

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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Private Readings - Call 403-283-1102

CITY SNOW EVENTS & CHURCH PARKING

The City of Calgary has established a **NEW PARKING POLICY** regarding snow removal on main thoroughfares. The street outside of the church is now considered a snow lane. If there is a heavy snowfall at any time day or night, no one is allowed to park on 6th Avenue until the ban has been lifted. The parking ban can be up to 72 hours. Please use the side streets when a snow event is declared and observe all residential parking signs. For current information call 311 or go to the city home page at www.calgary.ca and link to 'Snow Routes'. You can also subscribe to be notified when there is a 'Snow Event'.

A MATTER OF PRINCIPLES

In the beginning, Spiritualism was a movement that wanted to distance its self from religious dogmas, creeds and doctrines or anything that stood in the way of Intellectual freedom. It soon became apparent that in Great Britain and the United States it would become necessary to have some type of religious and spiritual doctrines. The reasons for formulating Spiritualist principles were different in each country.

In England, there were laws that prohibited Spiritualists from owning property because they were not considered to be a religion. Medium, Emma Hardinge Britten, who was known for her work as an advocate for the early Modern Spiritualist Movement, went before a judge to present the case that Spiritualism was a religion. The judge on hearing the arguments agreed that Spiritualism was a religion but concluded that it lacked some form of religious creed. Emma returned to the court with a set of principles that she channelled from the great social reformer and Spiritualist, Robert Owen. The judge accepted these principles and Spiritualism became recognized as a religion in the United Kingdom.

In the United States, Spiritualist mediums and ministers were being charged with vagrancy, witch-craft and fraud, and as a result they had to defend themselves in the courts. Faced with the problem of defending its mediums and ministers, Spiritualists acknowledged the need for a set of principles that would express an understanding of Spiritualism. American Spiritualists exercised the democratic process to achieve this end. At the National Spiritualist Association annual conference of 1897, delegates were asked to submit proposals. Due to the large number of submissions, a committee was formed at the 1899 convention to review them. Then a set of six principles was presented to the delegates and voted on. Originally there were six principles and over the years additional ones were added. Today, there are nine principles in the American Declaration of Principles.

An expanded version of this article that includes several renditions of *The Seven Principles of Spiritualism* and the *Declaration of Principles* can be found under *Thoughts & Talks* on the church website: www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca. – Rev. Ella Groves

HEADS UP FOR MARCH

- **Mini-Readings** – Saturday, March 17, 2012
- **Aura Reading & Energy Manipulation** – Sunday, March 18, 2012

CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 5	Speaker:	Andy Hall
	Topic:	<i>Trance Healing with Blue Sky</i>
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart
February 12	Speaker:	Sarah Stewart
	Topic:	<i>Out Of This World</i>
	Medium:	Donna Kiss
February 19	ALL MESSAGE SERVICE	
	Medium:	Vreny Zumbuhl
February 26	Speaker:	Lillian Illescas
	Topic:	<i>Distant Healing Prayer in Action</i>
	Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn

WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 7:15 pm HEALING SERVICE

Enjoy an opportunity to receive Spiritual Healing with the church healers.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm ALL MESSAGE SERVICE

February 1	Mediums:	Donna Kiss, William Pelech
February 8	Mediums:	Donna Kiss, Developing Mediums
February 15	Mediums:	Vreny Zumbuhl, Sharon Pelech
February 22	Mediums:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
February 29	Mediums:	Susan Gormley, Jane Fleming

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 (Association of Spiritual Healers of Alberta)**
– Healing Service for Everyone with the ASHA Healers
– Open every Monday **except February 20 – Family Day**
- TUESDAY 7:00 PM** **A COURSE IN MIRACLES – Drop-in Discussion Group**
– Facilitator: Greg Deabler
– Donations accepted
- FRIDAY 7:30 - 9:00 PM** **EVENING MEDITATION GROUP**
– Open every Friday **except February 17 – Family Day Weekend**
– Facilitator: Rev. Ella Groves substituting for Susan Gormley
– Donations welcome
- SATURDAY 9:45 AM** **ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING – Enter East Door**
– Healing Clinics held **Feb 11 & 25**
– Donations welcome
- SUNDAY 4:45 – 6:15 PM** **HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY THROUGH YOGA – Drop-ins Welcome**
– Open every Sunday **except February 19 – Family Day Weekend**
– Facilitator: JK Bryant

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

SÉANCE CIRCLE

Sunday, February 5, 2012

The Séance Circle with Donna Kiss is full.

