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Co-Creators With God!

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST



IT IS A NEW YEAR with a couple years left until the year 2000. What kind of a year will it be? There are so many crazy predictions about the next few years that one wonders what to think, so I asked my spirit guides to help me know what to do. My guidance was to be me as best as I could be, to grow in love, to be kind and helpful to others and to be a co-creator with God.

I recall many years ago the first time I heard or read that we are co-creators with Divine Mind. I thought what an arrogant, egotistical idea. God is the Creator, we are the creation. Yet as my understanding of the First Cause has changed I have come to believe that God and I are not separate, but that God is All that is, thus continues to express through that which has been created.

A similar discussion in a class one time brought the response, "then our lives are predestined." There are a few religions that believe in predestination, such as Presbyterians, but even they now rarely stress that one's life and destiny is determined or pre-ordained by God before birth. The belief of Spiritualism is much different for it affirms personal responsibility. I feel that each one is born with a road map to guide the soul in its growth. There are a variety of roads all leading to the final destination, some shorter and easier than other roads. There may be hurtles that present themselves during the travels in order to assist in one's evolution and to guide one in a definite direction. The speed and the scenery correlates to how the soul reacts to the detours and here is where free choice, personal responsibility, or co-creation enters.

Because Spiritualism believes all souls are unique, necessary and required in order to complete a sacred mission for Infinite Intelligence, we believe that Spirit inspires and guides us along our earthly growth so we may fulfill our inner plan.

It is entirely up to each person how much inspiration, light or love we will allow into our being, allow to express through us, as us. We can tell when we become more open to God's guidance and energy for life becomes easier, more fun and joyous. We feel lighter, less serious, and more carefree. Things that bothered us earlier in our lives, just don't seem as important any more. The ego becomes quiet in order to hear within the still small voice of Spirit.

Then can we become co-creators with the Universe, for we tap into the Source of Creation. The amount of the creative genius of the Universe is delivered according to how much the soul will accept. All Mind – all thought is creative. There is nothing but God – nothing but Mind – Infinite Intelligence permeating everything, creating and expressing through the Law of Mind.

The way that God creates is through thought. Before anything can manifest there is a thought, an idea for creativeness begins with a thought, an image in the mind.

Creating something new in our lives takes courage, for often it is trial and error before success and a permanent change takes place. Those trials and errors should not be viewed as mistakes, rather as a part of the creative process, a new understanding of affinity. I like to look at changes and liken them to an explorer or a pioneer. If our early American pioneers had stopped at the first mountain, the first wide river, the first storm, or one of the many obstacles on their journey, the West would still be a wild territory. Of course, some may wish it was still wild country. Most of the earth plane has been explored, so now the inner plane is the new horizon for discovery, and this is part of each of our physical road maps.

We all have something we would like to create in our lives, but often we think more of the obstacles to its manifestation than of the possibility that it can be accomplished. Be the explorer – close your eyes and see yourself at (with) your goal. Visualize the desired results, knowing that with God all obstacles can be and will be overcome and your desire will be, is a reality. Creativity is a territory to be explored and settled. Stake your claim!

I remember spending a summer as a child at an Aunt and Uncle's farm in Northern Minnesota. My cousin Lorraine and I explored every day, creating wonderful stories with our minds and vivid imaginations. As we grow-up (?)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



THE REV. BRENDA WITTICH

BY THE REV. BRENDA WITTICH, PRESIDENT

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 105th Annual Convention:

Greetings:

Having welcomed the delegates and guests, I wish to express my deep appreciation to the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield and Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC Chapel of Peace for their efforts in preparing for and making this a successful convention. I wish to pay tribute to the Reverend Ida Donadio for her initial efforts in organizing this convention. I know she is present with us today.

Religion brings people together, politics tears them apart. It is the personal agenda which diverts us from the common goal. Membership is the supreme authority of this organization; the delegates and Board must at all times remember we are here representing the membership, not regions of this organization. The determinations made this week will affect the entire organization and must be based on that which is best for the NSAC not on any personal agenda.

It is long past time that there is nothing hidden, it is your organization and you are entitled to the facts. When I was elected President, my intent was to be a pro-active President. By being pro-active, my desire was and is to assist the NSAC to move into the 21st century with a more open minded attitude and businesslike approach to the business of the NSAC while remembering the basics of Spiritualism which are based upon the living philosophy of Natural Law. These efforts have been met with resistance within the membership and from some within the NSAC Board. As most of you are aware, the issue of some uncooperative NSAC Board members was brought to your attention at last year's convention. It was a mandate of the delegates that the Board begin to cooperate with the President. By cooperate, the intent was not to give the President unilateral control nor dictatorial authority. All members of any board can disagree at varying times concerning diverse matters, but the disagreement should be based upon what is believed to be best for the NSAC and not oneself. I wish I could report to you that there has been a change in the attitude of some Board members since then, but I cannot, in fact the condition has deteriorated. Twice, that I am aware of, since Spring Board the confidentiality of the Board and executive session confidentiality have been breached by one or more members of the Board. This has seriously jeopardized the integrity of the whole Board and has placed the NSAC Board in the dubious position of appearing to be untrustworthy. It has been most difficult to pull together a team which can work together intelligently and harmoniously. This lack of cooperation has at times caused the NSAC Board to be ineffective in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities. Unless the common good of the NSAC is placed first and foremost in the minds of the membership and the NSAC Board, we will become a mediocre organization. Then we will never have the great organization our pioneers had envisioned.

A President's Committee was appointed, with the approval of the delegates, following the 1996 NSAC Convention to present short-term and long-term financial suggestions to assist the NSAC in resolving our financial problems. The report will be presented later during the convention.

In January, I sent a letter to all auxiliaries explaining our financial difficulties and appealing for financial assistance for the NSAC. As of October 6, 1997, the NSAC has received the following donations in response to this letter.

Ronald and Ann Collins, N. Babylon, NY, $100; The Temple of Metaphysical Science, Patchogue, NY, $250; Spiritualist Church of Awareness, Orlando, FL, $100; Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, CA, $5,000; Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, $1,250; Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Cherry Valley, IL, $50; First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC, San Francisco, CA, $100; First Spiritual Temple, NSAC, San Francisco, CA, $100; Anonymous Donation, San Francisco, CA, $50; Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assn., Clinton, IA, $50; Rev. Patricia Dentici, Greenfield, WI, $50; Sunflower Spiritualist Church, Clinton, IA, $25; California State Spiritualists Association, $500: TOTAL $7,625.

Thank you letters have been sent to these auxiliaries and individuals. Again, I, personally, wish to extend my gratitude for these donations as well as to the auxiliaries and individuals who responded to the appeal at the 1996 NSAC Convention.

Unlike gossip, which can sometimes serve a purpose, untruths only do damage to the NSAC. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, "I have faith in the membership the danger is in them being misled. Let them know the truth and the NSAC is safe." I will remind us all that

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



THE REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN

BY THE REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN, SECRETARY

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 105th Annual Convention:

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, it is my duty to present the following report on the NSAC General Headquarters as well as the statistical report to the Delegates of this, our 105th, Annual Convention.

There have been no repairs or alterations necessary during this past year for the General Office in Lily Dale.

The NSAC office has put forth a concentrated effort to cut expenses during this past year as much as possible and still maintain service to our auxiliaries. In an effort to cut expenses, the employee who also managed the NSAC Book Store and had quit, by vote of the Board, has not been replaced. The work of this position had been taken up by the Bookkeeper and myself. The activities of the NSAC Book Store had also been suspended by vote of the NSAC Board. In an effort to liquidate stock, a 20% discount was offered for all materials purchased from the Book Store with the exception of NSAC materials and books which were imported from England. I apologize for the inconvenience, but due to this mandate, we were also unable to order materials to fill special orders.

At present, we are out of stock in over 40 titles and list 17 books where we have only one copy left. Five Lyceum books are either out of stock or have hit the reorder level. No NSAC/Stow Memorial Foundation published books have been reprinted during this past year.

In need of reprinting at this time are the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual,* and the *Spiritualist Hymnal*. Both of these books are in the hands of revision committees. We have 11 copies of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* left and no stock for the *Spiritualist Hymnal*.

Also, out of stock and in need of reprinting as they are published again by NSAC/Stow Memorial Foundation are *ABC of Spiritualism,* Austin; Healing Prayer Cards; *You and a Way,* Awtry; *Fundamentals of Spiritualism,* Peggy Barnes; *Spiritualism Scientifically Demonstrated,* Prof. Robert Hare; and *Modern Psychic Phenomena, Vol. 2,* Rev. Paul D. Wilson.

In spite of suspension, the NSAC Book Store has once again had a very busy year although many large and small orders were turned away as we were unable to fill them. Commercial Book Stores have taken their business elsewhere but will be checking back with us from time to time. As of June 1997, the income for this year from the sale of books, *NSAC Manuals, Spiritualist Hymnals* and supplies, totals $34,722.00. The cost of sales was $17,046.00. At present our inventory value as of October 16, 1997, stands at $110,359.00 and of this, $80,775.00 is NSAC Stow Memorial Foundation published materials or texts for the College of Spiritual Science.

Included in inventory is also the daily supply inventory which consists of such items as Clergy Cards, Certificate Renewal Cards, Membership Cards, pressure sensitive labels for *Definitions and Principles,* the free literature *Healer's Do and Don't* and *Medium's Do and Don't,* NSAC letterhead stationery, envelopes, all office and mailing supplies and the *NSAC Year Book.* All of these are printed by an outside source. Of these, the only return is from the donations or sales of the *NSAC Year Book*.

A sizeable amount of our Book Store stock comes from books which the Stow Memorial Foundation had published and had been ordered in large quantities to obtain more feasible prices.

With placing the former free literature in a salable position, we have had bare minimal requests for any of the informational literature. We have heard that auxiliaries are either making their own copies or are publishing their own literature. This is not a good situation as we have no idea what is being published and whether or not it is following the principles of the NSAC. As the NSAC is the only Spiritualist organization to distribute any form of literature regarding Spiritualism, this fact in itself presents a quandary. The Free Literature Program is vital to our Public Relations program and assists us in creating a greater understanding and public image for our religion. However, the sales of informational literature is at a standstill and has been since it's onset. The free literature formerly produced many inquiries for contact with a local church, subscriptions to *The National Spiritualist* and *Spotlight* magazines and many inquiries as to enrollment in the Morris Pratt Institute Study Course and the NSAC College of Spiritual Science degree program.

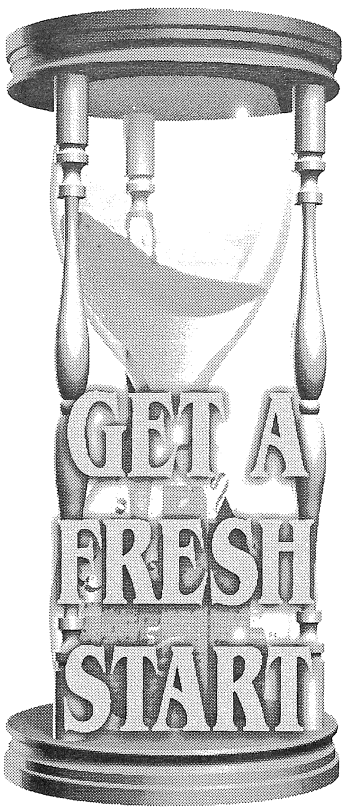
This is a matter for true consideration due to its overall effect on the propagation of the Religion of Spiritualism.

