



NSAC News

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Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from January 1 through March 31, 2018:

Licentiate Minister: William C. Patridge, Jr., Orlando, Florida; Judith Schaefer, Derry, New Hampshire

Certified Medium: Lynda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California; Debra Malison, West Allis, Wisconsin; Jean Mandeville, Willimantic, Connecticut; Lorraine Radice, Burlington, Massachusetts; Katrina Thompson, Auburn, California

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

Reinhoudt Retires

Callers to NSAC Headquarters will find missing the warm, friendly voice of Pamela Reinhoudt, who retired at the end of March. As an associate administrator, Pam was in charge of the NSAC Bookstore and handled a myriad of other duties with competence. She was a joy to all who called. We wish her well in her retirement. We will miss her.



Pastoral Spiritual Examination

When answering the call to ministry, it's been said that those called should not enter this sacred commitment without prayer, counsel, and spiritual examination. It involves commitment to serve in ways which are challenging and rewarding. To receive validation that the call by the Infinite Intelligence is genuine, the first action in many cases is prayer: to pray that this feeling or spiritual push has been graced by the Infinite.

In your own decision to answer the call to ministry, you may have sought

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counsel. As a minister of any church, having the compassion and knowledge of those who walk through our doors is vital. Seeking counsel from those who may know us best is comforting and another form of validation that the spiritual path laid before us is indeed correct.

How does one entering ministry seek spiritual examination? Morris Pratt provides the knowledge needed to be an effective teacher and representative of Spiritualism. This insures proper representation of the religion, philosophy, and science for new people entering our churches.

In sharing my concerns with seminarians of various faith traditions, I found that we all shared similarities when it came to spiritual examination. In various denominations, the instruction for psycho-social training wasn't as extensive as what we had wanted. How do we as ministers become effective with those who seek our help without the psychological knowledge of self? When someone comes to you as a minister, who are they to you?

Seminarians of other faith traditions are required to have a unit (an internship) of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) before receiving their credentials. CPE prepares people in spiritual examination of self and others. Clinical pastoral education is education to teach pastoral care to clergy and others. Pastoral care is a practice that meets the needs of personal, social (well-being), and academic needs. To complete an internship or residency gives the minister the tools needed to strengthen the spiritual health of

those who seek our expertise during times of spiritual distress.

CPE is an interfaith method of theological education which teaches pastoral skills within a context of responsible relationships with people. It provides continuing education for ministers which may increase awareness of theological and psycho-social concerns for those in crisis. CPE provides personal growth through awareness and self-reflection that is not taught in various faith seminaries.

When answering the call to ministry, spiritual examination is vital in providing sound spiritual care for those who seek our help. If you are interested in learning more about CPE, go to: www.acpe.edu or you may contact me through email: revbonnie1216@aol.com. I wish you well in your journey of spiritual examination.

—The Rev. Bonnie Crosier
Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church

Pastoral Skills Registration Deadline Extended

The registration deadline for MPI's Pastoral Skills Course at Wonewoc, Wisconsin, scheduled for June 10-22, has been extended to May 1. For information about the course and to register, contact MPI at info@morrispratt.org or 414-774-2994.

A Note from the Department of Missionaries

Another month has gone and we welcome the month of April. We welcome the season of Spring and all the new growth that comes with the season. We know that by now most camps and churches are preparing for much activity. We hope that each of you has much abundance and success in this season's endeavors. Know that if you need support, help, or encouragement we are here for you. The Department has been working to ensure

that you feel supported and encouraged.

Keep your eyes open for a new section in the TNS titled "Missionaries on a Mission." In this new section we will be featuring camps and churches that we have visited or with which we are working. We hope that this will help people see and get to know the churches and camps our organization.

Still in the works is a list of NSTs who are willing to travel and teach. This list will also contain many of our missionaries as well. So, if you need someone right away please reach out to your Missionary or me. We will also follow up with ways to invite teachers, and if needed, how to fund travel.

Thank you all for your work and determination in bringing the truth of Spiritualism to all people that seek it! May your April be filled with abundance.

—Stacy Kopchinski, Director
Department of Missionaries

World Congress of Spiritualists 2018 Conference

An international conference of Spiritualists will convene on July 5-7, 2018 at the Arthur Findlay College, Stansted, England for the purpose of education, inspiration, and discussion centered on the philosophy of Spiritualism. Spiritualists from around the globe will be attending, as well as representatives from The International Federation of Spiritualists (ISF), the Spiritualists' National Union (SNU), the Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC) and the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC). The President of NSAC, the Reverend Christine Krithades, will be a keynote speaker at the Congress. The last World Congress was held five years ago in Lily Dale, New York.

The mission of the World Congress is to unite Spiritualists worldwide around our common principles and join together to move Spiritualism into the 21st Century. The goal is to revitalize the common bonds between all Spiritualists by creating a harmonious forum for learning and discussion. We will strengthen our knowledge through educational seminars and sharing. The Congress will pro-

vide an opportunity to share experiences and common concerns and challenges with other delegates, network, renew friendships, and make new ones.

All Spiritualists are invited to attend the Congress. You can attend through a residential package for 3 nights starting at 510 British pounds, which includes all meals and overnight accommodation, as well as a guaranteed seat at the World Congress. A day rate also is available at 139 British pounds for the two days and includes lunch. The full World Congress program is available on the college website, www.arthurfindlaycollege.org.

Gratitude Corner

This month, NSAC thanks the First Spiritualist Temple of Ease Aurora; Golden Gate Spiritualist Church; and Summerland Church of Light, NSAC for their generous donations to the Spiritualist Benevolent Society on Gratitude Day.

Convention donations continue to arrive: The banner is being donated by Jill King; convention bags, badge holders, and lanyards by the Church of the Living Spirit; the banquet cake from Christine Krithades; and monetary donations from Elaine Hager and Ed and Denise Finegan.

On the volunteer side, we would like to thank the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment and Church of the Spirit.

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

Smile for No Good Reason, by Lee Jampolsky. This startling and simple statement is the basis of Jampolsky's book, *Smile for No Good Reason*, a gentle and practical approach to achieving personal and professional happiness. BKS835, \$14.95

Key to Yourself, Opening the Door to a Joyful Life from Within, by Venice Bloodworth. This book is a blend of modern psychology and old spiritual principles for health, success, prosperity, friendship, and pleasure. BKS043, \$10.95

A Little Book of Forgiveness, Challenges and Meditations for Any-

one with Something to Forgive, by D. Patrick Miller. A book of short but thought-provoking entries that serves to facilitate the healing action of forgiving and provide solutions.

BKS730, \$15.00

How to Meditate, A Guide to Self-Discovery, by Lawrence LeShan. This simple, straightforward, yet powerful guide can help you reap the profound rewards of meditation.

BKS359, \$10.95

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, nsacbookstore@nsac.org, 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

Reminders

September 30-October 5: NSAC Convention 2018, Milwaukee

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