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From the President

Well I can't believe that my second term as your President is close to completion.

I would like to thank all the governors of the SCC and to all you members for your continuous commitment in helping us all move forward and ensuring the prosperity of the Religion of Spiritualism.

The Religion of Spiritualism is how a Spiritualist lives their life. It allows us to move beyond our sectarian beliefs of self-imposed ignorance to liberation of who we are allowing truth and wisdom to flourish.

Today, as Spiritualists living in this "new world" we can move through our human experience of matter, by making our presence known to humanity in helping to bring about social reform in the areas that are incongruent with the natural laws of the universe.

Due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic the Spiritualist Church of Canada is hosting its first electronic Annual General Meeting on September 26, 2020. Information of this has already gone out to our membership; join the

Spiritualist Church of Canada in making history with this new experience and growth.

As always, we welcome your ideas. Please use our email address

feedback@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

to let us know what you are thinking.

*Blessings,
Reverend Angie Morra*



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From the Editor

It has been a transformative year to say the least. A time that has allowed the opportunity for dialogues of rejuvenation, change and rebirth in and for each of us.

I heard the song 'Turn, Turn, Turn' written by Pete Seeger, running through my thoughts. A new season, a time for reflection. Reflection upon the situations in which we, as a world, immerse ourselves, how we move forward, 'A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing', working together for healing not just an individual but collective spirit.

Spiritual healing takes on many forms and music, no matter the genre is a part and parcel of any healing journey. There is a depth to be found within each bar, note and lyric when we allow them to suffuse us with positivity.

Love at the end of the day, is our ultimate divine goal. Let us continue to work together, work with Spirit, to wend our way on the path that leads to healing our wounds.

Peace and Love, Stevie

In this edition:

Marlene Glauser provides a deeper look into Canadian Spiritualist history, something to whet the appetite for research.

Join us for our inaugural electronically hosted AGM on 26th September.

As always, we have a recommended read in Spirit's Reading Corner, local Church information and updates.

Check out a back issue or two of the SCC newsletter at the Spiritualist Church of Canada website:

<https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news/president-s-message-newsletters>

We continue to invite comments, reviews, ideas for history articles. Please forward your submissions to: newsletter@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

Healing Prayer

*I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force
To remove all obstacles 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 the 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*

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Canadian Spiritualism History

Settling in Upper Canada

Marlene Glauser, Springdale Church, Toronto

Most of us as Spiritualists have a keen interest on the history of Modern Spiritualism and where did it all begin? Many people believe that Spiritualism began in the United Kingdom. Some will say Spiritualism began in Hydesville, New York as it did. Few people give any recognition to Canada or the Canadians who helped pave the road for what is known as Modern Spiritualism today.

Upper Canada, the precursor of modern-day Ontario, was created by the Constitutional Act of **1791**, which divided the former Province of Quebec into two parts: Upper Canada and Lower Canada. Throughout the next century, these lands would be settled by United Empire Loyalists. The government of Upper Canada was giving free land to the Loyalists who settled here.

In the early 1830's John Fox and his wife Margaret of Rochester, New York moved to Consecon, Ontario after a marital reconciliation. Consecon is about 28 km, southwest of Belleville in Prince Edward County (PEC). They settled on a farm in Consecon where they had relatives living including a daughter, Elizabeth Ousterhout, who married in Canada.

While living in Consecon, two more children were born – Margaretta (Maggie) in 1833 and Catherine (Kate) in 1837. Of course, we all know that it was Maggie and Kate, the Canadian born sisters, who

discovered Spiritualism on March 31, 1848, when they successfully communicated with responses to the Spirit of the peddler buried in the basement of the rented cottage in Hydesville, New York where they would live until their own home was built. With John and Margaret aging, their home is closer to David Fox, the older brother of Maggie and Kate.

A direct connection would be maintained with Elizabeth Ousterhout enabling the news of Spiritualism to cross the border and spread throughout Upper Canada. Maggie and Kate would often visit Elizabeth. Séances would be held with the Loyalists whenever Maggie or Kate visited PEC.

