



# NSAC News

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## New NSAC Religious Services Book Launch

The new *NSAC Religious Services* book will be launched next month during Convention 2018 in Milwaukee.

This new book has been published to assist ministers, pastoral committees, and members who serve churches at Spiritualist services. It is not only for those directly involved in Spiritualist services. It is recommended for every Spiritualist and for those who are investigating or studying the Religion of Spiritualism. The *NSAC Religious Services* book is for those who

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want to draw on expanded resources not available in the companion book, the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual*, published last year.

More than a how-to book, the religious services are suggested for use either as presented or as a resource. Readers are encouraged to use what is suggested and personalize it, adding their own words. Every Spiritualist religious service, as detailed, follows NSAC teachings and guidelines.

Services in this new book include: regular Spiritualist religious services, complete information on Spiritualist Healing, NSAC Anniversary, Holiday, Patriotic, Child Naming and Dedication, Marriage and Commitment, Funeral and Memorial services.

Spiritualist ceremonies include Admission to Fellowship, Pastor and Trustee installation, and provide model ceremonies for Charter Presentation, building, dining room or social hall, and musical-instrument dedications.

But that's not everything! There are several pages in the Resources for Religious Services section that in-

clude: Church Environment, Platform Decorum for everyone on the church platform, including *Mediums* and *Healers Do and Don't*; plus much more.

The *NSAC Religious Services* book, a 258-page, hard-cover volume, can be ordered from NSAC Bookstore, [nsacbookstore@nsac.org](mailto:nsacbookstore@nsac.org), 716-595-2000 or purchased at Convention 2018.

The concluding words of the Introduction by Writer and Editor James Ehrhart state: *This NSAC Religious Services book is a tool that can help plant seeds for those now and in the future: Spiritualist ministers, speakers, healers, mediums, and teachers, as well as those attending religious service at NSAC churches.*

*This book is dedicated to every Spiritualist who has helped advance the Religion of Spiritualism, past and present, here and in the Spirit World.*

## How do we attract new people to our churches and camps? Part 3

Welcome to Part 3 of *Attracting New People to our Churches!* Be proactive in your own Spiritualist community! We need to help promote our neighboring churches and camps. Display a map at your church, putting pins in the cities and states that have NSAC churches and camps. With this information easily accessible, your congregation, when traveling, will be able to see where other churches and camps are located. If your church has a social-media account be sure to share links to the NSAC website, Morris Pratt website, and Facebook Page, as well as other NSAC churches and camps pages. Let us unite the community of Spiritualism. Share fliers for events from neighboring churches. Attend other churches events if possible and always support each other.

What about interfaith organizations for our ordained ministers? Many large cities have these, and they sometimes hold public interfaith services.

Remember to have fun!! Not every person that comes through the doors of our churches is looking to be on a committee, on the board, or a platform worker. Most are just looking for a place to fit in and be wanted, not just through God and Spirit but by us. We need to provide this acceptance and be welcoming, warm, and open. How about a potluck luncheon? Throw a party, plan a field trip! Make time to just be us and have FUN! I'm not saying we don't have fun in our churches, but Sunday services are reserved for paying respect to Infinite Intelligence and Spirit and for receiving healing and comfort. All churches should have some sort of fellowship before or after service if time allows, but if you are restricted, then plan a cookout at a park or someone's house. Taking these extra steps will be noticed and reap large rewards.

How about getting in touch with people who were coming to your church or camp but you haven't seen for a while? Maybe a telephone call or send them a card? Who doesn't want

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to feel wanted or important? That personal touch can make a difference. This is also a good time to remind churches to have a guestbook for people to sign.

I hope you have benefitted from these ideas on how to bring new people to our churches and camps, and to keep them returning. Hopefully, some of them have inspired you to think outside the box in promoting our loving religion of Modern Spiritualism and the NSAC.

