



ICDF FOUNDATION

*Supporting the work of the
International Christian Dance Fellowship*

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2012 INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN DANCE FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER.

YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THE CORE PURPOSES OF THE FOUNDATION ARE TO:

- 1) Award on a regular basis a scholarship for the ICDF Associate Diploma
- 2) Institute the Mary Jones Dance Ministry Awards which would be presented to people whose names had been brought forward for significant work in dance ministry and for their service to Christian Dance Fellowship
- 3) Provide grants for promising dance ministry projects, and to raise funds for projects that would encourage, recognise, reward and further the effectiveness of expressing the Christian faith through movement.

UPDATE ON LAST YEARS EVENTS

Last July we held a Special Dance Awards Evening that recognised the significant contribution of people in the work of dance ministry in various parts of the world. Awards were given for:

- 1) Outstanding work in dance ministry and for their service to the Christian Dance Fellowship; (Mary Jones Dance Ministry Awards).

- 2) Dance projects deserving support, and
- 3) A scholarship for participants in the ICDF Associate Diploma.

At the July event we raised almost \$4000 for worthy projects .

NEWS FROM 2011 AWARD WINNERS

We have received encouraging feedback from the recipients who have warmly acknowledged the support of the Foundation in assisting their work.

Helene Price of the Uitenhage Dance Company in Eastern Cape, South Africa writes:

“with your donation of \$500 we bought tambourines, hats, ties and banners and we made waistcoats. It really helped us a lot and set us up for the beginning of the year. Thank you so much to everyone”



Clair Young in Bali, Indonesia writes:



I feel so honoured to have received a gift of \$500 from you. I am grateful for your support. I used the money to fund a local initiative with local dancers. We created a dance based on motherhood and performed it at the local arts festival. This was a great chance for me to build relationships with the women and also share my faith with them. The second half of your gift sponsored a local child with Downes Syndrome to attend dance therapy with me and other therapies that he needed. Your gift allowed me to create and implement a project I had been dreaming about doing, and also gave skills and opportunity to a child in need. Thanks again for your blessing and support. It is wonderful to know there are individuals who still have a heart to see dance touch lives around the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2012

Saturday August 4 Special Dance Awards Evening. The "FLAMES" awards for 2012 will be presented, as well as a smorgasbord of dance and related activities, and a buffet dinner. Proposed venue for this event will be St. Barnabas Church, Broadway. More details in next newsletter.

September 1 An afternoon featuring Mika Mudreilagi FIJI CDF. Bruce & Jenny Dennis' home: 46 Milner Crescent Wollstenecraft. 3:30pm for 4:00pm.

October 19 An evening with Clair Young. Indonesia (Bali) CDF on her dance ministry with women in Bali. Bruce & Jenny Dennis' home: 46 Milner Crescent, Wollstenecraft.

Clair writes from Indonesia:



"Since October 2011 I have been partnering with another non-profit that serves recovering addicts and prostitutes. I have been doing group therapy with several women that live in their half way house. It has been a huge privilege to work with these women and some of my counselling skills to help the women grow on their journey. It has been good for me to apply my dance therapy skills with a different population. We explore their struggles through looking at the mind, body and soul to find holistic healing. I will continue to work with women until the end of 2012. Over the past couple of months I have enjoyed visiting the women in our community and trying to apply the CPM in our new community. I am burdened for the local women around us and believe we will see great changes this year. Thanks for your great friendship and partnership in the Kingdom".



WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board was delighted Rod West accepted the invitation to join the Board. Rod has previously served as National Co-ordinator of CDFA and Assistant Coordinator of ICDF.



WHO'S WHO ON THE ICDF BOARD?

Each issue of the newsletter will feature a brief profile of a board member. In the May edition Jenny Dennis tells us that:

I have an assortment of "hats" that I wear, depending upon what time of the day it is! Most days I wear "my professional hat" working as a Town Planner with the Local Government Shires Association, advising councillors and councils on planning matters important to local communities. In the evening and weekends I am a busy house wife and mother to husband Bruce, four adult children and a puppy that acts like a teenager.

Over half my life I have been very involved with the work of the Christian Dance Fellowship of Australia, as a teacher, choreographer, performer and leader. In my mid 20's God "called" me out of my career to promote dance as a tool for evangelism in schools. I joined "Prepare" Dance Group as a dancer. In addition I have been a dance teacher for many years with Wesley Institute, and trained and helped many students to apply their faith to their gift of dance. I have experienced dance as an art form, as a tool for evangelism and as an interactive fun activity, heightening worship and adding to church community development.



My involvement with ICDF Foundation is to encourage and build up dancers who need assistance and promotion. Supporting those who are dancing to God's tune will mean that they are likely to be under financial and spiritual pressure. The work of a Christian artist is rarely appreciated by the church in general, and hence the role of the ICDF Foundation Board is to assist those who have not yet completed their "dance" and need the encouragement to keep "twirling" to God's tune. I hope you will work with us to achieve this goal.

The profile of our new Board member, Rod West, will appear in the next newsletter.

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF ICDF

We warmly invite you to become a friend and supporter of ICDF. As a friend you will:

- Receive invitations to special events
- Receive a newsletter at least twice a year with news of upcoming events
- Receive reports via the newsletter of people the Foundation has supported.
- Enjoy friendships and opportunities for service that will help to support arts that express God's creativity and character and make the Christian faith relevant and attractive in today's world.

Geoff & Cathy Chubb are the co-ordinators of Friends of ICDF. They may be contacted on 9449 1378 and gchubb@tpg.com.au.

"Shout to the Lord, all the earth; worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs"
Psalm 95.

