

OIIM
Open International
Interfaith Ministry
News and Events

Autumn
2013
Issue 27:1

Connecting the Interfaith Movement

Welcome...Page 2 Photo Gallery...Page 3

OIIM-NTI University Seminars:

OIIM workshops, courses and programs are based on research. These articles summarize the research by our sanctioned Lay & Ordained Ministers, Registered Spiritual Practitioners, NTI



Chapters, Ministers and Practitioners' News and Calendars of Events:

OIIM-NTI University Seminars:

- ✔ Hope in the Face of FearPg 4
- ✔ Storms Awaiting ... Storms AbatingPg 5
- ✔ Reflections on InterfaithPg 6
- ✔ Book Review: *Visions of Who We Are - A Healing Journal*Pg 7
- ✔ Compassion and CommunityPg 8
- ✔ LabyrinthPg 9
- ✔ ChangePg 11
- ✔ Change: A Journey of Spiritual GrowthPg 12
- ✔ What to BePg 13
- ✔ Pinched Nerve - a Good ThingPg 14
- ✔ The World Religions: *Wicca*Pg 15
- ✔ Peace through Spiritual Unity: *Jainism*Pg 16
- ✔ Visions of the Afterlife: *Native Spirituality*Pg 17
- ✔ Spirit Speaks: *Messages Shared Through Spirit-Medium*Pg 18
- ✔ Visions of the Afterlife: *Native Spirituality*Pg 19
- ✔ Symbols: *The Universal Language*Pg 21
- ✔ Scope of Practice of OIIM RegistrantsPg 25

OIIM Chapter Events and News:

- ✔ Stratford, ONPg 20
- ✔ Saint John, NBPg 20
- ✔ Prince Edward IslandPg 21
- ✔ AWAIC Growing and ConnectingPg 24
- ✔ OIIM's Interfaith Seminary Program/NTIPg 26

Join the www.interfaithconneXtions.org Support Community.
Support the Interfaith movement while letting like-minded people know of your service.
\$20 per Issue or \$50 per year for 3 Print Issues plus E-distribution and a line in our email signature (over 1000 contacts on our E-List sent almost weekly).



Welcome to www.interfaithconnections.org

OIIM Ministerial Team

We welcome all members and visitors to the Open International Interfaith Ministry (OIIM). Our ministers, trained through our Interfaith seminary program, the iNtuitive Times Institute (NTI), qualify: to carry internationally recognized clergy cards through the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) - a member of the World Council of Churches, and with A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy (AWAIC); and both our registered ministers and spiritual practitioners are eligible for membership as naturotherapists (n.d.) providing naturopathic consultations through professional naturopath and naturotherapist associations. We hope you enjoy our publication and invite you to attend any of our events and celebrations.

OIIM has specialized in the Spiritual Arts for over 27 years. OIIM's motto is:

*"The paths are many, the truth is one
~ Love thy neighbour."*

OIIM has three missions:

- ✧ to be a bridge amongst the many different religious and spiritual paths;
- ✧ to validate mystical experiences in a reverent, respectful and safe context; and
- ✧ to offer an Interfaith Faith-path to those seeking an inclusive spiritual alternative.

Many of our congregants embrace the Interfaith Path as their spiritual path while others enjoy our services and workshops as a support to their own faith path. OIIM's approach is inclusive, celebrating the spiritual, uplifting and joy-filled aspects of all traditions and diverse approaches.

When we look at the beautiful, diverse world that God has created for us to live in, it is clear to us that God is a God of Diversity. There is not just one type of tree, or one type of bird, or one type of flower, or one type of person. The world is populated with a multitude of forms including trees, birds, flowers and people in all shapes, sizes and colours. This diversity makes the world more beautiful.

OIIM Ministerial Team:



Rev. Sandi King, OM, PhD(TC), RSPchmd, Master Spiritual Counsellor; Co-founder/Treas.

Rev. Barry King, OM, PhD(TC), RSPchmd, Master Spiritual Medium; Co-founder/Pres.

Rev. Susan Eaton, CASC, OM, RSPd, Master Spiritual Director; Senior Minister/Bd. at Large



*Rev. Debra Lynn Sinclair, CASC, OM, RSPd, Master Spiritual Director, Chapter Director and OIIM Board member-at-large
Heather Séguin, CASC, Co-Editor*

Open International Interfaith Ministry (OIIM)

32 Greenwood Drive, Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island,
Canada C1C 1J3

Phone: (902) 629-1385

Email: OIIMpeiCentre@gmail.com

WEB-SITES

OIIM: www.InterfaithMinistry.com
Spirituality/Holistic Health: www.iNtuitiveTimes.ca
Interfaith E-news: www.InterfaithConnections.org
Weddings: www.WeddingsOnPEI.ca
Educational Resources & NTI (Seminary): www.OIIM.net
Family/Personal Counselling: www.KingsWC.org
Psychic Readings/Resources: www.RevBarryKing.ca

🌐 NTI Graduates from all five NTI programs are eligible for membership in Canada as n.d. - Naturotherapists, providers of Naturopathic Consultations - enabling services to be covered through clients' extended health care plans.

🌐 OIIM Ordained Ministers (OM) are automatically accepted into the *International Council of Community Churches (ICCC)* and *A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy (AWAIC)* with international recognition as clergy.

🌐 OIIM Lay and Ordained Ministers and Spiritual Practitioners adhere to the *International Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors* and the *OIIM Registration Board's Standard of Practice*.