The work of the National office is intensive to say the least. This has increased tremendously due in part to the loss of two personnel within the past year. Since the time that the archival person was laid off, no further work was possible in the archives and due to the new accumulation of archival materials, it has actually regressed. In addition to the day-to-day business concerning the auxiliaries and the Board, the NSAC office continues to copy and distribute the *Spotlight* magazine which has been

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A New Year Message

BY THE REV. JOYCE E. YOUNG, NST, MINNESOTA



As you enter the New Year, 1998, there is anticipation, joy, and wondering what will be ahead. The most important thing to do is "not look back." What you have accomplished in life is great and good. Looking back can weaken the confidence of a church, a group, or a human. Occasionally, people like to look at their mistakes, sometimes brag about how they have overcome difficulties. Perhaps thoughts of past mistakes are brought forth to sabotage present plans. Leave the past and enter into this new year with renewed determination and vigor.

See each day as an opportunity, grasp the inflowing energy and use it for the good of all. During the coming year there may be turmoil and upheaval in the world, and world problems will likely touch you. Work to stay centered, and send the loving energy which you possess to the areas where it is needed. Perhaps people feel as if they are such a small entity, their prayers are of no value. This is not true, as the essence of God will flow from heart to heart as the healing process of earth continues.

Some of you will be mentally bounced about, and all your ideals, values and plans may be greatly shaken. Some relationships may fall apart, some jobs may be gone, and there may be a feeling of unrest. This is the ego getting in the way of your spiritual consciousness. The ego brings in fear, in its effort to keep you on the same path.

Sometimes the best way for change to occur, and last, is for a dramatic, or what you may call a "bad" experience. No experience in itself is bad, but at the time it may shake up your life. Use your innate power of love to pull yourself back into spiritual living, and keep your heart focused on the love within.

You must be ever mindful of negative thoughts – immediately rethink and bring in positive images. Your thoughts help improve the fate of your own world, and those near you. Work to spend time each day in meditation, listening for the guidance you will need. Each of you have a special part in the unfolding of the new world. Those who maintain the ties of physical and spiritual awareness will bring about the necessary changes.

Become aware of your earth home. Listen to the sounds of nature and be embraced in the joy of the earth spirits. Watch the beauty of the seasons, and know that change is important and beautiful for continuation of life. Begin to see the colors in birds, insects, flowers, and all living things, and color will enhance your life. Breathe in the beauty of nature each day, and thank God for those gifts.

As Spiritualists, you are important, you are the seekers and the doers. Know that guidance is always there, if you would ask. But asking isn't always enough, you must follow through, even though it may be difficult at times. Being with friends of similar thought continues to raise your consciousness.

The New Year is reaching out with great possibilities for personal and spiritual growth. Take every opportunity for self improvement; realize your full potential and worth. You are a bright star, shining and guiding, a living example of spiritual truth.

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Each month ***The National Spiritualist*** *will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by* ***John B. Gesseling*** *of the Chapel of the Sunflower, Phoenix, Arizona.*

March 31, 1848 is considered the birth date of modern American Spiritualism. The ancient beliefs of spirit communication were reborn to begin a study of life after life for modern Spiritualism and the generations that followed have continued to add teachings and information received from spirit guides and loved ones.

Much of the ancient teachings were based on superstition. In the dark period where communication was called witchcraft, spiritual phenomena was considered a miracle within the church and labeled as work of the devil outside of church.

Modern Spiritualism gives much recognition to Swedenborg, for it was to Swedenborg that the Spirit World appeared as a realm of Divine Law, definite reactions of cause and effect. These Laws are also called Natural Law or Universal Laws and were principles of constant order of the Universe and everything within it.

Two Shakers' prophecies were fulfilled with the phenomena at Hydesville with the Fox family, and with the material wealth finding of gold in California. Andrew J. Davis helped to lay a foundation with his philosophy, his publication of a periodical, and through his many books.

It should also be noted that the early American Indian had a belief in a spiritual being that gave guidance and direction in his life. They called God the Great Spirit, and the after-life, the Happy Hunting Ground. The Redman lived a spiritual life with Mother Earth, and allowed Natural Law to be a guiding force – many still practice these beliefs. We now, as modern Spiritualists, are reading and relearning the ways of the American Indian so that we too can become natural Spiritualists with nature and our environment.

The Fox family used the alphabet to translate spirits raps into an understandable language. This spiritual telegraph system has shown us that there is no death or dead, only a transition from one state of being to the next. Spiritualism teaches us to have an open mind, to examine the information and beliefs from all ages, and to accept truths from both the seen and unseen sides of life. ▸

MONTHLY



FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY



"Every person may talk to God, but the answer only comes back according to our concept of God."
– Ernest Holmes

"We fear the thing we want the most."
– Dr. Robert Anthony

"In art, the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can inspire."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Dear Lord, Free me of myself that I may serve You."
– Michelangelo

105th Annual NSAC Convention Pictorial

The Board at the Banquet . . .



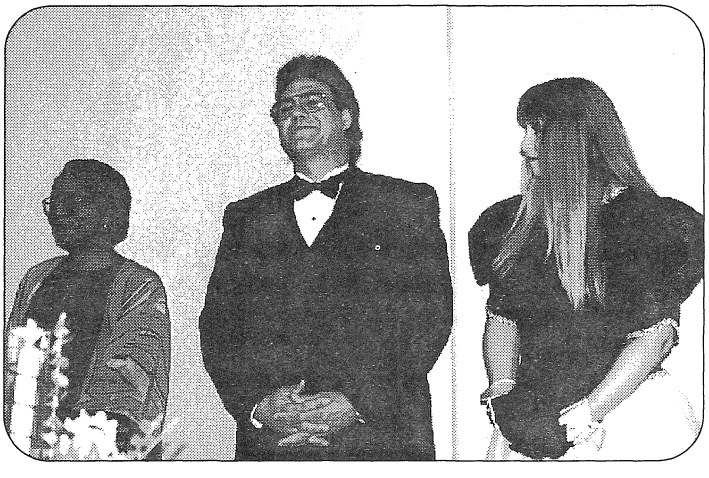
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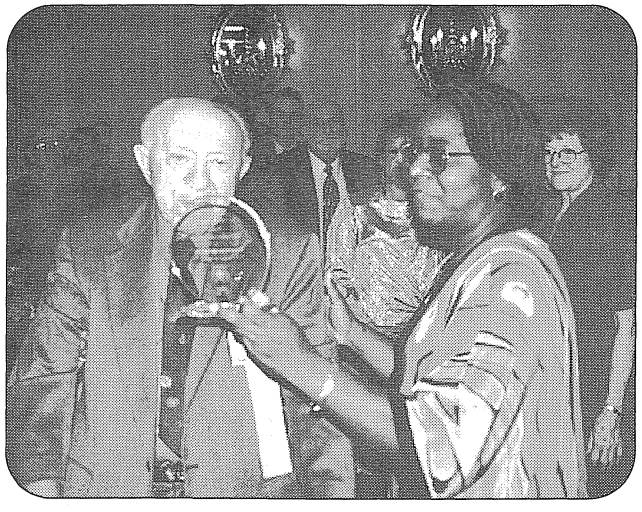
Cosie Allen, Sharon Snowman, and Pamla Ashlay.



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Lifetime Service Award . . .

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD received by The Rev. Joseph Sax, NST, presented by Marrice Coverson, Public Relations Chair.



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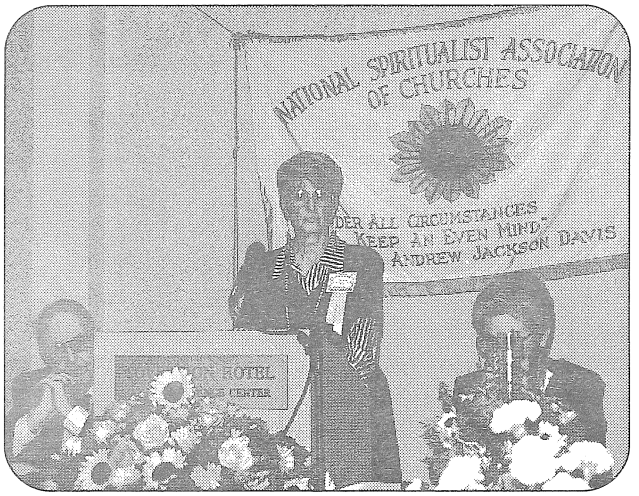


Songs from the Heart . . .





HEALING SERVICE . . .



MEMORIAL SERVICE . . .
presented by The Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST.



TUESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE . . .
Charlene Kleinschmidt, Gene Pfortmiller, Margaret Tracy, Bernard Baker, and Brenda Wittich.



THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE . . .
Janet Tisdale, Martin Pina, Marrice Coverson Joyce Young, and Pat Cook.

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NSAC Service Clubs . . .



NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS CLUB

Standing: **Harvey Horstman (Acting Secretary for Bonnie Horstman); John Young, and Louise Peruch.**
Seated: **Pamla Ashlay, and E. Ann Otzelberger (President).**



MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Standing: **Sandra Pfortmiller, Sandra Dawson, and Nancy Parry-Tremblay.**
Seated: **Catherine Stewart (President), and Nancy Lloyd (Secretary).**

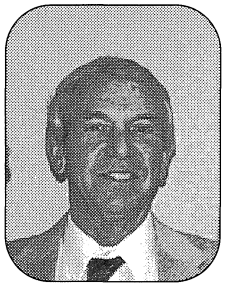


LICENTIATE MINISTERS/CERTIFIED MEDIUMS SOCIETY

Standing: **Sandra Dawson, John Young, Sandra Cook, Harvey Horstman (President), Charlene Kleinschmidt.**
Seated: **Elsie FeatherSong, and Janet Tisdale (Secretary).**



It wasn't all work . . . And it was Halloween! A time of pretend, So Kit was a Queen!





SPIRITUALIST HEALERS LEAGUE

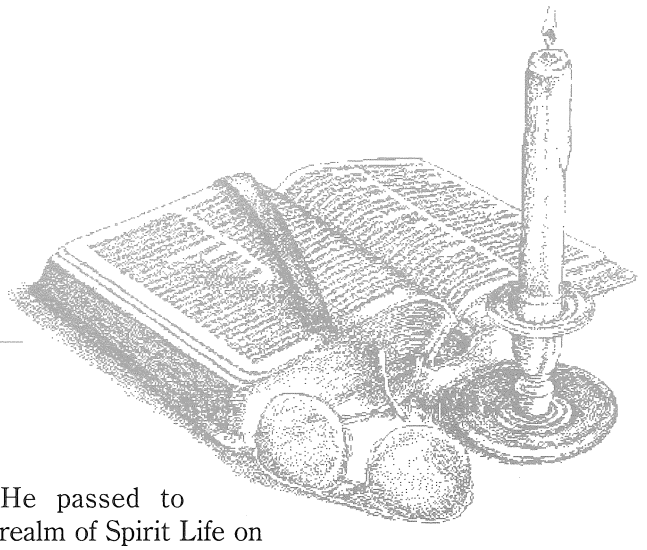
Gene Pfortmiller (President), and Sandra Cook (Secretary).

See you next year at the
106th Annual NSAC Convention
on October 11-17, 1998,
in Mount Laurel, New Jersey!

Rev. E. W. Sprague

BY THE REV. GLADYS CUSTANCE

(Reprinted from *TNS,* June 1958)



Reverend E. W. Sprague was born at North Boston, New York, on September 18, in the year 1847.

