

Spiritualist Church of Canada



Eternal Progress Open to Every Soul

Autumn 2022

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep respect for our indigenous heritage, the Spiritualist Church of Canada acknowledges the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas 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 move into the autumn season we look to the universe for the next steps in our path.

Many of us have been filled with uncertainty as the world reflects the parts of humanity that need to be healed.

I know that it is not easy to come from a place of unconditional love all the time when we are faced with looking at how these events trigger our emotions.

Autumn is a beautiful time to enjoy all the work that we have put into our lives. Fall is the season for our senses; let us all enjoy the harvest of our spiritual life.

As the temperatures start to cool, the colours around become more vibrant, fall is a season of transition, a reminder of the value of change. So, as we move away from a busy summer life to the quieter times of fall, allow the energy of Autumn to help with this journey inward. Use your experiences to move you with gratitude and appreciation of who you are and everything around you.

Blessings

Rev Angie Morra

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I like, no love, autumn; beautiful colours surrounding us intermingling with the last green of the summer. Fresh morning air makes you forget momentarily that you live in the heart of the city. New energy flows through the Earth and all who share it. Traditionally, the autumn equinox is a celebration of the harvest; I hear about harvest festivals and see harvest moons.

Because I'm still in love with you on this harvest moon -Neil Young

Nothing like a new season to remind us that change is part of life's cycle and love is all around. Love of our fellow human, nature, and her animal representatives. Sending Love provides you with the Love you require for your own soul growth. Whether consciously or unconsciously, we strive for this throughout our lives because we know that unconditional love is possible.

All you need is Love - Lennon/McCartney

Peace love and peachiness in Spirit

Stevie

This edition:

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

AUTUMNAL INSPIRATION

A tree is just a tree; it doesn't try to be anything but a tree.

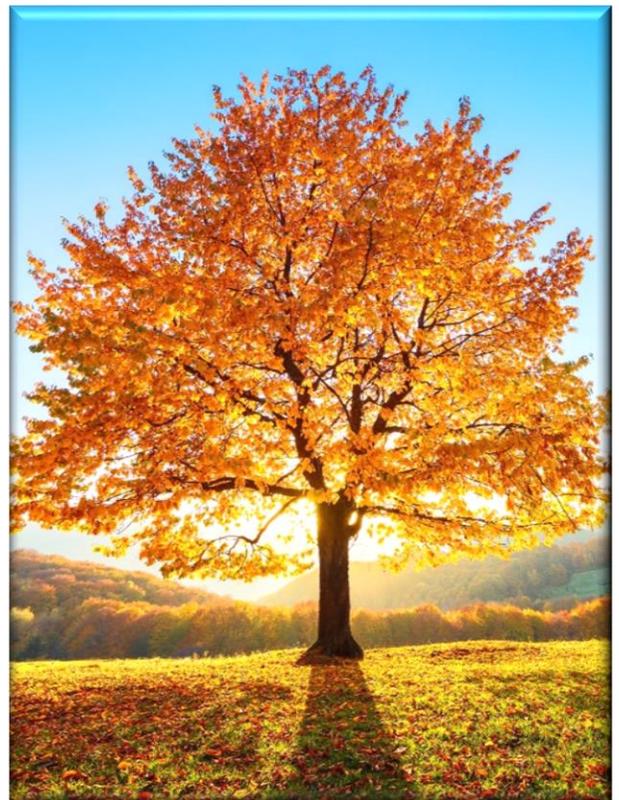
It reaches high into Father Sky spreading its branches into the light.

It reaches deep down spreading its roots into Mother Earth's darkness.

It weathers the storms, bending and swaying when it needs to.

All this it does in harmonious balance.

~Clear Wind Blows Over the Moon



Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop.

-Rumi

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Thru the trees comes autumn with her serenade; Melodies the sweetest music ever played -*Thelonious Monk*

'There is a harmony in autumn, and a lustre in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, As if it could not be, as if it had not been!'
-*Percy Bysshe Shelley*

SPIRIT'S READING CORNER



Proof of Heaven *Eben Alexander*
Reviewed by Rev. Marilyn Mazzotta

We in Spiritualism are given a great gift. That gift is shared at every spiritualist service. We are given evidence of survival after death by the demonstration of mediumship.