Each year on October 31, the town of Consecon celebrates a Spooky event.

More information about the Fox sisters including Maggie and Kate's sister, Leah, can be found in the book [*Hydesville in History*](#) by M. E. Cadwallader.

Walter Meyer zu Erpen is co-founder of the [*Survival Research Institute of Canada*](#) (SRIC) which maintains the [*Directory of Spiritualist Organizations in Canada*](#). Among its other objectives, SRIC has assisted in depositing many [*Spiritualism and psychical research collections*](#) with the University of Manitoba.

Walter has published about historical psychical research cases. In August, he facilitated an

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excellent webinar, '*Science of Things Spiritual: Do Tables Tilt, Turn and Float? Table Levitation Phenomena*' for Lily Dale, New York. His current project, a [survey about evidence of life after death through Spiritualist mediumship](#), closes 30 September.

Promoting Canadian history of Spiritualists is a suggestion from Stevie Martin. We thank Stevie for her suggestion and plan to provide you with more historical information and resources in the upcoming SCC Newsletters.



For all healing, mental or material, is attuning each atom of the body, each reflex of the brain forces, to the awareness of the divine that lies within each atom, each cell of the body.

Edgar Cayce, The Sleeping Prophet



Spirit's Reading Corner

Mediumship Made Simple by Ivy Northage

This little book – by little I mean it has only 130 pgs.- has been on my book shelf for nearly a decade. While I was looking for one thing, this one literally fell off the shelf. Trust Spirit whether its being subtle or not, right?

Ivy Northage was considered one of the best teaching mediums in Britain.

Mediumship Made Simple was first published by the College of Psychic Studies, where Ivy was a development teacher, in 1986. It is a simply written and easy to follow 'guide' for both the beginner searching for basic instruction and the developing medium who wants to remind themselves of lessons learned to continue their path of growth.

It is not easily found as a new store shelf item (I was lucky that I found mine in one of the best second-hand bookshops in Toronto years ago) however there is a downloadable copy available: <http://opers-l.exxl.pl/isbn-0903336197-mediumship-made-simple-pdf-epub/?i=1>

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Spiritualist History

Cited from: History of Spiritualism by Arthur Conan Doyle, The Canadian Encyclopedia and University of Manitoba Spiritualism digital archives' Psychic News 1932-1967

21 September 1850

Minister, editor, author, Spiritualist lecturer and publisher, Benjamin Fish Austin born in Brighton, ON

1st October 1932

A photo taken by Dr. T. Glen Hamilton of Winnipeg of materialization was published in today's issue of Psychic News. It is part of a personal article written by miner John Heaton ruminating about Spiritualism 40 years later



One of the remarkable materializations photographed by Dr. T. Glen Hamilton. (See page 1.)

27 November 1965

Advertisement in this edition of the Psychic News:

The White Eagle Trust announces the new book channeled through White Eagle's medium, Grace Cooke.

The New Mediumship provides 'advice and guidance to young and would-be mediums, and too those who...who may yet establish true communion with the spirit world
Also, this issue includes the news of a library donated by Eileen Garrett's foundation to the new parapsychology centre in Jerusalem.

6 December 1956

Scottish medium, Helen Duncan dies. Her death is attributed to injuries sustained when police physically interfered with her body as she was presenting ectoplasm in trance almost 6 weeks earlier. .



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AROUND TOWN

Alberta

St. Brigid's Spiritualist Church



**Missing St
Brigid's?**

Join us Sundays for Service at
10:00 am and Thursdays for
Meditation at 7:30 pm on
Facebook Live

Lethbridge Spiritualist Centre/Eternity Connection/Calgary First Spiritualist Church

Offered every Sunday morning at 9:30 am (MT) spiritual healing and at 11 am a Sunday service (with local and UK mediums). This has been a joint effort between Lethbridge Spiritualist Centre, the Eternity Connection and the Calgary First Spiritualist Church. These events and how to register can be found on our website, www.eternityconnection.org under the "community" section.