**Recent CASC Graduate
and
OIM Anointed Interfaith
Lay Minister,
Susan Killen, CASC, LM
making Interfaith
connections
in Peru**



My Amazon jungle guide explaining to me burial practices as used in the jungle village of Puerto Miguel



Myself with children of the Sacred Valley, in Peru



Dipping crystals into the sacred pool at Machu Pichu



Lay Minister Susan Killen, CASC is currently experiencing significant health issues. We have set up a healing altar at the PEI Interfaith Centre. We invite you to offer healing prayers and send healing energy from both your home and at the Centre's altar. Blessings

Rev. Debra Lynn Sinclair will be under-going a 12 hour surgery later this fall. We are setting up a healing altar for her and will have the Centre open that day. We invite you to come in and send healing prayers and offer healing energy. We will keep you posted on the exact day. Blessings



Hope In the Face of Fear

Debra Lynn Sinclair, Stratford, ON, *CASC, OM, RSPd, Master Spiritual Director, Reiki Master/Teacher, Cert. Hyp., Cert. Prayer Pr.*

<http://dgsinclair50.wix.com/conscious--choices>

When you are willing to stare into the face of fear the universe will always offer you some sort of support, allowing your next step to be easier and filled with hope.



I love observing people as they find the courage within them to take a risk, to face their fears. I admire it. It inspires me. It brings me hope.

Everyone has fears - it is a natural part of being human, and in the moment we may think that we are

the only one who has fears but we know that this is a commonality we all share.

As a spiritual director I have helped people find the truth of who they are and have, hopefully, helped them realize that life is more than their circumstances, more than their fears.

But now it is my turn to face fear and stare it down. In the preceding weeks before surgery I have come to realize that fear self-magnifies. It is when we are afraid and envisioning all that may go wrong that the energy underlying fear grows. A tiny flicker of anxiety easily manifests into terror and during the period before we face our fear, we deal with a barrage of negative thoughts and emotions.

However, we are not meant to be on this journey alone and through the support of others we can emerge from our darkest time. Support makes life easier and invites grace. By sharing with others our fear, we support each other with the knowledge that there is a way through whatever we are facing and that we can face our fears with hope, light and love.

Though walking through our fear is challenging, each step we experience will strengthen us and help us confront those fears with poise, courage and confidence.

Now am I nervous about going through the surgery? Absolutely. In fact in my humanity I am downright scared and that is normal for those of us facing any type of surgery. But the God within me knows I will get through the experience by facing my fear and moving forward in spite of it.

Each one of us faces challenging circumstances as we go through life. We go through hard times. We make beautiful plans and then those plans unexpectedly change. That is an intrinsic quality of physical reality. But when life gets us down we are being called to remember who we are and to remember the God within. When you are willing to stare into the face of fear the universe will always offer you some sort of support, allowing your next step to be easier and filled with hope.



REV. DEBRA LYNN SINCLAIR
CASC, OM, RSPd, RH,
MASTER SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR,
PRAYER PRACTITIONER,
Reiki MASTER

**SPECIALIZING IN THE
TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF:**

- ANGELIC GUIDANCE
- HYPNOTHERAPY
- AFFIRMATIVE PRAYER
- SPIRITUAL HEALING
- GUIDED VISUALIZATION
- ASSISTING IN PASSING OVER

STRATFORD
INTERFAITH
CENTRE
dgsinclair50@YAHOO.COM



Storms Awaiting ... Storms Abating

Ellen Hicks, Napanee, ON, BA, BEd, MEd, CCC,
NTI Associate Professor of Counselling



As summer draws to a close, I reflect on the extreme weather experienced in many parts of the country. The eastern half of Canada where I live saw periods of microbursts, tornado touchdowns, torrential rains, and high winds.

On one occasion, at Mohawk Bay, the rain was driving the lake water into the docks and shoreline such that everyone was scrambling to ensure the boats moored at the docks were not being damaged or swamped. One boater set out into the storm to take his boat to a marina about a kilometer away. He turned his boat directly into the wind and struggled to keep it on course as the fierce winds and torrential rain threatened to capsize him. Other boaters watched anxiously as he set out and fretted as he rounded the point towards the safety of the marina. I remember several people commenting that he was crazy to take on the storm and that he would surely be lost. Some people seemed angry with him.

This made me think about the number of times we humans face storms in our personal, professional and spiritual lives and how we handle them. Some of us run away as far and as fast as we can from the turmoil while others turn towards the storm and ask for it to teach them something. Which one are you?

Many of us fear the lesson(s) we have still to learn – fearful we are not strong enough to face the challenge. We run and cower against the emotional or spiritual storm as it crashes down upon us, much like little children when they experience a severe lightning storm. We may even feel that we are not worthy.

That is when we need to remember that no person is perfect, nor is any person expected to reach perfection. We are challenged to be the best we can be – physically, emotionally and spiritually – during our journeys through many life storms. May your storms bring you closer to your Divine Creator whatever your beliefs.

This will be my last article since my counselling practice is now closed. The business is deregistered, and I am now a retired Canadian Certified Counsellor. I have learned so much and so treasure the friendships and spiritual mentorship provided to me over the years. I wish you good sailing and many safe harbours.



Interfaith Wedding Ceremonies
Providing a Spiritual Alternative

We will perform your wedding ceremony at your home, garden, place of your choosing or in our chapel which offers a beautiful, intimate, spiritual setting.

OIM Interfaith Ministers - PEI
Revs. Barry & Sandi King,
Rev. Susan Eaton - (902) 629-1385
info@weddingsonpei.ca
www.weddingsonpei.ca

The Wedding Guy

Rev. Michael Hiltz, OM

formerly of
The Wedding Chapel
Dartmouth, NS
902-443-3535

- Non-denominational weddings
- At the place of your choice
- Providing the same personalized service

revmichaelhiltz@ns.sympatico.ca
<http://theweddingguy.110mb.com>



Reflections on Interfaith

Susan Killen, Saint John, NB, *CASC, LM,*
Reiki Master



My view of Divinity has evolved to an even more certain knowledge that the Great Mind does not leave any of us alone, without Spirit companionship, whatever our religious or spiritual pursuit. I believe this so strongly that I see it to be true even with those religious or spiritual beliefs which I consider largely harmful, such as those which entertain solid and proclaimed fears and seem to be guilt-based and controlling. In fact, I have witnessed this personally through my presence in churches or through knowing others who are members of these sorts of faith congregations, i.e. those, that in my mind, entertain unhealthy approaches.

