



NEWSFLASH

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Greetings

Message from Joint Coordinators

For our members in the Northern Hemisphere, the days are lengthening and the sun now has more warmth in it... so welcome after the long, dark and cold of winter. One of the joys of this time of year is seeing vegetation springing to life. Hence the name of the season, Spring. This is a good reminder of our faith.

In Autumn, we plant daffodil bulbs in the soil. Then we wait ... and wait ... until the conditions are just right and tiny shoots appear. After more waiting, the shoots develop buds, and then one day the glorious flowering of sunshine yellow heads greet you.

We plant in faith. Faith that someday we will see growth. It happened last year, so it will happen again. Faith reminds us that when we cannot see it, God is working underground where the miracle happens, in the waiting. Remember, He did it before and He will do it again.

Over the years we have seen that many of our Country and Network leaders have sown into the dance ministry in faith trusting that it would grow and develop into what God had intended. We have seen ministries grow from shoots into buds and a glorious array of colour and vibrance of movement and dance, springing up all over the world in ICDF. However, much like in the natural seasons, the ministry of dance has its challenges and dark days, so we appreciate that at times being a Country and Network leader can be tough, and we all need encouragement to continue with the vision that God has given us.

In the last few months, we have had several leaders indicate that they no longer wish to continue in their role. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedicated service to the ICDF and acknowledge the part they have played in representing our fellowship across the globe.



Liesl Townsend



Sue Sutherland

We give thanks for:

- Jacqylynne Tumusiime - Uganda
- Seth Newman - Ghana
- Caroline Mwazi - Kenya
- Youngae Park - South Korea
- Pastor Ed Lapiz - ICDF Board Member
- Kaye Strauss - Prayer Coordinator
- Steven Turner - Refresh Network

As much as their season of leadership in ICDF has ended, they are entering into other areas of growth and rest in their lives and we wish them *shalom* in all that they endeavor to do.

There are several networks and countries without a contact or leader, and we will highlight these in the coming months. We believe that as leaders step down, it is an opportunity for new leadership with fresh ideas to run with the vision that God has for that country and network.

One example of this is the Ballroom Dance Network where Robin Joseph has taken on this Coordinator role. We look forward to seeing the ideas Robin has in store for this network.

There are many opportunities for everyone to play their part in extending God's Kingdom throughout the ICDF. So we encourage you to step up and consider what "More" the Lord is expecting of you to contribute, in 2024!!

Liesl & Sue



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Announcement

Uganda Country Contact



Jacqlynn Tumusiime was appointed as the Country Contact for Uganda in 2016.

Jacqlynn has a passion to work with children and she believes that the youth are the future of the dance ministry and beyond. When she attended the ICDF Conference in Ghana she taught a Children's Workshop. Jacqlynn came to South Africa in 2017 to attend the Living Dance International Course with Beth Bluett as well as the CDFSA National conference. She also attended the ICDF Gathering in India in 2017.

Jacqlynn stepped down as the Country Contact due to church commitments but has still remained in contact with ICDF requesting dancers to participate in the events in Ghana and South Africa where her Pastor was the guest speaker.

We are still looking for a Country Contact person to take over Jacqlynn's role in Uganda. Please let us know if you have any dance contacts in that Country.

We thank Jacqlynn for her contribution to ICDF from 2016 to 2022.

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ICDF Annual Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS / ACTIVITIES
Monthly	Newsflashes
Quarterly	Networks Magazines : March & September Country Magazines : June & December
29 April	ICDF contribution to the UNESCO International Dance Day Each country and Network to send in their dance contribution for this event to Peter Hothersall for uploading onto our Youtube Channel.
12 - 19 May	ICDF Dance Week including Prayer Watch & Pentecost Sunday Activities  24 hour prayer around the globe  Activities each day Prayer Movement Coordinator to guide for Prayer Watch & Pentecost Sunday
13 July 27 July	1st Country Leadership & Mentoring Session : East Asia, Americas, Caribbean, Pacific 2nd Country Leadership & Mentoring Session : West Africa, Europe
14 September	ICDF Workshop - All members
28 September	ICDF Workshop - All members
4 - 16 November	ICDF AGM - Country Leaders and Contact Person
15 November	AGM Social Gathering - All Members are welcome to attend this end of year Gathering

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