As a young boy he had several experiences in Spirit Manifestation, but it was not until September 3, 1881 that he became active in Spiritualism. On this date he was entranced by the Spirit of a boy who was drowned. This occurred at a circle held in the Sprague home.

After this experience a circle was held almost every evening in his home. Through faith, perseverance, and vigilance he developed several phases of mediumship. He became a trance and inspirational lecturer. For fifty years, he was able to write automatically, but his most potent gift was giving test messages under the guidance and influence of his control, E. V. Wilson.

Books for which he is known are *All the Spiritualism of the Christian Bible and the Scripture Directly Opposing It,* and *Spirit Mediumship, its Many Phases, How Developed and Safely Practiced.* The last book he wrote was *Letters from Heaven.* He received this inspirationally from his wife in Spirit by means of automatic writing.

Reverend Sprague not only believed and comprehended the Truth of Spiritualism, but intelligently utilized and applied it; thus radiating and proving it to Mankind.

His last message was that, "Death is a Blessed gift of God, that the world was created and is controlled by an all permeating, pervading Power of Divine Love."

He accepted Natural Law, for he said, "There are no miracles – no supernatural facts; therefore, ALL facts are natural facts – they become scientific facts at the moment they are proved facts. Therefore, if the presentation of Spirit messages is a Truth, it is a Natural one and when proved true it becomes a scientific Truth."

Reverend Sprague advised people not to take a negative aspect on the important question of a future life merely because they had not received proof of it. He advised that they hold a positive, constructive outlook and attitude, and that they consider the testimony of those who had demonstrated.

Reverend Sprague's last appearance was at the National Spiritualist Association Convention in Detroit in 1930.

He passed to the realm of Spirit Life on July 10, 1933. He anticipated leaving this earth plane with great joy to be with his loved ones that had previously gone. Reverend Sprague realized that there could be no separation between the two planes of expression, (mentally and spiritually where love abideth;) that when our mission in this earth life is accomplished we should welcome death of the physical body.

Reverend Sprague had great knowledge of the Truth of Spiritualism, based upon proven facts given in Spirit Messages.

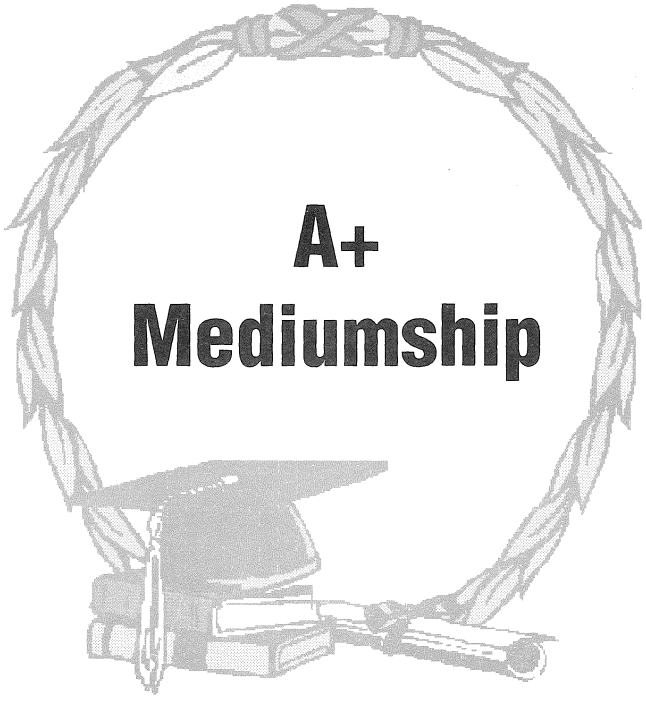
Mrs. Sprague was a medium – and did automatic writing for 48 years. The awareness of her mediumship started in 1881. She traveled with her husband and together they organized more Spiritualistic Societies than anyone else. They organized groups in the State Spiritualist Association of New York, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Both Reverend Sprague and Mrs. Sprague were National Missionaries.

They brought comfort, inspiration and new hope to many – teaching the Philosophy, Phenomena, Science and Religion of Spiritualism. They demonstrated the Truth of Spiritualism from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Selfless, in their endeavors to promote the Truth of Spiritualism, they sent thousands of books all over the country to people, with a keen desire to enable others to understand the underlying Laws governing and controlling our belief.

We owe a debt of gratitude to these pioneers who unfalteringly, unceasingly, and untiringly worked for the Cause of Spiritualism. Let us not forget these Spiritual Archeologists who were willing to dig deeply to find the Pearl of Great Price; who paved the way for us.

May we carry on – developing our Inner potentialities and Spiritual possibilities to prove our devotion to the Truth of Spiritualism and our never failing gratitude to the pioneers. ►



A+ Mediumship

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Mediumship is a way of life for most Spiritualists. We receive hunches, impressions, sounds, sights, and sensations that we know as a fact are from those who have made the transition called death and now live, really live, in a finer vibrational state. They are just as real as we are, and perhaps more "alive." We also have psychic experiences such as precognition, premonitions, deja vu, remote viewing, out of the body experiences, astral projection, seeing auras, ESP, and telepathy, all of which relate to people, places, things, events and conditions in the physical side of life and are not mediumship.

It is important to learn the difference between psychic phenomena and mediumistic phenomena, to recognize a psychic reading from a message or communication from someone in the astral planes or the "Summerland," as the higher astrals were called by Andrew Jackson Davis, the "Poughkeepsie Seer." We must learn to use these terms appropriately and correctly so that we can all effectively communicate. This does require a disciplined mind, hours of study, and a willingness to learn. It enables us to communicate with each other and with those in other disciplines in a clear and succinct manner. Knowing the correct terms for different phenomena enables us to correctly interpret what we read and hear about mediumistic phenomena. As you continue your studies of Spiritualism, you will find that a detailed understanding of the basic concept of the difference between psychism and mediumship, and all the forms of psychic experience and expression, are crucial to your further development, both intellectually and spiritually. An intellectual understanding of our subjective and objective spiritual experiences, such as mediumship and healing, enables us to work with our spirit teachers at a more accelerated pace. A "know-it-all" who is full of stubbornness and false pride will not unfold and progress nearly as fast and easily as someone who humbly seeks a combination of greater knowledge and awareness.

In my own studies of Spiritualism, I have found the study book called *Contemporary Definitions of Psychic Phenomena and Related Subjects* to be very helpful, although there are still many words and terms a Spiritualist medium, healer and scientist will run across that are not in there. Nevertheless, precision and clarity in formulation of thought and in speech are important qualities for a developing medium to cultivate.

True mediumship is the ability to care for people so much that you can help them realize that what we call death is but an interlude in life. The purpose of mediumship in the Spiritualist Church is to prove the continuity of life. Period. While there are many other benefits, such as enlightenment, comfort, and consolation, these very worthwhile results and side effects are not our goal while we are demonstrating Spiritual mediumship in church. Outside of church, these aspects of the phenomena take on a much larger, broader and more important role. They are the bass chords that underlie our cooperative work with those in the unseen side of life for the benefit of ourselves, of those in the spirit side (who are also continuing to work on their spiritual progress), and others still in earth life. Mediumship, as a way of life, is a cooperative effort that very much deserves our respect, our best abilities, our best efforts, our precision and focused attention. This cooperation with those in spirit is the theme of many books by and about Spiritualist mediums which express many of the wonderful benefits as well as responsibilities of developing and practicing one's own mediumship. Books by and about mediums also express a variety of teachings of Spiritualist philosophy.

The Spiritualist Churches are interested only in the development of the highest and best quality of mediums, not just in quantity. Psychics are a dime a dozen, especially in this day and age. Good mediums who deliberately develop rapport with those in spirit are quite rare. As Spiritualists, we use the teachings derived from mediumship as the basis of our religion. This makes it even more important that we rise above the masses, above the crowds and throngs, and do everything we possibly can to make certain we are being true to the purpose of mediumship and to the cause of Spiritualism. There is no room for sloppiness here, no room for fakery, no room for bluffing or pretending. The more one knows about parapsychology, ESP, psychic phenomena, brain function and consciousness studies, expansion of awareness and evolution of consciousness, all

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of the noetic sciences, the better able one will be to delineate mediumship from the jumble of other phenomena practiced all around us today. Then one can truly, safely, live in accordance with the teachings derived from spirit.

While we are seeing more and more breakthroughs in technical spirit communication, spiritside voices and pictures via electronic means, and texts printed on computers, we, as members of the human race, do not want to become dependent upon these means. They are tools, just like a pocket calculator is a tool. They are not meant to take the place of the loving rapport of mental mediumship. Your development of true mental mediumship adds to your personal spiritual evolution in ways that electronic voice phenomena cannot do at this time. We are all looking for breakthroughs, and we are building bridges in technology in cooperation with spiritside scientists, however, we do not need to become overly dependent upon hard communication because through our own instrumentality as Spiritualist mediums, we can know the sweetness of direct personal communication with spirit friends, teachers and loved ones.

If you are already studying mediumship, or if you are just starting to think about deliberate development, be the very best student you can be. Try hard, pay attention, study, practice perfectly, allow plenty of time for it, and be an A+ medium. Take your mediumship studies seriously, because serious students and willing workers win the prize of spiritual progression.

No one is perfect, nor are all messages perfect. We are all learning, all students of somebody. How well we maintain our state of health, nurture a compassionate and forgiving heart, and keep an even mind free from anger, blame and judgementalness, all have an impact on our mediumistic development. The Natural Law of Vibration teaches us that Like Attracts Like. If you want to develop your mediumship, then really apply yourself to doing the very best job of it you possibly can and always ask for only the highest and best.

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Attitude



"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company . . . a church . . . a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past . . . we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude . . . I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you . . . we are in charge of our Attitudes."

– Charles Swindoll

Jest Joking . . .

"We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by."
– Will Rogers

"Intelligence is like a river – the deeper it is, the less noise it makes."
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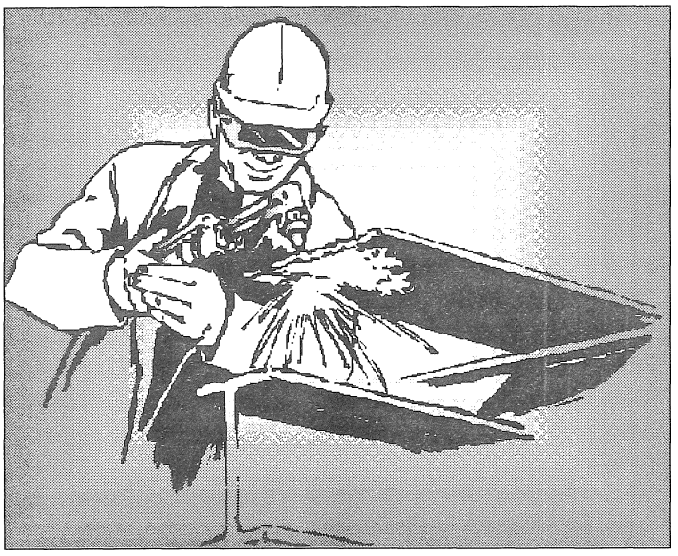
"The bigger a man or woman's head gets, the easier it is to fill his or her shoes."
– Ben Holden

"Lots of people know a good thing the minute the other fellow sees it first."
– Yiddish proverb

CO-CREATORS WITH GOD! *(Continued from page 3.)*

often the imagination used for good dreams shrivels up and the imagination of stress and fear replaces it. We are still creating what our thoughts are sending into the ethers.

