



Spiritualist Church of Canada

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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 Message

Greetings, Friends and Happy Summer Solstice,

As the pandemic restrictions are lifted, we all look forward to the best part of summer: spending more time with our loved ones. Summertime is always the best of what might be.

We all have our own special memories of past summers that warm our hearts and bring a smile to our faces. For some of us, those fond summertime memories also include loved ones who are now in spirit.

As you plan your summertime activities with family and friends, allow gratitude to fill your space for all the people and things that you value. Gratitude can be expressed in many ways, and the benefits of being grateful are endless. By taking time to notice and reflect on the people and things in our lives, self-awareness develops within us of who we are, and we are wonderful!

We will be taking a summer hiatus over July and August with our Virtual Divine Services.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada would like to take this opportunity to thank our member Churches for their dedication to

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the Religion of Spiritualism and our organization. Your support is truly appreciated.

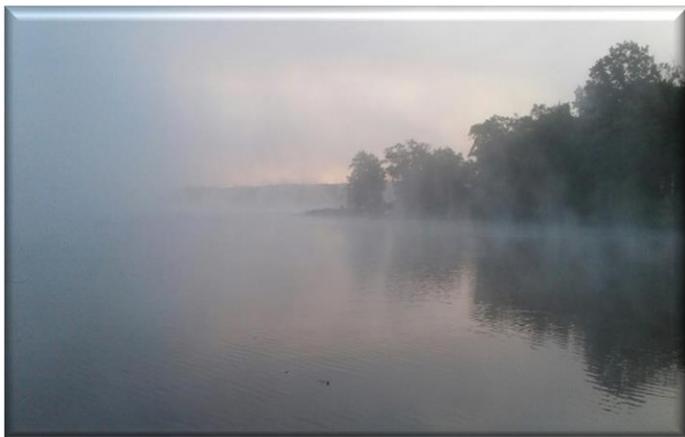
Enjoy your summer and see you in September.

Blessings,

Rev Angie Morra

"If we are to have peace on earth...our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."

-Martin Luther King Jr.



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Summer Inspiration

...may the Light that lightens all darkness lead you into the light you are so earnestly seeking...

--Arthur Findlay



"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

— Henry James

Learn to be free. Do not imprison yourself. Do not hedge yourself around and refuse to allow new inspiration to come to you. Truth is a constant search. Its boundaries are ever widening, for as the soul evolves the mind responds.

--Silver Birch

We all have hearts.... If you have a heart, love somebody. If you have enough heart, love everybody.

--Stevie Wonder

"Summer is a period of luxurious growth. To be in harmony with the atmosphere of summer, awaken early in the morning and reach to the sun for nourishment to flourish as the gardens do. Work, play, travel, be joyful, and grow into selfless service. The bounty of the outside world enters and enlivens us."

- Paul Pitchford

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Editor's Note

Peace and Love, Gratitude and Thanksgiving, Rest and rejuvenation. These words and more are heard daily, not just in my meditations and messages received but in overheard conversations from passersby or at the grocery store.

We don't think we are living in an enlightened age, but we are; one where we know what we can do, what we need to say, to share to get us to a semblance of those words.

Peace, Love, Gratitude. Let's continue to do our best each day.

Much Peace, peachiness and Love,
Stevie

This edition:

We have the pleasure of welcoming a new SCC Minister, Rev. Sarah Wilkes, of Barrie, ON. Sarah's ordination ceremony was the first in-person service in nearly 3 years, and the house was full; we are proud. Congratulations, Sarah, on your mission, achievement, and continued success!

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



Bluffs Park, Scarborough, ON

Spirit's Reading Corner



This is Spiritualism
Maurice Barbanell

Maurice Barbanell was acknowledged to be one of the best-informed authorities on Spiritualism. He was an editor of the Psychic News weekly newspaper and Two Worlds monthly magazine.

Barbanell begins by introducing mediumship with a chapter entitled Beyond the Five Senses, steering us through evidence gathering through to permanent proof of survival.

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He then guides us to continue to search ourselves and Spirit for the acknowledgement of proof of survival.

