



## Letter from the President

### Thank You, George Floyd

Mr. Floyd must be amazed and bewildered by the uprising his untimely death has brought about. He never could have imagined that people from all walks of life, would stand in unison to oppose the generational recurrence of injustice against black people, his people. He could never have imagined that the outcry would have morphed into having such a deeper meaning. Those who protest demonstrate that they have had enough. A world of people, in all their diversities, have come together to speak out against injustice and speak loudly for an end to inequality. The time has come for the message to be heard and acted upon.

Any significant change is brought about during times of strife. On December 16, 1773 a group of people threw 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor in protest of British rule. The Civil War began April 12, 1861 and lasted until May 9, 1865. There was nothing civil about it. Likewise, the two World Wars. Each one of these events created lasting changes. Although the circumstances were different, they all had similar beginnings. The people had finally had enough.

Spiritualism, since its inception as a formal religion, has always declared equal human rights for all. The principles we strive to live by succinctly state that we are to treat others as we would treat ourselves. Modern American Spiritualism was ultimately born from the death of a simple peddler. Mr. Rosna, like Mr. Floyd, could never have imagined the effect his death would have upon the world. Now is not the time to debate the philosophical nuances of why we must reach our breaking point before any significant and lasting change comes to fruition. It is now time to act. Mr. Floyd unknowingly became the human catalyst that sparked the current world wide protests. This spark must not be allowed

to extinguish. We all must see to it that change from the injustices becomes inevitable. Far too many have lost their lives in order for this to be so.

In the Spiritualist fashion, let us all remember that we are personally responsible to act appropriately in all circumstances. It is okay to be angry, upset, frustrated, and hurt by these times of unrest. It is not okay to project your pain upon others. Use your feelings to spur you into taking those actions that will be of benefit to all humanity. This is what it means to be a Spiritualist.

Thank you, Mr. George Floyd for your ultimate sacrifice. We are so very sorry. We send healing and prayers to you, your friends and family members, and all those who have lost their lives unjustly. May Infinite Intelligence provide us with the support and fortitude we need to reflect as spiritual pillars of our communities. One day we will know we made a difference. And, in true Spiritualist fashion, may each one of us do it with the glint of Infinite grace that forever shines within us.

With blessings and love,  
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH  
President

## Call for Trustee Candidates Reminder

We are pleased to share with you an exciting opportunity to become a member of the Board of Trustees. The NSAC Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for three open Trustee positions.

The terms expiring in October include Treasurer Jan Watson and Trustees Bunny Starr and Havivah Richards. Jan and Havivah have indicated they are available to serve if reelected.

If you feel you have the qualifications and time to commit to service as an NSAC Trustee, be sure to obtain a copy of the Call for Candidates, available to download from the NSAC website Documents page, [nsac.org/member-pages/documents/](https://www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents/). This document

contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement. If you do not have the password for member pages, it may be requested by email to [nsacinfo@nsac.org](mailto:nsacinfo@nsac.org). Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 17, 2020. Please email (as attachments) to Valerie Miller, Chair of Nominating Committee, [valerielynne22@gmail.com](mailto:valerielynne22@gmail.com).

A *Candidates for Election* document will be mailed to auxiliaries approximately six weeks before the Annual Convention. Candidate statements with photos will help everyone identify candidates and know more about them prior to the election at the Convention.

## Board of Trustees Receives Long-Range Strategic Plan

On June 5, 2020 the Board of Trustees received the Long-Range Strategic Plan from the Long-Range Planning Committee. This submission enables the Board to review the Plan before LRPC formally presents it to the Board at its Annual Spring Board Meeting on July 28. This Board meeting had been postponed from end-of-April to end-of-July due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This Plan was developed with input from nearly 160 members, including a 2019 NSAC Annual Convention small-group activity by at least 91 delegates, and a follow-up online survey with 66 respondents. The flipcharts of the Convention groups have been transcribed and posted, along with their instructions and some initial analysis, on the NSAC Website. So those of you Delegates who provided these data, and those of you who were unable to attend the 2019 Convention and want the background, please go to this page: <https://www.nsac.org/member-pages/documents/>. The LRPC materials are all at the very top of the page.

