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## CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER



### AVRIL AND DAVID OLIVER—THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO CFSC

The *Calgary First Spiritualist Church* would like to acknowledge Avril and David Oliver for their contributions to the church over the past 30 years. This month Avril and David will be moving to Creston, B.C to be closer to their daughters. They will be sorely missed but they have accomplished a great deal for this church and for Spiritualism. They both strongly believe in Spiritualism, and they were committed to maintaining and sharing its special knowledge.

David worked as a platform medium since the 1980's. During this time, he served as a visiting medium in England, across Canada and USA. He was appreciated and respected wherever he went. He sat on the board and helped the church get re-established in the early 1990's. He and Avril brought a thorough knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order which has helped to guide us through the tricky waters of leadership and decision making. David served as the minister of the church from 1990 to 2007 and in that capacity spent countless hours over the years with people who have lost loved ones. David was committed to mentoring developing mediums. He led a circle for years and helped establish the *Mediumship Development Committee*, so we could create a process to help people develop their psychic abilities. In the early days of the church, David was the minister, on the board and did the building maintenance as the church was somewhat run down. He also built our lovely oak podium. David was always committed to serve. He is humble and sincere, and helped us keep high standards. He also kept us laughing with his talent for puns and joking around.

Avril was involved every step of the way with the church since the early 1990's. She was an incredibly hard worker and excellent leader. Avril was in tune with what was going on in the church and always had a real sense of outreach, knowing what was going on for people who were moving, sick or lost a loved one. She handled an amazing amount of detail making sure everything got done. She knew how to run meetings and could get through an agenda faster than anyone. She was practical, efficient, thorough and democratic. She was involved on the board, with the renovations and led or sat on most of the committees. She prepared and gave excellent lectures. She was instrumental in organizing all of the special events and was great at getting other people to help and participate. She helped create the format for the services in such a way that we are able to incorporate many volunteers to share the work. Avril brought in outside mediums that she and David had met in Eastern Canada and elsewhere, and, usually she and David hosted them in their home. She did all this work for the church and still had time to run her own electrolysis business, lead the electrolysis society for many years and be actively involved with ASHA providing healing and leadership there.

David and Avril were instrumental in the evolution of this church. They were dedicated, generous with their time and highly committed. The *Calgary First Spiritualist Church* is so fortunate to have had Avril and David with us. We can never thank them enough. They have given thousands of hours of thought and hard work and creativity to us. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. They were extraordinary volunteers.

Thank you Avril and David! Good Luck on your journey!

—Margaret McLeod

### WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	7:30 pm	SUNDAY SERVICE
June 3, 2007		<b>Speaker:</b> Ella Groves <b>Topic:</b> <i>In My Father's House</i> <i>There are Many Mansions</i> <b>Medium:</b> Donna Kiss
June 10, 2007		<b>Speaker:</b> William Pelech <b>Topic:</b> <i>The Secret: A Spiritualist's Review</i> <b>Medium:</b> Louise Gebhart
June 17, 2007		<b>Speaker:</b> Loretta Letendre <b>Topic:</b> <i>Spiritual Emergence</i> <b>Medium:</b> Rev. Margaret Eaton
June 24, 2007		<b>Speaker &amp; Medium:</b> Lyn Inglis <b>Topic:</b> <i>Trance Lecture</i>

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**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
June 6, 2007		<b>Medium:</b> Mary Jane Kapteyn
June 13, 2007		<b>Mediums:</b> Margaret McLeod/Lanis Berglund
June 20, 2007		<b>Mediums:</b> Donna Kiss/William Pelech/ Elsie Pytel
June 27, 2007		<b>Medium:</b> Lyn Inglis

**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> Continues throughout summer Healing is offered every Monday—Donations welcome
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 pm	<b>A COURSE IN MIRACLES</b> Facilitator – Greg Deabler Suggested contribution \$5
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:30 – 9:00 pm	<b>MEDITATION &amp; PSYCHIC AWARENESS GROUP</b> Facilitators – Ella Groves & Margaret McLeod Suggested contribution \$5
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:45 am	<b>TRANCE HEALING</b> June 2 & 16, 2007—Enter East Door—Donations welcome

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JUNE

### Orientation Course on Modern Spiritualism with **Rev. Ella Groves**

Saturday, June 2, 2007  
10 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: No Charge

For registration call 283-1102  
or email:

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### PRIVATE READINGS with **LYN INGLIS**

June 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2007

Cost: \$60 per ½ hour - \$100 per 1 hour

To register phone 283-1102  
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**DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED**

### ORIENTATION COURSE ON MODERN SPIRITUALISM

Rev. Ella Groves will present an *Orientation Course on Modern Spiritualism* on **Saturday, June 2, 2007** from **10 am to 3:30 pm**. This course is presented several times throughout the year as a requirement for those wishing to gain full church membership. However, the great value of the course is in the opportunity for everyone to learn about the fascinating history of the Spiritualist Movement. You will get a clear understanding of the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism, the era in which it evolved, and why it is so relevant today. Ella will take the class through a wealth of information and give ample opportunity for participants to discuss and absorb the material. Ella is a masterful teacher and this opportunity is open to all. There is no cost for the course and you may register by leaving a message on the church message line at 283-1102 or by emailing [info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca). Participants are asked to bring a lunch. Beverages will be provided.

### READINGS WITH LYN INGLIS

Lyn Inglis is an outstanding visiting medium from Revelstoke, BC who was trained in Great Britain as a Spiritualist medium and healer. She works with Spirit on behalf of those who are seeking guidance or healing. She generously serves the church every few months, offering both platform mediumship and private readings. People can avail themselves of these readings on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of **June 24 to 27, 2007**. The cost is \$60 per half hour or \$100 per hour. Lyn will appear on the platform for the church services of **Sunday, June 24** and **Wednesday, June 27** at **7:30 pm**. The church extends the invitation to the public to see Lyn work from the platform or book a private reading. Register by leaving a message at 283-1102 or emailing [info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca).

### CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

A special meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 17, 2007** at **9:00 pm** after the **Sunday Service** to ratify a change to the **Calgary First Spiritualist Church constitution**. The change is required because there was some confusion between the constitution as it is registered with the *Alberta Corporate Registry* and our records at the church. Over the past 10 years, there have been a number of changes and additions to the section on membership. The *Corporate Registry* advised us that a simple way to clear the mix up would be to **Repeal and Replace the existing constitution**. The repeal and replace process requires that the CFSC Board announce a special meeting to repeal and replace the constitution which requires 75% approval of members present at the meeting. The motion reads: **Be it moved that the existing constitution of the Calgary First Spiritualist Church is repealed, and it is replaced by the new, revised constitution.**

The new and revised constitution is completely the same as the old one, only the mix up in the membership section is clarified. Please come to the meeting and help us make this important adjustment to the constitution. All members of CFSC were given a copy of the constitution when they become members. If you would like a copy of the constitution or have any questions contact the church at 283-1102 or email us at [info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca](mailto:info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca). —CFSC Board

### SUMMER CLOSURES

Please note that *Ongoing Group Meetings* will recess for the summer except for *ASHA*. *A Course in Miracles* is finished on June 26, *Meditation and Psychic Awareness Group* on June 22, and *Trance Healing* on June 16. The church wishes to thank all the group leaders including those who led circles and other ongoing programs during the year. The *Annual Church Picnic* will be held on Saturday, July 28.