

### President's Note

Happy Spring Friends!

Another season is upon us and your SCC Board has been creating space for our Ministers and Students to grow within our organization.

Save the date Ontario Ministers!

On Saturday May 23, 2020 the SCC board will be hosting the first **Professional Ministers Day** at Church of Universal Love. More information to follow.

In an ongoing effort to fully serve our ever-growing membership and students, we are excited to share with you that we now have two (2) Education Chairs: Reverend Brenda Philip and, soon to be ordained, Bobbi Pineau. Both Governors are working diligently in preparing our curriculum for this year in Ontario and in the West so pay a visit to our website for more information.

With new growth, new ways of managing our membership is needed. The SCC will be purchasing a new software program called "Church Management" to move us forward in this area and provide us with great managing tools.

Finally, a gentle reminder that as part of our Fundraising Events, we have established new one-day workshops. For further information please visit our website under the "Welcome Tab".

Blessings

Reverend Angie Morra

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### **Editor's Note**

It's today, the day we (at the very least I) wait for with bated breath, each winter! The first day of Spring.

Fresher air, brighter days (even when its raining it still seems brighter). You can almost scent the grass waiting to, well, spring up. There is healing energy being shared day after day through the new growth surrounding us, take the time to heal you and then pass it on. Continue to look forward to this new year we are in, viruses aside; stay safe, healthy and share your love.

Much Peace, peachiness and Love, Stevie

#### This edition:

We introduce a new column: **Spotlight on**...which will focus on the Spiritualist History of Canada through the SCC and Churches past and present.

We are introducing you to your 2020 Board over a couple of editions, sharing our thoughts on Spiritualism to celebrate 31<sup>st</sup> March -National Spiritualism Day.

There are workshops and events at member churches in Ontario. Contact the venue directly to confirm scheduling. <a href="https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news">https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news</a>

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

 $\frac{https://www.spiritualistchurchofcanada.com/index.php/events-and-news/president-s-message-newsletters}{}$ 

And of course, we still feature the regular columns featuring Spiritualist history soundbites and Spirit's Reading Corner...contact us at newsletter@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com





### **Inspirations**

The spiritual journey is individual, highly personal. It can't be organized or regulated. It isn't true that everyone should follow one path. Listen to your own truth.

Ram Dass

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' Martin Luther King, Jr.

Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!

Sitting Bull



### Spirit's Reading Corner

The Secret Life of Mackenzie King, Spiritualist Mclean's article dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 1951 Blair Fraser, Ottawa Correspondent

I know, I know, it's not a book but what an interesting read written by a non-believer this is. It made me want to look for more writings about our former Prime Minister and his Spiritualist belief.

**n.b.** a couple of books by Geraldine Cummins are mentioned

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Reading this made me a little sad that we must hide so much of ourselves away as Spiritualists; that we feel we cannot share until we are old enough not to care what others think or worse, we have passed on. No discussions, or sharing (although in Mr. King's case, he seemed to have no issues with sharing and discussing with trusted people around him).

But our stories go on by sharing well into the future with openness, sincerity and all our guides.

Although edited for a clean read and attached as pdf, the article can be found online here:

https://archive.macleans.ca/article/1951/12/15/the-secretlife-of-mackenzie-king-spiritualist

Whet your appetite for Spiritualist history with this article of a Canadian world stage figure.



# The Dominance Theory: A Guide to Elevating Your 5 Dimensions of Self

by Dr. Margot McKinnon Book review submitted by Rev. Jane Fleming

Dr. Margot McKinnon has been seeing Spirit since early childhood. At age 3 (or 4) a Spirit voice said, "You will be a teacher," to which she replied, "Okay," and went back to playing with her dolls. Her parents wisely set up a little school room with a chalk board for her to play teacher.

As a seasoned high school English teacher, Margot noticed the very quiet (at-risk-of-dropping-out) kind of students. She ignored School Board protocol and counselled them, helping to rid them of dark spirits who can plague sensitive adolescents.



While at the University of Calgary, the professor asked, 'what is the difference between Body, Mind and Spirit?' While other students went to the library to research the topic, Margot took a nap and downloaded the Dominance Theory from Spirit. The professor thought it was the most refreshing theory and Margot went on to achieve her Ph. D. from Oxford University, citing the dominance theory as a useful guide for Canadian educators with diverse types of students.

The Dominance Theory proposes that there are 5 types of dominance among people: Body, Mind, Spirit, Soul or Oneness. The Body and Mind Dominants are the athletes, models, academics, engineers, etc. They dominate our culture and despite wonderful characteristics they are responsible for much of the destruction of Mother Earth. The Soul dominants. like Margot, know their life's purpose from an early age, while the Oneness dominants become the great avatars and spiritual leaders. The Spirit Dominants are the mediumistic people who connect with the other side where life is filled with Love and Harmony. They don't fit well in a world like ours full of aggression, competition and materialism. But these are the very people who must step forward into leadership roles to ensure a better future for our planet.