I believe that God, the ground of all being, works with any and all stimuli which point one, at least generally, in the forward direction of the Great Mind. I believe that when people are seeking to be good, calling to Divine nature, they reach for a hand which is always there, whether their approach is fully actualized or whether they are motivated by fear and guilt.

Whenever we make an effort, the Divine Mind comes forward to greet us. I am interested in the fact that so many of the world's religions came from ancient times and often grew out of turbulent historical periods, gathering with them the dust of the particular age. Yet, the search for God has remained strong. Christianity, for instance, has endured periods of early persecution, the Inquisition, political manipulation, Puritanism and such. It would seem that the troubles of each age can be viewed through the behavioural trends of the Church. Yet, in my view, even an approach which grows out of unease and malady is still an approach, in the only way possible, for a troubled society. These approaches have so often remained firm and have grown into tempered faiths in ways which are still active and relevant.

Global advances have been made, largely through the development of technology and the computer age, which have resulted in the ability for mass communication across cultural boundaries. This inevitably leads to the sharing of minds across the

globe, and since humankind grapples with matters of faith, such communication can most certainly lead to the eventual realization of common faith tenets. Further to this, the hope is that we will all learn to grow toward fellowship in the context of our Divine nature.

We will drop our differences and allow for permeable lines between our sets of beliefs, all growing together in whole understanding of the spiritual purpose which we all yearn to realize. This process may yet be fraught with conflict and struggle, but the way ahead is firmly set.

In short, I believe that the God spark in each soul is unquenchable and that the Interfaith movement is well placed to serve that principle.



Susan Killen
Intuitive Arts
Atlantic



intuitiveartsatlantic@gmail.com
506-644-8356
116 Prince William St.
Uptown Saint John
Also available throughout the
Atlantic Provinces and in the U.S.

 Intuitive readings
Energy healings
Seminars





Book Review: Visions of Who We Are

Jean Frost-Stone, St. Peter's, Cape Breton, NS www.spirittalk.ca
CASC, Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice, Reiki Master

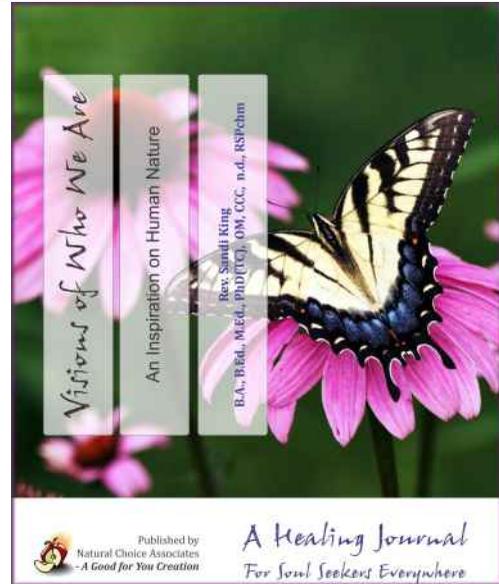
We are constantly called into situations that assist us in knowing ourselves better, and as Rev. Sandi points out, we can choose to see these situations as being done to us or being done for us.

As part of the course studies to earn a Certificate of Applied Spiritual Counselling, I was required to read and journal about Rev. Sandi King's book *Visions of Who We Are – A Healing Journal*. This exercise may have been a necessary component of the program, but it was certainly not a burdensome one. Through reading each page of Rev. Sandi's book and reflecting on each value she shared, I was able to determine the relevance of her message to my own life. This process took many months, and as I look back on what I learned about myself, I am amazed at how much my Spirit was challenged, the growth I experienced, and how I came to accept necessary life challenges.

Throughout her book, Rev. Sandi invites us to explore our potential. She encourages us to discover our natural qualities and abilities, develop them, and then bring them to the world in all their glory. In this process, we learn to accept both our shadow and our light. We are constantly called into situations that assist us in knowing ourselves better, and as Rev. Sandi points out, we can choose to see these situations as being done to us or being done for us.

While journaling, I became very aware of my core values and began to question their validity in my present life. It became quite clear to me that I was growing and changing and seeing the world through new eyes. Eventually, I came to the realization that many of these values were now irrelevant. *Visions of Who We Are* reminded me that I am a child of a Higher Power and that I have entered this world to mature, evolve, and grow my spirit to an elevated level of consciousness. I am here to love and be loved. I have come to recognize daily those people and events that are mirrors for the further growth and expansion of my spiritual awareness.

All human beings create their story from their own unique point of view. Their story is as true for them as my story is for me. I believe that utilizing Rev. Sandi's book and journaling your story alongside her poignant statements will uplift you, reveal yourself to your own eyes, and maybe even help you to accept yourself in all your beauty.



Lighting the way to find the positive

Counselling for the Soul

Hope
Inner Peace
Empowerment

Master Spiritual Counsellor
Rev. Sandi King, PhD(TC), OM
 MEd, CCC, , n.d., Reiki Master
 revsandi@interfaithministry.com
 (902) 629-1385 / (506)214-1753
 Ch'town PE, Hlfx NS, Saint John NB

Kings' Wellness & Counselling
www.KingsWC.org
 Covered by Most Extended Health Care Plans



Compassion and Community

Denise RICHARD, Bowen Island, BC, *CASC Student*
BFA



***Every action we take
affects not only us but everyone...***

Compassionate action is a most effective way to move through resistance and struggle during transitional times. Compassion is like an umbrella under which all aspects of heart unify as it provides a consciousness capable of tenderly transforming a difficult impasse into a passageway. Compassion, as a unifier, stimulates awareness and potential acceptance of a fuller spectrum of possibility, helping to disengage the tight grip of pain and sorrow that can prevent change and growth.