—Stacy Kopchinski, Director  
NSAC Department of Missionaries

## NSAC Convention 2018 Advance Schedule

September 30–October 5, 2018 – Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, Milwaukee

Schedule subject to change; visit NSAC website Convention page for latest convention information: [www.nsac.org](http://www.nsac.org).

### Sunday, September 30

3:00 – 5:00 Taste of Wisconsin  
Welcome Reception  
3:00 – 4:30 Registration  
7:00 – 7:20 Healing Service  
7:30 – 8:30 Religious Service

### Monday, October 1

8:00 – 9:00 Convention Registration  
8:00 – 9:00 Workshop Check-in  
9:00 – 12:30 Workshop: *Pastoral Conflict in the 21st Century*, Bonnie Crosier and Norma Turner  
1:30 – 4:00 Workshop: *Multiculturalism and Modern American Spiritualism: Uniting the Worlds*, Jackie Randall, Marris Coverson, Charvonne Carlson

5:30 – 6:30 No-Host Reception  
6:30 – 10:30 Dinner and Dancing

### Tuesday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 3

7:30 Tues. NST Club meets  
7:30 Wed. Ministerial Association meets  
8:30 – 8:45 Registration  
9:00 – 4:30 Convention Business Session  
7:00 – 7:20 Healing Service  
7:30 – 8:30 Religious Service

### Thursday, October 4

7:30 Spiritualist Healers League meets  
8:30 – 8:45 Registration  
9:00 – 12:00 Convention Business Session

1:00 – 3:00 Healer's League presents *Spiritual Healing Workshop* (no charge; Love donation accepted)  
2:00 – 5:00 MPI Open House (*Reception*) Shuttle bus available (\$10)  
7:00 – 7:20 Healing Service  
7:30 – 8:30 Religious Service

### Friday, October 5

7:30 Licentiate Ministers & Certified Mediums Society meet  
9:00 – 4:30 Convention Business Session

## Gratitude Corner

The following have donated time and/or funding since the July News:

Michigan State Spiritualist Association; Laurie Drake; The First Spiritual Temple; The Spiritual Science of Life Church NSAC; Central Spiritualist Church; Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC (DJ); Jim Ehrhart and Joe Owen; Camp Edgewood, NSAC; Patricia Craig; JT & EJ Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church; Betty Hutt; Richard Newburg; Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church.

There may be members in your church or camp who deserve special recognition for their continuing service in helping build and support your auxiliary? Gratitude Corner is a place where they can be introduced and publicly thanked.

To express appreciation to these members in this column, simply contact NSAC Administrator Bobbie Caswell with details at 716-595-2000 or [nsacadmin@nsac.org](mailto:nsacadmin@nsac.org)

## Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

**The Way of Life**, by Arthur Findlay. A guide to the Etheric world giving

419 extracts from the records of sittings with John Campbell Sloan, the famous Glasgow Direct Voice Medium. BKS110, \$13.80

**On the Edge of the Etheric**, by Arthur Findlay. Based upon the mediumship of John Sloan. Subtitled *Survival After Death Scientifically Explained*, this volume supplies the key to the mystery of what awaits us all after physical death. BKS280, \$19.95

**The Rock of Truth**, by Arthur Findlay. This is the second book in Findlay's famous trilogy (*On the Edge of the Etheric* being the first and *The Unfolding Universe* the third), which investigates the origin of the Christian faith, and can rightly be regarded as a classic among the annals of psychic literature. BKS180, \$21.95

**The Unfolding Universe**, by Arthur Findlay. "This is Arthur Findlay's greatest book. In it he gives a comprehensive picture of the Universe, as revealed by spiritualism. . . His philosophy and his psychic experiences must satisfy all human desires as to life and conduct on earth and out destiny after death." – *Psychic News* BKS109, \$28.95

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, [nsacbookstore@nsac.org](mailto:nsacbookstore@nsac.org), 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

## Reminders

**September 23:** Observe NSAC Day  
**September 27:** 125th Anniversary of NSAC founding in 1893  
**September 30–October 5:** NSAC Convention 2018, Milwaukee

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