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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep respect for our indigenous heritage, the Spiritualist Church of Canada acknowledges that the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississauga's of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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.*

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Friends

As we look back upon 2022 on some level, I think we all can say that it has not been without its challenges and rewards. As Andrew Jackson Davis said, "*under all circumstances, keep an even mind.*"

It is important to be mindful of what we do and what we allow ourselves to experience. How we respond will be based on past patterns and past experiences. Learning to take a pause or a step back at times can open us to looking at things differently and change our conditioning patterns.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada Board wishes you, your family, and your friends a healthy, happy, and prosperous Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings

Rev Angie Morra



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Christmas marks that time of year for many of us to ruminate on what has passed and what is to come, reflecting on words, deeds, thoughts, and actions. Was I kind, compassionate, and forgiving enough? There is no abacus tallying positive or negative; there is only knowledge of self and the golden rule.

We can lament what is lost and, at the same time, be immensely grateful for what is found. So, give yourself a chance to spread your spiritual wings, be patient and welcome the changes you see in yourself; that is the best gift you can give yourself at any time.

Take some time, reflect upon how the Winter Solstice allows a time for change behind the scenes and seek every opportunity to give and receive love. Enjoy every step of your journey!

Stevie

This edition: *The Spiritualist community lost a sister in Reverend Randie Jacobs last month, and we send her family our condolences. In addition, we welcome new Director Kevin Martel to the 2023 Board.*

Check out a back issue or two of the SCC newsletters
<https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news/president-s-message-newsletters>

*If there is something you'd like featured, comment upon, or share of your, contact us at
www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com*

Winter Love

The Winter Solstice falls on the day(s) when the Sun's path in the sky is the farthest north or south from the Equator. The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year.

The word solstice comes from the Latin sol "sun" and sistere "to stand still." "Sun stand still" because the path of the Sun seems to stay the same or stand still.

In its period of darkness, the winter solstice is an opportunity to go inward with deep intention, to care for our spiritual selves, our bodies and minds, our loved ones and families, and to prepare for the longer days ahead.

Although the winter solstice means the start of winter, it also means the return of more sunlight.



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INSPIRATION

*One kind word can warm three
winter months*

Japanese proverb



*“The way you get meaning into your life is to
devote yourself to loving others, devote
yourself to your community around you, and
devote yourself to creating something that
gives you purpose and meaning.”*

-Mitch Albom

You are your best thing

Toni Morrison

*Peace on Earth will come to stay, when we live
Christmas every day*

-Helen Steiner Rice

IN MEMORIAM



Reverend Randie Jacobs was ordained by the Spiritualist Church of Canada in June 2008 and elected to the SCC Board of Governors in December 2008.

As well as serving as a director, she held the education chair position from 2009 to 2012. She also held the position of Vice President in 2011, becoming President from 2012 to 2014.

Randie was instrumental in researching and fulfilling the obligations and requirements enabling the Spiritualist Church of Canada to gain marriage rites in Alberta.

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From 2016 until her passing, Reverend Randie was Oshawa's Star of Progress Church pastor.

Rest in peace Reverend Randie; your work on this plane is complete.

Rev Mary Schamehorn

SPRIT'S READING CORNER

From the Chicken Soup for the Soul series:
'The Joy of Christmas: 101 Holiday Tales of Inspiration, Love and Wonder'

This edition reminds me that it is wonderful to read about the beauty, love, and light happening around us; the things we don't always get to hear.

Mrs. Claus leads the way, sharing the story of her annual busy night getting Big Nick, the elves, AND the reindeer fed, massaged and switched on for their busy night around the world; and the fact that she wouldn't have it any other way. She shares with us that this past summer, she took the time to relax with her feet up to read the stories of miracles, perfect gifts and memories filled with compassion, joy and love that are shared in this book.

Read all at once or in lovely bites throughout the year, the Joy of Christmas reminds us that there is still so much good in us.

INSPIRATION & MEDITATION

'There is no one 'right' way to grow...See what is beautiful in every person's path, in every religion, and in every belief system. Honour other people's paths even if they are different from yours. Be inclusive and loving and look beyond the form of people's beliefs to the essence. There is no right way; there is only the way that is right for you.'

-Sanaya Roman



SPIRITUALIST HISTORY

23 December 1881

Christmas edition of this Spiritualist newspaper printed.

THE
MEDIUM AND DAYBREAK.
A WEEKLY JOURNAL
DEVOTED TO THE
HISTORY, PHENOMENA, PHILOSOPHY, AND TEACHINGS

31 December 1933

Release of Arthur Findlay's 'Rock of Truth'

20 February 1882

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The formation of the *Society for Psychical Research* with Professor Henry Sidgwick elected President and Rev. Stainton Moses as one of its Vice Presidents

March 1886

The Nanaimo Association for the Investigation of Spiritualism, then shortened to the Nanaimo Association of Spiritualists, was formed.

