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Letter from the President

Once again, our country is plunged into grief and mourning by the vicious acts of a mass shooting. We are numb, and truly out of “thoughts and prayers.” Look at this list. How many more days until the next mass shooting?

- April 1999, Columbine in Littleton, CO: **14 dead**
- December 2000, Wakefield, MA: **7 dead**
- March 2005, Red Lake, MN: **9 dead**
- October 2006, Lancaster, PA: **5 dead**
- April 2007, Blacksburg, VA: **32 dead**
- December 2007, Omaha, NB: **8 dead**
- April 2009, Binghamton, NY: **13 dead**
- November 2009, Killeen, TX: **13 dead**
- January 2011, Tucson, AZ: **6 dead**
- February 2012, Chardon, OH: **3 dead**
- April 2012, Oakland, CA: **7 dead**
- July 2012, Aurora, CO: **12 dead**
- August 2012, Oak Creek, WI: **6 dead**
- December 2012, Newtown, CT: **26 dead**
- September 2013, Navy Yard, DC: **12 dead**
- June 2015, Charleston, SC: **9 dead**
- July 2015, Chattanooga, TN: **5 dead**
- October 2015, Roseburg, OR: **9 dead**
- November 2015, Colorado Springs, CO: **3 dead**
- December 2015, San Bernardino, CA: **14 dead**
- June 2016, Orlando, FL: **49 dead**
- January 2017, Ft. Lauderdale, FL: **5 dead**
- June 2017, Orlando, FL: **5 dead**
- October 2017, Las Vegas, NV: **58 dead**
- November 2017, Summerland Springs, TX: **25 dead**
- February 2018, Parkland, FL: **17 dead**
- May 2018, Santa Fe, NM: **10 dead**
- June 2018, Annapolis, MD: **5 dead**
- October 2018, Pittsburgh, PA: **11 dead**
- November 2018, Thousand Oaks, CA: **12 dead**
- January 2019, Sebring, FL: **5 dead**
- February 2019, Aurora, IL: **5 dead**
- May 2019, Virginia Beach, VA: **12 dead**
- July 2019, Gilroy, CA: **3 dead**
- August 2019, El Paso, TX: **22 dead**
- August 2019, Dayton, OH: **9 dead**
- August 2019, Odessa, TX: **7 dead**

- December 2019, Jersey City, NJ: **4 dead**
- February 2020, Milwaukee, WI: **5 dead**
- March 2021, Atlanta, GA: **8 dead**
- March 2021, Boulder, CO: **10 dead**
- April 2021, Indianapolis, MN: **8 dead**
- November 2021, Oxford, MI: **4 dead**
- April 2022, Sacramento, CA: **6 dead**
- May 2022, Buffalo, NY: **10 dead**
- May 2022, Uvalde, TX: **21 dead**

Many of us do not feel rage; but we feel something worse: depression and anxiety.

We worry about the future for our loved ones of the younger generations. Is this going to become the new “normal”? These shootings hurt our faith in our American society, and for some, in Infinite Intelligence. How can a loving Spirit allow this to happen? When will it end?

The following words are from the poem “Hymn for the Hurting” by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman:

*May we not just grieve but give,
May we not just ache, but act;*

...

*May we choose our children over
chaos.*

*May another innocent never be lost.
Maybe everything hurts,
Our hearts shadowed & strange.
But only when everything hurts
May everything change.*

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

Now Available: Update of the NSAC Public Relations Handbook

Life’s activities are beginning to gain momentum again. Churches are beginning to open their doors, and people are attending services. Just in time for this increased momentum, the *National Spiritualist Association of Churches Public Relations Handbook* has been updated to be current with all the changes we’ve experienced in the last few years.

The *Public Relations Handbook* was revised ten years ago in January 2012. As we may have all experienced, attendance in churches has been declining. Our focus was on tried-and-true advertising methods. The newspapers we once took for granted are mostly online now. Advertising has switched to an online presence. Especially in the last two and a half years we have all seen our churches search for new methods to reach their members and the public. Many of us have discovered an online presence through Zoom. This new edition of the *Public Relations Handbook* includes online church services, as well as tried-and-true methods for providing services and information to our members.