As Spiritualists, we know that Infinite Intelligence wants only good for us. We also know that Natural Law responds and creates as our mind believes and receives (accepts). This is the Law of Cause and Effect and the Law of Mind. What are you creating? Are you tapping into the Infinite Unlimited Mind to expand your horizons? You can, you should.



Be that unlimited child of the Unlimited Universe and let the Law and Creator help you to manifest all the good God has for you. Transform your life by visualizing Love and Light, by dreaming of peace and joy, by working to send positive images into the ethers. God expresses through your mind and the Law. As a co-creator, stay conscious of that which you desire to create. Be open to receive it and put your trust in the power of God by releasing control of how, when, where it must manifest. We live in our consciousness which means we create as we think.

Each soul touches into the center within to discover their true desire and intuitively to know what is right. Practice being here, now, in this present moment using the mind, the Law and Love to evolve to the newness of creation (into wholeness.) The self needs to express. Life is a spiritual experience that we create on our soul's eternal journey. A co-creator must allow his or her world to shift for creation is action, force, change, expression, wonderful freshness and exciting horizons.

The imagination is an inward feeling that encourages the will and makes the effects creative. We do not create without using our imagination. Imagine your dream and draw it toward you with each visualization, then accept your success and prepare for its accomplishment. There is an orderly sequence to Natural Law so life will become prepared to meet the goal you desire. One thing leads to another, step by step toward to final pattern of completion. This may not be evident to you until you gaze back and the opportunities become clear. It is so wonderful to see the invisible Universe at work, to know we have a silent partner that wants what we want, and that we can be a co-creator to bring it to fruition.

The first step in creation is of course the seed. When a farmer plants seeds for carrots, he knows he will get carrots. If something else beings to grow in the garden it is removed for it is carrots that have been planted. The farmer trusts the Law of the Universe that what was planted will be received. So it is in life with our thoughts, goals and desires. Plant a dream, then remove any other conflicting thoughts and KNOW that the Law will grow that which you have planted. If you do not sow what you want you will not reap what you want. Universal Law is the creative medium which is receptive to our dreams and desires and acts automatically to bring about our inner thoughts.

What do you dream about? What does your imagination create that makes you feel joyous? Don't wait until you have done this or that to begin, start where you are now. Center yourself. Clearly set an image of the outcome you desire to perceive in your mind; hold it there, write it out, make a song about it and sing it, design a poster, affirm it; but keep it at the forefront of your thoughts. Then trust, accept, be grateful, visualize your bliss when it is a reality and allow Divine Mind and Natural Law to attract it to you. Follow your intuition, your hunches of the moment so that God may work for you, through you. Be alive, be a positive co-creator of your life!

Remember: "With God All Things are Possible." There is nothing too great or too small for the Creative Power. There is One Power back of everything, so whatever exists is this Power, part of the All the perfect Unit and available to the other parts. The Mind always gives back the seed thought that is planted. As we harvest our thoughts we create our lives. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Soon a new Millennium will be born. These last two years are a time of growth, of completion, of preparing new dreams so when the feature premiere arrives we will be open for the newness of the next century.

I pray you all have a great year co-creating peace, love and joy. ►

"Our doubts are our traitors."
– Shakespeare






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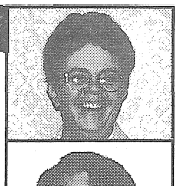
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DIRECTORY OF NSAC CHARTERED CHURCHES & AUXILIARIES

• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, NSAC
2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak), Suite 105-106, 85006-1877. Pastor, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 802-2768; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

PHOENIX - Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC
2641 W. Union Hills Dr. (at the Wyndham Garden Hotel); Mailing address: 3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308-2325; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Call about Classes Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, NSAC
1522 W. Encanto Blvd., 85007; Pastor, Rev. Frank Staats, (602) 275-7876; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Serv 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Sat. All Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION
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ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 1022 Pacific Ave., 94501; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pastor/Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt, (510) 865-2035; Secy., Brenda Gibson.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation
Sun. Serv. - Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Rev. Tamara Ervin; Info. Contact Teddie Harringer, (626) 791-9212.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines
Direct Mail to 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. Church phone (916) 823-1816; Secy., Shyrlee Cole.

LONG BEACH - Spiritualist Society
3212 E. Eighth St., 90804; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m.; Awareness and Advances classes, phone (310) 927-7079.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC
149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Rosalee Jackson, 223 Lincoln Ave., 94061, (650) 363-2253; Secy., Phyllis Fraley, (650) 856-2540.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: 27124 Cole St., Highland, 92346; Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (909) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (909) 862-4376.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple, NSAC
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (510) 521-6650; Secy., Donald W. McFarland.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism, NSAC
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m; Pres., Benito Santiago, (415) 626-6525; Secy., Joan A. McDaniel, (415) 321-5626.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Service, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; e-mail: bthurman@earthlink.net; President, Janine B. Milam, (415) 440-8464; JBMilam@aol.com; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939-2144.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC
"The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Sunday; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., P.O. Box 310, Glencoe, 95232-0310, (209) 293-4795.

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Serv. 10:45 to 12:00; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (510) 283-1449; Pres., Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577, (510) 483-5630; All mail to Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549-2925.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; Pastor, Rev. Sandi Cook, NST; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 6:30 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Monday and Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m.;Call for information on the Rev. Foard Memorial Library.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
1939 S. Monroe Street, 80210; (303) 794-3154; Sun. Healing Service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Lyceum and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Licentiate Minister, Dorothy Haskins; Pastor/Pres., Patricia J. Schott, (303) 973-9993; Vice Pres., Russ Dorren, (303) 973-4759; Treas., Don Larsen; Secy., Claudia Kunz, (303) 795-1179, 6457 S. Xenon St., Littleton, 80127.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710; Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; Summer services June & July, 2nd and 4th Sundays only; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove
June - early Sept. Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m. For a program listing all Summer activities, call (860) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741-3902.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St. (off Main St.), (860) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum; Closed the month of August.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., all welcome; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service every other Sunday June, July, August; Lyceum Classes every Sun. before service from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., children and adults, all welcome. Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Pres. and Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354-2039, (860) 564-5976.

• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., Carol Vierbuchen Gallion, 114 Wilmar Pl., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180-4527, (703) 281-7149; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• FLORIDA •

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857-1043); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Adult Lyceum 10:00 a.m. first Sun. of each month; Co-Pastor and Pres., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707-3805, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628, (312) 928-4100.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.
Secy., Martha L. Witt, 1204 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, 60560, (630) 553-2517.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633-1614; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617-6929; Secy., Janet Schroeder, 12645 Alpine Dr., #12, Alsip, 60658-3362, (708) 389-5374.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
8002 Service Rd., 61016 Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept., Nov. thru May; Serv.: First Sun. of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres.,Helen Hoffman; Secy., Richard Taylor.

CHICAGO - The Church of the Spirit
2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-01101, (312) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; All Message Serv. on the first Wed. of each month 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Dr. Alan Tenczar.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth
6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sunday; Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Washington Spiritualist Temple
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lyceum every third Sun.; Secy., A. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, 60628, (312) 995-1911; Pres., Joseph Guice.

LE ROY - J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church
102 S. Pearl St., (309) 962-9076; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Marian Boesen, P.O. Box 174, 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, (309) 452-1738.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUAL SCIENCE, NSAC
Secy., Darlene Gettle, 1724 Marsha Dr., Indianapolis, 46214, (317) 248-9639.

GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS - First Spiritual Science Church
519 South Leeds Ave., 46203-1419; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Worship Serv. at 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Night Serv. 7:00 p.m.; 5th Sun. of each month is All Message Service and dinner; 3rd Sat. of each month is reading day; Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224-2140, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Wanda J. Whetsel.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church, NSAC
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Readings on 1st Sat. of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Meditation class Mon. evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Course of Miracles class Wed. evenings at 6:30 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 W. County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Pam Estes, 545 W. 73rd St., 46260, (317) 253-8458.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC
314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 1:45 p.m.; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Mrs. Lorraine Carley, 303 W. Front St., Buchanan, 49107.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-9738; Secy., Richard Turner, 229 - 20th Pl., 52732.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1998 Camp Season, July 11 thru August 22; Rev. Bonnie Horstman, Secy., NST, (319) 242-8460.

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802, (319) 324-9659; Laying on of hands healing Sun. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Classes Tues. 7 p.m.; Children's Lyceum Sat. 10:00 a.m.; Pres. & Lyceum Conductor, Anita Buchholz, (319) 326-3453; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Nancy Speer.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, Rt. 1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR#2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, 8 Dale St., Poland, 04274.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets, 04330; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.-Noon; For classes and Spiritual Fairs, phone for information; Pastor. Earl L. Wallace, (207) 622-4677.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Please call for information about classes to be held in the fall and seminars; private readings are available, please call for an appointment; Pastor, Debbie Locke, (207) 474-2960; Pres., Nedra Foster, RR2 Box 6820, E. Holden, 04429, 843-6065; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419-9802, (207) 848-2273.

HARTFORD - Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center
Mail address: R1, Box 91, Canton, 04221; Sun. Serv. 2:00-3:30 p.m.; Classes Wed. and Fri. evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Secy., Virginia Norris; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST; For information, phone (207) 597-2600, E-Mail - rupert@megalink.net.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan; For information: 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901-6214, (207) 474-7723; July-Aug. schedule to be announced. No accommodations for rooms, camping or meals. Pres., Zella Longley, (207) 465-3310; Secy., John Davidson, (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidso@mint.net.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Session mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Serv. at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat; Seminars Monday 7:30 p.m.; All-day workshops Sat.; Accommodations and meals available. For a program or information: (207) 338-3029; P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from April to Nov. and in Belfast from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Carter, (207) 797-2039; Secy., Diane Warming, (207) 871-9334.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St., 02155; Services at 5:00 p.m., Healing Lecture and Messages; Summer Services run from June to Aug. and are held on Tues. Evenings at 7:00 p.m.; For Info. call Co-Pastor Sandra Millen, 103 Columbus Ave., Salem, 01970, (978) 744-0546 or Co-Pastor Louisa Roof, 64 Orchard Rd., Concord, 01742, (978) 369-0892;

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Camp
Season opens June 30th till Labor Day; Camp phone (508) 291-0073. Prior to opening (617) 268-9495; Secy., Donna M. Watts, 24 Howell St., Dorchester, 02125-1149 - (617) 265-7955; Mediums Day's - Workshops - Message Circle's; Call for a full schedule.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem
34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (508) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 777-4268.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, *(Continued from previous page.)*

