



Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from October 1 through December 31, 2019:

Ordained Minister: Patricia Horne, Sabbatus, Maine

Licentiate Minister: Jean Mandeville, Willimantic, Connecticut

Certified Medium: Sandra Bulson, Willimantic, Connecticut

National Spiritualist Teacher: Charvonne Carlson, West Allis, Wisconsin; Debra (*Deedee*) Freeman, Phoenix, Arizona; Patricia Horne, Sabbatus, Maine

Congratulations to these members for their achievements. They have continued their Spiritualist education and have applied for and been granted certification.

Gratitude Corner

Patricia Horne has generously donated new, handmade curtains for windows in the newly renovated NSAC Bookstore. Thank you, Patricia.



The Bookstore is renovated, with a fresh new appeal.

Thank you to Angela Di Berardino for donation to NSAC of a trumpet once owned by the Rev. Gladys Warren and used in séances at Redwood City or San Francisco, California churches.

The First Spiritualist Temple of East Aurora has received a painting,

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Candlelight Service in Normal to Remember Those Lost to Violence

A special multifaith service to remember people lost to violence in 2019 will take place at 4 pm on December 29 at the Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, Normal, Illinois.

The “Prayers for Peace” service will take place in the chapel of the Campus Religious Center, 210 West Mulberry Street, Normal. Representatives of several faith groups will take part.

“It’s a time for prayer and meditation and contemplation,” said the Rev. Bonnie Crosier, pastor of Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church. “Not everyone is an activist, but they still want to do something to promote peace.

“The purpose is to pray for peace and remember those who were killed by violence during the past year,” she said.

“It is a candlelight service during which a candle is lit for each person who died locally from violence,” said Crosier. “The back of the program lists the number of people in each state who died from violence.”

“It makes an impact when you see how many have died in each state,” she said.

After having such a service last year, “our church decided we wanted to make this an annual thing,” said Crosier. The plan is to always have it on the last Sunday of the year. Everyone is welcome.

In addition to Crosier, Imam Saad Palwala of the McLean County Islamic Center, Perry Rock of the Baha’i Community, and a Christian minister will take part in the service.

“If we of different faiths can come together, perhaps we as a community can come together,” said Crosier.

“A donation will be made to the Peace Corps from any offerings received at the service,” she added.

Coffee and coffee cake fellowship will follow the service.

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Transition

James Stewart Ehrhart

November 6, 1937—January 3, 2020



James S. Ehrhart passed to spirit suddenly on January 3, 2020. A native of New York, Jim moved to San Francisco in 1964.

A student of all religions, Jim found his home in the Religion of Spiritualism, attaining all credentials, Ordained Minister, National Spiritualist Teacher, Certified Medium, and Commissioned Spiritualist Healer.

The Reverend Ehrhart served four years on the NSAC Board of Trustees from 2014–18, and was elected Vice President of Morris Pratt Institute in 2017, having prior served as an MPI Trustee. Jim was elected Associate Pastor of Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco in 2010.

Jim was author and editor of the 20th edition of the *NSAC Spiritualist Manual* (published in 2017), having extensively revised and rewritten its text. He compiled, wrote, and added a 23-page Spiritualist Glossary to the Manual. He also was author and editor of the *NSAC Religious Services* book, expanded and first published as a hardcover title in 2018. In 2019, Jim developed and wrote a new 27-lesson MPI course, *Spiritualism: A Religion of Happiness*.

Jim’s passion was education. He taught a monthly class at his church for over 12 years, for which he compiled and published new handouts for each class. In commenting on Jim’s passing, church President Michael Franklin said, “His wisdom, insight, and clarity made Spiritualism understandable, approachable, and complete. We were privileged to be his students, and I do not believe that we will see his like again.”

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Jim is survived by his partner of 46 years, Joe Owen. No formal religious or memorial service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to the Morris Pratt Institute, 11811 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

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commemorating the growth of Spiritualism. Thank you to long-time member Don King.

Are there 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 with details at nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

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(Lenore Sabota reporting. This news item appeared in The Pantagraph, Bloomington, Illinois, December 22, 2019, and is an example of publicity from which a church can benefit simply by notifying the media of events well in advance.)

Reminders

January 25: Observance of Founders Day honoring Andrew Jackson Davis and the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum

January 31: Renewals of Credentials for LM, CM, and CH due at NSAC. (Ordained ministers holding CM and CH certifications are exempt from

this filing) (file with church secretary; payable to church; church secretary forwards as group to NSAC Headquarters)

October 11-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix



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