The Gateway Centre

Holding Virtual Sunday Services at 2:00 pm on Zoom check website for full details:
<https://www.gatewaycentre.ca/>

Manitoba

Spiritualist Fellowship Church

The Spiritualist Fellowship church will be hosting weekly services in an abbreviated format at 7:00 p.m online through Zoom.

Link: <https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/71631174632>

Meeting ID: 716 3117 4632

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly Sunday Services on Zoom:

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/meeting/upUrdOipqT8sGdZvLMJizLHF1WELnIFrawQ/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6pqDgrGgORthqFR7YcBljCd-vwtildjadnijPIKSketivOHLN1F55xOf7C>

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MEDIUMS ARE OFFERING
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\$25/20 minutes

\$50/45 minutes

Email us @

info@stbrigidsspiritualistchurch.ca and let us know if you
would like Richard, Jill, Kim or
Bobbi

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Ontario

Church of Universal Love

Rev. Gillian Edwards and the Board have continued to offer a meditation and healing service Friday nights on Facebook Live. COUL conducts a Divine Service on Sundays at 10:30 by Zoom. For zoom link information contact:

<https://www.churchofuniversallove.com/>

First Spiritualist Church of Galt

Virtual Services are held every Sunday at 11:00 am details to be found on their website:

<http://www.firstspiritualistchurchofgalt.ca/>

London Spiritualist Church

Offering virtual service at 1:30 pm on Zoom check the LSC website for full details and guest speakers:

<http://www.londonspiritualistchurch.com/>

Springdale Church

Has re-opened as of 20 September with the Divine Service held at 10:30 a.m. Space is limited to 16 attendees; please forward reservation request to: information@springdalechurch.ca to confirm your attendance or leave a voice mail on: 416.759.3958.

Development classes and Healing services continue to be on hiatus. Stay tuned for updates.

Spiritualist Society of Burlington

Online Divine Service is on Facebook, join the group through the SSB website 11:00 am Sundays. They share a link for lyrics, principles and healing affirmation. <https://spiritualistsociety.com/>

Spiritualist Society of Barrie

Spiritualist Society of Barrie is holding a **ZOOM Message and Meditation Service** Sunday evenings at 7PM. To join this service, contact SSB by email: ssbbarriezoom2020@gmail.com

Star of Hope Spiritualist Church

All Sunday Services and Wednesday Guided meditations are being held virtually using the Zoom platform. If you would like to be notified and invited to attend Service and/or Meditation, please use the newsletter sign feature on their website:

<https://thestarofhope.org/>

The Healing Spirit

Currently, The Healing Spirit is holding Sunday services at 2:30 pm by Zoom. As of 9th July, this service will be held Thursday evenings beginning at 7 pm. Check their website for further details:

<https://www.thehealingspirit.ca/>

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If you missed the live segment of **One World-One Voice-One Prayer** the event was recorded on 2

May 2020 and available to view at your leisure.

Join representatives from the major Spiritualist organizations and Spiritualists from around the world who share their inspirational thoughts and prayers for all.

Thank you to Rev. Janet Nohavec from Journey Within for organizing this wonderful event. To view the event:

<http://www.wcos.org/one-world-one-voice-one-prayer-service/>

Donations are encouraged to be made directly to The World Food Programme of the United Nations:

<https://www.wfp.org/>

Autumn Love

On the autumn equinox, day and night are of equal length. This signals the need to balance light and darkness within us.

As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives. Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden

Autumn reminds us of the impermanence of everything; when we contemplate fall's changes, we grow more appreciative of all the beauties that surround us.



just like the seasons, people have the ability to change

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EDUCATION

Given that our country is still facing uncertain times, we the Board understand it is important to move forward with our Education Courses in a safe and friendly environment, your home.

The SCC believes teaching on ZOOM will provide our students with an alternative venue for in-person classes. It will also allow students to meet fellow students coast to coast.

We will be offering two courses by way of Zoom. We acknowledge that ZOOM is a venue that is subject to many variable conditions that may play into the connectivity of the call. We also believe for all concerned, this is our best alternative for moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support of the Spiritualist Church of Canada and Spiritualism.