The handbook has the capability of clicking on a subject or topic for information you need without downloading the whole document. You can research how to broadcast your church services online, as with Zoom. Holding your services in person and online gives you the capability to reach people anywhere. The handbook also includes setting up a web page for your church. Are you on any social media sites, such as Facebook? Open a Facebook page for your church and link it to your web page. Do you have a newsletter for your church? Your website can have people sign up for your newsletter to be delivered by email, and you will create a mailing list of interested participants. Are you interested in accepting donations online? You can add that option to your website, also.

Take the opportunity to reach out to the community and the wider world through the wonderful options we have today. The handbook outlines the tried-and-true methods to engage with your members and your community and has new ideas for now and the future. Open the *Public Relations Handbook* in the NSAC website in the Documents section under Member Pages to grow your church with new and effective ideas.

Susan Hazard, Director
Department of Public Relations

Transition

With great sadness, we wish to inform you that Steve Richards, husband of NSAC Trustee Rev. Havi Richards, transitioned on May 28, 2022. A memorial service took place on June 4 at Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, Phoenix, AZ.

As Havi wrote in a social media post, "Now it is time for us to start a new chapter; he will be in Spirit watching over me, his friends and family." Please join us as we extend our love and hold space for support and healing to Havi and family.

NSAC Committee Chair Assignments

The 2022 committee chairs are as follows:

Auxiliary: Carol Luetkens

Budget & Finance: Mark Schoen,

Bylaws: Marcia Hyatt

Conflict Resolution: Bonnie Crosier

Convention Site: Jen Rosson, Betty Hutt, Co-Chairs

Credentials: TBA

Education: Sharon Watson

Endowments: Rosemary Calderalo

Ethics Code Review: Patricia Horne

Healing Center: Debbie Malison

Hydesville Project: Cosie Allen, JoAnn Santonocito, Co-Chairs

Long-Range Planning: Steve Vogel

Lyceum: Havivah Richards

Missionaries: Pam Bollinger

Music: Lelia Cutler

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Frank Kotowski

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TNS Advertising: Havivah Richards, Valerie Miller

TNS Editor: Frank Kotowski

TNS Liaison: Havivah Richards

TNS Proofreaders: Havivah Richards, Valerie Miller

Call for Trustee Candidates: All Positions Open

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. As we did not meet for Convention the past two years due to the pandemic, we will be voting for three (all) sets of terms.

Trustee terms originally expiring in October 2020 include 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.

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

Trustee terms expiring in October 2022 include Vice President (Cosie Allen), Secretary (JoAnn Santonocito), and Trustee (Bonnie Crosier).

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 on the NSAC website Forms page, nsac.org/memberpages/documents. It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement.

If you have not requested the password for member pages, it may be requested by email to nsacinfo@nsac.org. Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

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.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 22, 2022.

Denise Finegan, Chair,
Nominating Committee

Come to the Zoom NST Weekend Retreat in July!

The NST Club invites you to join us for the National Spiritualists Teachers Weekend on July 22 and 23 (Friday and Saturday). Links are below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the events listed below.

Donations are encouraged via the general <https://www.Paypal.com> PayPal page and send payment to the NSAC Teachers Club @nsacnst.

July 22, Message Circle. 7–9:00 PM ET (6 PM CT, 5 PM MT, 4 PM PT). Chair: Rev. Patricia Horne. Certified Mediums Rev. Rosemary Calderalo, Rev. Stacy Kopchinski, Rev. Lorraine Radice, and Rev. Sharon Watson will provide evidential messages from your loved ones in the Spirit World. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/349627624637>

July 23. Advancing Your Mediumship Classes: Three great offerings. Free, but donations are encouraged!