'Mediumship comes into being when these innate psychic powers are developed in conscious co-operation with what are called spirit guides, who are qualified, because of their advanced evolutionary state, to act as tutors in spiritual matters'

An excellent study of Spiritualism and mediumship published in 1959.

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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11 August 1826

Birth of Andrew Jackson Davis in Blooming Grove, New York

11-16 September 1877

First annual camp meeting at Lilydale

September 1877

Isis Unveiled by Madame Blavatsky is released

7 August 1880

The Grand Hotel, now the Maplewood Hotel in the Lilydale Assembly, opens.

August 1883

Lilydale Auditorium was built.

July 1896

At the first meeting of Harmony Grove Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association in Southern California - Mary Nulton was told by Spirit to organize a Camp Meeting that became Harmony Grove.

July 1902

The Spiritualists National Union was created with the primary object *'to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge of the religion and philosophy of Spiritualism. It aims to unite Spiritualist societies and churches into a brotherhood and to secure full recognition as religious bodies.'*

22 July 1927

Arthur Conan Doyle adds another letter to the new edition of Two Worlds magazine.

28 September 1928

Arthur Conan Doyle's letter *'Spiritualism and the Law'* appears in Two Worlds magazine.

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1 July 1967

Psychic News headliner, '**Canadian newspaper features Silver Birch and his medium**' regarding a full-page profile of Maurice Barbanell, editor of Psychic News, interviewed



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Richard Wagamese

Hello Friends,

In the spirit of summer and *Canadian National Indigenous Month*, I would like to introduce you to one of my personal go-to sacred texts. You know the kind, the one that when you hold it in your hands, you can feel the spiritual energy in the book. You can open any page and be inspired. For me, this book is substantial and refreshing.

If you are looking to be inspired and experience teachings and wisdom through another lens, "**Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations**" by Canadian Indigenous Author Richard Wagamese is a book worth picking up.

Richard Wagamese invites the reader to "*Bring these words into your life. Feel them. Sit with them and use them.*"

The book begins in the quiet of the morning and the personal ritual of sitting in the stillness. You get a clear picture of the author's deep appreciation of nature and an understanding that life is our greatest teacher and that our stories, our relationship to the creator and those around us, matter and are what shapes us. Throughout the book, readers can reflect and contemplate. There are beautiful photos that accompany the teachings.

The teachings come in the form of several simple conversations between an "*Old Woman*" and the author "*Me*." Often several lines of commentary accompany the short conversations to provide the reader with the opportunity to reflect; here is an excerpt from the book:

ME: *What is the point of prayer and meditation?*

OLD WOMAN: *To bring you closer to the Great Mystery*

ME: *So, I can understand it?*

OLD WOMAN: *No, so you can participate in it."*

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Richard Wagamese struggled with addiction and separation from family at a young age, among other things in his life; he worked hard to heal himself. However, it was the support and teachings of his community and the creator that aided in his healing process. I believe *“Embers”* is a gift he wrote to honour those teachings and provide information for those who might be struggling, and we know we all struggle at different times, in different ways.

Richard Wagamese passed in 2017; he left our planet too early. I suggest you put several of his books on your summer reading list. Once you start, trust me, you will want to read more; start with *“Embers”* if you are looking to be inspired, you will not be disappointed.

Happy summer! Happy reading!

Rev. Gillian Edwards
Church of Universal Love

**His book entitled “One Native Life” is a memoir, it is a beautiful piece of writing. “Indian Horse”, one of his older books was made into a major motion picture with Clint Eastwood as the Executive Producer.*

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“There is such a powerful eloquence in silence. True genius is knowing when to say nothing, to allow the experience, the moment itself, to carry the message, to say what needs to be said. Words are less important, less effective than feeling. When you can sit in perfect silence with someone, you truly know how to communicate.” — Richard Wagamese

ORDINATION





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On Sunday, March 20, 2022, I was greatly honoured to ordain Reverend Sarah Wilkes as a Minister of the Spiritualist Church of Canada.

