

## How can I join BASS?

Applications for membership of BASS  
can be made at any time

Simply complete and submit the online application form on the BASS website:

[www.bassspirituality.org.uk/application-form](http://www.bassspirituality.org.uk/application-form)

You will be asked for your name, contact details, a brief indication of your particular interests in spirituality and, if appropriate, your institutional or organisational affiliation.

Applications are considered by members of the BASS Executive and applicants are usually informed of the outcome within two weeks.

The annual membership fee is **£65 per annum (2019)** and includes two issues of the *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*.

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**We look forward to hearing from you**



## Tell me more about membership

You will be joining a worldwide network of scholars involved in the study of spirituality

### Benefits of membership include:

- ◆ *Two issues of Journal for the Study of Spirituality each year plus access to the online archive*
- ◆ *Early notification of conferences and preferential booking terms*
- ◆ *The opportunity to participate in the Spirituality Scholars' Network, occasional study days and other events*
- ◆ *Access to the 'members only' section of the BASS website*
- ◆ *Participation in a worldwide network of scholars involved in the study of spirituality*

### BASS Governance

BASS is managed by an **Executive Committee** comprising the Directors of the Company and Trustees of the Charity:

**Dr Cheryl Hunt** (University of Exeter)

**Dr David Rousseau** (Centre for Systems Philosophy UK & University of Hull)

**Prof. Linda Ross** (University of South Wales)

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**Dr Michael O'Sullivan** (Spirituality Institute for Research and Education, Dublin, Ireland)

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### Co-opted members 2019-2020:

**Dr Melanie Rogers** (University of Huddersfield)

**Dr Sophie Mackenzie** (University of Greenwich)

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## What is BASS?

The British Association for the Study of Spirituality (BASS) is a charity registered in the UK but welcomes and is open to membership from around the world.

BASS was officially launched in January 2010. It emerged from the activities of a small *ad hoc* group convened in 2007 during an inter-professional interdisciplinary conference entitled *Making Sense of Spirituality*. The group had the intention of creating a more formal network of scholars and practitioners with interests in concepts, practices and policies associated with spirituality.

The membership of BASS is international. The use of 'British' in the Association's title is simply indicative of the birthplace of an organisation that seeks to enhance the study of spirituality through dialogue within and across the borders of nations, disciplines, professions, faiths and beliefs.

The purpose of BASS is to advance education for the public benefit in the subject of spirituality by promoting:

- ◆ *the critical study of all aspects of spirituality*
- ◆ *education and dissemination regarding these matters*
- ◆ *the development of inclusive and respectful policies and professional practices*

## What does BASS do?

1. **BASS hosts a biennial international conference.** This provides a forum where studies of, interests in, and debates about spirituality can be brought together in an atmosphere of convivial conversation and constructive criticism. Conference themes include:
  - ◆ *Spirituality in a Changing World* (2010)
  - ◆ *Spirituality in a Fragmented World* (2012)
  - ◆ *Spirituality in a Challenging World* (2014)
  - ◆ *Can Spirituality Transform Our World?* (2016)
  - ◆ *Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Health, Medicine & Social Sciences* (2018)
  - ◆ *Spirituality in Research, Professional Practice and Education* (2020) **Now Booking!**
2. **BASS publishes an international peer-reviewed journal** in partnership with Taylor & Francis.
3. **BASS has initiated the Spirituality Scholars' Network.** This aims to support postgraduate students, early career researchers and other scholars in sharing their interests, experiences, projects and writing in the field of spirituality studies.
4. **BASS hosts occasional seminars and other events** to advance the study of spirituality in all its diverse forms.



## Tell me more about the Journal

*Journal for the Study of Spirituality (JSS)* is an academic peer-reviewed journal currently approaching its tenth year of publication. It provides a unique interdisciplinary, inter-professional and cross-cultural forum where researchers, scholars and others engaged in the study and practices of spirituality can share and debate the research, knowledge, wisdom and insight associated with spirituality and contemporary spirituality studies.

*Journal for the Study of Spirituality* is concerned with what spirituality means, and how it is expressed, in individuals' lives and communities and in professional practice settings; and with the impact and implications of spirituality in, and on, social policy, organisational practices and personal and professional development. The journal recognises that spirituality and spiritual values can be expressed and studied in secular contexts, including in scientific and professional practice settings, as well as within faith and wisdom traditions.

*Journal for the Study of Spirituality* is published in May and November each year and is available in print as well as online. See: [www.tandfonline.com/toc/yjss20/current](http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/yjss20/current)

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