

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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NEW SYNCHRONICITY MAGAZINE AD

How can you grow a church if people barely know you exist? That's a problem that has been identified based on comments from people who've driven past the building and outdoor sign many times. They had no idea about who we are or what we offer here.

So the church has developed a small new colour ad that will appear in Synchronicity Magazine for a year, beginning with the October/November issue. The ad has an interesting illustration at the top, the headline, "Looking for a church?" and some key bullet points about what we do.

The illustration is important and is intended to prompt questions. What is this illustration meant to convey? It shows a medium in front with two people in spirit behind her. The woman shown on the right is the person in spirit who is currently in touch with the medium. The image of young man on the left is slightly lighter. This indicates that he is waiting his turn to tap into the medium. A medium can only channel one spirit person at a time which is good information if you don't know much about that.

NEW LOGO/TAGLINE AND 'LOOK' FOR THE CHURCH

Continuing with the goal to make the church more visible and say what we do, we have a new logo/tagline combination and a new look for our business card, letterhead and envelopes. We also have a new note card that will be used for various handwritten messages. The logo is the same one developed by Stephen Craig with the words "Ethical Mediumship, Spiritual Healing and Growth" added.

The church website is doing a great job of providing good information about who we are and the many activities held here. The new logo/tagline and materials are another way to improve our visibility.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

It is important to feel gratitude for all that we have been able to accomplish and all that we have received. When we remember that in truth we are Spirit Beings experiencing a life in a physical body, we can be open to that wonderful source of spiritual energy that eternally flows into our lives. When feelings of gratitude fill our hearts, it uplifts our vibrations and uplifts the vibrations of all that is around us.

—Rev. Ella Groves



CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	7:30 pm	SUNDAY SERVICE	
Oct 7	Speaker:	Lanis Berglund	
	Topic:	Giving <i>Thanks</i>	
	Medium:	Donna Kiss	
Oct 14	Speaker:	Greg Deabler	
	Topic:	<i>Finding Sacred Ground: A Course In Miracles Perspective</i>	
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn	
Oct 21	Speaker:	Lucia Lastella	
	Topic:	<i>International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS)</i>	
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn	
Oct 28	Speaker:	William Pelech	
	Topic:	<i>Sitting in the Power: Church Development Circles</i>	
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart	

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

Oct 3	Mediums:	Donna Kiss & Lanis Berglund
Oct 10	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
Oct 17	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart & Susan Gormley
Oct 24	Mediums:	William Pelech & Elsie Pytel
Oct 31	Medium:	Ella Groves

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

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International Association of Near-Death Studies

IANDS: Calgary Chapter

Article written by Lucia Lastella

Have you ever wondered what happens when we die? Does consciousness continue to exist out of the body, or is our life only in the "here & now"? Are we here for a purpose or is it all about who has the most marbles at the end?

A near-death experience, or NDE, typically occurs when you are clinically dead, in approximately 10 -16% of the public. Individuals revive and recount stories of being out of their bodies, going through a tunnel, and meeting with a Divine Light or Being. Others, a very small minority, report negative experiences.

In September 2002 I experienced two near-death experiences. Having nothing here in Calgary to help me cope with what I had experienced, including the after effects associated with them, I went through years of questioning my own sanity. I met with many medical professionals as I feared I was suffering from either a physical or mental illness. They assured me that I suffered from neither, a few going so far as to tell me that it might be of a spiritual nature.

Beginning December 2005, a MIR and a couple of EEGs showed some rare and puzzling elements within my brain. I was operating in what the medical profession call an "altered state". The tests also showed signals being received from unknown origins, which were stimulating an area of the brain that science knows very little about. These tests only led to more questions.

I kept up my own research, gathering as much information as possible, in my need to understand. It was through this research that I found IANDS. We are on the same search for answers. We want to prove or disprove that consciousness does exist after our body dies using not only scientific principles but also by listening to what the world is saying. We want to help the community by supporting those like myself for whom no help and support had previously been available. We are striving to educate the public so that anyone who has had this type of experience can speak freely without someone questioning his or her mental stability. This is NOT a mental issue. This is an all too common phenomenon whose research ramifications are overwhelming, in understanding mankind's very existence.

IANDS was the original brainchild of John Audette, who first conceived the concept in 1976 in a series of meetings and conversations with Dr. Raymond Moody. Mr. Audette, in commenting on his original motives for conceiving IANDS, remarked "I believe that the NDE presents an extraordinary and powerful tool in the quest to enlarge our collective understanding of death and what comes after death. The scientific study of NDEs, by virtue of the conclusions independently reached by a number of different researchers, had enormous power to unify religions and cultures through the universal cornerstone insights they provide, which are as follows:

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1. "We are all one. There is no duality. There is only universal oneness.
2. "There is survival of consciousness beyond death.
3. "The purpose of life is to love each other and care for each other, to grow intellectually, and to be happy...celebrate life...have fun...enjoy!
4. "There is a God, one God, who is all-knowing and non-judgmental and who is the manifestation of pure unconditional love.
5. "There is no reason to fear death for it is only a door that leads to something incredible and indescribable.
6. "We are responsible for what we say, what we think and what we do. In the presence of absolute love and knowledge, we will judge ourselves one day and we will have no choice but to continue to repeat the process until we get it right.
7. "The NDE teaches us many things, but clearly it teaches that we should live our lives not for the things of this earth, but for the marvellous journey that begins when we leave this earth, hence there is the need for every thinking person to re-evaluate one's values and priorities while on earth. All we take with us is our record of deeds...that's it."

