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Community Reflection: Inside your body

Thanks to Rev Akasha Lonsdale (2006) RIMA for this week's reflection:

**Don't go outside your house to see flowers.
My friend, don't bother with that excursion.
Inside your body there are flowers,
One flower has a thousand petals.
That will do for a place to sit.
Sitting there you will have a glimpse of beauty
inside the body and out of it
before gardens and after gardens.
(Kabir)**

'Community Reflection' appears each week; could you contribute a short personal reflection on any relevant theme to in-spire members of our community? Please send your reflection to iConnect@interfaithfoundation.org

News

News is updated every week [online](#). IMA members and current students can login and post to the Forums and News pages.

[Retreat and Ordination 2010](#)

What a deep and joyful time for so many ordinands. We are publishing several contributions from those who took part. Just click the link above. Please Login and use

the Comment function to add your own reflections to the page.

Trustee awayday on future vision and leadership

The Interfaith Foundation has experienced a great deal of change in the last five years: changes in staff, new faculty and centre arrangements, a formal peer community for ministers, new procedures. But are we holding this work in the most appropriate way? We now have a [strategic plan](#) for the next couple of years, but are we truly open to being guided by Spirit in the way that this work with students and with ministers unfolds.

This weekend, our trustees are meeting for an initial 'awayday' to consider the 'visioning' for our work and the most appropriate leadership arrangements. This is very much a beginning, and not a conclusion. Although we have some traditional governance and administrative structures, we are far from a 'traditional' voluntary organisation. There are many views about how we might organise ourselves differently. Many ministers resist any notion of formal organisation. We sometimes hear criticism for how aspects of our work are being conducted. The great majority of those who contribute to the Interfaith Foundation are doing so voluntarily, without any financial reward. We all share a responsibility of stewardship, with some ministers undertaking specific responsibilities for a period of time. So we invite your prayerful support for the meeting of our trustees this weekend. These issues will be further debated with the staff team on the following weekend. And the discussion will be opened to the entire community of ministers shortly.

Rev Paul Sandford (2008) RIMA writes:

[Interfaith Chaplaincy Network](#)

Are you working or volunteering as a chaplain – or interested in becoming one? Paul invites you to join his network.

Student minister Brendan Johnson (2011) writes:

[Prospective West Midlands / Warwickshire regional group](#)

Anyone interested in helping to form this proposed new group?

Rev Heather Holt (2005) RIMA writes:

[Unusual weddings for TV show](#)

ITV is seeking unusual weddings e.g. on a beach or outdoors to feature in a forthcoming series.

[Rev Shirley Griffin \(1999\) goes skydiving](#)

As a celebration of 70 years as a reborn teenager. Sponsorship for St Richard's Hospice is welcome.

[Prayer Requests](#)

New prayer request from Rev Jan Yeo (2005) RIMA (Login to view confidential information)

Post-graduate programme

This is our regular listing of [CPD-accredited post-ordination events](#) for ministers.

[Life beyond death](#)

4 September 2010, Manchester

There is no death - only life: near-death experiences, transition stages, karma, the eternal self.

[The problem of Evil: the role of the spiritual director](#)

24 September 2010, Edinburgh

A masterclass with Rev Stephen Wright (2003) on working with those affected by 'evil'.

[Burnout – a spiritual crisis](#)

25 September 2010, Edinburgh

Counselling people who experience the pain of burnout.

[Practical Ministry workshop](#)

15-16 October, London

All you ever wanted to know about setting up in business as a freelance minister.

NEW! [Deepening our Truth](#)

Starts 5 March 2010, Guildford

Seven-session course exploring spiritual holding in the context of other therapeutic approaches.

Community calendar: Your events in the next fortnight

IMA members and Seminary students have logged in to the website to publish details of these [events](#):

Rev Kate Atchley (2004) RIMA posts

[Interfaith Community prayers](#)

Every Monday, 08.30

An invitation to share in prayer and meditation for our community from wherever you are.

[Trustee/staff meeting, London](#)

31 July, 12.00

Rev Elaine Walker (2000) RIMA posts

[The glorious truth of who you really are - Gloucestershire](#)

31 July, 10.00

A one-day 'taster' of the Seminary training; open to all.

Rev Ann Baeppler (2006) RIMA posts

[East of England ministers group - Suffolk](#)

31 July, 12.00

An exploratory meeting to discuss a possible new regional group; all welcome

Rev Leonora van Gils (2005) RIMA posts

[Inter-Faith Service – Suffolk](#)

1 August, 14.00

Rev Mary Byrne (1999) RIMA posts

[Peace, Unity and Interfaith Service – County Wicklow](#)

1 August, 11.30

Rev Fay Barratt (2001) RIMA posts

[Universal Worship Service – Manchester](#)

1 August, 14.30

Rev Lindsay Jarrett (2006) MIMA posts:

[BeBO regional ministers meeting – Berkshire](#)

7 August, 10:30

Rev Charles Kemp (2010) posts

[Universal Worship Evening – Frome](#)

10 August, 19.30

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For further information on other IFF events and news items, or some interesting events from other organisations through our reciprocal web-links, please visit our website:

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IMA Members and Seminary Students can publish Events details and place Announcements in the Forums at any time; a selection of these will be promoted in each issue of iConnect. Ministers and Students need to be registered to the website to use these facilities.

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