The ceremony was held at the Spiritual Society of Barrie, Barrie, ON and was witnessed by Sarah's family and friends from both sides of life.

Reverend Sarah says,

“My mission is to serve spirit with integrity and vision. I seek to inspire others to discover their spiritual talents, engage them in self-development and endorse them in avenues they commit to.

It is my joy to provide educational opportunities to others on the spiritual journey. I would encourage all to actively serve others where they are called and to offer my mentorship and support. I enjoy working with diverse communities meeting them where they are, and providing evidence of the Infinite Spirit. The ordination expands and enhances my ability to serve the dying and the bereaved in hospice palliative care as I have volunteered over many years. I will now be able to serve others in an official capacity to

assist them in times of joy and sorrow by providing spiritual leadership, support, and guidance.

Where Spirit leads, I will follow, and I am grateful for all my experiences on the path.”

Welcome, Sarah, to your role as an SCC Minister and an ambassador for the Spiritualist Church of Canada.

Rev. Angie Morra

AROUND TOWN

Alberta

The Gateway Centre

Holding Virtual Sunday Services at 2:00 pm on Zoom; check the website for full details:

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

Manitoba

Spiritualist Fellowship Church

Mini Psychic Tea:

Saturday, September 25

7-10pm \$10 admission

Ontario

Church of Universal Love

Rev. Gillian Edwards and the Board have continued to offer a meditation and healing

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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

Holding a blended (hybrid) Sunday Service. Masks are required if you join us in person. All are welcome to join us, either online or in person. For zoom information:

<https://firstspiritualistchurchofgalt.ca/>

London Spiritualist Church

LSC is offering blended in-person & virtual services; check the LSC website for full details and guest speakers:

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

Orillia Star of Hope Spiritualist Church

Conducting 7 pm Divine Services online -please check their website for details:

<https://orilliastarofhopespiritualistchurch.weebly.com/services.html>

Spiritualist Society of Barrie

We are now back in-person for **Sunday Divine Service**, The first and third Sunday of the month. If you wish to stay connected, we are also offering a Sunday ZOOM Divine Service.

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Check our website for full details:

<https://www.spiritualistsocietyofbarriessb.com/services.html>

Spiritualist Society of Burlington

Divine Services: Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Check their website for their summer events: <https://spiritualistsociety.com/2022-events/>

Spiritualist Society of Burlington presents

**an In-Person Fund-Raising
EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP
with International Mediums
DONNA BARKER & ANDY BYNG**

**Friday July 15, 2022
7:00pm
\$30 in advance**

**LOCATION: Spiritualist Society of Burlington
3027 New Street, Burlington Ontario L7R 1K3
CONTACT INFO: ssb@bell.net**

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Spiritualist Society of Burlington presents

TRUSTING SPIRIT, TRUSTING SELF

a Mediumship Development Course with UK Medium
DONNA BARKER
July 23, 2022 10am - 5pm



IN PERSON at SSB
Fee: \$120 Limited to 18 participants
Contact info: ssb@bell.net



COURSE OUTLINE: Do you trust the spirit world but doubt yourself to deliver spirit's messages effectively? This course will help you:

- Understand the important role you play in your partnership with spirit
- Strengthen your relationship with spirit
- Build trust and confidence levels
- Explore your mediumship in a safe and non-pressured environment
- Step outside of your comfort zone to experience growth as a medium

SSB is located at: 3027 New St. Burlington Ontario L7R 1K3

Service and/or Meditation, please contact them directly: <https://thestarofhope.org/>

The Healing Spirit

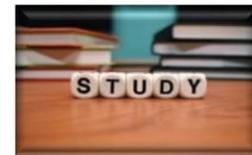
Continue to hold Sunday services at 10:30 am by Zoom -for more information and updates on in-person services, check out their website: <https://www.thehealingspirit.ca/>

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

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Springdale Church

In-person divine and healing services have resumed regular schedules. Check the website for more information:

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

Star of Hope Spiritualist Church

Sunday services are in-person. If you would like to be notified and invited to attend

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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.

The Virtual Divine Service is on summer hiatus and will return in September.

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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