SOMERSET - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
In Masonic Hall, 145 Pleasant St., Somerset, 02726; Mailing addr., 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725; Sunday Serv., Healing and Church Service at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (508) 994-9145; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset, 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Georgette Biscari, 42 Anthony St., Acushnet, 02743, (508) 991-9145.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 1st Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 3:00 p.m.; Development Classes year-round, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. John F. Sullivan, 26 Witt Hill Rd., P.O. Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-4495, e-mail: jsulli1942@aol.com; Pres., Carolyn J. DaPonti, 324 Boston Rd., Springfield, 01109 - (413) 783-2541; Secy., Joyce C. Barlow, 16 Seymour Rd., 5H, East Granby, CT 06026 - (860) 651-0507; e-mail: barlow1104@aol.com.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
(Bayshore) 07444 Old 31 N, 49720, (616) 347-3899 or (616) 347-7598; Services: Sun. 10:30 a.m., Mar.-June and Sept.-Nov; Lyceum Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; Student Minister & Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 N, 49720-9422.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
(Bayshore) 07444 Old 31 N, 49720, (616) 347-7598 or (616) 347-3899; Services: Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; 43rd Season June 28 to Sept. 2, 1998; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, NST; Student Minister, Gail Wrona; Secy., Sandy Crandall, P.O. Box 18, Conway, 49722-0018.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit
4161 Buckingham, 48224-3538.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Nikki Potter, 1584 1/2 W. Barnes Rd., 49251, (517) 676-6136; Silver Star-Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Nikki Potter and Elda Goddard.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
340 North Lapeer Rd., 48371; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue; All mail to Secy., Kathleen Bentley, 504 Worthington Dr., 48371, (810) 814-9172.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 21, 1998 through Sept. 6, 1998; Annual Retreat July 12-17, 1998; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church
1414 E. Ninth St.; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3652, 55803-3652; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. Summer); Pres., Sharon Szukis; Secy., Mickie Brown; (218) 724-6554.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Warren, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services held at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg. at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410; Sr. Pastor, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, (414) 774-2994; Pastor, Rev. Toni Ferdelman, NST, (612) 572-8940.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services Mon., 7:00 p.m., in the Unity Church building, 911 11th Ave. NW; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 225-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Student Minister, Toye E. Stinson, 10210 Tanner, 63136 (314) 867-0949; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

• MONTANA •

BILLINGS - Spiritualist Church of Inner Light
928 Broadwater, Ste. 107, 59101, (406) 254-2863; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Circles, Fri. and Sun. 8:00 p.m.; Secy., Carrie Veatch, 825 Custer Ave., 59101.

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC
321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC
953 E. Sahara Ave., Commercial Arts Bldg. #D-12, 89104; Mailing address: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Classes, Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Nancy Noble.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
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• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
Herbert Schneider, 107 W. Maple Ave., 08109.

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243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church
97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

CLIFTON PARK - Spiritualist Open Center
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, 12065, (518) 383-1931; Service: First Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Helen Scheer.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
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LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June) 10:30 a.m. Alternate Sun. Lily Dale Auditorium (July & Aug.), Lyceum 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June); Karen Payne, Director; Church Pres., Bruce Kaus; Secy., Karen Payne; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Road, Smithtown, NY; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (516) 588-3150; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Nancy Lloyd, (516) 736-1058; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902.

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261 Elmont Rd., Elmont, 11003, (516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
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175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Message Serv. 2nd and 4th, 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Douglas Higgins, (716) 475-9018; Pastor, Cheryl Miner, (315) 524-0082.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
P.O. Box 24, 43003.

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COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
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DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
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MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
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• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial, NSAC
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McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4-M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun., 4:00 p.m.; Serv., 5:30 p.m., Wed., 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Connie Cannon, (817) 697-2296.

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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
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• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
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NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
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• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
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Camp Edgewood - Church Serv. Sundays, 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354 - (206) 927-2365; Secy., Nicholas Williams, (206) 927-8903.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
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Positive Statements To Help Create a Positive Day.

Affirmations . . . JANUARY 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 I ask the Universe to bless each day and each soul with Love.	**2** The Spirit of God within guides me in the New Year.	**3** My heart is filled with gratitude and joy for life itself.
4 Love and Law return to me according to my thoughts.	**5** I direct my thoughts to accomplish my dreams.	**6** There are infinite opportunities with God, the Divine Creator.	**7** I accept my worth and value – good things happen for me.	**8** Nature rests, but the rhythm of life always continues.	**9** Every day I grow in some way, accepting new truths.	**10** There is only One Life and that Life expresses through me.
11 My health and healing is enhanced by my acceptance of God's Light.	**12** The Infinite is unlimited, abundant and freely shares with all.	**13** I enjoy Spirit's touch and guidance and I open myself to receive.	**14** The patterns of life are in the present, *now*, so I release the past.	**15** Thank you God, for my abundance, my health, my blessings.	**16** I spend time in the silence, listening to the voice of Truth.	**17** I forgive things of the past, both for myself and others.
18 In all life, what is true and right for one, is true and right for all.	**19** We live in the sunshine of God's eternal truth, joy and beauty.	**20** I am alive with Spirit and open to change and growth.	**21** My vision is focused upon the loving Power within me.	**22** Infinite Spirit heals and demonstrates through my mind.	**23** My prayers are affirmations of faith and trust in God's Love.	**24** Truth will change my life, will heal me, will set me free.
25 Let all Spiritualists honor those who founded our great religion.	**26** Teach the children well, they are our future!	**27** As we surrender to God, so do we open ourselves for fulfillment.	**28** I am alive, vigorous, and vital. I express this each moment of my life.	**29** "Be happy – it is one way of being wise."	**30** Value your friends and let them know how special they are to you.	**31** Trust what you truly believe in your heart and follow it in your life.



Happy New Year!



it requires a majority of five Board members to pass a motion unless it is a motion to rescind which requires six. The President alone cannot pass a motion.

During the 1997 Spring Board Meeting, the NSAC Board spent many hours and several days evaluating all bureaus, publications, the NSAC office and bookstore and the finances of our organization.

The Board determined to suspend the operation of the College of Spiritual Science which has had mixed results since its inception. The original intent was to produce an educated Ministry recognizable on par with the Ministry of other denominations. The secondary intent was to generate income for the NSAC and to provide a second educational program for the NSAC.

The Board has received several complaints regarding the course offerings and the cost of the course which is $3,800 for a Bachelor of Arts Degree inclusive of the books. It is actually less expensive to enroll in a community college for some of the courses which is already accredited. The Board has requested the Superintendent of the Bureau of Education to steer the currently enrolled students through the course or offer a refund and then to completely review and revise the curriculum and submit it to the NSAC Board for approval.

The majority of the NSAC Board voted that the NSAC office not purchase any further books until such activity is approved by the NSAC Board. The largest amount of the inventory, over $112,000, is materials published by the Stow Foundation for the NSAC. This is listed as an asset on the financial statement which it is once the inventory is sold, until then the NSAC funds are invested in these books. With payroll and benefits costing the NSAC 62¢ of every dollar in operating income, investment income plus the $72,000 per year from Stow, the majority of the Board believed it wise not to hire an employee to replace the book store personnel. With only the NSAC Secretary and Bookkeeper in the office, the majority of the Board determined to have the NSAC Bookkeeper remain in the office during the week of convention to be able to answer the telephones, handle the mail and banking and fax any other unforeseen information which the Board may need during the convention. A letter has been circulated that the NSAC Board has violated the NSAC Bylaws and the rights of the NSAC Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper's rights as a member of this organization have not been violated nor have the NSAC Bylaws been violated. Many members of the NSAC are employed and must either request vacation time or time without pay to attend the NSAC Convention and are not always granted this time. The Bookkeeper is an employee of the NSAC and is needed in the office during this time.

More than the majority of the NSAC Board voted to sell Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp and Camp Edgewood, NSAC at the Spring Board Meeting. Each of these camps is in need of a large infusion of money to make the necessary improvements and repairs to continue to function and grow.

Temple Heights Spiritualist Camp is indebted to the NSAC for over $46,000 with no foreseeable income to diminish this debt. The NSAC has approximately 116 auxiliaries including state associations, camps and churches excluding Temple Heights. To eradicate this debt at this time by contributions, each auxiliary would have to donate over $400 to the NSAC. I do not believe the auxiliaries of this organization wish to make this contribution and I know many of our auxiliaries do not have $400 in their accounts. Why should the NSAC Board expect the other NSAC auxiliaries to absorb the expenses of one auxiliary? The NSAC has paid $8,297 in delinquent property taxes on Temple Heights to stop the town of Northport from foreclosing on the camp because the taxes were not being paid by the camp and it is the camp's responsibility to pay these taxes, $11,266 in attorney fees, $3,011 investigators reimbursements, $3,761 supervisors reimbursements, plus insurance, electrical bills, copying bills and other miscellaneous items to keep the camp functioning.

Camp Edgewood, NSAC currently operates on septic tanks and is in dire need of a complete sewer system. The Town of Milton may at any time require the installation of this sewer system. The approximate cost for this system is over $180,000 and the camp has no foreseeable income to pay for this installation. The NSAC expended over $171,000 in legal fees from 1990-1992 to determine the ownership of the camp. The camp is owned by the NSAC and a part of the court settlement and was not deeded to the NSAC by the membership. With the financial difficulties of the organization, we do not have the funds which are necessary to install the sewer system if the Town of Milton decrees it necessary and the camp may be forced to close by the health department.

After giving both of these camps and the motions to sell these camps deep consideration and being aware that the selling of Camp Edgewood, NSAC would displace more than ten homeowners, I made the motion to rescind the selling of both of these camps which was passed by the Board. The NSAC neither can afford to invest more of the organization's funds into any auxiliary which does not have the capability to repay nor can it afford any more huge legal fees which will only continue to deplete our limited funds. The advocates of these camps must assume the financial responsibility of these camps and use their own abilities to ensure they function as solvent, viable auxiliaries.

The Serenity property in California was sold in April. The Serenity litigation was not about the ownership of property. It was about the reputation of NSAC Spiritualism in the community and NSAC's entitlement to tax exempt status, both with the IRS and with the State of California.

The expenditures of the NSAC for legal fees which have been between $400,000 and $500,000 in the last ten years have been mainly in legal disputes revolving around the properties which we deeded to the NSAC. The NSAC cannot afford to continue to expend our income and reduce our investments for legal fees or any other overly excessive

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The Breath of Life

BY
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There is not room for Death,
Nor atom that His might could render void;
Thou - THOU art Being and Breath,
And what Thou art may never be destroyed.
– Emily Bronte

God is not in Heaven, but rather, pervades all space, all life, both as the 'mover' and the 'moved'. There is no aspect of life on earth in which God does not manifest – in which His presence is not felt.

We have only to realize that **God is Breath** to understand His nature, and to **Breathe life-giving oxygen** to experience His presence.

Mortals have been designed exceedingly well to exist on the earth plane, and our planet is designed to maintain a boundless array of life on it. Yet, if we tried to define the physical boundaries of our physical bodies, we would begin to realize that we would be unable to do so. Our bodies are virtually indefinable because the air around all air-breathing creatures, from a tree to a whale, is a vital part of it, even while it is also part of other living creatures.

All life on Earth is bound together by the atmosphere, including life in the deep sea, which 'breathes' oxygen constantly. It flows through all things, is present in all things.

We can say then, that oxygen is not only vital but by far the most common element in the animals of earth (humans), for oxygen is the leading element making up 60 percent of the weight of the human body.

It is clear we all breathe the same sky and we know it pours through our lungs and blood in a few minutes – surging and blowing through it to fuel life's flame – then flows out again to mix and refresh itself in the world in a natural rhythmic way. Considering that God pervades all life – life rolls through all things.

It has been scientifically documented that each time we inhale we draw into ourselves about one atom from each of the breaths contained in the whole sky. And every time we exhale we send back about one atom to each breath, as does every other living thing. And this exchange, repeated twenty thousand times a day by some four billion people means that each breath we breathe must contain a quadrillion atoms breathed by the rest of mankind within the last few weeks, and more than a million atoms breathed personally sometime by each and every person on Earth.

