



# NEWSFLASH

DECEMBER 2023

## 1 Greetings

### Message from Joint Coordinators

We have once again reached the end of another busy year in the life of the ICDF family.

Not only has our year been busy but it's also been filled with many thrilling and exciting events which far outweigh the challenging times. We have experienced personal and family challenges that we both have had to overcome, but we have felt the love and support of you all, helping us through these difficult times. We do the work of ICDF because we have faith that God has called us to this role and He has promised that those He calls He also equips. This we not only believe but can give numerous examples of His provision.

2023 was a year of change in the manner in which we reported on the activities of the ICDF Networks as well as Countries. We introduced a quarterly Magazine and provided the opportunity for our Networks and Countries to give more information than before on their activities because of the new format. As a result we received rich information and stories from various networks and country leaders which gave insight to their diverse activities. Thank you to all who contributed to our Magazines this year. We look forward to more exciting news, articles and testimonies in the new year.

The Steering Committee consisting of the Joint Coordinators, Heather Gilfillan (South Africa) Secretary, Noel Filemon (Suriname), Barbara Wood, (Ireland) and Lucy Jarasius (Australia), have worked well together this year in creating opportunities for you our members to Connect, Grow and Learn. For this final Newsflash in 2023, we have asked our SC members to give a message of encouragement to all our members.

We have also included the Calendar of Events for 2024. Please diarise and join us online until we meet again in person in Christchurch Aotearoa New Zealand 2025.



It has been a joy and privilege to serve the ICDF body of Christ. Thank you everyone for your continuing support.

We pray the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and your family this coming year. May it be one where you see his handiwork in your lives and ministry.

As we bring this year to a close,  
Father, we take you into our lives  
Christ, we take you into our world  
Spirit, we take you into our homes

We pray peace for one another  
To be all you made us to be  
To go where you would have us go  
To dance and live out your grace

We pray a blessing on each other  
Father, live through us each day  
Christ, shine through our lives and dance,  
Spirit, guide us this day and everyday

*May you be enriched with what the Lord has in store for you  
in 2024.*

**Liesl & Sue**



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## Greetings

Messages from our ICDF Steering Committee Members

2023 with glee! 2024 with more!

Maybe it doesn't really feel like that for you?

Take heart. As we move into Advent, looking towards our Lord Jesus' second coming whilst preparing to celebrate his first arrival in Bethlehem all those centuries ago, I invite you to light a candle, dance and pray with me:

O God of Shalom, be present with us today, Here. Now. Form us, as ICDF, into Peace-bringers through our creative expression offerings. Help us to patiently and lovingly await changes in ourselves and others while we wait for your return to make all things finally and fully right. Fill our hearts with your Shalom (peace and place to flourish), and your Love, that such may flow from our lives through our art into our world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and our Peace. Amen.



***Lucy Jarasius***

"Wishing you rest and recreation as you contemplate and celebrate the coming of the Christ-child. If you hurtled through 2023, may you be blessed with sufficient "turtle-time" to greet 2024 in good health and abundANCE!"



***Heather Gilfillan***

May the colour of our lives be a beautiful display for You, our King Redeemer. Many blessings of joy, love and shalom during the festive season and throughout 2024.



***Noel Filemon***

Hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and start the new year with the abundant blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



***Barbara Wood***

Sparkly Christmas blessings to all as I journey from a sunny, warm and not so windy Wellington Aotearoa New Zealand to a wet, cold and grey Ireland. May the light of Christ illuminate all our journeys and dispel the darkness that tries to permeate this world. Nollaig Shona! Meri Kirihimite!





## 3 Calendar

Annual Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - Diarise these dates
1-31 Jan	Collection of information for March Network Newsletter
Monthly	Newsflash: Events & News
Quarterly	Magazine Editions 5 - 8 with Network and Country articles and news
29 February	Network Leaders & Members : Deadline for Network News. Submissions to be sent to Sue
29 April	ICDF contribution to the UNESCO International Dance Day
12 - 19 May	ICDF Dance Week
25 May	Deadline for Country News contributions for Magazine Edition 6
13 July	Country Leaders " Leadership & Mentoring session " <b>Asia, Americas, Caribbean, Pacific</b>
27 July	Country Leaders " Leadership and Mentoring session " <b>Africa &amp; Europe</b>
24 August	Deadline for Network News contributions for Magazine Edition 7
14 Sept	ICDF Workshop 1 : For all ICDF Members and dancers across the world This is our opportunity to gather new members into the Fellowship
28 Sept	ICDF Workshop 2 : We will have different teachers for this session
4 - 16 Nov	ICDF AGM via email : All countries to be represented
15 Nov	AGM Social Gathering to end our ICDF Dance year All Country Leaders and Representatives, committee members and ICDF members may attend We would love all countries to be represented
2025	<b>ICDF Conference Aotearoa New Zealand</b>