When a person undergoes deep transition, be it through things like the death of a loved one, falling in love, retirement, the birth of a child, or serious illness, all relationships are affected. For example, the opening of one person's heart can trigger a similar effect for all and open the collective community to a direct experience of love. Sharing a powerful experience such as this is deeply bonding and awakens a heartfelt connection that is very strong and very special. At these times, compassion seems effortless. The opposite is equally true. When transitions are difficult or painful, they can challenge the ability to relate compassionately. These times expose us to our personal limitations in understanding and acting with compassion.



However times of transition are interpreted, it is a guarantee they will affect all in the community.

Community is like the spider's web; its multifaceted pathways create connectivity and exchange of consciousness. Therefore, the relationships fostered are potential pathways for either sustenance and growth or starvation during those vulnerable transitional moments.



As an individual's transition affects the community consciousness, so does the community's consciousness affect the individual's quality of transition. If the community can sustain a compassionate perspective, it can then act as an umbrella and protect the individual at a time when he or she is challenged at sustaining a compassionate view.

It's inevitable that the greater the individual's transition, the greater the shake up and sense of disorientation will be for everyone. Therefore, the greater the need will be for a strong collective to sustain faith and compassionate relationship for all. How everyone in the community relates to the struggles faced in difficult transitions will affect the quality of growth in the outcome. To open the door for a stronger, compassionate, collective order, the key lies in remembering with tenderness that we are all individually susceptible to our human frailty and vulnerability and that every action we take affects not only us but everyone.



Labyrinths

Rev. Susan Eaton, Hunter River, PE, CASC, OM, RSPd,
Master Spiritual Director, Reiki Master



***The labyrinth can be seen as a metaphor for living,
symbolizing the path we travel through our life.***

Along with today's growing interest in spirituality and the Interfaith movement, interest in the labyrinth, an ancient spiritual symbol, is also growing. Labyrinths appear in several forms and can be found in many different environments: spiritual settings such as churches, in public parks, and at private homes. There are now spas which include labyrinths as part of the spa experience.

The *Oxford English Dictionary* says a labyrinth is "an intricate structure of intercommunicating passages through which it is difficult to find one's way without a clue; a maze." Today, this definition is often applied only to a maze. The word labyrinth is usually used to describe an intricate structure, with only one path, in which you cannot get lost.

Labyrinths have a long history in spiritual practice in many parts of the world. A bit of Internet surfing reveals that they have existed in places as far apart as India, Europe, North America and many points between.

The first time I saw a labyrinth was at a camping gathering in Nova Scotia where a temporary one had been laid out using rope held in place with rocks. But I first learned about the labyrinth when I read classical Greek mythology as a child where I discovered that what is now known as a classical labyrinth played an important role in Crete.

In Roman floor mosaics, the labyrinth motif gradually developed in complexity toward what is now known as the medieval labyrinth. In Europe, over time, even more complicated labyrinth patterns developed and were built into the floors of gothic cathedrals, such as Chartres and Amiens in Northern France and the Duomo di Siena in Tuscany, during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.



Medieval Labyrinth

The medieval design may have been the inspiration for the many mazes in the UK which were built at private homes in Britain. Over the medieval period, labyrinths not associated with churches were constructed in Scandinavia and were most often in the simple classical form. At about the same time as the appearance of the Greek labyrinth, a similar pattern appeared in Native American culture.

In Medieval times, the convoluted medieval-style labyrinths symbolized the complicated path to God; they also served as a symbolic form of pilgrimage for those who couldn't afford to travel to the Holy Land. Today, the meditative walk of the labyrinth appeals to people of many different spiritual paths. It can be viewed as sacred space that offers us an opportunity to slow down in our hurried lives.

The labyrinth can be seen as a metaphor for living, symbolizing the path we travel through our life. The labyrinth has only one path with no dead-ends. Even though there is only one path - no deviations, no false leads - the way is always clear, as the path follows curves and changes direction. The path sometimes turns back on itself - at times, we may feel that we are going backwards in life, appearing to move closer to the centre, then further away from it, before finally reaching our goal.





Despite appearances, we are always moving forward, even when it seems like we're going back. The key may be to learn to live with the apparent disruption in our lives. Sometimes, as in white-water rafting, we have to do the best we can with what we've got, and hang on. Around the next bend, we find ourselves once again moving in quiet water, going in the right direction.

We can use the labyrinth walk as a type of moving meditation; we can seek our inner guidance by walking the labyrinth to its centre, which becomes our centre, our deepest inner knowing. As we begin the walk, we start to move inward to learn first about ourselves.

With only one path, with no intersections, no decision points to distract us, we can move from our logical left brain to our more creative and intuitive right brain. As we walk, we move toward our true centre and journey to the deepest, innermost part of ourselves. Here, we may find answers to questions, insights to help us make decisions or resolve problems, or creative inspiration. When we leave the centre, we return to where we began, moving back into everyday life, renewed, bringing our new knowledge or inspiration with us.

It takes a bit of planning, figuring and measuring to lay out a labyrinth design. But all you need to benefit from walking a labyrinth is yourself and a little time. Just take your time, walk at a pace that feels comfortable, and relax. If you are struggling with a problem, or need to make a decision, you may find insight or inspiration as you walk. Or you may simply find it a relaxing and peaceful experience.