The eight-member LRPC then worked in 21 nearly weekly Zoom teleconference work sessions from November 2019 through May 2020, logging more than 60 hours of group contact time and nearly 400 hours of working together as a group, plus untold hours of individual effort, to craft a Plan designed to support, guide, and shape the NSAC well on its way to becoming the Leader in Modern Spirituality by 2023.

Despite the pandemic-caused delay, the LRPC remains on track in its action plan to submit the Plan to the 2020 NSAC Annual Convention:

July 28: Present Plan to the NSAC Board of Trustees at their Annual Spring Board Meeting.

August 4: Receive Board feedback on Plan.

August: Apply Board feedback to produce a final Long-Range Strategic Plan.

August 31: Submit LRPC report and final Long-Range Strategic Plan to NSAC Secretary for posting on NSAC Website, mailing to all auxiliaries, and including in 2020 Convention materials.

September: LRPC hosts several Zoom teleconferences open to NSAC members to answer their questions and receive their feedback.

October 11-16: Plan submitted to 2020 NSAC Annual Convention for delegates to review and adopt.

NSAC Board of Trustees begins to implement approved Long-Range Strategic Plan at its Post-Convention Board Meeting.

The NSAC/LRPC very much looks forward to receiving your input! Please forward ideas, questions, or comments to Steve Vogel, LRPC Chair at [steven.j.vogel@earthlink.net](mailto:steven.j.vogel@earthlink.net) or 703-241-3763.

## From the Secretary

There have been many calls to the NSAC office about the NSAC Annual Report. The Annual Report is due to the NSAC office by August 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes the per capita, charter fees and delegates/proxy forms for the convention. I am working with Stacy Kopchinski, and the Social Media Committee on hosting a zoom meeting for those who have questions on the Annual Report.

## Annual Report: Part 1 of 2

It is that time of the year, when churches should begin getting familiar with the NSAC Annual Report. Please note that the NSAC Fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The data you enter on the annual report must follow the NSAC Fiscal year. If your auxiliary's fiscal year differs from the NSAC fiscal year, you must realign the data to reflect the NSAC's fiscal year.

It is extremely important that each auxiliary checks their Charter to include the proper charter number and date of the charter. If your Charter does not have a number and/or date on it, please reflect that on the report.

It is extremely important that each auxiliary provides a detailed membership list. The office received numerous calls about doing mass emails, or mailings to each NSAC member. With the reports that the office has on file, most reports did not have proper mailing addresses, phone numbers and/or emails, so putting out a mass mailing or email was not an option. Please consider having your members to provide you with the correct information.

We found several contact person's email; phone number were incorrect on the reports. We understand that positions change during the year which makes it important to send the NSAC office an email reflecting the changes ensuring our records are current. Remember, that the information on the Annual Report is the information used in the NSAC Yearbook and website directory.

The Annual Report must include a copy of your current insurance policy, current and complete information on your banking institutions, and if you revised your Bylaws in the past year, enclose a current copy of the Bylaws.

## From Western Wisconsin Camp Association

Change is an opportunity for growth, whether it be by choice or by circumstance. Here at Western Wisconsin Camp Association we are embracing growth. The Wonewoc Spiritualist Camp implemented new online scheduling for zoom, skype and phone readings in an effort to keep our clients and staff safe from Covid-19. This exciting new chapter allows the camp to

grow and preserve this beautiful land while allowing year-round readings from mediums from around the United States.

## From Pine Grove Spiritualist Camp

### A Time for Gratitude

Like so many other businesses and facilities, Pine Grove has had to modify its normal schedule of open days and operations, but we are still planning to open for special events in which we can socially distance and stay safe. Our schedule is still in process as we wait for news from Governor Lamont about the phase-ins.

