

Towards Peace



Spiritual support for survivors of abuse by Church personnel in Ireland

Annual Newsletter ~ September 2015

*Greetings from the Towards Peace Office! We hope 2015 has been good to you. It certainly has been busy and full of changes here. This newsletter is to let you know what has been happening, and to encourage you to help us spread the word about the service of Towards Peace. With every good wish as Autumn begins, **Una Allen** (Director) & **Colleen Brown** (Administration & Development Coordinator) @ Columba Centre, Maynooth*

2014

Oct: **Una Allen** and **Colleen Brown** were appointed as Towards Peace part-time staff, as Director and Administration & Development Coordinator.

Dec: Information sessions about Towards Peace were held within safeguarding communities in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, and Ferns.

2015

Jan: **Sr. Mary Whyte** moved on from Towards Peace, to new work at the request of her congregation.

Feb: Three new lay Board members joined the Board of Towards Peace: **Rachel Mooney**, **Andrew Fagan**, and **Ann Caulfield**.

March: An information session about Towards Peace was held within the safeguarding community in the Diocese of Ossory.

April: An information session about Towards Peace was held within the safeguarding community in the Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnoise.

May: Events about available supports for survivors, with input from Towards Healing and Towards Peace, were held within safeguarding communities in the Diocese of Kilmore, Dromore and Down & Connor.

June: Information about Towards Peace was provided within an Archdiocese of Dublin safeguarding event. **Sr. Marianne O'Connor** was elected Chair of the Board.

Towards Peace is set up to provide spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a trained spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions can be made available; there is no fee.

Spiritual direction offers a safe space to attend to your own spiritual life and sense of the Sacred. Within the Christian tradition, spiritual direction offers a way to tune into the presence of God's love within your own life.

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