Reverend Angela Morra, President Spiritualist Church of Canada



S301 LEADERSHIP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2020

10:30 AM TO 5:30 PM EDS

Registration Cut-Off Date

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2020

*Must be a SCC Member in good standing.
In order to participate in this Course you must have completed ALL Level One Foundation*

PAYMENT OPTIONS

S301 \$ 100.00

PAYPAL:

If paying by PayPal, please visit our website at www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com and follow the Education Link.

E-TRANSFER:

If paying by E-Transfer please use the following email address:
treasurer@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

If paying by **cheque/money order or bank draft**, make payable to the Spiritualist Church of Canada, and mailed to our **Head Office at**
37 Dalton Crescent North, Orillia ON L3V 5J6

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ZOOM EDUCATION COURSE

INSTRUCTOR REVEREND ANGELA MORRA

PRE-COURSE:

You are to read the book "Becoming A Person of Influence" prior to the Course. It can be purchased at Indigo, Amazon or Bookoutlet.ca. Cost range from \$11.00 to \$ 15.00 plus TAX and shipping.



ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT TO REGISTRANTS AFTER CUT-OFF DATE

Payment and application **MUST** be submitted together to process your request. If payment is **NOT** submitted with the online request the application will be **NULL and VOID**. Acceptable forms of online payments are PayPal or E-transfer. If you are paying by **CHEQUE**, please email education@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com to inform them that you are putting the cheque along with the printed form in the mail, please provide your cheque number.

POST-COURSE WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FULL CREDIT AND WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY THE INSTRUCTOR

This course is **NOT** available through Correspondence.

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S307 SPIRITUAL SUPPORT &
REFERRALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2020

10:00AM TO 5:00PM

Registration Cut-Off Date

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2020

Must be a SCC Member in good standing.

*In order to participate in this Course you must
have completed ALL Level One Foundation*

PAYMENT OPTIONS

S307 \$ 100.00

PAYPAL:

If paying by PayPal, please visit our website at
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Education Link.

E-TRANSFER:

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IN-PERSON EDUCATION COURSE ONTARIO

INSTRUCTOR REVEREND PATRICIA TOMCZYK

Location: Springdale Spiritualist Church
30 Merritt Road, East York ON

Lunch: Please bring your own lunch and beverages!

**Please note classes may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration.

(Min 5 students)

**PRE-COURSE WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN FULL CREDIT AND
WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY THE INSTRUCTOR**

NOTE: This is only taught as an IN-Person Course.

It is **NOT** available through Correspondence.

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NOT submitted with the online request the application will be **NULL and VOID**. Acceptable
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along with the printed form in the mail, please provide them your cheque number.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AS SOME STUDENTS MAYBE MORE
SENSITIVE TO PERFUMES THAN OTHERS**

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SCC

*****As of 31 December 2020, the SCC is
moving to printable digital membership
cards.**

The New Board Training Course

*is adapted specifically for each Church and
available to all SCC registered churches.*

*This training will be presented in parts and is
tailored to your By-Laws, letters patent,
Mission Statement and the roles of Pastor
and Board members. A personalized church
binder will be provided for easy reference in
running your Church.*

*www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com for more
information*

*"Extremely comprehensive course, the reference material
and examples were very helpful. The fact that a binder full
of information was prepared for each board member was a
bonus! The time spent answering our questions and getting
to know the SCC board was invaluable. Thank you, SCC."*

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Individual members of the Board are unable to answer for the Board. Therefore, any concerns, issues and/or questions must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors via the President or Secretary. The board will discuss, and a reply will be put forward.

feedback@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

Government Compliance for SCC

As a member church we will advertise your events/workshops on both the website and in the newsletter. The information must come in the form of a flyer containing all pertinent information including indication of proceeds disbursement. Pls contact for clarification.

We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open.

-Harry Edwards



Last Words/Beginnings

To our friends and family who made their transition in 2020 we wish them safe passage and that they were met by family and loved ones.

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