(1) **Understanding Mediumship.** 11:00 AM–1:00 PM ET (10 AM CT, 9 AM AM MT, 8 AM (PT)). Taught by Rev. Elaine Hager. "Mediumship doesn't have to be a mystery. It is a birthright." This class is designed to help the student better understand mediumship and the role it can play in everyday life. The class will present ways to strengthen the bond between you and those in the Spirit World. Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrc-CuqDMqG9ew_c4kLkpZd8ASY6gYZaic

(2) **Natural Laws of the Universe.** 2–4:00 PM ET (1 PM CT, 12 PM MT, 11 AM PT). Taught by Rev. Marilyn Awtry. This class will present a pathway to a successful journey called "Life." Natural Laws are simple guidelines established by Infinite Intelligence to provide you with an excellent roadmap. Once you have an understanding of Natural Laws, you will be able to glide along your pathway, missing most of the bumps along the way. No amount of money can buy what living in agreement with Natural Law offers to you freely. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkdu2urjoqGtE-AhHyHDuXyld--ppPHDBs>

(3) Attuning to Spirit: Centering, Concentration, and Attunement.

7–9:00 PM ET (6 PM CT, 5 PM MT, 4 PM PT). Taught by Rev. Pam Bollinger. Attunement is the establishment of a state of harmony and affinity with Spirit. In this class, we will explore and practice methods of attunement, centering, and concentration to raise our vibration, levels of consciousness, enhanced sensitivity, and awareness. Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/70NzrHlv2hg1xhrrurYRn>

Note that all are welcome to join us!

Light and Love,
Patricia Horne

MPI July Zoom Class

Morris Pratt Institute is excited to present an important class that will contribute to expanding your understanding of Spiritual healing.

Healing Mechanics from a Layman's Perspective. Wednesday, July 20 at 7–9 PM ET (6 PM CT, 5 PM MT, 4 PM PT). Tuition is \$50.00. Taught by Rev. Graham Connolly, NST.

This workshop is a travel through time of spiritual healing techniques. Spiritual healing dates back to ancient China, and the principles are still functioning today. We will also recognize our pioneers along this journey. After that, we will discuss practical tools to enhance our ability to interact with the quantum aspects of electromagnetic fields or EMFs. Auric fields are the key communication elements that Spirit can utilize to manifest in this reality. We will address the layman's perspective of anecdotal data of our pioneers that are now being explained by science and which highlights the mechanics of grounding, and visualization. Discussion about recent research on neuroscience and bioenergetics will round out this class.

Pay though PayPal to receive link:

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or call 414-774-2994.

Also, note that applications are now being accepted for the Ministerial Class offered in 2022-2023, taught by Rev. Cosie Allen, NST and Rev. Dr. Rosemary Calderalo, NST. Class the first week will

be given online in November 2022; the second week will be in person in March 2023. Please send an email to MPI at mpratt@execpc.com or call 414-774-2994 for the application form and further details.

Stacy Kopchinski
MPI Administrator

Reminders

July 22: NSAC Trustee candidate statement deadline.

August 1: Bylaw changes due.

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 9–14: NSAC Convention 2022, Phoenix, AZ. <https://nsac.org/news-events/convention/>

Dates in Spiritualism

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

June 17, 1832 (d. 1919): Birthday—Sir William Crookes (psychic research).



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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.

Jordan
Zachary
Baker

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

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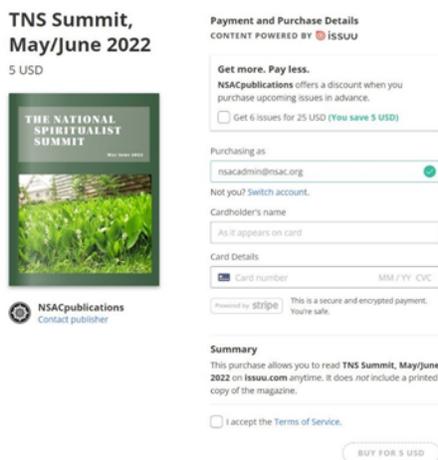
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