Especially because of people's increased need for spiritual support, we are hoping to have a Mediums Day, ongoing availability of mediums for private readings, a couple of drum circles, plus a Holographic Sound Healing concert with Randeane Tetu. Dates to be determined.

This is our 138th year of continual operation. The Camp has operated every year since 1882 in spite of such adversities as the 1918 flu pandemic, the great depression and two world wars. With your help, we are expecting that the Camp will weather this storm as well.

Memberships are one of our important sources of income to cover expenses even when we're not open. As a current or former member, you know the value the camp brings to our community.

Please strongly consider renewing your membership this year in support of the Camp's ongoing mission to our spiritual community. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

For camp updates, visit our website <http://www.pinegrovespiritualistcamp.net> as well as our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PineGroveSpiritualistCamp> for all information about events as soon as we know them. After checking these resources and still have questions, please contact us at our Pine Grove email address: [pinegrovesc@gmail.com](mailto:pinegrovesc@gmail.com).

By renewing your membership, attending events, donations and word of mouth, you will help our beloved Camp to grow stronger. If we have more than one address for you, let us know which

one is preferred. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Blessings of Love and Light,  
Sandy Labrecque  
First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic

## Gratitude Corner

I would like to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank the Reverend Stacy Kopchinski during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Stacy volunteered to teach a series of Tuesday night 90-minute (sometimes longer) mediumship classes via Zoom in April and May that were very interesting and well attended. The classes were polished and very well thought out. Stacy used Power Point demonstrations that she designed for the classes; each were professionally done, useful and informative and I am grateful for them.

I also want to thank the NST Teachers Club for the series of online classes they offered every Saturday for the last month or so. The content was interesting, and it was clearly evident that each volunteer that gave up their Saturday mornings worked extremely hard on their valuable presentations and content.

Shannon Hall Walker  
First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic

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

## NSAC Bookstore News

The bookstore continues to fill phone and email orders. While things are slower, it's a great time to make valuable additions to your library.

Due to COVID-19, Lily Dale Assembly will open this summer to the public June 26<sup>th</sup>, limiting the guests to only 80 (reduction of over 60%). The NSAC Bookstore will remain open to visitors this summer on a limited basis. The bookstore hours are as follows:

**M, W, F 10am-4pm & Sat 10am-1pm**

If you are visiting Lily Dale this summer, please stop by the bookstore and check out the renovations. In addition to our vast variety of books, where you will find shirts and items for sale that you could only get at the convention.

Sales of those items support funding the convention.

We are following New York State and CDC on COVID-19, which included postings and building a plexiglass divide between customer and staff.

## Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that which is for their highest and best needs.

Agnes McQ.  
Brian B.  
Cassidy L.  
Chris B.  
Danielle C.  
Faye E.  
Frank D.  
Gabise S.  
Janet O'H.  
Jill F.  
Nancy C.  
Sona S.  
Tendai M.  
Violet M.

Your healing prayers are needed and benefit others in ways we may never know.

### Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.

### To request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission from the person, or from their caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then notify the Spiritual Healing Center. Spiritual healing is

directed to a specific individual. To list more than one individual from a household or group, submit first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center  
[nsachealing@nsac.org](mailto:nsachealing@nsac.org)

## Employment

The office is looking for someone interested in mowing the back lawn and keep the grounds clean. Our gardener will be retiring after this summer, if you know someone interested in the position, please have them call the NSAC office.

## Reminders

**June 30:** End of Church fiscal year; time to commence preparation of annual report due August 31.

**July 17:** NSAC Trustee candidate statement deadline.

**August 1:** *Credential Renewal Application* due to church secretary from Ordained Ministers, and National Spiritualist Teachers.

**August 31:** *Annual Report and Convention Delegate Credential* forms from each auxiliary due at NSAC. Check for earlier due date if member of state association.

**October 11-16:** NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix.

## Dates in Spiritualism

**June 10, 1956:** Transition—Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, third President, NSAC

**June 17, 1832-1919:** Birthday—Sir William Crookes (psychical research).

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