The Calgary Chapter of IANDS is the first of its kind in Alberta and is a not-for-profit organization. It has been approved by IANDS as a sister group. This chapter is a support group for experiencers and for other interested individuals. Near-death experiencers, individuals who have experienced loss of a loved one, those who are afraid of dying and the general public are welcome to attend. Professionals in the health-care field are encouraged to attend to better educate themselves in order to help and support patients and their families.

The Calgary First Spiritualist Church has given me the honour of holding meetings in their facility on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Spiritualists recognize that we are on the same path, looking for the same answers, wanting to provide the same proof and that the seven points outlined by IANDS are compatible with Spiritualist philosophy.

It is my hope that we are able to garner enough of an interest base within one year, here in Calgary, to warrant a research centre. The establishment of such a research centre would do much in not only putting Calgary "on the map" for consciousness studies, the wave of the future, but would also provide a forum for people that find themselves in distress and in need of information on this topic.

If you are interested in near-death or existence of consciousness after death, be it at a support level or helping further our commitment in anyway, please give me a call at 730-4967.

ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	7:30 pm	A.S.H.A. HEALING —No session on Thanksgiving, Oct 8 Healing is offered every Monday—Donations Welcome
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	A COURSE IN MIRACLES Facilitator: Greg Deabler—Drop In Donation \$5
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 pm	International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) Dates of Fall/Winter Meetings – Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16, Dec 7 Facilitator –Lucia Lastella - Enter East door – Donations Welcome
SATURDAY	9:45 am	TRANCE HEALING Oct 13 & 27, 2007—Enter East Door—Donations Welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

CRYSTAL JOURNEY

with

DAVID HICKEY

Friday, Oct 19, 2007

7 to 9:30 pm

**Cost: \$30 Adults
\$15 Youth**

Reserve Tickets by phoning 283-1102
or email
info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

See Poster for Details

TRANCE HEALING

Saturday, Oct 13 & 27, 2007

9:45 am

Cost: Donation Only

IANDS MEETINGS

Friday, October 5 & 12

7:30 pm

CRYSTAL JOURNEY WITH DAVID HICKEY RETURNS

Skilled Canadian musician, **David Hickey**, returns to Calgary on a fall tour of Western Canada. He will perform a concert of healing music on his beautiful collection of *Quartz Crystal Bowls, Paiste Gongs, Buffalo Drum* and other instruments that evoke spiritual enrichment and healing. This event is an important fund raiser sponsored by CFSC on **Friday, October 19, 2007** from **7 to 9:30 pm**. The venue is the *Freemason's Hall at 330 12th Ave. SW*. Parking is available on the east side of the building. The concert will be held in the upper hall with plenty of space to lie down on a yoga mat or sit in a chair should you prefer. The cost is \$30 for adults but for children and youth the cost is \$15. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to experience a sound journey that will fill the heart with energy and light, open the chakras, and will have a profound healing effect on all the physical systems of the body. Reserve tickets for yourself, family members and friends by phoning the church answering machine at 283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca.

MEDIUM ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Life can be unpredictable and that means that plans can change. For medical reasons, **Donna Kiss** has cancelled her October and November workshops at the church. She will be back on the platform by December and will hold a *Séance Circle* on **December 2** and teach the *Aura Reading and Energy Manipulation Workshop* on **December 9, 2007**. Please keep Donna in your prayers and envision a successful operation and rapid recovery.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **Orientation Course in Modern Spiritualism** on **Saturday, November 10** from 10 am to 3:30 pm with Rev. Ella Groves
- **Lifting the Veil Through Forgiveness** on **Saturday, November 17** at 1 pm with master healer Paul Frigstad
- **Anniversary Open House & Pot Luck Supper** on **Sunday, November 18** from 5 to 7 pm
- **Lyn Inglis Visit** from **Sunday, November 25** to **Wednesday, November 28** for private readings and two church services

Be sure to pick up posters for further details on these events or check the church website at www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca.

BOUQUETS

The CFSC held its first *Mini Reading Fund Raiser* on September 29th. It was a wonderful success thanks to the organizers, dedicated mediums, support volunteers and the people who came for readings. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new church.

CFSC WELCOMES IANDS

The **International Association for Near-Death Studies** will hold regular meetings at CFSC on the first and third Friday of each month. **Lucia Lastella** will share information about this invaluable organization at the **Sunday Service** on **October 21**. The aim of the organization is to build global understanding of near-death experiences through research, education and support. The church wishes to warmly welcome IANDS and invites the congregation to join in this support. Visit their website at www.iands.org. Meeting dates are listed under **Ongoing Group Meetings**.

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