We can see then that our next breath could include a million atoms of oxygen once breathed by Socrates, the Oracles of Delphi, Ghengis Khan, Emanuel Swedenborg, Einstein, the Incas of Peru and the Pygmies of Africa. Too, it has been suggested that we could add a few million atoms from animals – from the dinosaurs to the ravens that Noah supposedly sent from the ark.

The vegetable kingdom, the swamps of the earth, the ancient seas where atoms are liquid and more numerous – these, too, circulate their atoms – evaporating – interchanging – diffusing – condensing them, in a gigantic, throbbing, global metabolizing. There is no aspect of life in which God does not manifest.

Nature never wastes. Living animal (humans) breathe IN oxygen and breathe OUT carbon dioxide. But is carbon dioxide waste? Not at all. For plants breathe IN carbon dioxide (which animals and humans exhale) – exchange it – then breathe out oxygen.

This scientific fact concerns environmentalists. For scientists have calculated that the present earth's vegetation would literally consume all the carbon dioxide from the atmosphere within a year or two if it were not replenished by smoke from forest fires, engine exhaust fumes and exhalations of animals and humans, etc. Also, if vast areas of natural rain forests of the world are destroyed, what will 'use up' the carbon dioxide produced? The Laws of Nature are delicately balanced and are perfect in operation. All life throbs and pulsates – breathes in – breathes out – in a perfect, rhythmic, harmonious respiration system.

We can clearly see the manifestation of God in all life. Much of the workings of the physical body is done involuntarily – such as the natural beating of our hearts and natural breathing. We have been designed exceedingly well to live in our environment.

God is Being, Breath, Life, Energy and Love, and there is no aspect of life in which God does not manifest. It is present in all things and infinite in operation. As the poet Wordsworth said:

And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with joy
Of elevated thoughts, a sense sublime
Of something far more
deeply interfused,
Whose dwelling is the
light of setting sun,
And the round ocean
and the living air,
And the blue sky,
and in the mind of man,
A motion and a spirit, that impels
All thinking things,
all objects of all thought,
And rolls through all things.

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It's Class Time!

BY THE REV. SANDI COOK, NST, CALIFORNIA



They come in the door eagerly talking and sharing with each other events of the week. The chairs are put in a circle, and everyone finds a place and looks at the teacher eager to participate in the exercises and discussions for the class.

Aren't Spiritualist teachers fortunate to have such eager students? Many teachers in our regular schools would be so appreciative of eager, willing students such as we have come to our classes.

Do we always meet them with the same eagerness, ready to share and work with them in development, or do we sometimes think, "Oh, no, another class!"

Our classes are the backbone of our religion. They are the vehicles to teach those who come seeking the truth or in curiosity, that we are more than just phenomena, we are science, religion and philosophy. We have many avenues with which we can teach – our Lyceum, unfoldment classes, classes on meditation, Natural Law, The Declaration of Principles, and from the Platform itself. We also have our College of Spiritual Science, and The Morris-Pratt Institute.

If you have taught the same program the same way for many years it may be time to look around and see how others teach their classes. It could be the breath of fresh air that will give you another outlet for teaching or something you have been reluctant to try.

Some classes are getting more young people (young adults) who are eager to work with not just mental mediumship, but physical mediumship as well and they have the abilities to work with Spirit to produce the phenomena. Are you prepared and willing to work with and guide others in these areas?

As teachers we should be exploring and reading on all aspects and phases of our religion on a regular basis. This gives us the resources for those who come seeking answers and training. We should be showing how to document phenomena as well as how to train for mediumship. It will also give valuable information on how results were obtained for those who come later. How many times have you tried to find information on a particular subject, only to find no one has recorded or written down how they were able to obtain the results.

We need to look at things in a new way for our fast paced culture. When Spiritualism began, and was in full swing, the distractions were not there which we have now. No one thought too much about sitting in a circle every night for a couple of hours. Now people have to fit anything that they do into a crammed schedule, but those that are truly interested will make the commitment.

Do you remember how you felt the first time you went to class: were you excited but possibly apprehensive; did you go to prove to yourself it was all hocus-pocus; did you go to find out more about the philosophy and history of Spiritualism?

Those same doubts and questions plague those who come to our classes today as they did when the pioneers first started. If you feel that you have been down the road answering the same questions and teaching the same material too long maybe it is time to see about a new approach.

Our religion will continue to grow as long as those who come through our doors find the answers, and are encouraged to learn, participate and work for our religion. We must encourage regular participation in our classes, to obtain further studies and to become certified workers, thus insuring a continuation of those who will be able to teach and work in all aspects of our religion: healing, mediumship, teaching and the ministry.

By keeping in touch with other churches, mediums and materials, we will have many wonderful experiences to share and encourage the growth of those eager faces that come to our churches and classes. We must also make those in our churches aware that there are scholarships available for taking the courses and obtaining the training necessary for certification. We need more workers and with financial assistance available through the NSAC Service Clubs, some of those wanting to pursue the studies will be able to do so.

It is up to us, the teachers, to encourage those in our classes to explore all avenues of interest, to challenge them to ask questions, to look for answers and to encourage all workers to become certified in order to carry on the wonderful religion of Spiritualism.

Share your joy and enthusiasm with your students and it will return to you to make your life more exciting. When you see the smiles at the achievements as the students progress along the path, and you see those who went from "maybe, I can do it," to "I think I can do it," to "I Know I can do it," you will have your reward.

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Nine Steps To Make Living Easier



Taken from *TNS*, February 1978.

If you want tomorrow to be just a little better than today or yesterday, try applying these nine steps. A lot of thinking went into each one. They represent the recommendations of an eastern rehabilitation service organization and were first suggested by a Baltimore physician.

1 Look to your best qualities. Apply your efforts toward your best virtues. Whether it's a generous nature, a sympathetic ear, an infectious smile, or a deep sense of loyalty, remember to keep it foremost.

2 Face your problems honestly. If in doubt, you can usually obtain helpful advice from a friend, your minister or doctor. Learn what's going wrong and then what you need to do to improve the situation.

3 Give something of yourself. Make sure that others get something in exchange for their association with you. Be special. But be yourself. Often that's enough.

4 Be kind to others and avoid any hurt. Reflect on the good qualities of yourself and others. Try not to look at faults.

5 Be tolerant of others. To some you may not be top banana, so accept people as they are. If possible, try and bring out their best features. It'll help both of you.

6 Look upon your failures as lessons in progress. Remember what they were and be careful not to repeat the actions which resulted in those same occurrences. Remember your successes. Build on those.

7 Accept the reality that on occasion almost everyone will worry or become discouraged. But that shouldn't stop you. Get up and go on.

8 Promise to help others, if you really intend to help. Don't say yes and then forget. That's worse than not listening in the first place.

9 People are the important thing. It's people that keep this world going. Remember that and try to better what you have to offer.

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A smile is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and an antidote for trouble."

– Heartland Samplers

Questions & Answers

Q **I have been told that our spirit guides are with us at all times, but I have also been told the opposite. Which is correct?**

A In a way both are correct. The Law of Continuity applies to this question for it is *as above, so below, and vice versa.* Are your loved ones of the earth plane with you every second of your time? Of course not, nor would you want them to be, for you have work to do and so do they. If our spirit friends were constantly with us they would not be able to grow and acquire greater spiritual understanding and unfoldment in the Spirit World. However, I believe there are some of our band of spiritual guides (not necessarily the same entities all the time) that are with us every moment, guiding and inspiring us. Our band of etheric helpers are drawn to us through desire, mutual interests, and love. ▸

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What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?



JANUARY 1, 1870

Anna W. Wallace was born on this date. She was an energetic worker for Spiritualism and was appointed Lyceum Superintendent in 1926.

JANUARY 1, 1919

The National Spiritualist became the official organ of NSA with Dr. George B. Warne as its first editor.

JANUARY 1, 1998

New Year's Resolution. Suggestion: to work this year to be as loving as possible and to put your trust in the Love and Power of God. Remember: God and Good is all that matters in life.

JANUARY 6, 1848

George P. Colby's birthday. He was a teacher, medium, lecturer, missionary and delegate to the first NSA Convention in 1893.

JANUARY 19

A day to honor the birth of a messenger of peace, **Martin Luther King.**

JANUARY 25, 1863

Andrew Jackson Davis established the **Children's Progressive Lyceum** in New York City, New York, at Dodsworth Hall. January 25 has been established as **Founder's Day** each year – let us honor our youth and our religion. In 1947 ***The Lyceum Spotlight*** was first published for the NSAC Bureau of Lyceums with Elsie Butler Bunts as the first Editor.

JANUARY 29, 1688

Emmanuel Swedenborg's birthdate. As a result of this intelligent philosopher, scientist and theologian's questioning and insights, humanity received some new views on life in the next dimension. Swedenborg wrote that God is infinitely loving and at the very center of our being. He felt the sincerest form of worship is a useful life.

JANUARY 29, 1737

The Birthdate of **Thomas Paine.** He wrote for the freedom of all; he wrote against cruelty, war, oppression, slavery. Paine was a great humanitarian and author of *The Age of Reason.*

JANUARY

During this month several great Spiritualists graduated to the Summerland including the **Rev. Thomas Grimshaw, Moses Hull, Andrew Jackson Davis,** and **Dr. George B. Warne.** ▸



The K.I.S.S. *Principle*

BY SUSAN C. McREE, ARIZONA

I've had some things happen in my life recently that have made me realize how simple it is to meditate regularly and to listen for spirit to guide us and communicate with us when our lives are normal – no extra stress or activities. Not until these problems were close to being solved did I realize that I had put my spiritual life on hold.

When I think about these last weeks, I see many things I hadn't noticed before. My sense of awareness is heightened and my senses sharpened. I seem to be much more alert to spirit in my life.

Two incidents come to mind. One of these came when I was watching my dogs play. Their lives are so simple – eat, sleep, play. They go about all of these activities with great enthusiasm. And the other incident I noticed came when a three-year-old boy came to my house. He was bright eyed and very curious and also very accepting and open.

It occurs to me that my dogs and that little boy have the right idea – **Keep It Simple.** If you want to see the true affect of the healing power of chiropractic, you can observe your children and animals receiving treatment. I have seen this with my own dogs. It's amazing. Can the same be said about Spiritualism? Children and animals are blessed with the natural ability to accept things as they happen. They do not burden themselves with doubt and fear as adults do.

This is a great lesson for me. If I had put my priorities in order – Spiritualism First – how would that have affected me during those stressful situations? A lesson learned: *Do not abandon your meditation when faced with adversity.* It's more important than ever at these times to keep this simple balance in your life.

When I think back on these last weeks, I realize that even though I didn't do as I should have, spirit was with me every day bringing strength and support. I can see that now. This is another of the lessons I learned: *You may abandon spirit but they never abandon you.*

So, when you have problems in your life, remember **The K.I.S.S. Principle – Keep It Simply Spiritual.** ▸

I do not ask God that He should change anything in events themselves, but that He should change me in regard to things, so that I might have the power to create my own universe, to govern my dreams, instead of enduring them.

– Gérard de Nerval

expense. Bearing this in mind, the majority of the Board voted to return the deeds to all properties that were held by the NSAC, no matter what the type of deed or original reason for deeding the property to the NSAC. This was not an easy decision to make. The NSAC held approximately one-quarter of the deeds to all auxiliary members. The exclusion to this is those auxiliaries that have not yet satisfied any and all loans and accrued expenses to the NSAC or for which the NSAC can be held responsible. Once the financial obligations are satisfied by an auxiliary, the deed will be returned to the auxiliary.