Call or email the church to put your name on the waiting list for the next séance circle.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on
Sunday, February 26, 2012

Full church members are permitted to vote, but everyone is invited to attend.

Nominations for Board positions are now open. Contact the church nominating committee. (See newsletter article for details.)

*Calgary First Spiritualist Church
Presents Their Annual*

WINTER SOCIAL – MUNCHIES, MESSAGES & MUSIC (Mardi Gras Theme)

Saturday, February, 25, 2012

5:30 - 6:30 pm - Pot Luck Supper
6:30 - 7:00 pm - Dessert upstairs
7:15 - 8:00 pm - Messages
8:00 - 10:00 pm - Music & Entertainment

If you have any questions, phone 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

Pick up a poster for details!

SÉANCE CIRCLE WAITING LIST

The **Séance Circle** with Donna Kiss on **Sunday, February 5** is now full. However, since these sessions are invaluable opportunities for people to connect with Spirit, there is a waiting list for the next one. Please note that Donna is offering two other workshop opportunities this spring: an **Aura Reading and Energy Manipulation** workshop on March 18 and the weekend **Introduction to Mediumship** on April 11 to 13. To register for these events or to put your name on the waiting list for the next Séance Circle, phone 403-283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca.

MUNCHIES, MESSAGES & MUSIC 2012 – MMM GOOD!

Munchies, Messages and Music, fondly known as **M.M.M.**, is the annual **Winter Social** for CFSC, and guaranteed to chase away the Winter Blues. It will be held on **Saturday, February 25** at **5:30 pm**. A delicious **Pot Luck Supper** will be served downstairs from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, followed by dessert and beverages upstairs until 7 pm. Bring along your friends as well as a favourite supper dish or dessert to share. From 7 to 8 pm our church mediums will give **Messages** from the platform or private **Mini-Readings** downstairs for winners of the draw. At 8 pm **Grace** and **Mary Grace Nelson** will lead a karaoke **Sing-A-Long** and host another **Talent Show** featuring our CFSC friends; so get your songs, poetry, comedy or dance routines ready to go! The theme will be Mardi Gras once again, so deck yourself out in a costume as well. There is no cost for this event, but you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and a 50/50 draw. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet for food dishes or raffle donations at the back of the church sanctuary. To participate in the **Talent Show** email Mary Grace at: mary_gracnelson@hotmail.com or phone the church at 403-283-1102. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING An Exercise in Democracy

The Calgary First Spiritualist Church is unique among Spiritualist organizations in that, from its inception in 1920, it has been run by an elected board of its members. The democracy of the church is important to uphold and requires the support and input of its members. CFSC members who have full membership status are invited to participate in this aspect of church life. Nominations for the board can be given in advance to Tom Groves or Delmar Hunter or made at the AGM. Wendy Aoki asks that memberships be up-to-date for 2012 to ensure voting privileges.

The **2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held immediately following the **Sunday Evening Service** at **8:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 26, 2012**. If you have any items to put on the Agenda, please contact William Pelech at least two weeks before the AGM. Annual reports from the numerous active committees that help to operate the church will be presented. The meeting will conclude with the election of a new Board. Everyone is welcome to attend, observe and learn about the running of the church.

CHARITABLE DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Charitable Donation Tax Receipts will be issued during February 2012 if your total annual (2011) donation to CFSC was twenty-five dollars or more. Receipts can be picked up at the church, while those not claimed will be mailed out in March. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED