

CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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REGRETS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the plans to hold several programs have changed. IANDS (*International Association of Near-Death Studies*) will recess until further notice. The *Wednesday Morning Meditation Group* and the *Chakra Clearing Clinic* have been cancelled.

HEADS UP FOR MARCH EVENTS

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

- **Saturday, March 8, 1 to 4 pm – Mini Readings** with the church mediums
- **Sunday, March 16, 8:30 pm – Annual General Meeting (AGM)** after Sunday Service
- **Saturday, March 29, 10 am to 3:30 pm – Orientation Course in Modern Spiritualism**
- **Sunday, March 30, 1 to 3:30 pm – Séance Circle** with Donna Kiss

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** for the *Calgary First Spiritualist Church* will be held a little later than usual this year, in the month of March rather than February. The date selected is **Sunday, March 16, 2008 at 8:30 pm** immediately following the *Sunday Evening Service*. This will be an opportunity for the membership to hear reports from the numerous active committees that help to run the church. The meeting will conclude with elections for a new Board. Everyone is invited to attend, observe and learn about the operation of the church. However, members must make sure that they have paid their annual dues for 2008 to Marlene Harris in order to ensure their voting privileges. If you have any items to put on the agenda, see a Board member at least two weeks prior to the meeting. If you have any recommendations for names of those who may wish to serve on the Board, see Mary Grace Nelson, Laura O'Connor or William Pelech.

CHARITABLE DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Charitable Donation Tax Receipts will be issued during the month of March for the 2007 income tax year. You are eligible for the tax receipt if your total yearly donation to CFSC is twenty-five dollars or more. The receipts can be picked up at the church and any receipts that have not been claimed by the end of March will be mailed out. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

LEGACY DONATION If you've found the church has been good to you, giving you support and opportunities to grow, heal and develop, here's a suggestion. Think about how you could give back to the church through a legacy donation when you are updating or making out your will.

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CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH



FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	7:30 pm	SUNDAY SERVICE
Feb 3	Speaker: Lanis Berglund Topic: <i>Inspirational Lecture</i> Medium: Donna Kiss	
Feb 10	Speaker: Joyce Reid Topic: <i>Spirit Guidance in Times of Crisis</i> Medium: Mary Jane Kapteyn	
Feb 17	ALL MESSAGE SERVICE Medium: Mary Jane Kapteyn	
Feb 24	Speaker: Elsie Pytel Topic: <i>Indigo Children</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

Feb 6	Mediums: Elsie Pytel & Susan Gormley
Feb 13	Mediums: Louise Gebhart & Susan Gormley
Feb 20	Medium: Donna Kiss
Feb 27	Mediums: Lanis Berglund & William Pelech

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

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ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

SUNDAY	5:00 – 6:30 pm	YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL GROUP Starts Feb 10 Feb 10 & 24—Facilitator: Mary Grace Nelson
MONDAY	7:30 pm	A.S.H.A. HEALING Closed for Family Day Feb 18 Healing offered every Monday except holidays—Donation Only
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	A COURSE IN MIRACLES Facilitator: Greg Deabler—Drop-In Donation \$5
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 pm	EVENING MEDITATION GROUP Facilitator: Rev Ella Groves \$5 Donation
SATURDAY	9:45 am	ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING Feb 9 & 23—Enter <u>East Door</u> —Donations Welcome

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

AURA IMAGING with Gloria Bieber

**Saturday, February 2
10 am to 4 pm**

Cost: \$30, \$40 or \$70

To register for appointment
phone 283-1102 or email:
info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

See poster for details.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL GROUP with Mary Grace Nelson

**Starts Sunday, February 10
5:00 to 6:30 pm – See Poster**

VALENTINE MUNCHIES, MESSAGES & MUSIC

Saturday, February 9

**Pot Luck Dinner & Social
starts at 5:30 pm
ALL WELCOME**

DISCOVER YOUR PAST LIVES with Donna Kiss

**Sunday, February 24
10 am to 3:30 pm**

To register phone 283-1102 or email:
info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca
See poster for details.

AURA IMAGING

An aura video station is a state of the art video imaging device that **Gloria Bieber** uses to capture and record energy fields and vibrational frequencies within the body. Through interaction with the new technology, she can measure, analyze and provide insight on an individual's current aura and chakra condition. The aura video station is built on the principles and studies of biofeedback, color psychology, human energy field and mind body knowledge. The system uses a biosensor to measure the biofeedback data of the hand. The biofeedback data is analyzed, processed and interpreted, providing an individual computer generated aura and chakra image. The image is a representation of the individual's bio-energetic field, emotional energetic state, personality type and energetic wellness.

The first **Aura Imaging** readings will be held on **Saturday, February 2, 2008** from **10 am to 4 pm**. Gloria provides a consultation with each image but prices vary: \$20 for a head image, \$40 for a head and chakra image and \$70 for two images and a lengthy diagnostic print out. To register, call the church message line 283-1102 or email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca Please indicate your choice when registering.

