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HEADS UP FOR MARCH PROGRAMS

There are a number of programs scheduled for early March. Please check the CFSC **Winter/Spring Calendar** for details:

- Sunday, March 4 - **Aura Reading & Energy Manipulation**,
- Saturday, March 10 - **Orientation Course on Modern Spiritualism**
- Sunday, March 18 - **Courage to Trust Your Intuition**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of **CFSC** will be held immediately following the **Sunday Evening Service** at **8:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 25, 2007**. The membership will hear annual reports from the numerous active committees that help to operate the church. The meeting will conclude with voting on a new Board. If you have any items to put on the Agenda, please see Margaret McLeod two weeks before the AGM. If you have recommendations of names for those who wish to serve as Board members, please see Tom Groves. Marlene Harris asks that your membership is up-to-date for 2007, and she is available to answer any questions.

2006, ANOTHER YEAR OF CHANGE

The **Annual General Meeting** on **February 25, 2007** will bring to completion another year for the members and congregation of the *Calgary First Spiritualist Church*. The core services and programs continue to strengthen and expand. The Board Administration has matured to a new level of professional operation. New members contribute their gifts and talents to our organization. We are looking forward to a bright future, with the possibility of finding or creating a new and larger church.

The 2006 board consisted of ten committed, responsible and creative individuals who have helped to steer the organization to new levels of operation. Becoming a *Charitable Society* has required that we meet new rigorous standards of accounting. We have engaged an excellent accountant, Betty Thompson, who is a specialist in charitable organizations. We have contracted Carol Klym as our *Administrative Assistant*. Committee budgets have been implemented, which make spending decisions more efficient at the board level. Lorrie Gainor and Greg Deabler created a new website for us. Ella Groves and the Ministerial Committee have worked with the *Spiritualist Church of Canada* to establish an excellent level of training for Spiritualist Ministers. Ella will be ordained at the service before our AGM. Our standard services and programs run well with committed volunteer support. New programs have been introduced. Louise Gebhart is leading the *Soul Rescue Circle*. Donna Kiss and Ella Groves introduced *Exploring Psychic Experiences with Parents and Children*. We've had lots of visitors this year. Dennis Gaumont led us in *Sacred Sound*. David Hickey introduced us to his *Crystal Bowls*. We were visited by mediums Lyn Inglis, Sandra Mosses, Iris Dickson, Anne Larson, Claudette Godin and Vera Molinaro.

Please join us at our AGM to learn more about our accomplishments in 2006.

—Margaret McLeod, Board President

CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	7:30 pm	SUNDAY SERVICE
	Feb 4, 2007	Speaker: Karen Barker Topic: Journey with Spirit Guide Jay Paul Medium: Margaret McLeod
	Feb 11, 2007	Speaker: Linda Pagenkopf Topic: Love Medium: Donna Kiss
	Feb 18, 2007	Speaker: Louise Gebhart Topic: Clearing Negative Energy From Accident Sites Medium: Lyn Inglis
	Feb 25, 2007	Ordination Ceremony for Ella Groves Medium: James Kinnear (SCC)

WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 7:15 pm HEALING
 Enjoy an opportunity to receive Spiritual Healing with the church healers.

WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm	ALL MESSAGE SERVICE
	Feb 7, 2007	Medium: Louise Gebhart
	Feb 14, 2007	Medium: Lyn Inglis (Visiting Medium)
	Feb 21, 2007	Mediums: Ella Groves
	Feb 28, 2007	Mediums: Donna Kiss & William Pelech

NOTE: Due to personal circumstances, program arrangements may be subject to change.

