

## NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS!

Rev. William Pelech's spiritual journey began in the 1970's when he read books on humanistic psychology, meditation, Zen Buddhism, yoga, astral projection, Edgar Cayce, prophetic texts, psychic and the paranormal, Divine Light Mission and Transcendental Meditation. After a great deal of reading his interests shifted to desiring direct experience. Fascinated by the paranormal, William attended his first Spiritualist Church in 1978. At that time the churches in his current location were run by mediums. Many churches were not really open to new members, and there was no clear way to develop one's abilities.

Years later, he moved to southern Ontario where he completed his doctoral studies. His scientific nature really challenged William to question any religion that asked people to believe its precepts on faith alone. Through all of these times, he continued to hear a quiet inner voice that urged him to sit in meditation. At the points of deepest despair, there was always a voice that offered guidance and support. For example, William was deeply troubled when moving his two teenage kids from Ontario to Calgary, knowing all of the hardship associated with leaving friends and community behind. Yet one morning while awakening, he heard a quiet voice say, "Be Grateful!" This guidance changed his outlook and moved him further along his spiritual path.

Once William arrived in Calgary, he attended his first service at CFSC. Steven Craig was the medium that evening, and he came to William with a message. William's jaw dropped as the medium spoke and he could actually sense the presence of the spirit that was being communicated. He was fascinated. Yet, at that time William would have voted myself as someone "least likely to succeed at mediumship." While he was comfortable with audiences as a teacher, the last thing he could imagine doing would be to stand in front of an audience to speak without a plan. A few months later, he attended Rev. David Oliver's *Introduction to Mediumship* course. There he was able to move a pendulum with his mind and begin to sense physical conditions experienced by those who had passed over. William was hooked!

From that moment onwards William lived a double life, a professor at the University of Calgary entrenched in the analytical logic that comes with a research-oriented career, and then at night attending circle to speak with the dead! To him these two lives were not contradictory, as both good science and good mediumship depend upon the quality of the evidence. Being an A-type personality, he has continued to work hard (sometimes too hard) at developing mediumistic abilities. He continued to sit in meditation and traveled to Arthur Findlay College many times. William's mediumistic journey at CFSC has spanned over 20 years of practice, sitting in circles, meditation and leading circles.

Over the years there have also been countless and sometimes embarrassing flops on the platform, where William questioned if he could actually do this art of Mediumship, and fortunately, many ecstatic moments when he was in the power and shared the most remarkable information. William learned that the key to mediumship is indeed staying in the power and trusting what spirit brings forth as it transforms both the medium and sitter in the process. So as the voice directed, his life has been transformed by Spiritualism and for that, and the many incredible people whom he has encountered both in spirit and on the earth plane, William is indeed grateful.