

MARY WARD GRANT RECIPIENTS 2020

The Mary Ward Grant Committee, on behalf of the Loreto Sisters, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Mary Ward Grants for 2020.

True to the vision of Mary Ward and her belief in the pivotal role of women in leadership, the Loreto Sisters established the Mary Ward Grant in the year 2000 to support specialist and post graduate study in theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry.

This year's successful recipients are:



KIM BUTLER

Kardia Formation Heart Wisdom Program

Kim worked as teacher and principal of Catholic Primary Schools in a country diocese. She took early retirement at the end of 2019 to undertake studies and formation in Spiritual Direction. She hopes to offer her services as Spiritual Director for leaders in Catholic Education in the diocese, an aim supported by the Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, and in the wider community. Kim volunteered in 2018 in Ryder-Cheshire Homes in Northern India (five months) and Timor-Leste (five months). She will volunteer in 2020 in another Home in Timor-Leste.



MARIE LEE-CONWAY

Catholic Theological College Graduate Certificate in Ageing

Marie is a part-time Spiritual Care Worker in a metropolitan Repatriation Hospital, serving the needs of patients dealing with mental health issues, in particular PTSD and moral injury, bi-polar, schizophrenia and depression. She assists also in Cardiac, Thoracic and Eating Disorders units. Marie is undertaking the Graduate Certificate in Ageing to gain a knowledge base for communication to address spiritual needs for effective pastoral encounter. Marie writes: "It is my experience that generally each individual is transitioning on a spiritual pathway [with] the evolving awareness of their life journey".



OLIVIA MAK

Kardia Supervision Internship Program

Olivia grew up in Hong Kong. She visited China on graduating from High School and responded there to be a missionary in China, a calling she pursued following appropriate formation in Theology and Ministry, a calling shared with her husband. Further discernment led to her undertaking training as a Spiritual Director. Olivia is now undertaking a Supervision Internship Program to prepare her to supervise and train other Spiritual Directors, a growing need in East Asia especially for Christians there facing persecution for their faith. Olivia has completed twenty-five years of service, "still drawn by the abiding love of God".



DIANE MCGOWAN

Australian Catholic University Master of Educational Leadership (Catholic Educational Leadership)

Di teaches Religious Education in a metropolitan Catholic secondary school and has been teaching over 20 years in this sector. Having benefited from her own Catholic education, Di wishes to contribute to making the world a better place, using education as a powerful tool, and securing equality for women. One of her goals is to offer students social justice opportunities and encourage them to be active participants. Di is undertaking a Master of Educational Leadership (Catholic Educational Leadership) and hopes to use this further qualification to ensure that the message of the Gospel and the values of Mary Ward are carried forward in a way that is relevant in today's contemporary world.



DIVINE GRACE PANCHA

Kardia Formation Heart Wisdom Program

Divine is of Filipino background with qualifications and experience teaching English as a Second Language to adults of migrant and refugee backgrounds. She is married with two children, the older of whom has a range of Special Needs. Divine is an active parishioner and volunteers with young people in the parish. Following discernment, she is undertaking studies to gain "the knowledge and skills to provide Spiritual Direction to people who experienced sufferings, trauma and abuse as they migrate to a new country, and people from war torn countries seeking asylum".



ELIZABETH STONE

Jesuit College of Spirituality Graduate Certificate of Leadership

Liz has considerable experience working in Australia and overseas for not-for-profit organisations: Caritas Australia and Caritas Internationalis, National Council of Churches in Australia and Act for Peace, and in Executive roles for Religious Congregation ministry outreach. She is currently undertaking a Graduate Certificate of Leadership at the Jesuit College of Spirituality of the University of Divinity, enabling her to explore the *examen* and related practices of a reflective leader, and to integrate the faith and praxis of her personal and professional life.