Margot teaches those of us who are Spirit Dominant to stand up to the bullies and naysayers; she teaches us how to deal with Stressed Body or Stressed Mind Dominants. Many of the Spiritualist Church leaders have had to put up with people who can disrupt the healing energy of our precious churches.

I highly recommend that SCC members take the opportunity to read this invaluable book (or invite a talk from Margot at their church) to better acquaint ourselves with our own sensitivities and learn the techniques to challenge the Stressed Body/Mind Dominants of our culture who can mislead the world.

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31st March

### Meet your 2020 SCC Board members

What does Spiritualism Day mean to you?

Reverend Angie Morra, President

Happy Anniversary fellow Spiritualists!

As a modern-day Spiritualist, I am thankful to our pioneers for allowing Spirit the space to demonstrate their intelligence and provide mediums a way to express the continuity of life after the physical death.

March 31, 1848 is the day that we acknowledge and celebrate the start of the era of Modern Spiritualism. May we continue to remember our past, be true to our present and aspire for the future so that our Religion of Spiritualism will continue to flourish in the world.

Blessings, Angie

#### **Reverend Gillian Edwards**

When I was asked the above question, I took time to reflect. For me World Spiritualism Day means an opportunity to celebrate Spirit, Natural Law and the gifts that Spiritualism has brought in to my life and enriched it: deep friendships, awesome community, personal growth, opportunity to serve and learn/grow, wonderful and profound healing. It also reminded me of the writings of a Canadian Spiritualist Benjamin Fish Austin, who was originally a Methodist minister who became a Spiritualist in the late 1880's after his daughter died.





"Spiritualism comes into the world unfettered by any alliance with creeds or dogmas. It was born of the love and wisdom of the Spirit Spheres. Its foundations are the facts and principles of Nature and the teachings of human experience. It is absolutely free to accept all demonstrated and demonstrable truth in religions of the past or the new religions of today." B.F. Austin

Happy World Spiritualism Day Friends!!



Stevie Martin, Vice President

What would any of us be if we didn't have predecessors? We endeavour to live in and enjoy the present, but we

must acknowledge the past to keep us moving forward. It can seem daunting in today's world to be committed to this life we have chosen as modern-day Spiritualists but connecting with those who came before us with the level of commitment to their spiritual unfoldment and mediumship is both humbling and encouraging. Enjoy this life and enjoy Spiritualism Day!

"About daylight this morning, a warm breathing passed over my face, suddenly awakening me from a profound slumber, and I heard a voice, tender and yet particularly strong, saying, 'Brother, the good work has begun – Behold, a living demonstration is born.' The breathing and the voice eased immediately, and I was left wondering what could be meant by such a message?"

Event in the Life of a Seer Andrew Jackson Davis – March 31, 1948



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Bobbi Pineau, Director

March 31, 1848 is what Spiritualists mark as the day Modern Spiritualism was born. It was in a little cottage in Hydesville, New York that two young girls, Kate and Maggie Fox realized that discarnate spirits could communicate with them and so begun the movement that became Spiritualism.

As the news spread of the extraordinary abilities of these two girls, their lives were forever changed. Subjected to all kinds of ridicule, tests, humiliation and threats, they continued to be ambassadors for the Spirit World and time and time again proved that communication with that world was possible.

Over time more mediums came forward to share their gifts and they too were subject to much scrutiny which, at times, could be quite cruel. But through it all, they held fast to their convictions and stood up for what they believed in.

It is those who came before me that I honour on March 31. If not for them, I could not stand openly and proclaim that I am proud to be a Spiritualist. I can freely practice mediumship, healing and give lectures as part of Spiritualism. I fear neither prosecution, nor persecution because of my beliefs. I know that if not for those who stood strong and who fought for what they believed; I would not have these opportunities. Mediumship and Spiritualism would still be practiced in back rooms in secrecy.

I am proud to be a Spiritualist and I will continue to teach others about those who came before me, so their sacrifices are acknowledged, and gratitude is shown for all they had to endure.



Eternal Progress Open to Every Soul Reverend Jill Washington, Director

My spiritual journey began in 2005 after my mother's passing which lead me to Spiritualism. Spiritualism's philosophy fit my values and my beliefs about this life and the afterlife. Being a spiritualist minister and a SCC board member, it is my commitment to help, support and teach others about spiritualism.

