

# *Spiritualist Church of Canada*



*Eternal Progress Open to Every Soul*

*Autumn 2019*

## *From the President*

*Our Fall Newsletter already! Where has the time gone?*

*As I reflect upon my first term as President of the Spiritualist Church of Canada, what jumps out at me is the energy behind our 7<sup>th</sup> Principle:*

***“Eternal Progress Open to Every Human Soul”***

*Our 7<sup>th</sup> principle provides us with the knowing that we can do better next time.*

*How comforting is it to know, as Spiritualists, we can choose to move out of our own dramas; make a personal choice to do better the next time when the Universe presents externally our internal challenges.*

*Our thoughts create the world inside us. Our actions show the world what our thoughts are, and our deeds show the courage within us as we do better.*

*The Law of Desire or Aspiration prompts us to expand our awareness and seek knowledge and truth. Aspiration is essential to our development as human beings and to the progress of our soul.*

*Along with Personal Responsibility, I find solace in our 7<sup>th</sup> principle. Another opportunity to revisit our thoughts and being sincere with ourselves to change what does not work.*

*Learning to forgive our self and others goes hand in hand with wanting to do better.*

*Life is continuously evolving. Our principle Eternal Progress open to Every Soul assures us that our souls are a continuing path on towards greater wisdom, love, and light.*

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

*[feedback@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com](mailto:feedback@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com) to let us know what you are thinking.*

*Blessings,  
Reverend Angie Morra*



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## **Autumn's Arrival**

Well, it officially arrives on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and cooler evenings and shorter days, preparing for wrapping yourself in cozy blanket evenings. The last 'long' day of light for 2019; take a walk in the park filled with the holdout monarchs blending in with the brightly hued leaves and the flowers of summer. The grass seems to expel a distinct and vibrant aroma as it fades away encouraging you to sit on the nearest bench to create and enjoy a peaceful space for you. Breathe, look around you and enjoy.

Personally, this is my favourite time of every year. Yes, yes, mainly because I am always too hot! That aside, I feel like it's a rejuvenation of all things spiritual; the changing of the leaves is a perfect time for me to make a change within.

I have been reflecting on Eternal progress for every human soul myself these past weeks and understanding that to grow is to connect with that person deep down who will remind you that you are a decent loving being who is truly loved in return. The love of self that teaches you to focus on you and your own growth to be able to continue to share insights and learnings with others wherever they may be on their own path.

Live life fulfilled each day knowing that there is progress moving you upwards.

Much Peace, peachiness and autumn Love,  
Stevie

## **In this edition:**

There are workshops and events at member churches in Ontario and Manitoba. Check one out if you can!

<https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news>

We are looking forward to attending the ordination of Kimberlee Degner Taylor at St. Brigid's welcoming her as a new SCC Minister.

Reverend Ron Koch shares a poem; a reminiscence and dedication.

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>

There's Spiritualist history soundbites and a featured reading recommendation in Spirit's Reading corner and remember, if there is something, you'd like featured, to comment upon, or to share of your own contact us at [www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com](http://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com)

## **Inspirations**

"By being of service here on the earth plane, we render service to infinite intelligence; and in so doing, we achieve greater happiness here as well as hereafter."

**H. Gordon Burroughs**

"Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality."

**Carl Sagan**

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*"Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. They do not preach learning and precepts, they preach, undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life.*

*A tree says: A kernel is hidden in me, a spark, a thought, I am life from eternal life. The attempt and the risk that the eternal mother took with me is unique, unique the form and veins of my skin, unique the smallest play of leaves in my branches and the smallest scar on my bark. I was made to form and reveal the eternal in my smallest special detail."* **Herman Hesse**

## **The Spirit World**

*Reverend Ron L Koch  
Dedicated to John Goldsby*

*The Spirit World is so beautiful  
That it makes a person wonder why they are  
so attached to this physical world.*

*A world so unbelievably beautiful  
that no words can adequately describe;  
A place that few have seen and visited  
and came back to tell us about it.*

*Scientists cannot believe that such a place exists,  
Christianity cannot describe it,  
Only those who have been there can  
try and always fall short  
of telling what they experienced.*

*The truth is, we must complete our life here;  
Learn all we can and help other people as best we can  
Be compassionate and loving, despite ourselves  
The pittance of love we express to one  
another is totally inadequate and cannot come  
close to the love one feels in the world unseen.*

*A place where God's love is, where our love for one  
another is far greater than any that we've  
experienced or can express here.*

*A world where we can study any subject we want,  
A place where we can see the original paintings  
and hear the music of the masters as they intended;  
But could not achieve here even with the greatest  
musician known to man working in perfect harmony.*

*A world where an individual can be all they can be  
and go on to even greater heights of achievement,  
Encouraged by masters of whatever subject they may  
choose.*

*Heaven, the Spirit World is for everyone  
A place where even the worst of us can become  
something better.*



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## Spirit's Reading Corner

### **Becoming a Spiritualist** H. Gordon Burroughs

Written in 1962, H. Gordon Burroughs self-published work is an important educational tool whether utilized in a development circle or in individual study.