Rev. Susan Eaton,
CASC, OM, RSPd
Master Spiritual Director
revsusan@interfaithministry.com
Specialising in

- religious ceremonies
- spiritual healing
- earth energies
- earth religions
- weddings

Spiritual Angel
Card Reading
French & English

by Carmen
902-569-1324

Grafton Café

POLYCLINIC MEDICAL CENTER
199 Grafton Street
902-367-3787

Good Food...
Not fast food

Debby Hennessey
Owner/Operator

www.mysalononline.com/absolutelyfabulous

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS
A SALON BOUTIQUE

A Natural and
Holistic Day Spa

Book
on-line!
www.abfabpei.ca

284 Grafton Street, Charlottetown, PE 902-367-3398



Change

Margaret Flood, York PE, BA (Hon. Soc. Dev. St.),
CASC, Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice, Gestalt Therapist



My house is sleeping now
It's late and there is no one here anymore
Everyone that walked the halls and called this home
has gone
There was only a ghost of a partner left anyway
and he slipped away when I wasn't looking
The children decided to grow up
and left for their future

It is true there is no time
With one breath a child is born
With another breath he has his own child
The more I breathe
The more changes there are
I have been betrayed by time it seems
both in my past and into my future

I have a medicine bundle now
And a Midewin has come into my life telling me
all healing is self healing and healing is a way of life
Healing is a choice and all that is left, really
Now I can start to breathe again and my life will become
what it was intended

As I stand to take my sacred space
I thank all my Teachers for what they knew
And with such patience and gentleness they
waited for me
It has been my honour
I offer them Blessings across all time

I am the Light
The Light surrounds me
The Light flows through out me
The Light protects me
I am the Light



Change: A Journey of Spiritual Growth

Karen Baillard, Belfast, PE,
CASC Student



Just recently, I had a short, impromptu conversation with a new acquaintance, and he said to me, “When you deny or resist change, it drains your energy more than if you go ahead, face the unknown, and make that change.” Listening to him, I was inspired to write the following.

In the last few months, I have noticed that I and many people around me – acquaintances, friends and family – are living life just like he said, that is, denying the need to make a change in our lives that we know within ourselves would make us happier, more aligned with the sort of life our spirits aspire to, and in turn, would lead to our living truer to our higher selves.

Change is challenging. It brings with it the unknown, the unfamiliar, and everything that may take us out of our comfort zone. It can bring out our fears, insecurities and feelings of helplessness. The thought of change may evoke contemplating our self-worth and self-esteem and whether or not we are deserving of something better in our life. And often, it feels so much easier to keep things the way they are than to envision dealing with all that may unfold as a result of our decision or action. But at what price to our Self? And how may those involved be affected in the long term by our not making this change?

The mind and the ego are quite adept at producing much worry and burdensome thoughts regarding how this change, whatever it may be, will greatly disappoint everyone around us. There is the fear of hurting those whom we love and care about, especially if children are involved. And then there is the belief of not having a choice in the situation in which we find ourselves “confined.” We can easily find many reasons and excuses for not making our heartfelt change.

I feel that each of us has his or her personal journey to experience in this physical lifetime and that if we make our decision for change out of love and respect for ourselves, then the ripple effect will be out of love for those around us as well. If our intent is not

malicious or hurtful, but comes from a position of love, then that is the energy that is given out. People may be hurt, disappointed, angry, envious, depressed and saddened by our personal decision to make a change for our highest good, but we cannot control their reactions or actions. We can only control how we, ourselves, react to life with its challenges and opportunities.

People have their own journey to experience, and our decision for change may be part of their own spiritual growth. If they do not see it as such at the time, and knowing that you cannot “make” others feel or see things from a different perspective unless they are open to it, then perhaps all you can do is be compassionate, be caring, and be present to the situation while honouring, acknowledging and accepting the emotions which arise within you as everything unfolds. And most important of all, it is important to be loving, patient and kind to your Self.

Change brings growth. It is not stagnant but continuously evolving. It is transforming and can be so rewarding and gratifying. It is freedom and metamorphosis. The lightness, joy, love and gratitude from honouring and listening to our spirit and heart's highest good will be felt throughout us - from our splendid auric field to the infinitely microscopic cells which make up our beautiful physical bodies. In turn, among other possible positive changes, we may feel relief from long-term stress and physical tightness, potentially serious ailments may dissipate, dormant creativity and hopeful dreams may be released, and a new path created.

Through recent experiences, I have personally come to believe in a kind and free will universe which has infinite opportunities for all of us when we are faced with challenges or changes we know we need to make. And when I trust and have faith in this, the Universe/God/my highest Self creates its orchestrated dance and miracles unfold.



What to Be

Heather Séguin, Charlottetown, PE, BA, BEd,
NTI Student - CASC, Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice



Life is not about trying to manipulate the Universe into giving you what you believe you want or is in your best interest. It is about learning to flow with what crosses your path.



Do you remember when you were a child and people would ask, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Well, this fall I'll be forty-six, and at times, I still wonder what I want to be. Sometimes, my apparent indecision is nothing more than a vague undercurrent; other times, it is a source of existential angst.

How many of us have asked, “Who am I? Why am I here? What am I supposed to be doing with my life?” Probably most. When I'm not feeling very good about things, I usually can't answer those questions to my satisfaction. Maybe, though, that's the point. Perhaps life is partly mysterious, and we're not supposed to have all the answers wrapped up in a neat little package with a pretty red bow.

I suppose one way to look at the situation is that maybe, despite the indecision that we experience at any given point in time, we are exactly where we are supposed to be, doing exactly what we are supposed to be doing. I know not everyone might agree with this premise, and at times, I doubt it myself. But in my better moments, I tend to think it's likely the case.

I share the following which sums up this point very nicely: “Each of us is on a path through life that has many curves, hills, detours, great views, accidents, time spent lost and alone, peaks, valleys, accomplishments and failures. Life is not about trying to manipulate the Universe into giving you what you believe you want or is in your best interest. It is about learning to flow with what crosses your path, whether positive or negative. It is not about giving in, but trusting the process of your life and the decisions you make along the way.” (www.TimConnor.com)

So, perhaps we are doing what we are supposed to be doing right now. Of course, this might be different

tomorrow, next week, next month or next year. And maybe we shouldn't spend too much time agonizing about it. Am I suggesting inaction, settling for less than we deserve, or never changing our circumstances? Absolutely not.

