

## CHURCH MINISTER & DIRECTORY OF MEDIUMS

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### 2007 TAX RECEIPTS

**Charitable Donation Tax Receipts** will be issued at the end of January or beginning of February 2008 if your total annual (2007) donation to CFSC was twenty-five dollars or more. Receipts can be picked up at the church while those not claimed by mid-February will be mailed. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

### NEW YEAR: NEW HORIZONS

2007 could be referred to as the **year of change**. Rev. David Oliver and Avril moved to Creston, B. C. to be nearer their daughters and granddaughters. It is a beautiful area, and they look forward to a quiet life of retirement. Ella Groves was ordained as a minister of the Spiritualist Church of Canada in February 2007, and was unexpectedly asked to step into full ministerial duties upon David's resignation.

2007 has also been a **year of expansion**. The introduction of an *Associate Membership* category has resulted in a growing membership. The excellent work of the *Association of Spiritual Healer of Alberta (ASHA)* has brought more healers to serve the church, and the dedicated leadership of senior mediums has meant that a number of new mediums are gracing the church platform. *A Course in Miracles* continues to provide an excellent spiritual study group, and the work of the *Soul Rescue Circle* and the addition of the *International Association of Near-Death Studies (IANDS)* have expanded the ways in which the church is working with Spirit and educating the public.

2008 will be the **year of reaching out**. Increased advertising, featuring a booth at the *Body Soul Spirit Expo* and sponsoring of special events will raise awareness of the church. Expanding programs and services such as the establishment of a *Youth Group*, holding *Morning and Evening Meditation Groups* and providing opportunities for people to explore and develop various forms of Spirit communication will meet the needs of more people.

The New Year holds the promise of finding a new church building to house this expansion, and new activities give more people the opportunity to foster their spiritual growth through volunteering their time and sharing their gifts. May the New Year be one filled with possibilities and may everyone be blessed with health and contentment.  
—Rev. Ella Groves



**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.

## CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH



### JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

## WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

### SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY SERVICE

Jan 6	Speaker:	Roger Nelson
	Topic:	<i>Messages for Healing the Earth</i>
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart
Jan 13	Speaker:	Dr. Karen Massey
	Topic:	<i>Family Constellations</i>
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart
Jan 20	Speaker & Medium:	Mary Jane Kapteyn
	Topic:	<i>Motivational New Year's Talk</i>
Jan 27	Speaker:	Gloria Beiber
	Topic:	<i>Aura Imaging</i>
	Medium:	Donna Kiss

### 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

Jan 9	Mediums:	Lanis Berglund & Susan Gormley
Jan 16	Mediums:	Rev. Ella Groves & William Pelech
Jan 23	Mediums:	Donna Kiss & Elsie Pytel
Jan 30	Mediums:	Louise Gebhart & Susan Gormley

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

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## ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

<b>MONDAY</b>	7:30 pm	<b>A.S.H.A. HEALING</b>	Starts Jan 7	Healing is offered every Monday except holidays—Donations Welcome
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	<b>A COURSE IN MIRACLES</b>	Starts Jan 8	Facilitator: Greg Deabler—Drop In Donation \$5
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:30 am	<b>MORNING MEDITATION GROUP</b>	Starts Jan 9	Facilitator: Loretta Letendre—Drop In Donation \$5
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>EVENING MEDITATION GROUP</b>	Starts Jan 11	Facilitators: Rev Ella Groves & Loretta Letendre--\$5 Donation
	7:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NEAR-DEATH STUDIES (IANDS)</b>		Dates of Meetings – Jan 4 & 18 Facilitator: Lucia Lastella —Donations Welcome
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:45 am	<b>ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING (formerly Trance Healing)</b>		Jan 12 & 26—Enter <u>East Door</u> —Donations Welcome

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY

### MEET YOUR GUIDE

with Donna Kiss

Sunday, January 20

1 to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$35 members

\$40 non-members

To register for workshop  
phone 283-1102 or email:

[info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca)

### NEW ONGOING EVENTS:

#### MORNING MEDITATION

Starts Wednesday, January 9 at 10:30 am

#### EVENING MEDITATION

Starts Friday, January 11 at 7:30 pm

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**NOTE—WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS NOW AVAILABLE**

**DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED**

### MEET YOUR GUIDE WITH DONNA KISS

Donna Kiss begins the New Year with her first workshop, *Meet Your Guide*, on **Sunday, January 20** from **1 to 3:30 pm**. This is a very useful workshop in which Donna leads participants through a meditation that will help them learn about their Spirit Guide(s), their main form of guidance and life's purpose. During the discussion which follows Donna helps each person with an analysis of the specific images experienced. This provides wonderful insight into each person's life and impacts future decision making. The cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. To register for this workshop email [info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca) or phone the church message line at 283-1102.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & AGM 2008

Marlene Harris is now taking **membership renewals** for 2008. The fee is \$30. The benefits of being a member are placement in a development circle, reduced cost for workshops, use of the library, etc. Please see Marlene about the criterion for becoming a Full Member or an Associate Member. The CFSC Board wishes to welcome new members, Susan and Chris Hill, and Associate members Ingrid Ektvedt, Claudette Roy Mardinzer, Margaret Merta, Jane Milburn, Adele Veronika Mueller and Maria Del Rosario Turrin.

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Sunday, March 16** at **8:30 pm** following the Sunday Evening Service. The purpose is to install a new Board and to hear annual reports from the many committees who help to run the church effectively. If you have any items for the agenda, please inform the Board President, Tom Groves, at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. If you are a full member and wish to serve on the Board see a member of the **Nominating Committee**. They are William Pelech, Mary Grace Nelson and Laura O'Connor.

### THE 2008 WINTER/SPRING CALENDAR

The *Winter/Spring Calendar*, which provides an overview of the programs sponsored by the CFSC from **January to June, 2008**, is now available. Copies of the calendar can be picked up at the church or reviewed on the church website – [www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](http://www.calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca). There is a wide range of events including church socials, a variety of workshops and dates for a number of visiting mediums. Look for special **February Events** such as the **Chakra Clinic** with Loretta Letendra & **Aura Imaging** with Gloria Bieber, **Valentine Munchies, Messages & Music**—a chance to chase away the winter blues at the church social—and **Discover Your Past Lives** with Donna Kiss.

### MILBURN MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday, December 8, Rev. Ella Groves conducted a memorial service at the church for Frank Milburn who had passed into Spirit on November 28 at age 83. For many years Frank regularly served as one of the spiritual healing mediums at CFSC. He was an excellent conduit of energy and generously volunteered his time to do this work. Many relatives and friends attended Frank's service which was followed by a congenial reception downstairs. Lively memorial tributes for Frank were given by David Stratford, Marlene and Don Harris, Beryl Wood and Jane Milburn. CFSC wishes to thank the following volunteers who graciously facilitated the service and reception: organist Ethne Snyder and reception workers Ingrid Ektvedt and Teresa Nohra.