



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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Letter from the President

Have you started to make your travel plans and reservations for our upcoming convention in Phoenix, AZ in October? We will finally be able to greet our friends face to face. One of the best things that came out of this pandemic is our ability to connect on the computer. Many churches currently have in place or are considering hybrid services. This is a marvelous way to attract individuals outside your local communities and spiritually feed those who cannot attend in person. Many times, I've been asked about Spiritualist church services, and I am now able to answer with a list of Zoom services.

The news has indicated that there is currently yet another rise in Covid cases, predominantly overseas. Please remain diligent with the sanitizing procedures you have put into place for those churches that are now open. If you feel it necessary, ask your parishioners to wear masks while inside your church buildings. Those churches that remain closed may find that it is better to keep the doors closed for a while longer. It is important to stay current with local information so you can make the very best decision for all concerned.

World events have taken a catastrophic toll on families. Spiritualism is in a unique position to bring comfort to those who are suffering. Grief comes in many forms. Some are obvious and some are not so obvious. Spiritualist ministers, healers, and mediums unite to stand as pillars of strength for those who are crippled by the devastating effects of war. People grieve because their family members and friends have been taken from them. They grieve because they have lost their homes, their pets, their jobs, their country. We can help! Now is the time to lend your support through your spiritual insights. Do what you can materially and emotionally for those who come before you and pray. Pray for peace, my dear friends.

Spiritualism is a religion of optimism. The principles we declare in

our services share hope, the promise of a bright future, and a way to find the resolve within to bear whatever is currently burdening us. Carry on with your own understanding of the magnificent source of life we have been given from Infinite Intelligence and extend your hand to at least one person along the way. Take them with you on your journey so they too can live with the inner comfort that Spiritualism brought into your life. Perhaps then they will feel the same way you did when you first crossed the threshold of a Spiritualist church. You found a home. Now is the perfect time to share it.

I want to share with you the words of Maya Angelou: "My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart."

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

Serving on the Board: All Positions Open!

As we have not met for Convention the past *two* years because of the pandemic, we will be voting for *all* positions on the Board.

The Trustee terms originally expiring in October 2020 consist of Treasurer (Interim Stacy Kopchinski), Trustee (Interim Betty Hutt), and Trustee Havivah Richards. These positions are for a one-year term, to maintain the proper Trustee rotation.

The Trustee terms originally expiring in October 2021 consist of President (Christine Krithades), Trustee (June Kilmer), and Trustee (originally Stacy Kopchinski, Interim Jen Rosson). These positions are for a two-year term, to maintain the proper Trustee rotation. As a reminder, Christine has declined to seek a third term as President.

Trustee terms expiring in October 2022 consist of Vice President (Cosie

Allen), Secretary (JoAnn Santonocito), and Trustee Bonnie Crosier.

Please note that all Trustee candidates should attend the free class on Safe Zone Training (see next item in this issue).

Think about serving on the Board! More details will be presented in the next issue of the *NSAC News* with information from the Nominating Committee.

Reminder: Safe Zone Training

The NSAC Board is honored to offer this free training class to our members and fellow Spiritualists. Spiritualism is founded on equality, fairness, and love for all of humanity.

This class is mandatory for current Board members. Any candidates for Board positions should also attend.

For congregants to feel loved, they need to first feel safe. Join our Safe Zone Training about caring for LGBTQIA+ congregants* hosted online by the LGBT Center of Southeast Wisconsin on Monday, May 23, 7:00–9:00 PM CT (8:00 PM ET, 6:00 PM MT, 5:00 PM PT). This free training is full of implementable measures to help your congregants feel more at home.

Register in advance for this meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud02prDguEt1Tc64VAfwtdudfERAS_04L](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693?pwd=ZUdud02prDguEt1Tc64VAfwtdudfERAS_04L)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

*For an explanation of LGBTQIA+, see www.goodrx.com/health-topic/lgbtq/meaning-of-lgbtqia

Help Wanted

The NSAC Office seeking part-time help this summer during the Lily Dale Season to assist in the Bookstore. Weekends are a must, from June 24 to September 4.

Please contact the NSAC office for more information at nsacinfo@nsac.org

MPI May Zoom Class

Morris Pratt Institute is excited to present an important class that will contribute to expanding your understanding and awareness of Spiritualism.

Pay though PayPal to receive link: www.paypal.com/paypalme/morrisprat1902?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US&fbclid=IwAR3KN3VzLQCf_17jrfOf05fqUHStXP6Q_rM9bUfdHJ1gFBkXDnZgQVB3--s or call 414-774-2994.

The Kybalion. Tuesday, May 24 at 6–8 PM ET (5 PM CT, 4 PM MT, 3 PM PT). Tuition is \$50.00. Taught by Rev. Lelia Cutler NST.