What I am suggesting, however, is that life is not always about where you end up, but rather, the road you travel. The way to arrive where you want to be is to move in the right direction, today, in the areas of your life that are important to you. Investigate some options, seek some counselling or spiritual consultation, read a book, take a course, make that phone call. Do what you need to do.

So, what will I be when I grow up? I'm not exactly sure. However, I think I'll try to be a few things:

- ✔ open to learning opportunities;
- ✔ happy and comfortable with who I am becoming;
- ✔ grateful for each day I'm given; and
- ✔ at peace with myself throughout the journey.



I invite you try this yourself and see what happens.



Three Doves
SPIRITUAL CENTER

- Reiki treatments
- Spiritual guidance
- Inner spirit guidance readings
- Spiritual retreats
- Spiritual book lending library

1414 Rockdale, NS
902-587-2255

Jean Frost-Stone
CASC, Reiki Master, Spiritual Guide

www.spirittalk.ca threedovesspiritualcenter@gmail.com



How a Pinched Nerve Was a Good Thing

Rev. Philip Waldrop, Brooklyn, NY, OUnI, M.R.P., M.B.A.
OM, NTI Dean and Professor



Starting in mid-May, a previously easily managed low back pain situation turned into a debilitating crisis. Walking was agony, as were sudden movements. An MRI clearly showed a pinched nerve in my lumbar spine. So how was this a Good Thing?

Here are a few things that come to mind:

✧ Friends and loved ones rallied to help. I had no idea how much they cared. And I learned to gratefully accept help which is hard for an independent man like me to do.

✧ Even perfect strangers offered to help. When on my way around Brooklyn and Manhattan, I had to stop frequently to rest. I sat in odd places, even at the curb sometimes. So many people, all types of people – about one every two minutes - stopped to ask if I was ok. If I had needed it, they would have called for an ambulance or given other help. This really showed how much goodwill, just plain goodness, my fellow humans have – even in the Big Apple!

✧ I had time to reflect on the deeper spiritual and psychological meaning in my back pain. A relative sent me her copy of John Sarno, M.D.'s book, *Healing Back Pain*, which was all about facing and acknowledging emotions – all kinds and not suppressing them – which otherwise go somewhere into your body, in my case, my lower back. This helped quite a bit, and the self-talk – “see to your emotions” – is now a regular part of my life.

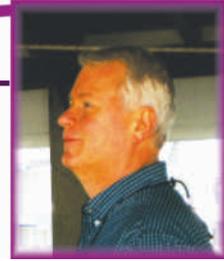
✧ Gratitude for all the well wishes, prayers, blessings, Reiki and energy healing sent my way.

✧ Gratitude for modern medicine and health insurance! Two corticosteroid epidural injections were skillfully administered by a doctor referred to me by another doctor. It took some days for each of these to kick in, but they did. Physical therapy, chiropractic, and DOING THE EXERCISES have combined to get me back to having just “normal” aches and pains. Alleluia!

✧ Gratitude for the simple things – walking, doing dishes, doing laundry, gardening, cooking, and working at a desk. I am now so grateful. Life is getting more “Zen.”

✧ I have gained a new level of compassion, starting with myself, and for others, especially in their pain, no matter how it manifests.

So now, perhaps, you can see how my pinched nerve was a Good Thing! *Namaste, Phil*



BOOK YOUR MESSAGE ONLINE
www.hctm.ca

PreNatal
Massage
Table

health conscious
therapeutic massage

Beth MacKENZIE, RMT
Specializing in

- Relaxation
- Pregnancy
- Deep Tissue
- TMJ Dysfunction
- Therapeutic
- Accident/Injury
- Myofascial
- Craniosacral Therapy

Message by RMT may be covered by most extended health care plans **566-4985**

100 Capital Drive

Prince Edward
Island

Interfaith Ministry

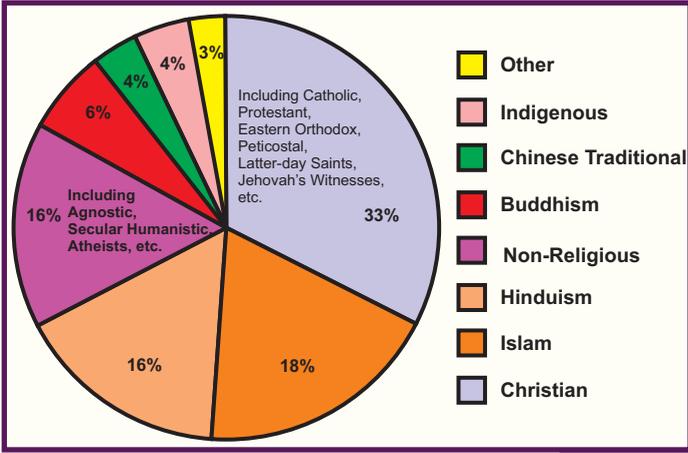
Rev. Barry King, PhD(TC), OM
Master Spiritual Medium
revbarry@interfaithministry.com

Rev. Sandi King, PhD(TC), OM
Master Spiritual Counsellor
revsandi@interfaithministry.com

Rev. Susan Eaton, CASC, OM
Master Spiritual Director
revsusan@interfaithministry.com

Thursdays 7-9PM
Service: 1st Thursday of month
Workshops: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Fee Non-members \$30
32 Greenwood Dr., Ch'town

www.interfaithministry.com
www.interfaithconnexions.org



The World Religions: Wicca

Rev. Debra Lynn Sinclair, *CASC, OM, RSPd, n.d. Master Spiritual Director*

Each issue of www.InterfaithConnections.org will feature a world religion. For more info go to www.sacred-texts.com/hin/ or www.unification.net/ws/

Wicca can be seen as a very peaceful, harmonious and balanced way of life which promotes oneness with the Divine and all that exists.