March 1918

Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The New Revelation' is released. Dedicated to: 'all the brave men and women, humble or learned, who have had the moral courage...to face ridicule or worldly disadvantage in order to testify to an all-important truth.'

30 March 1873

Stainton Moses begins writing 'Spirit Teachings.' It is said to have been a band of spirits associated with his mediumship; through them, his body of teaching was communicated.

*Cited from *The Canadian Spiritualist Movement and Sources for its Study* by Walter J Meyer Zu Erpen & Joy Lowe/History of Spiritualism Vols. I & II, A.C. Doyle and <https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A2947403>

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

The *SCC Lecture Series* continues to broaden the Spiritualist perspective.
Guest lecturer Lynn Jankowski

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presents on *Electronic Voice Phenomenon* to kick off the new year.

Join us for **free** at our *Celebration of Modern Spiritualism* talk and mediumship demonstration on **31st March, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. All information will be provided on www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com



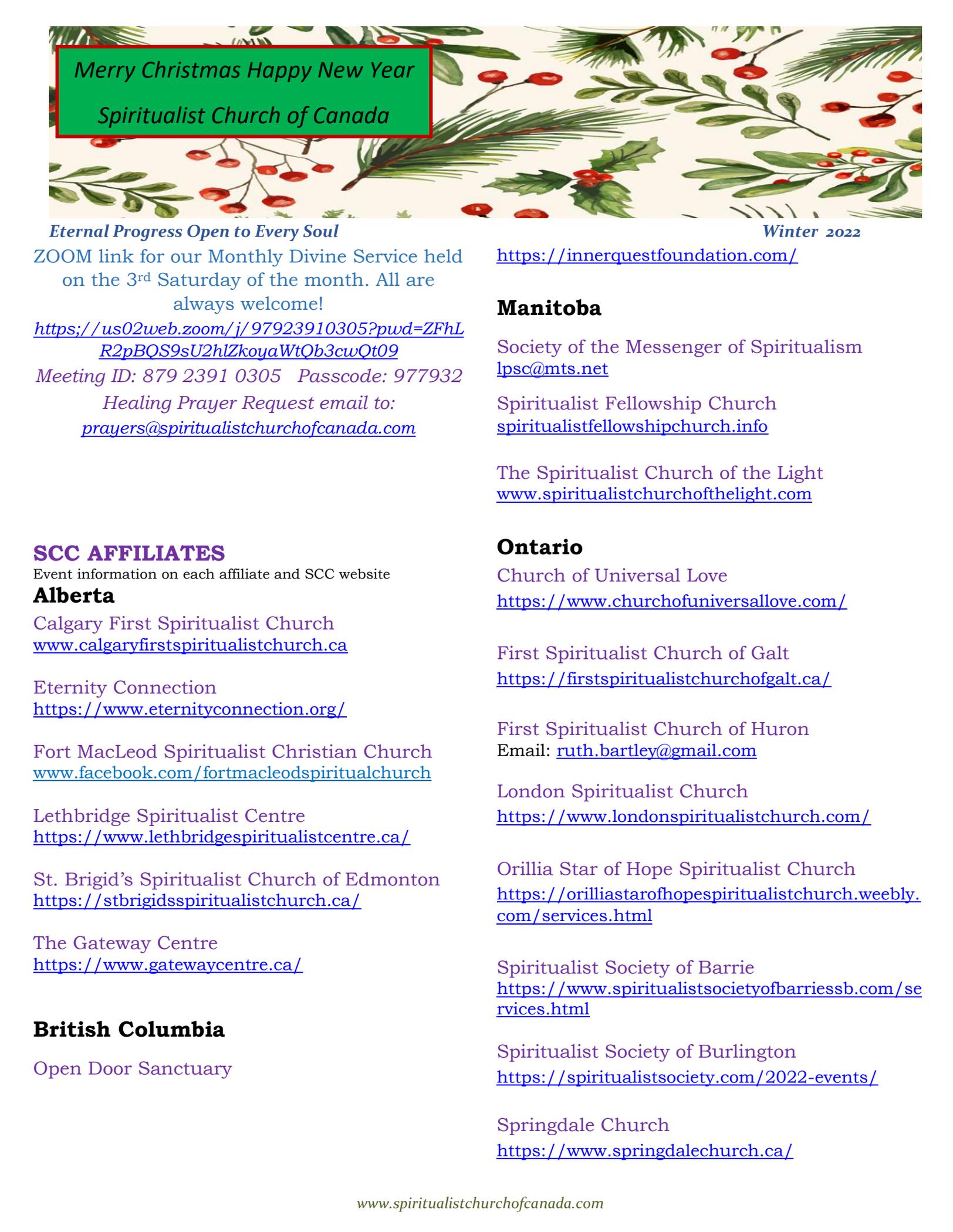
SPOTLIGHT ON... SCC DIVINE SERVICE

Spiritualist Church of Canada Virtual Church Services
If you are interested in Serving, please contact education@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