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ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	7:30 pm	A.S.H.A. HEALING Healing offered every Monday. Donations welcome.
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	A COURSE IN MIRACLES Facilitator – Greg Deabler Suggested contribution \$5
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 pm	MEDITATION & PSYCHIC AWARENESS GROUP Facilitators – Ella Groves & Margaret McLeod Suggested contribution \$5
SATURDAY	6:45 pm	TRANCE HEALING February 3, 2007—Enter East Door. Donations welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA – ORDINATION

of Ella Groves
by Rev. James Kinnear
Sunday Evening Service
February 25, 2007 at 7:30 pm
AGM to follow at 8:30 pm

SOCIAL EVENT

MUNCHIES, MUSIC & MESSAGES

Saturday, February 10, 2007
Pot Luck Dinner begins at 5:30 pm

WINTER WORKSHOPS

DISCOVER YOUR PAST LIVES

with Donna Kiss
Sunday, February 4, 2007
10 am to 4 pm
Cost: Members \$50
Non-members \$55

AUTOMATIC WRITING

with Lyn Inglis
Saturday, February 17, 2007
10 am to 3 pm
Cost: Members \$50
Non-members \$60

CLEARING NEGATIVE ENERGY FROM

ACCIDENT SITES

with Louise Gebhart
Saturday, February 24, 2007
1 to 4 pm
Cost: Members \$35
Non-members \$40

PRIVATE READINGS – LYN INGLIS

February 15, 16 & 18, 2007
Cost: \$60 per ½ hour - \$100 per 1 hour

*To register for workshops or readings
phone 283-1102 or email: carol-first@shaw.ca*

FANTASTIC FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS

- **Discover Your Past Lives** is an all day workshop in which church medium **Donna Kiss** will guide participants through two past lives. After each Guided Meditation there will be time for discussion and analysis of what has been discovered and reflection on how to use it for personal growth. This is an exercise in which visualization is required and not everyone is able to do this. However, Donna will assist those who are having problems in bringing the information through. The **Discover Your Past Lives** workshop will be held on **Sunday, February 4, 2007** from **10 am to 4 pm**. The cost is \$50 for church members and \$55 for non-members. To pre-register, call the church message line at 283-1102.
- **Automatic Writing** is an all day workshop offered by visiting medium **Lyn Inglis**. The workshop is designed to help participants open their psychic channels and to gain confidence in bringing through spirit communications by learning and practicing automatic writing techniques. The workshop will strengthen the communication process for those who have already started to channel and assist beginners in the art of transcribing spirit guided messages. The **Automatic Writing** workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 17, 2007** from **10 am to 3 pm**. The cost is \$50 for church members and \$60 for non-members. To pre-register, call the church message line at 283-1102.
- **Clearing Negative Energy from Accident Sites** is a new workshop offered by healer, medium and energy worker **Louise Gebhart**. Universal energies can be channeled to heal areas of the Earth where negative vibrations have accumulated at accident sites or are the result of unforeseen circumstances that originate in the land itself. Participants will learn how to use dowsing techniques to help transmute the negative energies into positive energies. The **Clearing Negative Energy from Accident Sites** workshop will be held on **Saturday, February 24, 2007** from **1 to 4 pm**. Participants can bring their own dowsing pendulums or use the ones provided by the workshop leader. The cost is \$35 for church members or \$40 for non-members. To pre-register, call the church message line at 283-1102.

MUNCHIES, MUSIC AND MESSAGES

Munchies, Music and Messages is the answer to the mid-winter blues. This church sponsored social will be held on **Saturday, February 10, 2007**. The evening will begin with a **Pot Luck Supper** served downstairs from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**. Please bring a supper dish or dessert to share with others. Next, people will move upstairs for **Dessert and Messages** from **7 to 8 pm**. The church mediums will provide individual mini-readings or give messages from the platform. Merrymakers, **Grace** and **Mary Grace Nelson**, will lift every ones spirits with their **Karaoke Music** from **8 to 10 pm**. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated.

CELEBRATING AN ORDINATION

All are welcome to attend the ordination of **Ella Groves** at the evening service on **Sunday, February 25, 2007**. Rev. James Kinnear, President of the Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC), will fly out from Burlington, Ontario to conduct the ordination service. This will mark the first time that a member of the SCC has come to Calgary to perform the ordination service at the Calgary First Spiritualist Church.

