

Spiritualist Church of Canada

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**Autumn
2018**

President's Message

Rev. Brenda Ropp

As I am writing this report, fall is once again upon us. Fall is one of my favourite seasons, not too hot, and the leaves' turning brings such beauty to the surroundings. Also, it is a gentle reminder that soon I will be heading to our Arizona home for the winter.

The AGM is fast approaching; information and sign up is on our website. We hope all that can attend do, as we have some great workshops planned. More importantly this is your Annual members meeting and your vote is of the upmost importance in shaping the future of the SCC. I also encourage you to consider letting your name stand for a position in the upcoming board of directors' election. We are a working board that needs some hard-working and eager members to fill positions.

I advise that I will be completing my term as President this October. After deep consideration, I have chosen to step aside and not run again in the upcoming election. I must say I will miss the work and people tremendously. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the SCC as I fully believe in everything we have worked so hard to accomplish. I will also be available to assist with any fundraisers the SCC or member churches may have, just contact me direct. The SCC is in the strongest financial position it has ever been and that has been due to you as members supporting us and to the board for all their hard work; a big thank you to all.

Over the past few years, it has become clear to me that it is very important we ensure our history is documented. As some of you may know I am taking on the project of writing about the history of The Spiritualist Church of Canada, this will take up a lot of time of my time but will be very exciting work.

Recently I received a letter from The University of Waterloo and their Dana Porter Library asking the SCC to consider storing our historical items with them. I attended the state-of-the-art facility and believe it is an absolutely wonderful place to store our history for future generations. Already housed there is spiritual history on Jennie Peacock, and her actual trumpet. Jennie concentrated her séances on evidential mediumship. Also housed there are taped séances of William Lacey who channeled philosophy of Spiritualism. If you get a chance it is worth the trip to see this history for yourself. The Spiritualist Church of Canada is considering storing information there as well. It makes it accessible to everyone to study Spiritualism as well as ensuring our history is kept safe. The board and members will need to decide if this is something they wish to do.

In June of this year, Rev. Sharon Golsby resigned from organizing our Canadian Weekend in Lily Dale, New York. We want to thank her for all her years of organizing such a great event, she did a wonderful job and her hard work is greatly appreciated. As of June 2018, the President and board of the SCC have accepted this role and moving forward will be responsible for the organization of Canadian Weekend. I want to thank Rev. Brenda Philp who was put in charge for this year and did a great job; thank you Brenda for all your hard work. The 2019 workers are scheduled and set to go. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Canadian Weekend, please direct them to the President.



Fall has arrived. Behold the changing leaves and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of color. Transformation is afoot, and hope is in the air.

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Did you know?

Member churches may have different registrations. We will indicate on our website below their information if they are:

Non-Profit: A non-profit corporation is a legal entity separate from its members and directors formed for purposes other than generating a profit to be distributed to its members, directors or officers. While, a non-profit corporation can earn a profit, the profit must be used to further the goals of the corporation rather than to pay dividends to its membership. Non-profit corporations are formed pursuant to federal or provincial law. A non-profit corporation can be a church or church association, school, charity, medical provider, activity clubs, volunteer services organization, professional association, research institute, museum, or in some cases a sports association. Non-profit corporations must apply for charitable status to benefit from tax-exempt status and to issue tax deductible receipts to donors.

Not For Profit: Difference Between **Not for Profit and Non-Profit** Organizations. There are many companies which conduct business without the purpose of gaining a **profit** for the owners or shareholders, however, **not-for-profit** organizations may include a membership roster which does directly benefit from the income of the organization. They cannot issue tax receipts.

Charity: Qualified **charitable** organizations include those operated exclusively for religious, **charitable**, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to animals or children, or the development of amateur sports. The organization's purposes must be exclusively and legally charitable. Therefore, **all the purposes of the charity** must be charitable, not just most purposes. Canadian charities

can conduct charitable activities in Canada and abroad. A charity can issue tax receipts.

Business: is the activity of making one's living or making money by producing or buying and selling products. Simply put, it is "any activity or enterprise entered into for profit. It does not mean it is a company, a corporation, partnership, or has any such formal organization, but it can range from a street peddler to General Motors.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada is a non-profit organization with a registered charitable status and as such cannot assist a non-profit or business in a monetary sense. This means the SCC as a Charity cannot provide financial support or do joint fundraising events. We can only list and advertise for any organization types other than a charity.

It is legal for them to become members of the Spiritualist Church of Canada and we can support them with educational programs, board training and access to our forms, policies and by-laws.

Inspirations

'When I am silent I fall into the place where everything is music' - Rumi

'People are drawn to the spiritual. It has a universal appeal' - Kathleen Battle

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



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Editor's Message

"Music is the easiest method of meditation. Whoever can let himself dissolve into music has no need to seek anything else to dissolve into." — Osho

I like this quote because it holds truth in its simplicity, in the meaning conveyed. You don't even have to ponder, overthink, and tax your brain to understand Osho's guidance here: music IS meditation & mediation IS music. It is of your mind, your heart and your soul, the music created within yourself is your meditation. I love it!