I am often intrigued when I read or meet someone who is discovering this for the first time. *Proof of Heaven* by Dr. Eben Alexander is a delightfully written book on this very subject.

Dr. Alexander is a neurosurgeon and has had many patients describe to him their experiences of seeing lights and hearing voices in a temporary moment of death. He knew that many people with near-

death experiences have all similar stories to speak of, but he simply chalked it up as fantasies. He also scientifically excused the experience as a chemical reaction in the brain. He continued with his belief system for many years. That is until he himself was challenged by a medical condition. This medical condition brought him, a journey, totally unexpected and without a doubt, gripped his rational and critical thinking.

Proof of Heaven was published in 2012 becoming a New York Times bestseller. Rightfully so. It is well written, captivating, and brings to light a phenomenon, that the doctor did not expect. Although not a particularly new book, I have not seen it on many Spiritualist shelves. Therefore, I thought it might be nice to share an interesting journey with a critical thinker.

Since his medical challenges, Dr. Alexander's philosophies have changed dramatically. He no longer thinks his patients project fantasy stories. And he listens in a different way. I thoroughly enjoyed this written journey



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INSPIRATION & MEDITATION

The **PAST** is for evaluating and learning from its memories and lessons;

The **PRESENT** is for living in accordance with the constructive benefit of the knowledge and experience gained in the past;

The **FUTURE** is for the charting of Life's course into new directions, wherever indications of possible improvement exist.

Rev. Ruth Dyke's guide



SPIRITUALIST HISTORY

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

** Cited from History of Spiritualism Vols. I & II, A.C. Doyle

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28 Sept 1864

1st séance held in London home

November 1849

The Fox sisters begin giving public demonstrations of their powers in contacting the spirit world and drawing

crowds that numbered into the thousands

15 November 1894

The General Assembly of Spiritualists is incorporated in New York State

24 September 1932

Short article on a mediumship event given at Ulster Hall, Belfast written by J. Arthur Findlay. He wrote of a random person providing detailed evidence not for him but for the speaker on the rostrum with him that evening.

4 October 1941

Psychic News article regarding 'when we will all be our own mediums' and the founding of the London School of Mediumship in Notting Hill, West London by Mrs. Mona Rolfe, former secretary of the International Institute for Psychic Investigation.

25 November 1961

Hannen Swaffer wrote of *Bessie Manning*, who came to his circle through direct voice medium Estelle Roberts' guide Red Cloud. She provided evidence of her mum and her mailing address, which prompted them to contact her mother immediately. She attended their circle and had direct contact with her daughter.

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SPOTLIGHT ON... **SCC DIVINE SERVICE**

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=Z
FhLR2pBQS9sU2hlZkoyaWtQb3cwQt09](https://us02web.zoom/j/97923910305?pwd=ZFhLR2pBQS9sU2hlZkoyaWtQb3cwQt09)

Meeting ID: 879 2391 0305 Passcode: 977932

Healing Prayer Request email to:

prayers@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com



The autumnal equinox—also called the
September equinox or fall equinox—
arrives on **Thursday, September 22**.
This date marks the start of fall in the
Northern Hemisphere and spring in the
Southern Hemisphere.

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

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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/>

British Columbia

Open Door Sanctuary

<https://innerquestfoundation.com/>

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Spiritualist Fellowship Church

spiritualistfellowshipchurch.info

The Spiritualist Church of the Light

www.spiritualistchurchofthelight.com

Ontario

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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/>

Star of Hope Spiritualist Church Oshawa

<https://thestarofhope.org/>

The Healing Spirit

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

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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>

In the Know

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 patent, Mission Statement and the roles of Pastor and Board members. A personalized church binder will be provided for easy reference

"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."

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.

Last Words/Beginnings

We send healing energy to our friends and family who made their transition 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

As of 31 December 2020, the SCC has moved to printable digital membership cards.

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

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