Again rumors and innuendoes stated that the President of the NSAC does not trust certain camp or church boards with their deeds. These rumors and innuendoes are untrue, I voted yes on returning the deeds to the auxiliaries and they have been returned. To quote the great Winston Churchill, "When the eagles are quiet, the parrots start to jabber." It is past time for the eagles within the NSAC to begin to speak.

There have previously been requests from individual auxiliaries for the return of their deed. Some of these auxiliaries have been denied their request. In 1993 and 1994, one deed was returned to an auxiliary when a written request was received for its return. This was done by Board motion. During this same time period, two churches in Indiana and one camp in New York were permitted to withdraw from the NSAC with minimal legal pursuit.

It disturbed some members of the Board when we were informed we would be giving away millions of dollars in NSAC assets. These assets belong to the individual auxiliaries. The only manner in which these become NSAC assets is if the NSAC Board voted to sell the auxiliary. With the structure of the deeds as they were, the Board did not need the approval of the membership of the auxiliary to make this determination.

We were also informed that in returning the deeds the NSAC would lose all control over the auxiliary. I do not believe the NSAC should have any more control over one auxiliary than another simply because the deed was held by the NSAC. If the NSAC had the deeds to some auxiliaries then the NSAC should have had the deeds to all auxiliaries, it should have been all or none. All of our auxiliaries should be treated equally. Discontentment amongst the membership has been rampant for many, many years. No one should belong to an organization which he or she does not wish to belong to by the fact that the NSAC held the deed to the auxiliary property. If one belongs, he or she must follow the letter of the Bylaws. Our auxiliaries and members should belong to the NSAC by choice not by coercion. The NSAC is very democratic in the republican tradition.

Some of the concerns of the majority of the Board were:

- Concern that NSAC's current financial condition could worsen resulting in a restructuring and/or receivership situation in which the property of local auxiliaries could be liquidated to satisfy NSAC debts or to return NSAC to a liquid financial condition.
- Concern for NSAC liability for damage or injuries on auxiliary property.
- Concern regarding membership accusations that this Board is obsessed with money, and disregards the needs of auxiliaries.

The entire Board respects the decisions of the founding members of these auxiliaries, but changes have occurred within the NSAC. The majority of the Board do not believe they have violated the trust of founders of churches and are honoring the current members of auxiliaries who are maintaining and sustaining the churches.

Any legal action filed against the NSAC would cause havoc within the organization, in particular to the auxiliaries which were deeded to the NSAC. These auxiliaries were considered assets of the NSAC and could have been legally attached and all assets of the individual auxiliaries frozen until the courts made a determination. This would have impaired the functioning of these auxiliaries. If the court did not rule in favor of the NSAC, these auxiliaries could have been sold as part of a settlement agreement.

As you are aware, the NSAC has had a deficit for the past six or more years and the organization cannot continue to function in this manner without endangering all the assets of the NSAC which would have included the deeds. Many changes are needed in the financial structure of the organization. I wish to share an example of the financial situation of the NSAC with you, the delegates. If your home income was $1,000 per month with your monthly expenses being $1,500 per month and you had a savings account with $10,000 in it, you would probably withdraw $500 per month to balance the budget so that all expenses could be met. If during this time, you made no effort to increase income and decrease expenses, after twenty months, your savings would be depleted. You would still have income of $1,000 and expenses of $1,500 and no other means to meet the difference except to begin to sell your assets. This is the exact situation the NSAC is in except on a larger scale.

The most important reason for returning the deeds to the auxiliaries was to protect them. As the parent organization, it is our responsibility to protect the auxiliaries. If the NSAC continues to function financially as it has been in the past and currently, the possibility of bankruptcy looms in its near future. If the NSAC were to become insolvent and were placed in receivership, the deeded auxiliaries would be deemed assets of the NSAC by the courts and would have to be sold to meet the financial obligation of the organization without the memberships of any of the auxiliaries having any input in this determination by a court of law, unless the auxiliary could afford legal council itself, which of itself guarantees nothing.

According to the NSAC Attorney, returning the deeds could be interpreted as a change in the structure of the NSAC. Until 1953, the NSAC was known as the NSA, an association basically considered congregational in structure.

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The recent history of the NSAC has shown there were groups which withdrew from the NSAC without legal pursuit. To keep the organization together, perhaps we need to review the original structure of the NSAC and consider a return to a congregational structure. By returning the deeds, the structure of the NSAC as an hierarchical organization has been weakened. It has been suggested by legal council that if it is desired that National remain a hierarchical organization, with the credibility and permanence that such a structure brings, it should be determined what amount is necessary to support NSAC's annual operating costs, what the shortfall is and what properties are available to sell to establish a trust corpus sufficient to meet those needs. Then the question could be faced squarely of what organizational structure is wanted and what assets are available to support that structure.

In the truest meaning of the word, the NSAC is not hierarchical in structure. We elect our Board, the Board is not appointed. The membership of the NSAC in convention is the highest power within the organization not the Board. Perhaps by returning to the congregational structure with members and auxiliaries knowing the NSAC Board is no longer holding the deed to their church over their heads, they will begin the process of encouraging others to become affiliated with the NSAC.

There are three members of the NSAC Board who are members of churches which had been deeded to the NSAC. A question of conflict of interest arose. There is no conflict of interest for these three Board members because there is no personal financial gain in this matter. The IRS is very clear in what can be done with monies obtained by the sale of a church; a new church must be purchased, space for a church must be rented, or the money must go to a similar non-profit organization. There is less conflict of interest in this matter than there is in NSAC Board members being MPI Board members and voting on both boards on matters pertaining to the other board.

The decision was made in hopes of bringing peace of mind to our members and to remove the rumors that the NSAC only wants your property and your money as well as to protect the auxiliaries as much as possible as the NSAC continues to strive to find the solutions for its financial difficulties.

What are my goals for the NSAC. It is clear we must maintain some level of recruitment effort. We cannot simply scrap our public relations programs and hope for the best. But our development plans must be adjusted to fit our finances, they must include positive elements for retention of members as well as for recruitment and they must be in pursuit of reasonable goals. The primary goal is to find a method to use which will assist the NSAC to run in the black at the end of the year. A nice target would be to have a surplus of $10,000 per year and then begin to replace the losses the organization has had over the past decade. The budget, a major financial planning tool, must reflect as accurately as possible our anticipated income and planned expenditures, and be presented in a manner which compares actual operating income to actual expenses before we must withdraw from any investment account whether it be NSAC or Stow.

As a whole, the organization needs to place more emphasis on the Lyceum. Our Lyceumists are our future ministers and leaders. As a fifth generation Spiritualist said, "You do not have a lot of 'stuff' to unlearn when you have been brought up as a Spiritualist."

We need to get our own house in order. We need to plan where we want to go and what we want to accomplish during the next several years, and we need to make plans that work rather than calling wishful thinking a plan or finding a million reasons why something just cannot be done. Spirit is always available to be of assistance to us, but will not do it for us, let us remember our healing prayer, "And I Will Do My Part."

In closing I wish to give each of you the same charge given to every delegate at the formative convention of the NSAC by Milan C. Edson, "I wish to charge every delegate in this Convention that we are here to work in sympathy, to put aside all personal schemes, all prejudices or plans, to sacrifice everything for the common good of our cause . . . I ask you as a favor to the Spirit World, to Spiritualism, to organization, to successful financial organization to think of this and bear yourselves so that when the record of this Convention is written up and becomes history, it shall be such as shall reflect credit upon the Cause of Spiritualism."

_ – ADDENDUM –

As an addendum to my report and to dispel further rumors within the NSAC that the organization had no financial problems until I was elected President, I present the following figures taken from the professional CPA reports and NSAC Treasurer's Reports:

1989	Deficit/Loss	$159,495
1990	Deficit/Loss	$178,187
1991	Deficit/Loss	$245,049
1992	Deficit/Loss	$316,247
1993	Deficit/Loss	$245,539
1994	Deficit/Loss	$306,017
1995	Deficit/Loss	$277,621
1996	Deficit/Loss	$265,670

These figures are based upon actual operating income (no investment income or sale of investments included) less actual operating expenses.

Sincerely,
Rev. Brenda J. Wittich
NSAC President

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changed by vote of the Board to a quarterly basis; produces the monthly mailing for all auxiliaries, operates the NSAC and CSS Book Store, utilizing the materials available, tends to the needs of enrolled CSS students and records all of the financial transactions for the NSAC, Stow and CSS.

Without the assistance of volunteers, we would not have been able to accomplish what was done this past year. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank two very special people, Ms. Jean Hamner of Austin, Texas, who had been in Lily Dale this year and had volunteered her services as a copy girl to the NSAC throughout most of the months of August, September and October. Ms. Hamner worked 6 to 8 hours a day doing nothing more than making copies either for the Board or for this convention. Also to Ms. Cindy Ford of Lily Dale who donated much of her time to assist in any manner she could.

A special thanks also goes to the students of the Morris Pratt Institute Pastoral Skills Seminar which was held in Lily Dale this summer. When we were absolutely swamped at the NSAC office, the entire class came to the office and put out the monthly mail for us in short time.

Without the assistance of all of these wonderful friends, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did. The Rev. Cosie Allen and the Rev. Pamla Ashlay also spent many hours in the NSAC office during the Pastoral Skills Seminar assisting with copying materials when time allowed.

Unfortunately, we cannot depend on volunteer assistance. We have been blessed this year to have had this help, but we also realize that we may have none next year.

Many offers for assistance have been made by individuals at a distance. However, due to the nature of the work, this would not be feasible. Your thoughts and offers were greatly appreciated.

At this time, let us turn to the statistical report of the NSAC. Five certificates have been issued within this past year which represents a drop of fourteen credentials from last year. **Ordinations Conferred (0). National Spiritualist Teachers Degrees (1):** John Young, *Minnesota.* **Licentiate Certificate (3):** Jean Thatcher, *California;* S. Lynn Haluga, *Connecticut;* Marguerite Gutt, *Michigan.* **Certified Medium (1):** Patricia Stranahan, *Virginia.* **Commissioned Healer (0).**

Three examinations will be given at this Convention by the NSAC Board. Two for Ordination and one for National Spiritualist Teachers Degree.

No Honorary Life Memberships have been granted within this past year.

During this past year, the NSAC has lost eight Ordained Ministers through transition who had devoted years of effort to the betterment of this organization and Spiritualism in general.

The Ordained Ministers who have passed this year to the higher life are: Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr.; Rev. Joan Hooper; Rev. Wayne Du Bois; Rev. Marvin Day; Rev. Arthur Willis; Rev. Ida Donadio; Rev. Kattie Mahan; and Rev. Frances Scher. These wonderful workers will be sadly missed by all of us and we are eternally grateful for their help, guidance, inspiration and the love and many blessings they have so graciously shared with us all.

We have had three churches close this past year due to various difficulties: the Temple of Divine Guidance of Brooklyn, New York; the Light of the World Spiritualist Church of Kansas City, Missouri; and the First Spiritualist Church of Cicero, Illinois.

We have issued one new charter this year and we wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center of Canton, Maine. Our congratulations go to this new church and our gratitude for all the hard work that went into the formation of this new affiliate. It is truly a pleasure to welcome this church into Direct Charter membership with the NSAC.

