



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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February 2023

NSAC Board Holds 1ST Town Hall Zoom Meeting

On January 18th, the NSAC Board held its first quarterly Town Hall Meeting with almost 100 in attendance. The Reverend Cosie Allen, NSAC President, began the meeting with an introduction of the board members, introducing the newly appointed interim Vice President and Trustee.

"We want to know how you and your churches are doing?"

Based on several questions the board had received from the membership, the following updates were given:

- The Reverend Rosemary Calderalo, NSAC Treasurer, gave an update on the status of the donation received by the Spiritualist Center of Los Angeles
- Charvonne Carlson, NSAC Trustee, gave an update on the status of the Church of Two Worlds, located in DC
- Reverend Havivah Richards, Interim Vice President, gave an update on the 2023 NSAC Convention
- Reverend JoAnn Santonocito, NSAC Secretary gave an update on the celebration to be held at the Hydesville Memorial Park on the 175th anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism
- Reverend Cosie Allen, President, let the membership know that a new committee was formed to review and advise the board on the current Mental Mediumship policy.

After the updates, Rev. Cosie Allen asked the membership "we want to know how you and your churches are doing" and opened the meeting for the membership to ask questions. A handful of members spoke on how their auxiliaries were doing since the pandemic, and several questions were fielded by the board.

Mental Mediumship Committee

The NSAC Board, at their January 11th meeting created a new committee based on the concerns of the membership regarding the NSAC Policy on Mental Mediumship.

This committee will be tasked to review current NSAC policies regarding Mental Mediumship, the definitions of Direct and Indirect Mediumship, and present its findings and recommendations back to the NSAC Board.

If you are interested in participating in this committee and are a NSAC Certified Medium. Please fill out the NSAC Volunteer form. Please submit your completed form to the NSAC Secretary by February 25th. The committee chair will be reviewing the forms and creating the committee.

New Interim Board Members Appointed

With the sudden and unexpected resignation of Reverend Bonnie Crosier from the NSAC Board, the board has appointed the following interim trustees:

- Reverend Havivah Richards will serve as the interim Vice President. She will replace Rev. Crosier as supervisor for any auxiliaries that were working with Rev. Crosier.
- Louise Barkdull will serve as the interim Trustee filling the trustee position, previously held by Rev. Richards.

2023 NSAC Yearbook

The 2023 NSAC Yearbook is now in production and will be mailed to the auxiliaries with the March monthly mailing. Additional copies may be purchased in the NSAC Bookstore for \$12 plus shipping.

Auxiliary News

The Center for Spiritual Development, NSAC

Formerly known as the Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism and is a member of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association.

Along with a new name the members have and are working on building renovations and maintenance.

The church is located at 293 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, Connecticut. They hold services at 11am, and via Zoom.

Check out their website at albertsonchurch.org.

We want to share the happenings in your auxiliary **HERE!** If you would like us to spotlight your auxiliary, please email nsacsecretary@nsac.org

Congratulations

The following auxiliaries celebrate an anniversary of their charter with the NSAC.

February:

- Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
- Spiritualist Church of Peace & Light
- Church of Spiritual Growth, NSAC
- First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak
- First Spiritualist Church of Houston
- First Spiritualist Church of West Allis

Committee Spotlight

NSAC Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee Chair is Steven Vogel. The committee is responsible for handling all proposals for changes to the NSAC Bylaws.

In addition, they review all NSAC Auxiliaries Bylaws to ensure they meet the standards of the NSAC. If you have any questions regarding your auxiliaries Bylaws, please contact the committee.

Nominations for NSAC Awards Closes March 31

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for an NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories:

Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on the NSAC Form 14, Nomination for Award. Guidelines for submission are on the back of the form. Go to the NSAC website at, nsac.org/member-pages/forms/.

Dates in Spiritualism

February 3, 1811-1872: Birthday-Horace Greeley (Abe Lincoln of Modern Spiritualism).

February 11, 1870: Event - Katie Fox Séance Automatic Writing of Benjamin Franklin.

February 16, 1836-1907: Birthday-Moses Hull (1st President of MPI)

February 26, 1798-1872: Birthday-Isaac Post (Protected the Fox Sisters).

Reminders

March 26: Gratitude Day. "Chartered church societies shall hold a special service in honor of the founding of Modern Spiritualism and of the workers who have devoted their lives to The Cause. A special love offering shall be taken for the NSAC Spiritualist Benevolent Society".

March 31: Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

March 31: NSAC Awards Nominations due.

October 29-November 3: NSAC Convention 2023 in Niagara Falls, NY.

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.

Bella Marilyn Kevin
FSCOA

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 in the love and power of God.

To request Spiritual Healing

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

175th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

This year, to celebrate the 175th Anniversary, the LM/CM Society has planned a live one-day event at Hydesville Memorial Park.

The event will start off with a meet and greet followed by a church service on the grounds where the Fox Sisters first made communication with the peddler 175 years ago.

The day long event will continue with Tracy Murphy, the NSAC Caretaker of the park property and historian, will tell the tale of the property, the Fox Sisters, and the advent of Modern Spiritualism. A proclamation will also be presented by the mayor.

Each Spiritualist community will have the opportunity to hold their own celebration to honor the event.

The event committee will have some simple food available to purchase.

To close the event, all who came out will join hands around the building holding the original foundation of the Fox Cottage, and have a closing ceremony.

The Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Rochester, NY will host a fundraising Spaghetti dinner at 6:30pm for those who would like to join in some fellowship. The proceeds will be split between the Hydesville Memorial Park and the church. Please see the flyer for more information.

We look forward to seeing all of you where this religion began.

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