### Historic Dates in Spiritualism

\*Cited from: The Canadian Spiritualist Movement and Sources for its Study by Walter J Meyer Zu Erpen & Joy Lowe \*\* Cited from History of Spiritualism, A.C. Doyle

#### \* March 1891

Victoria, BC Spiritualists organized a themselves as a corporate body known as the First British Columbia Society of Spiritualists

#### 31 March 1929

Handwritten note by Mrs. Harold Shand- from the 27<sup>th</sup>
March Thomas Hamilton Glendenning home circle
identifies a 'very moving' Easter sermon and 'the medium
beats time to the music' while also noting 'much
vigorous muscular activity.'

#### **April 1927**

Arthur Conan Doyle pens a letter to the Editor of the Occult Review regarding Spiritualism and Theosophy with its acrimonious split. Read it here:

https://www.arthur-conan-doyle.com/index.php?title=File:The-occult-review-1927-04-p268-spiritualism-and-theosophy.jpg

#### \*9 May 1915

Reverend Reese, BD, became Pastor of the Divine Psychic Society in Victoria, BC

#### \*\*10 June 1854

First regular Spiritualist organization formed in New York "Society for the Diffusion of Spiritual Knowledge"

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#### A Brief History of the Spiritualist Church of Canada

A meeting was held at Britten Memorial Church, Davenport Rd, Toronto with the view of organizing a Union of Spiritualists Churches in Canada.

As a result, The Spiritualist Church of Canada was incorporated under the name **The Spiritualist** National Union (SNU) on April 27th, 1929. The original SNU headquarters were at Toronto's Britten Memorial Church of Canada. On August 23, 1978, the SNU Canada, after several attempts over many years, succeeded in changing its name to the Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC) as it is still known today.

Main points in starting this organizing of Spiritualism in Canada were:

- 1. Linking up of all the churches in Canada under one union
- 2. Aiding churches in better organization and efficiency
- 3. Training and certifying mediums and speakers
- *4. Organizing tours of prominent workers*
- 5. To help struggling churches and start new ones where needed
- 6. Discouraging churches existing for private gain only
- 7. Starting a Spiritualist Newsletter

By the first Annual General Meeting on May 25, 1929, there were over 20 churches affiliated to the Union; - provincial councils were set up for each province with representation on the board.



On May 7, 1929, a Mediums Union was suggested and set up a few months later.

August 16, 1929, marked the beginning of Canadian Day in Lily Dale, NY by the SNU.

The Education Board was set up with four officers. Among the requisites, candidates had to be of good moral character and be able to publicly expound the philosophy of Spiritualism.

Over the years the Education program has improved with the biggest change in 2015 with in-person courses eing implemented for all three levels of the curriculum.

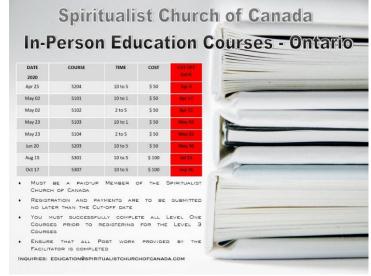
In 2010 a modern version of the **Seven Principles** was approved by membership.

Overall, the Spiritualist Church of Canada still incorporates and supports most of its original goals. It continues to remain strong as it renews and adjusts with changing times, government policies and feedback from its membership.

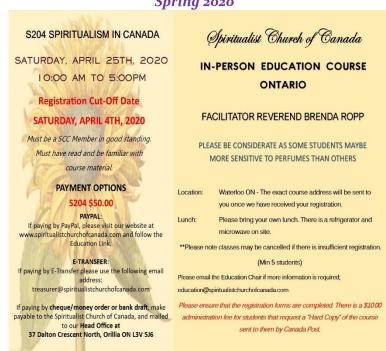
#### Reverend Brenda Ropp

Ed. Note: stay tuned to this column! We will feature history of churches and pioneers of Canadian Spiritualism. There is a plethora of history, let's share it!

Spring 2020 2020 In-Person Courses Available



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S101 THE RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM S102 THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2020 **Registration Cut-Off Date** SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2020

Must be a SCC Member in good standing. Must have read and be familiar with

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS** \$101 \$50.00 & \$102 \$50.00

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#### IN-PERSON EDUCATION COURSE ONTARIO

#### **FACILITATOR REVEREND BRENDA PHILP**

S101 will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM S102 will be 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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

Spiritualist Society of Burlington

Roseland Plaza, 3027 New Street, Burlington ON There are restaurants in the plaza, if you would like to bring

your own lunch there is a refrigerator and microwave on

\*\*Please note classes may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration. (Min 5 students)

Please email the Education Chair if more information is required; education@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

Please ensure that the registration forms are completed. There is a \$10.00

IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN ANY LEVEL 3 COURSES ALL LEVEL 1 COURSES MUST BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