VALENTINE MUNCHIES, MESSAGES & MUSIC

Once again CFSC is sponsoring a chase-away-the-winter-blues social. **Valentine Munchies, Messages and Music** will be held on **Saturday, February 9, 2008** at **5:30 pm**. The evening will begin with a **Pot Luck Supper** served downstairs from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**. This will be followed by **Dessert** with beverages served upstairs from **7 to 8 pm**. During this time our church mediums will give messages from the platform and names will be drawn for private mini readings downstairs. Then **Grace** and **Mary Grace Nelson** will lead a **Karaoke** sing-a-long from **8 to 10 pm**. There is no cost for the fun-filled evening, but everyone is asked to bring a supper dish or dessert to share with others. There will also be an opportunity to buy tickets for a raffle or a 50/50 draw. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. You will find a sign up sheet at the back of the church sanctuary.

DISCOVER YOUR PAST LIVES

On **Sunday, February 24** from **10 am to 3:30 pm**, **Donna Kiss** will lead an in depth workshop and meditation entitled **Discover Your Past Lives**. Donna is a gifted medium and teacher who will help participants become acquainted with two past lives. They will discover significant details about these lives and an interpretation that will help each person understand their life's lessons today, and how to use this knowledge for further spiritual growth. The cost is \$60 for members, \$65 for non-members. To register, email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or phone 283-1102.

NEW CHURCH GROUP LAUNCHED

A new church group for younger people (16 to 35 years of age) will be introduced this month called the **YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL GROUP**. This group will hold meetings twice monthly from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary just before the *Sunday Evening Service*. The first meeting is scheduled for **February 10, 2008** at **5:00 pm**. The group will be coordinated by **Mary Grace Nelson** who will lead the singing as well as introduce guest speakers on a number of interesting topics related to Spiritualism, and directed to the life styles and interests of the young. All are welcome to enjoy the modern music, relevant topics and lively discussion. There will be plenty of time for personal stories, experiences and questions. Come join Mary Grace and our top church mediums and experts. Check the monthly Newsletter or the church website for more information at www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca and be sure to pick up a poster.

Scholarships represent opportunities for knowledge and fun

Two past recipients of CFSC scholarships say their learning experiences are something they value and that others should apply. The scholarships are offered twice a year to **church members**. Application deadlines are May 31 and November 30.

Senior medium Donna Kiss received a partial scholarship in 1995 to attend the Arthur Findlay College in Britain. She says the most interesting thing she learned at that time was, "Most mediums are just regular folks like myself, trying to understand their gifts and how to use them more effectively." Donna trained with Leonard Young who was head tutor the week she was there. She laughed when she discovered that the locals refer to the college as Spook Manor.

CFSC member and developing medium William Pelech received the full \$600 scholarship in 2005. William's application stated his intention to study at the Arthur Findlay College, too. He took a one-week intensive practical mediumship course organized by Glyn Edwards. The course is in such high demand that four instructors were needed and William studied under Colin Bates. "I learned to read the strength of the energy present," William says. "I also learned how to do private readings."

William had the most fun with two other men in residence at the college the week he was there. "One was a Romanian mystic and the other was a rather flamboyant student from London," he says. "They were outrageously funny and we stayed up late each night exchanging experiences and stories."

AFC worth the effort

Both say they would return to the college, and Donna has already done so, indicating she would definitely go back yet again. "With the training I received in trance and physical mediumship, I was able to start a trance circle at the church," she says.

William says his experience of only one week at the college has given him a real boost in his mediumship development and adds, "The key to sustaining the gains achieved at AFC is to practice, practice, practice."

Other opportunities exist closer to home

CFSC members have applied for various other courses in Spiritualism and healing. Travel to Britain for studies isn't a scholarship requirement. Some people attended courses in Canada or the USA.

William offers some sound advice. "Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and be sure you have a clear plan for how you will use the funds," he says. "Be sure to select a proven training program or instructor." Although William highly recommends the Arthur Findlay College, he acknowledges the other Spiritualist training centres on the North American side of the Atlantic.

Lily Dale

The Lily Dale centre in upstate New York offers courses over the summer months and usually has a Canada Weekend each year. Located south west of Buffalo, Lily Dale has operated for almost 130 years and is an important Spiritualist centre in the U.S. Detailed information is available on their website www.lilydaleassembly.com. Claudette Godin, a medium based in the greater Vancouver area who has taught many workshops at CFSC, is continually invited back to Lily Dale to serve as a medium there.

The Stansted Experience – September 14 – 20, 2008

This September, a new Spiritualist organization is bringing Ministers Steven Upton and Simone Key together with tutors Matthew Smith and Stella Upton, all from the Arthur Findlay College to Ontario for a week of training. Steve Upton is the worldwide leader and trainer of trance healing (called Advanced Energy Healing at our church).

See an e-mail sent out earlier in January to all church members about this Canadian opportunity to train with renowned tutors from the Arthur Findlay College at a facility just north of Toronto near Lake Simcoe. The course is limited to 60 participants. You can check out more information about the organizing group and the week-long seminar at www.insearchofspirit.com.

If you are interested in furthering your knowledge about Spiritualism and spiritual healing for your own benefit and the benefit of the church, ask about a scholarship application form and apply.