I used to think meditating was a mighty difficult undertaking. I'd lament that I couldn't clear my thoughts from my mind long enough to 'meditate', to breathe in the good and to breathe out the bad, to sit still in the oneness etc. etc. etc.

*I practiced yoga in an exceedingly desultory fashion thinking this would aid in proper meditation. I spoke to all types of healers who gave me 'Let go and Let God' in many forms as they tried to heal my mind, body & soul; then years later, as though I woke up out of a bear like sleep, I realized, lying still as I woke each morning I was saying thank you for letting me be here another day, that's meditation. Gradually I incorporated some deep breathing and very simple yoga moves as I fell out of bed, but generally, that honestly held grateful attitude is my daily meditation. Now I meditate all of the time whenever & wherever I am, whether sitting quiet for 2 minutes at the office and saying thank you or listening to a myriad selection of musical compositions that may run me through a gamut of emotions and worlds travelled.
Ah, such bliss.*

This edition finds us in the beginning days of the colours of Autumn when, for most of us, it's a full-throttle move forward in our daily lives and, for a few of us it is a beginning of a gentleness towards

ourselves, maybe this year we can make the gentleness a majority? It is the beginning of a sloughing off in preparation for the harvesting of all we've learned and enjoyed throughout Spring & Summer, essentially a good time for meditation.

Create that music/meditation playlist that is unique to you. Turn up the turntable, listen to the susurrant of the autumn leaves or sing out loud above all, keep your meditation and music flowing!

Check out the upcoming events in the Spiritualist community and the latest recommended reading to aid in your meditation endeavours.

*We hope that you will enjoy this edition; if there is something you'd like featured, to comment upon, or to share something of your own contact us on:
newsletter@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com*

Peace, love and patchiness in Spirit- Stevie

Autumn Equinox

Well, it officially arrives, 22nd September 10pm...ish; are you ready for the changes?! No humid days and cooler evenings. Both Northern and Southern hemispheres will experience an equal amount of daylight.

Enjoy the last 'long' day of light for 2018, walk in a park and note the amount of green by next week we'll see the brilliant hued leaves on our walks.

The grass seems to expel a distinctly vibrant aroma as it fades away encouraging you to sit on the nearest bench and quietly create and enjoy a peaceful space for you. Lovely.

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Spirit's Reading Corner

Meditation

Grace Cooke with White Eagle's Guidance

Adapted review

Aimed at beginners in the art of meditation; the first part consists of information about meditation and a "how to" guide to meditation. The second part consists of meditations on different themes, intertwined with valuable information imparted by White Eagle.

The concept of creative imagination or visualization is emphasized in the book; however, without using creative imagination, one can still achieve a sense of peace through meditation.

As White Eagle says, "May you patiently pursue your path; you will surely get there, and you will know the joy of life, for the mists will clear and happiness will be your crown."

'Meditation' is a practical and inspiring book, a spiritual classic, and a must-have for anyone on a spiritual path, or simply wanting to find some peace within through the practice of meditation.



Spiritualist History

Several Canadian Spiritualist churches were incorporated under provincial charters after the Great War:

25 September 1918

East Hamilton Spiritual Church

18 November 1919

Riverdale Spiritualist Church

18 November 1920

Calgary First Spiritualist Church

16 September 1939

Open Door Spiritualist Church, Victoria, BC was established with Rev. Walter Holder presiding as pastor

October 1951

*23rd National Spiritualist's Assn Convention
308 members in 18 branch churches across
Canada with 28 ordained ministers in
membership*

7 November 1915

*Reverend L. Reese, BD, gave her first lecture at
Victoria's Divine Psychic Society as an ordained
minister*

"Every morning . . . I saw visions of the most beautiful places... Walking about were people who looked radiantly happy...every movement, gesture and expression suggested in an indefinable and yet positive way a condition of deep happiness, a state of quiet ecstasy."

Gladys Osborne Leonard

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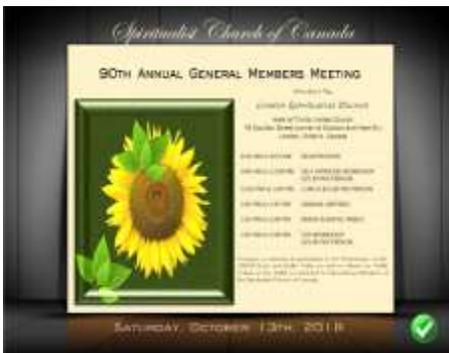
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Upcoming SCC Events AGM 2018



Upcoming Member Events



Last Words/Beginnings

To our friends and family who made their transition in the first half of 2018 we wish them safe passage and that they were met by family and loved ones.

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