S203 SPIRITUAL HEALING

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2020 10:00 AM TO 5:00PM

**Registration Cut-Off Date** 

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 2020

Must be a SCC Member in good standing. Must have read and be familiar with

> course material. **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

> > \$203 \$50.00

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

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Church of Universal Love 951 Wilson Ave. Unit 16 Suite U1A

Toronto, Ontario M3K 2A7

Please bring your own lunch. There is a refrigerator and

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Please ensure that the registration forms are completed. There is a \$10.00 administration fee for students that request a "Hard Copy" of the course sent to them by Canada Post

PLEASE NOTE THAT \$203 SPIRITUAL HEALING DOES NOT GRANT YOU THE SCC THE HEALERS ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE.

S103 THE SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALISM S104 SPIRITUALISM PAST & PRESENT

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 2020 **Registration Cut-Off Date** SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2020

Must be a SCC Member in good standing. Must have read and be familiar with course material.

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS** \$103 \$50.00 & \$104 \$50.00

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### Recommended Reading

Implications of Spiritualism Barbanell, Maurice. 1930.

"Properly understood, Spiritualism will become one of the greatest forces for good in the world."

On the Edge of the Etheric Findlay, Arthur,1930

Findlay offers scientific proof of life after death and the reason and purpose of our stay on earth.

### Philosophy of Silver Birch

Edited by Stella Storm, former secretary within Psychic News. Covers natural law, responsibility of mediumship, and healing, 'the greatest gift of all'.



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# Events Around Town-Ontario The First Spiritualist Church of Galt

## The First Spiritualist Church of Galt presents Natural Spiritual Healing

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Are you interested in learning more about natural spiritual healing? This gift of healing can be shared during the church service and with family and friends.

Natural Spiritual Healing, a form of Energy Healing, is the Divine science and art of balance. It helps to be more balanced in body, mind and spirit. This means that while the innermost layers of a person are balanced and energized, a sense of being more at peace with oneself and the world may be achieved.

This inner balance then positively affects the outer layers of a person – the mind and emotions – effecting more mental poise, more concentration and focus of mind, and settling the emotions.

Classes will be held on Sundays
March 22, April 5 & 19, 2020
(no class Easter Sunday)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$60.00 for church members & \$65.00 for non-member

To register or for additional information contact Heather Lambie at events@firstspiritualistchurchofgalt.ca



First Spiritualist Church of Galt, 2000 Speedsville Rd., Cambridge







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### The Healing Spirit









### **INSPIRATION**

Ah, Hope! what would life be, stripped of thy encouraging smiles, that teach us to look behind the dark clouds of today, for the golden beams that are to gild the morrow.

Susanna Moodie

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### Springdale Church



# **Psychic Boot Camp**

April 18th 2020 10 am - 5 pm

### Springdale Spiritualist Church

30 Merritt Rd. East York, Toronto

\$70 (for members) \$75 (general public)

A workshop that will empower, enhance,

bringing forth your payable chilities.

bringing forth your psychic abilities.
A full day covering many topics of metaphysics!
Limited seating - payment must be made in advance
Please bring a lunch.

\*Visualization \*Scrying \*Pendulums \*Auras \*Telepathic Projection \*Colours \*Utilizing the Chakras \*Inspiring Psychic Readings! \*Meditation

> To register please go to: www.SpringdaleChurch.ca email: information@springdalechurch.ca 416-759-3958

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### **COVID-19 SCC MEMBER UPDATE**

We are monitoring this world-wide event in relation to our In-Person Courses. We will advise of any changes as needed based on the regulations set out by the world health organization and our government.

Remember with all events, ensure you contact each presenter location directly regarding possible closures and cancellations.

We hold the world in our prayers and thoughts. Keep Safe.

Blessings
The SCC Board

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 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.



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#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

\*\*\*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

### **New Beginnings**

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

Brought to you in Spirit from the Board of the Spiritualist Church of Canada

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## Rise Up

Rise up from expectations that others throw your way

Rise up from hurtful things that people sometimes say

Rise up from negativity, try not to let it through

Rise up from problems that leave you not knowing what to do

Rise up from obstacles that are thrown in your path

Rise up from the world's unexpected wrath

Rise up from all these things by living in the light

Rise up from the necessity of always being right

Rise up to a level of joy, leave people feeling your love

Rise up to meet your higher self, expanding to the heavens above

Rise up to being true to yourself, connect to the energies we all share

Rise up to letting your smile be the most fashionable thing that you wear

Rise up to count all your blessings and their glory

Rise up to your full potential and write your own story

Rise up to the abundance of love, that fills this space

Rise up to making our Universe a more spiritual and peaceful place.

Angie Alles Spiritualist Society of Barrie