Burroughs writes in the preface: "The chapters of this book set forth the fundamental doctrines of Spiritualism. They present the teachings paramount to becoming a spiritualist. My life has been devoted to presenting Spiritualism as a philosophy, and in demonstrating through spiritual healing, clairvoyance, clairaudience, and other aspects of psychic power, some of the phases of spiritualism as a science."

This was one of the first books of Spiritualist study recommended to me and it is a staple that I turn to often. Its simply stated explanations are an encouragement to anyone looking for the 'basics' of understanding Spiritualism. As stated, the chapters allow each to be taken and studied at your leisure; thus, ensuring that reading its pages encourages questions, discourse and answers.

It is a small volume of simplicity and sometimes may come with another book of daily affirmations, meditations and prayers. Gives me a reminder of my true commitment to Spiritualism as a healer, lecturer and medium.

## Spiritualism History

Cited from: **The Canadian Spiritualist Movement and Sources for its Study** by Walter J Meyer Zu Erpen & Joy Lowe

### 30 October 1954

A newspaper article quotes Reverend Ada Garrad of Vancouver, a past president of the NSA, as stating "British Columbia is the only province where Spiritualist ministers are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies

### November 1995

Gateway Centre Spiritualist Church in Calgary opened a home page on the World Wide Web with information about beliefs and the churches.

### 5 November 1839

Birth of Stainton Moses, former Protestant Minister, Spiritualist and Trance Writer

### 23 November 1904

In Rochester, the day previous, proof of the pedlar who rapped with the Fox sisters was found when a skeleton was found under the cellar as described in 1848

### December 1847

The Fox family moved from the Belleville area, Canada and resettled into the Hydesville house

To read more history via articles, the University of Manitoba has a *Psychical Research and Spiritualism Collection* that is packed with debates, records and lectures. Look them over: [www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/subject/spiritualism/index.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/subject/spiritualism/index.html)

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## AGM 2019 Edmonton, AB Workshops

## Around Town Manitoba

## The Spiritualist Church of the Light

*Spiritualist Church of Canada*

**Saturday, October 5th, 2019**  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
\$25.00 / Person

**LOCATION:**  
St Brigid's Spiritualist Church  
#101, 10441 178 St NW  
Edmonton AB  
T5S 1R5

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**  
PAYPAL: Please visit our website at [www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com](http://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com) and follow the Education Link.  
E-TRANSFER: You must also submit your application for the course. Please send the transfer to the email address: [treasurer@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com](mailto:treasurer@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com)  
CHEQUE: Cheques, Money Order or Bank Drafts are payable to the Spiritualist Church of Canada, and mailed to our Head Office at 37 Dalton Crescent North, Orillia ON L3V 5J6

**AGM WORKSHOP  
PATHWAY FORWARD  
FOR THE  
DEMONSTRATING MEDIUM**

**FACILITATORS**  
**REV. PATRICIA STRONG AND REV. JILL WASHINGTON**

This workshop is designed for the ongoing development of the Platform or Demonstrating Mediums. We will show you how to bring forth the right amount of information and emotional connection within a workable timeframe and to allow the audience/congregation to become more than just observers but to rather engage all that is present into the miracle that is love reconnecting with love.

Patricia Strong was born in Australia, into a family of natural-born mediums. In 2013, Patricia family departed Australia to live and grow in Edmonton, Canada where she was introduced to St. Brigid's Spiritualist Church. Patricia has attended week-long mediumship and healing development courses led by Rev. Simon James and Rev. Brian Robertson of Victoria BC, who also are tutors at the Arthur Findlay College, England. Patricia completed her Spiritualist Church of Canada Minister course and is now a recognized SCC Minister. Currently residing in Australia, Patricia continues to teach as this is her passion.

Reverend Jill Washington is a Certified Evidential Spiritualist Medium. She has been a practicing medium for over 7 years. She has performed platform mediumship demonstrations, as well as taught psychic & mediumship development classes. She is a Certified Spiritual Healer and Lecturer at St. Brigid's Spiritualist Church of Edmonton. Jill is also an ordained minister through Spiritualist Church of Canada.

**Metaphysical Encounters**  
(Tea Cups, Feather, Angel Cards, Psychometry etc.)

**Sept. 29, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
Doors open at 9:45 a.m.

**Location:** Sunova Centre  
48 Holland Road,  
West St Paul, MB

**Cost:** \$15 for 1 reading  
\$20 for 2 readings

Coffee or Tea and a Dainty - \$2

## Ontario Springdale Church

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**Saturday, October 5th, 2019**  
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
\$25.00 / Person

**LOCATION:**  
St Brigid's Spiritualist Church  
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**PAYMENT OPTIONS**  
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E-TRANSFER: You must also submit your application for the course. Please send the transfer to the email address: [treasurer@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com](mailto:treasurer@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com)  
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**Spiritual Healing  
Workshop**

**FACILITATED BY: REVEREND ANSIE MORRA**

**SPIRITUAL HEALING MEDIUMSHIP  
OUTLINE**  
INTRODUCTION  
HEALING CIRCLES  
HEALING GIFT  
HEALING AND NATURAL LAW  
HEALING AND OUR CHURCHES

Rev. Ansie Morra is a long-time spiritualist studying in England, the USA, and Canada. Ansie is ordained through SCC and was the pastor of Springdale Church, Toronto between June 2014 and December 2018. Ansie is the current President of the Spiritualist Church of Canada. An accredited healer, medium and teacher, she is known for her workshops on Trance Healing.