There are probably as many definitions of Wicca as there are practitioners. This is one of the joys I have found in my research: there is no “one true way,” and intuition is as valuable as the teachings.

Wicca, which honours the God and the Goddess and gives reverence to the Earth and Nature, is one of the fastest growing religions of our day. Wicca connects you to the All, the Source, and the profound beauty of living in tune with Nature. It is a welcoming religion based on ancient beliefs. In Wiccan belief, there is no exclusion. All are welcome regardless of race, colour, sex, age, cultural origin or sexual preference. It should be noted that not all followers of Wicca are witches, nor are all witches followers of Wicca.

Wicca is often compared to Native American beliefs and traditions as it recognizes that it is in our best interests to keep the earth healthy and vital. While many religions have holy texts, the Wiccan holy book is the earth itself and all of her creations. The Wiccan philosophy revolves around awareness that the earth is both sacred and the source of magik. If the earth is not treated with respect and love, every careless act will push us away from the sacred natural abilities we were born with.

Within the Wiccan faith, there is a central principle called the Rede, an archaic word meaning advice or counsel. It is expressed as “An (if) it harm none, do what ye (you) will.” This is basically the Golden Rule and can even be looked at as the Ten Commandments in one phrase.

Wicca adherents also believe in the concept of Karma - that whatever you do, good or bad, comes back to you threefold. It is very difficult to explain Wicca and all of its beliefs and rituals in a short paragraph, but what follows is a summary of its basic premises:

1. Rites attune with the natural rhythm of life.
2. There is a responsibility to the environment.
3. There is a power far greater than ourselves.
4. The greater power is conceived as both masculine and feminine.
5. There is recognition of both outer and inner worlds.
6. There is no recognition of an authoritarian hierarchy, but there is respect for those who share their greater knowledge and wisdom.
7. Religion, magik and wisdom are united in the way one views the world and lives in it.
8. Witches seek to control the forces within themselves that make life possible in order to live wisely and well, without harm to others, and in harmony with Nature.
9. An affirmation and fulfillment of life, in continuation with evolution and development, gives meaning to the universe and to our personal role within it.
10. The only animosity felt towards any religion or philosophy is for those that claim to be the only right, true right way and who have sought to deny freedom to others or have suppressed other ways of religious practice and beliefs.
11. There is concern for only the present and the future and not with the history of the Craft.
12. The concept of absolute evil is not accepted, nor is there any worship of an entity known as Satan or the devil.
13. That which is contributory to health and well-being is sought within Nature.

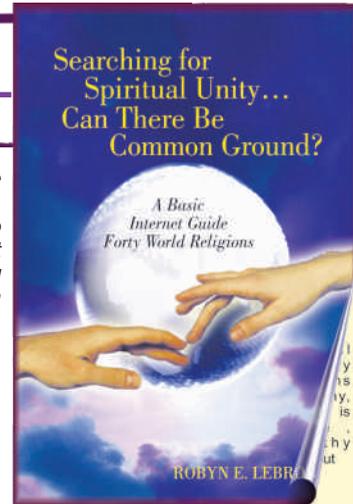




Peace through Spiritual Unity: *Jainism*

We Are More Alike Than You Know

The best way to bring Peace to the world is to start one person at a time and it can start right here! Robyn E. Lebron, has created a basic, easy-to-follow reference guide to international religious beliefs using a vast number of Internet resources saving interested readers the time of sifting through literally thousands of websites. Available in hardback, paperback and e-book at WWW.AMAZON.CA.



We continue to travel forward in time to discover our next religion: Jainism. A Jain is a follower of Jinās, meaning “conquerors.” Jains believe they are spiritually advanced human beings who discover the dharma (truth), become fully liberated, and teach the spiritual path to benefit all living beings. Practicing Jains follow the teachings of twenty-four special Jinās who are known as Tirthankaras (ford-builders) or “those who have discovered and show the way to salvation.” Jains compare the process of becoming a pure soul to crossing a swift river, an endeavour requiring patience and care. A ford-builder has already crossed the river and can therefore guide others. The first Tirthankara appeared prior to the Indus Valley Civilization (2600–1900 BCE). The swastika symbol (later used by Hitler) and statues resembling Jain monks, which archaeologists have found among the remains of the Indus Valley Civilization, tend to support this claim.

A Tirthankara is known as “one who has gotten rid of all attachments.” He then establishes a religious order of monks, nuns and laypeople and preaches the Jain philosophy, religion and ethics to his followers. No two Tirthankaras have lived at the same time. Generally, a Tirthankara is born when the religion is in a “depression state.” At that time, he revives the philosophy and religion. Some-times he gives a

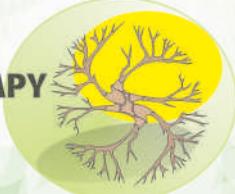
different form to the religion depending upon the time, place, and human behavior. This state of being might be compared to the prophets of other religions. Jains do not worship the Tirthankaras themselves, but they venerate them because they have achieved perfection and have become liberated from the cycle of birth and death. Essentially, Jains venerate what they have achieved. The Tirthankaras are the ideal state of an individual soul's existence and are venerated as a perfect example to which Jains aspire.

Jainism believes that the universe and all its substances or entities are eternal. Jains also believe that the universe has no beginning or end with respect to time. For Jains, there is no need for someone to create or manage the affairs of the universe. Rather, the universe is run on its own accord by its own cosmic laws. Jains ascribe to the belief in plural life forms populating a layered universe with hell-beings at the base, humans and animals in the middle region, and liberated beings in the upper or heavenly domains. Each soul is an individual quite independent of other souls. This is different from one of the Hindu schools of belief where each soul is part of a single, ultimate reality.