Learn about this book and its relation to Spiritualism and Mediumship. The *Kybalion* is a summary of Hermetic philosophy. There are seven seed truths contained in this book. Hermetic philosophy is an explanation of the universal fundamental principles that determine how reality works. We suggest buying this book on Amazon and bringing it to the online Zoom class.

The link to order the Kybalion book is www.amazon.com/Kybalion-Hermetic-Philosophy-Illustrated-Annotated/dp/0943217210/ref=sr_1_3?crid=2SKID4A75RDNB&keywords=Kybalion+book&qid=1649365334&sprifix=kybalion+book%2Ccaps%2C87&sr=8-3.

In June, another exciting class is planned: Introduction to Trance, taught by Rev. Rosemary Calderalo. Details will appear soon on our website and social media, so keep an eye out!

Stacy Kopchinski
MPI Administrator

Web Committee

Anyone requesting information to be placed on the NSAC website may submit information to nsacmedia@nsac.org.

Your information will be reviewed prior to placing on the website to ensure it fits placement guidelines.

Gratitude Corner

To express appreciation to members through this column, simply provide details and contact NSAC at Dept.pub@nsac.org.

MPI Noteworthy News

On May 7, 2022, the Morris Pratt Institute had its annual Membership meeting. The meeting was held on Zoom. This saved the members the expense of travel and provided a platform that accommodated those who found travel a challenge.

The members voted to accept two new members into the Association. Congratulations to The Reverends Linda O'Connor and Jen Rosson! New ideas always bring renewed enthusiasm, and MPI is excited to uncover the educational gifts that new members bring. The members also recognized the Reverends Marguerite Gutt and Barbara (Bunny) Starr for their many years of dedicated service to education and MPI.

MPI is totally focused on providing the best possible education to those who seek to learn more about Spiritualism. The Correspondence Course is currently undergoing a rewrite and face-lift. The finished product will have a modernized look, and many changes will be made to content.

The Education Committee is requesting your input. Those who have researched and can provide verifiable information concerning the history of Spiritualism and its evolution are invited to contact The Reverend Sharon Watson, Chair, Education Committee, at sharonwatson924@gmail.com. The information you provide will be considered for inclusion in the course.

Have you read any good books lately that you would recommend for inclusion in the course? Sharon would like to hear about those as well. This huge undertaking is currently in its infancy stage so stand by for the exciting new transformation when the finished product is unveiled.

In the meantime, classes have been presented on a monthly basis to help students with their continuing education interests. The Ministerial Skills two-week course is now being offered as a split session. The first week is offered online and the second week is presented with students attending in person. Please check the website for available dates to take the course. MPI is currently working on another

program to provide further training for those seeking to become ministers. More information about this will be available in the near future.

This year, there were three positions up for election to the Board. Congratulations to Deirdre O'Hara, voted in as Vice President; Elaine Hager, voted in as Secretary; and Graham Connolly, voted in as Trustee. The rest of the Board members are Christine Krithades, President; Lelia Cutler, Treasurer; and Joe Owen and Cosie Allen, Trustees. The Board will continue to meet monthly.

Elaine Hager, MPI Secretary

Dates in Spiritualism

May 2, 1823 (d. 1899): Birthday—Emma Hardinge Britten (Greatest Woman Propagandist of Spiritualism and “The Silver-Tongued Lecturer”)

May 3, 1959: Transition—Mildred Stow.

May 11, 1883: Event—Elizabeth Courtney; the youngest person ordained by NSAC.

May 16, 1883 (d. 1964): Birthday—Arthur J. Findlay (founded Institute for Psychical Research).

May 22, 1859 (d. 1930): Birthday—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (wrote *The History of Spiritualism*).

May 27, 1953: Event—The NSA of USA changed its name to National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Reminders

July 31: Committee Reports due

August 1: Bylaw changes due

August 31: OM Credential renewal

August 31: Annual Reports due

October 9–14: NSAC Convention 2022, Phoenix, Arizona



Protecting Usernames and Passwords

As people in leadership come and go from our churches and camps, sometimes usernames and passwords are not returned. Until now, there has been nothing to help our auxiliaries retrieve this vital information. The NSAC now has a document to download that would be required for each person to sign who has access to usernames and passwords. Now our auxiliaries will be equipped with a document that specifically provides usernames and passwords as property.

This document can be found on the NSAC website under Member Pages in Documents under Miscellaneous for download. Each auxiliary is urged to start using this document for each of your members who work with usernames and passwords that belong to your church or camp.

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.

Pru
Gretchen
Sofia A.
Evelyn C.
Glenn S.

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
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