**SPRINGDALE WORKSHOP: Deeper Links 2019**  
Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm & Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-5:30pm  
\$120.00 for members and \$125.00 non-members  
Please bring a lunch



**Reverend Marilyn Mazzotta** is an ordained minister with the Spiritualist Church of Canada, Certified Medium, Certified Lecturer, and Certified Spirit Healer. For over 40 years she has worked as a lecturer, teacher, author, and a clairvoyant medium reader internationally. She has done both radio and television in Canada and the USA.

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[www.springdalechurch.ca](http://www.springdalechurch.ca)

### Deeper Links:

This workshop is designed for those who know how to connect with Spirit. This would be considered an excellent format for the intermediate or advance medium. In this weekend workshop we will dive deeper in our links with Spirit. Learning how to gain more information and staying strong with our connections. This workshop will cover platform work, as well as how to do private sittings. Building on what you know and bringing your mediumship to a deeper level.

Reverend Marilyn Mazzotta

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**INTERNATIONAL MEDIUMS SERIES**

## PHILIP DYKES

**UK Medium & Tutor**  
Coming to SSB  
November 8-16, 2019



**MEDIUMSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

**Strengthening your Connection with Spirit**  
Fri/Sat. Nov. 8/9 FEE: \$270

- Unfold your mediumistic and spiritual development in a positive environment
- Open to further confidence so as to help you understand your connection with spirit
- Work with proven exercises that will solidify your link with spirit
- Enhance your individual strengths and talents
- Delve deeper into the self and how the connection with spirit builds

**Exploration of the Soul**  
Mon. Nov. 11 FEE: \$135

- Explore how the soul is used for understanding communication with Spirit
- Experience deeper levels of understanding of the self
- Discover what gets in the way of unfolding your mediumship

**Formal Training & Demonstration Skills**  
Wed.-Sat. Nov. 13-16 FEE: \$540 (\$50 deposit required)

- Strengthen your demonstration skills in private sittings and church demonstrations
- Work with different presentation styles
- Understand the correct use of evidence to reach the right recipient
- Enhance your delivery of evidence
- Bring confidence to the recipients of your work
- Understand the importance of unfolding the story of the communicator's life
- Learn to be more engaging in your presentation

**Info & Registration: [ssb@bell.net](mailto:ssb@bell.net) or (289)439-7016**

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**INTERNATIONAL MEDIUMS SERIES**  
*Spiritualist Society of Burlington presents*  
**An Evening of Mediumship with UK Mediums**

## PHILIP DYKES & KERRY McLEOD

Part of this demonstration will be done as a blind experiment  
**TESTING THE TRUE INTELLIGENCE OF THE SPIRIT WORLD**  
Don't miss this extraordinary event!



**Tue. Nov. 12, 2019**  
**7:30pm**



TICKETS: \$30 each  
[ssb@bell.net](mailto:ssb@bell.net) or (289)439-7016

HERE'S HOW THE EVENING WILL UNFOLD: Philip will be lead into SSB, blindfolded, for the first part of the demonstration. This requires complete quiet so that Philip remains unaware of the audience. Kerry will answer for the recipient so it shows the true intelligence working! After a few blind experiment communications, the blindfold will be removed and Philip and Kerry will continue the demonstration in normal fashion.

*Spiritualist Society of Burlington presents*  
**10-Day Southern Caribbean Medley**

## SAILING WITH SPIRIT MEDIUMSHIP CRUISE



**Nov. 17-27, 2019**  
**CROWN PRINCESS**  
10 day Cruise to Bonaire, Curacao, Grenada, Dominica, St. Thomas, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos



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## In the Know

The SCC has developed a 'New Board' Training Course available to our Churches that will be adapted specifically to your Church.



This training will be presented in parts, 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.

"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."

Please contact the SCC for further details.

### 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](mailto:feedback@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com)

## A Lovely Day

Helen Lowrie Marshall

Actually, I couldn't say  
What made this such a lovely day.  
The air was chill, the clouds hung low  
Yet it was lovely --that I know.  
Perhaps it was because someone  
Smiled my way and brought the sun:  
Maybe it was only that a  
A friend stopped for a little chat;  
Or that a neighbor passing by  
Called a warm and friendly "Hi!"  
Possibly its special glow  
Came from helping one I know—  
Not much really--just a hand  
To let him know I understand.  
Nothing happened, actually,  
To set this day apart for me.  
Things went along the usual way  
But oh, it's been a lovely day!

## Last Words/Beginnings

To our friends and family who made their transition in 2019 we wish them safe passage and that they were met by family and loved ones.

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