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK WELCOME

JOURNEY TO ORDINATION

The idea of becoming a minister was set in motion some ten years ago when Ella Groves had a private reading with medium Dennis McGuire. He stated repeatedly that the message he was getting from Spirit indicated that Ella would one day be a minister of the CFSC. At that time, Ella had no thoughts about becoming a minister, but she was interested in renewing her knowledge of Spiritualism because there was emerging a new generation of gifted individuals who were opening their psychic abilities, discovering other planes of existence and tapping into the wisdom of Spirit. Many new books that related their experiences were being published, and there were volumes of channeled wisdom from the Spirit World making their way onto book shelves. High profile mediums like James Van Praagh and John Edwards were providing 'proof of survival' through their demonstrations of mediumship using the mass media technology of television.

This new wave of interaction with the Spirit World was reminiscent of the exciting discoveries and work done by the pioneers of Spiritualism over a century ago. There were many parallels and some distinct differences between Spiritualism and New Age. In the face of resurgence of the New Age interest in psychic phenomena and Spirit communication, Ella wanted to gain a better understanding of the basic knowledge encompassed within the Spiritualist Movement.

After researching the educational programs offered by a number of national Spiritualist organizations, she decided to enroll in a correspondence course offered by the Morris Pratt Institute, a school dedicated to the cause of preserving the wisdom and teachings of Spiritualism. The Morris Pratt Institute is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and run by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC).

Ella began her studies in June 2001 and completed the last of the 30 lessons for the Correspondence Course in Modern Spiritualism in September of 2004. The range of subjects included the history of ancient and modern Spiritualism, the study of the philosophy, religion and science of Spiritualism, an in depth review of all types of psychic phenomena including various aspects of mediumship, the history of ancient and modern spiritual healing practices, comparative religions and some final lessons on church organization and service.

Ella comprehensively worked her way through the required basic course work and enjoyed doing additional research in many areas in order to expand her own knowledge. At the conclusion of the program, Ella was granted three certificates from the Morris Pratt Institute: Educational Course of Mediumship, Educational Course of Healing and Educational Course of Licentiate Minister. She graduated with an overall average of 98%.

After finishing the Morris Pratt study program on Modern Spiritualism, Dennis McGuire's message about becoming a minister seemed more likely. Because of her understanding of Spiritualism, Ella felt that she could be a worthy representative and spokesperson for the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism, so the decision was made to become a minister. At this point on the journey, Ella began to take a serious look at being ordained through a national Spiritualist organization, the Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC). The board of the Calgary First Spiritualist Church (CFSC) supported Ella in this choice as CFSC has had a long time membership in the SCC.

There was further work to be done to qualify for SCC ordination. In June, 2006, Ella traveled to Lily Dale, New York and attended the Morris Pratt Institute Pastoral Skills Training designed for Spiritualist ministers. This program required a month of pre-course studies followed by an intensive two week course taught by Rev. Sharon Snowman. On completion of the program, Ella received a certificate in Pastoral Skills Training.

There were more certificates to be earned so the work of qualifying for ordination continued. Ella enrolled in the Association of Spiritual Healers of Alberta (ASHA) and completed a two year training program in spiritual healing. This entitled Ella to apply for the SCC Accredited Worker certificate in Healing. Her past experience in the CFSC also qualified her to apply for two other SCC certificates: an Accredited Worker as a Lecturer and an Accredited Worker certificate of Mediumship. Ella also got recognition for her many years of work conducting church services and for having knowledge of contemporary Spiritualist literature. These were two other requirements for becoming an ordained SCC minister.

The qualifying steps on the journey toward ordination were completed by the fall of 2006. The approval of Ella's application to be ordained was given by the SCC Board of Directors at a board meeting held on November 18, 2006 in Hamilton, Ontario. Then a date for the ordination service was set. Rev. James Kinnear, President of the SCC, will travel from Burlington, Ontario to preside at the ordination ceremony to be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Ella feels that the real challenges of being a minister are just beginning, and she prays for the loving support of the church members and for Spirit guidance to give her inspiration.

ELLA'S PRAYER FOR MINISTRY

As a minister, may I be compassionate and loving.

As a medium, may I be the gentle, reassuring voice of Spirit.

As a healer, may I be a channel of divine healing energy.

As a spiritual leader, may I be an inspiration to others.

As a teacher, may I impart the wisdom and values of Spiritualism.