WHO	WHY	ON THE PLATFORM	WHEN
All are welcome to join in and attend our Services.	To promote the Religion of Spiritualism and its philosophies across Canada and around the world. To provide a venue for our SCC students who do not have a Spiritualist Church, with the opportunity to work towards their Requirements as an Accredited Lecturer, Medium, and Healer.	SCC Ministers as well as students working towards their Accreditation Certificates	Every 3rd Saturday of each Month, starting January 16, 2021 9 AM PST, 12 (NOON) EST, and 1:30 PM NST

WHERE
Online by ZOOM, link is:
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8479875354?pwd=VXdtV2pvdjZCeEVKcEx0dFRlbnZkdz09>
Meeting ID: 847 9875 3541
Passcode: 769861

Please download and import the following (iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/jZAgU0vqzqyHlUPHPCERTTtpZu_guJYz/ics?icsToken=98lyKuGqTlH0GWRZGRpw1844We3wmHZYgdrDrNlMwR2UDICAvJ406dAAdns



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ZOOM link for our Monthly Divine Service held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. All are always welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom/j/97923910305?pwd=ZFhLR2pBQS9sU2hlZkoyaWtOb3cwQt09>

Meeting ID: 879 2391 0305 Passcode: 977932

Healing Prayer Request email to:
prayers@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

<https://innerquestfoundation.com/>

Manitoba

Society of the Messenger of Spiritualism
lpssc@mts.net

Spiritualist Fellowship Church
spiritualistfellowshipchurch.info

The Spiritualist Church of the Light
www.spiritualistchurchofthelight.com

SCC AFFILIATES

Event information on each affiliate and SCC website

Alberta

Calgary First Spiritualist Church
www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

Eternity Connection
<https://www.eternityconnection.org/>

Fort MacLeod Spiritualist Christian Church
www.facebook.com/fortmacleodspiritualchurch

Lethbridge Spiritualist Centre
<https://www.lethbridgespiritualistcentre.ca/>

St. Brigid's Spiritualist Church of Edmonton
<https://stbrigidsspiritualistchurch.ca/>

The Gateway Centre
<https://www.gatewaycentre.ca/>

British Columbia

Open Door Sanctuary

Ontario

Church of Universal Love
<https://www.churchofuniversallove.com/>

First Spiritualist Church of Galt
<https://firstspiritualistchurchofgalt.ca/>

First Spiritualist Church of Huron
Email: ruth.bartley@gmail.com

London Spiritualist Church
<https://www.londonspiritualistchurch.com/>

Orillia Star of Hope Spiritualist Church
<https://orilliarstarofhopespiritualistchurch.weebly.com/services.html>

Spiritualist Society of Barrie
<https://www.spiritualistsocietyofbarriessb.com/services.html>

Spiritualist Society of Burlington
<https://spiritualistsociety.com/2022-events/>

Springdale Church
<https://www.springdalechurch.ca/>

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Star of Hope Spiritualist Church Oshawa
<https://thestarofhope.org/>

The Healing Spirit
<https://www.thehealingspirit.ca/>

Quebec
The First Spiritualist Center of Montreal
julissa@thefirstspiritualcenter.ca

EDUCATION

Please note that after the Registration Cut-Off date, no applications will be accepted. Dates and courses are subject to change without prior notice

Note: Courses are non-transferrable & non-refundable

Like to learn? Click here for some more suggested reading lists to be found on the SCC website:

<https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/spiritualist-writers-education>

As the Sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of the truth."

Last Words/Beginnings

We send healing energy to our friends and family who transitioned in 2022.

We wish them safe passage and that they were met by family, loved ones, guides and teachers.

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

SCC Ministers and Healers:

Every 5 years you must update your Police Vulnerable Sector Check with us. Please check your documents and send updates to SCC



The SCC has developed a '**New Board**' Training Course available to Churches that will be adapted specifically to your Church. This training will be presented in parts tailored to your By-Laws, letters of patent, Mission Statement and the roles of the Pastor and Board members. In addition, a personalized church binder will be provided for easy reference.



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"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."

Reminder: You may be ordained more than once, but you can only be registered to perform marriages in the province where you live and only with one organization.



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