The NSAC Board has also returned 21 deeds to various auxiliaries. The only exceptions are for those auxiliaries which still owe funds to the NSAC.

We have had four churches which did not turn in Annual Reports this year after many attempts to obtain these: The Spiritualist Society of Long Beach, California; First Spiritualist Church, Duluth, Minnesota; First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC, Taylor, Texas; and Spiritualist Church of Inner Light, Billings, Montana.

From 1992 to 1995, our records show a drop in membership for a total of 734 members. Most of these are from churches which had closed or left the NSAC. The reported year of 1995 to 1996 shows the first increase of an additional 209 members. As of last years Annual Reports we show a membership total of 3,607. At present our membership shows a possible reversing trend and with the worldwide interest in spiritual phenomena, this is a very real area of outreach. We should have a better idea of a possible upward trend when the report of the Committee on Auxiliaries is presented. Please remember that churches which do not file their annual reports in a timely manner cannot be calculated into these figures.

As a whole, this organization needs to address the issues of unification as well as implementing Public Relations outreach programs at the camp and local level which will bring in new members. Our issues are those of stabilization, unification and building for the future.

At present we have twelve Spiritualist Camps but only a few of these are on solid ground. As many individuals first learn of the Spiritualist Churches through these camp programs, the general upgrading of our Spiritualist Camps, in all areas can only produce a greater influx to the NSAC Churches. The Spiritualist Camps are a very important link with our Public Relations program.

As individual members of the NSAC, your personal support, given to your local Spiritualist Church and Camp is vital to the existence, future and well-being of these places of enlightenment and knowledge.

In closing, I ask each of you to gratefully acknowledge the work of our Host Churches, The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield and the Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace of Medford, for the tremendous work they have completed and are still performing to assure us a beautiful and memorable Convention.

Rev. Sharon L. Snowman
Secretary

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MORE TRIBUTES . . .

. . . to the Rev. Frances Scher.

A remarkable woman, Frances Scher will be remembered for many things. Music was one of her life's loves, and she said she received her practice singing with her family. The story goes that whenever there was a family disagreement, the parents would get them all together and have a sing-along – sometimes there would be two or three sing-alongs a week.

During the forties Frances formed an all girls band and she was the lead singer. When the band broke up she became a private investigator and then eventually she opened an antique store in Palo Alto. Later, she moved to Southern California and again opened an antique store.

An inquiring soul, she became restless with the Jewish faith that she had been raised in and over the years she tried many different religions. Finally her sister Laverne attended Rev. Foard's service in Hollywood. Laverne was so impressed with Spiritualism's concepts that her excitement encouraged Frances to attend one of the services. Iva Mae Stockwell, who was CSSA secretary at the time, gave her a message from her father. The message was about Frances' shoes, which was evidential for her father had a thing about shoes. He insisted all the family have good shoes no matter if they could afford them or not. This convinced Frances Scher that she was receiving a message from her father and she decided Spiritualism was to be her religion. She studied, took classes and courses, became certified as a medium and eventually became an NSAC Minister, and a National Spiritualist Teacher.

The Rev. Frances Scher was active in the State Spiritualist Association holding many positions. She founded two churches and was involved in all phases of Spiritualism, including writing for the publications and writing two books. She was a wonderful teacher, with strong beliefs and a strong voice for Spiritualism in her private life, in the churches, in the State Association and in the National Spiritualist Association. Because of her teaching, writing, dedication and knowledge, the NSAC honored her with two awards in 1991 – one for Literature, and one for Lifetime Service.

When her health began to fail, she retired to Southern California to a Jewish Rest Home. There she continued to teach Spiritualism. Frances was indeed a teacher, a doer and a believer. She had a powerful spark and did much to help other people. The Rev. Frances Scher was very much loved and respected. She will be missed in the physical, and will be most welcome when she touches in with us from the Spiritual Side of Life.



In Memory of
Rev. Frances Scher, NST
September 2, 1997

by Loll Washburn

My companion, friend, light of my life
Is what Rev. Scher meant to me.
Oh, we scrapped like two normal people
And yet there was much to see.

Being staunch in our work and in our belief
The Association and Churches meant everything.
No matter who liked or disagreed
We rose above the sting.

There was a power and a definite purpose
As the days and years were to unfold,
We laughed and smiled through conditions that were tough
As we gave this story of Old.

The Spirit was kind to both of us
When I visited the day before,
The warmth that passed in a lovely vibration
Came for me to keep memories in store.

And now there's a space that had to be
As her graduation day appeared.
There was no mistake in this Infinite plan
While the Natural Law face did rear!

We both are on a new beginning
As her life and mine go on,
This is a part of our Spiritualist work
While we adjust to our new song.

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IN MEMORY . . .

. . . *of Ismael N. Rivera.*

Ismael N. Rivera went to a higher expression of life on August 14, 1997 at Elmont, New York. He was a medium and a healer since very early in his life. In his meditations he received the name for the church, New Horizon Spiritualist Church which he was an eager founder in 1990. He was able to understand the religion of Spiritualism and this helped him bear his difficulties in life and in spirit. Ismael ministered to many through his understanding. He carried at times the offices of secretary and treasurer of the church in a qualified and dignified manner.

Being a veteran of the Korean Conflict his remains were put to rest with honor. His ashes were buried underground in the Galverton National Cemetery in Long Island. The Spiritualist Service was conducted by the ministers of the Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC, of Patchogue, Long Island, New York, by the Rev. Catherine Snell and the Rev. Janet Travis. Also participating in the prayer service were the Rev. Virginia Berg and the Rev. Nancy Lloyd from A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC, from Smithlawn, Long Island, New York. The sermon was compiled and written by the Rev. Milagros G. Rivera (wife of the deceased) based on George Lamsas' interpretation of *The Twenty-Third Psalm.* This gave consolation to everyone present.

One of the inspirational poems of Ismael Rivers is as follows:

The Grace of God be with you.
In this and every day.
The Peace of God be with you,
As you go on your way.
The Love of God surround you,
In everything you do,
And may God Bless You,
and Bless your Dear Ones too.

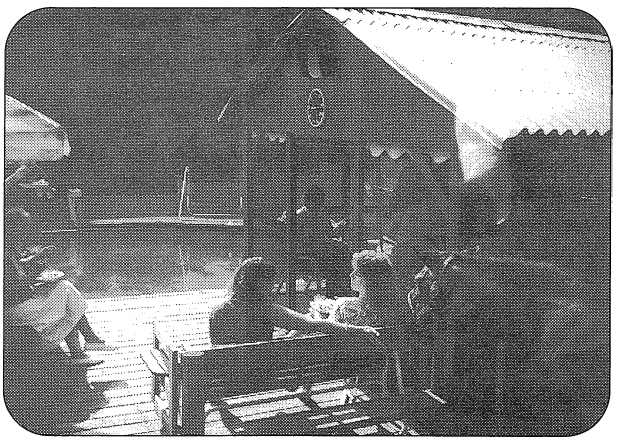
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CHARTER IN MAINE

Beautiful Hartford, Maine welcomes a new National Spiritualist Church. The Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Center held a special service on Sunday, August 17, 1997, to celebrate the acceptance of the church as an affiliate of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. The National Charter was presented to the church President, Mary Sigurdsson, by Virginia Norris, the church Secretary. Following the special service a barbeque was enjoyed on the deck. Even the horse attended this fun sharing of Spiritualists and friends. Church services are held each Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the congregation joins in a barbeque after each service. There are also classes on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The pastor of the new church is the Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST.



Charter presentation outside the church. Pictured left to right: Vice President Wayne Collins, President Mary Sigurdsson, Pastor Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson, NST, Secretary Virginia Norris, Treasurer Lillian Leadbetter, and Director Kathy Langlin.



And the barbeque was enjoyed by all!!!

FEATURE

Eternal Truth and Law

Excerpts from *World Scripture, A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts*

"The eternal word, truth, wisdom, or principle pre-existed the creation of the universe, and continues to function in guiding the creative process. The Word is all-pervasive, and operates through specific physical, moral, and spiritual laws." The Christian religion "describes the essence of Truth as that which is comprehended only in Christ" and also "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. *John 1.1-4* According to Buddhism, Principle "is hidden from surface phenomena and may be understood only when the external world is not grasped or discriminated." Christian Science feels "it is Mind-only . . . Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to divine Principle, and support the equipoise of that thought-force, which launched the earth in its orbit . . ." This theme of Mind-only finds echoes in contemporary metaphysical movements. Islam writes in the *Qur'an*, "He has created the heavens and the earth with truth." From the *Artharva Veda* a Hindu text, "From the bosom of the sacred Word he brought forth the world. On high, below, he abides in his own laws." The Unification Church teaches, "God moves according to universal law. Universal law does not work for the sake of oneself, but for the public good. Universal law embodies the spirit of sacrifice and service towards others." Judaism from the *Mishnah, Makkot 3.16,* "The Holy One desired to make Israel worthy, so He gave them many laws and commandments." Taoism *Tao Te Ching 73,* "The net of Heaven is cast wide. Though the mesh is not fine, yet nothing ever slips through." African *Igbo Proverb,* "As you plan for somebody so God plans for you." ▸

FEATURE

Departed Invited to Attend Convention of Spiritualists

(1945)

COLUMBUS (O.), Oct. 23,. – (AP) – Two Spirits Mediums will attempt to convey greetings from the Spirit World to a public gathering of more than 200 persons tomorrow.

The seance will be one of the principal events of the Fifty-third Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association.

The two mediums are Mrs. Florence Becker of San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Martha Haupt of Independence, Kentucky.

What sort of greetings and from whom they will come when the two mediums "tune in" their celestial radio sets is not certain, the mediums explained.

Mrs. Becker "pastor" of a Spiritualist Church called the Golden Gate in San Francisco, has been described a "10-tube medium" by Ralph Pressing, of New York, editor and publisher of the *Psychic Observer,* a bi-monthly Spiritualist newspaper.

Pressing says he describes minor mediums as "Just two-tube sets."

The 220 delegates convened here for the six-day convention represent an association membership of 40,000 with adherents in thirty-four countries, according to Smith and Dr. Victoria Barnes of Chicago, an Association trustee.

The national group charters "churches" and ordains mediums.

Smith reported the National Association has conducted drives against persons demonstrated to be fake mediums. ▸

An old newspaper clipping sent to *TNS* by the Rev. Donald Haddick, NST.



Closer To The Light

BY SAM LOSHAW, CANADA

As I walked along the path of my life, doing things the hard way, I never really realized that the hard way is God's wake up call for myself as well as most of the people on this planet. Some of us become lucky when we suddenly hear the call which sets our lives in motion. No more drifting about like a cork on the ocean. A light now shines down giving us the guidance and the friendship of spirit.

Each of us has a different task. Some people come here to learn more about spiritual matters while others only come here to experience the different aspects of life.

The most important work anybody can do here on this planet is to help others awaken to the truth of this journey. ▸

Thoughts For Today

Take time to live:
it is one secret of success.

Take time to think:
it is the source of power.

Take time to play:
it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read:
it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time for friendship:
it is the source of happiness.

Take time to laugh:
it helps to lift life's load.

Take time to dream:
it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time for God:
it is life's only lasting investment.

– Author Unknown

What Is Success

To laugh often and love much.

To win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children.

To earn the approval of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

To give of one's self without the slightest thought of return;

To have accomplished a task, whether by a healthy child, a rescued soul, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation;

To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded;

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in all sacred texts are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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