The Spiritual Science Fellowship
An Interfaith Ministry
Sunday Services:
7pm Weekly
U.U. Church
5500 Inglis St.
Halifax, N.S.
All Are Welcome!
INFO: 902-435-9432 www.ssfns.org

- Meditation
- Talks on Matter of Spirituality
- Different Religious Traditions
- Prayer



GESTALT THERAPY
Margaret Flood
flood.margaret@gmail.com
902-940-3873



The Jain faith teaches that there are infinite souls in the universe and that every life form, no matter how small, has a soul. These souls have been part of the universe, involved in the cycle of birth and death, since the beginning of time. Jains believe that souls can end the cycle of reincarnation once they achieve liberation. To achieve this liberation, one must conquer all of his karmas. Salvation can only be attained by freeing the soul through the practice of "The Three Jewels" of right perception, right knowledge, and right conduct.

Karma in Jainism has a different meaning than commonly understood in the Hindu philosophy. It is not the inaccessible force that controls the fate of living beings in inexplicable ways. It does not mean "deed," "work," or invisible, mystical force. Rather, it is a complex of very fine sub-atomic matter, imperceptible to the senses, which interacts with the soul, causing great changes.

Karma, then, is something material which produces certain conditions much like a medical pill has certain effects. Karma in Jainism is a system of laws, but physical, rather than moral, laws. In Jainism, actions that carry moral significance are considered to cause physical consequences in just the same way as physical actions do.

Jainism begins with a serious concern for the human soul, its relationship with the laws governing the universe, other living beings, and the soul's future state in eternity. First and foremost, it is a religion of the heart: "the golden rule" is nonviolence in all parts of a person - mental, verbal and physical. Based on this, Jains have deep compassion for all forms of life.



Help Calm the CHAOS



Spiritual/Psychic Readings
with

Master Spiritual Medium

Rev. Barry King

*B.Sc.(Hon), O.M., Ph.D.,
n.d., Reiki Master*

www.revbarryking.ca

Ch'town PE & Halifax NS

(902)629-1385

Saint John NB (506)214-1753

Call for an appointment

(phone appointments also available)

revbarry@interfaithministry.com

✧ A gifted medium with extraordinary experiences with the Heavenly World since childhood ✧ Gentle, positive, constructive & uplifting ✧ Well known as a proof of survival medium

Covered by extended health care plans.



*Something New
Borrowed or Blue*

*New and Consigned
Wedding and
Prom Dresses*

902-892-3648

somethingnbb@bellaliant.com

58 St. Peters Road
Charlottetown
PE C1A 5N5



www.interfaithministry.com www.intuitivetimes.ca www.interfaithconnections.org

Spirit Speaks

Rev. Barry King, Ch'town, PE & Saint John, NB, BSc(Hon.), OM, PhD(TC), Reiki Master, n.d., RSPchmd, Master Spiritual Medium



Messages Shared Through Spirit-Medium



The following excerpt is from a “Spirit Channelling Session” on February 27, 2003, with one of our regular groups. (The process is relatively easy and natural for an experienced medium. It is without dramatics and most often very quiet and gentle. I do not go into a trance, but I do achieve an altered state which allows me to step aside and let Spirit work through me. Our sessions are taped. The following excerpt is not edited or modified but is written exactly as it was spoken.)

Session facilitator: You may share your wisdom with us.

Guide 2 speaking through Barry: Wisdom is a fleeting thing, my child.

Do you have a message for us as a group?

I shall share my humble offerings. Be assured that no one stands alone; it is the challenge of those who retain a glimmer of their Spirit essence, a glimmer of memory of their Spirit life, to feel alone. For in the physical, you are separated through perception from not only the Source but also your connection to all others. I use the word perception for that separation is but an illusion. You are not separated. You are not alone. You exist in perfection but surrounded by illusion. You exist as an individual but you are part of the body. You are not alone. We stand with you. We are connected to you. We support you, and we assist you in the task that you have set for yourself.

In the time that you have in the physical - this time is fleeting - there is so much to do, so much to accomplish. Separated from the memory, it is hard sometimes to know whether you are on track, whether

you move along the path, or whether you will get caught and become immobile. Each of you, here in this room, is moving along the path. Each of you, in part because of your special perception and understanding, feels more alone. For it is when we know what being connected to the Source means that we begin to understand the feeling of separation.

You each should congratulate yourselves for the courage it takes to move along the path and know that each of you has achieved much, even though there are days, and more days than we wish to acknowledge, that we feel we have accomplished little. Understand that much is hidden from you. Understand that this is how it must be. It has been said that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Ignorance has also been called bliss for not knowing is, to many, a great escape and not understanding, nor accepting responsibility, is also a great escape.

Those who are grounded in awareness and strive to move along the path can only hope to achieve that which they have set out to do. But the gift is the awareness that there is so much more. That there is much that moves below the surface of one's awareness and that one can, in time, learn to connect with that. We on the Spirit side, we guides and supporters of those immersed in the physical, are diligent in our attempt to bring support to those who feel alone - not because they do not know but because they do. It is my pleasure to speak to you this evening but be assured that I speak to each of you in the moments when you need to know that there is someone there to offer some support.

Understand that the price one pays for awareness is awareness which means that you are not able to live the illusion and that you learn to be honest with yourself and celebrate your journey. We rejoice in the opportunities that you have to grow.





Visions of the Afterlife: Native Spirituality

Views of the Afterlife and End-of-Life Rituals

Heather Séguin, Charlottetown, PE, BA, BEd,
CASC, Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice

This is the third in a series of articles exploring views of the afterlife and end-of-life rituals as perceived and practiced by several of the major world religions. There are as many views of the afterlife as there are people. As such, the intent of this series is to look at some of the more traditional and commonly held beliefs within each religious tradition.

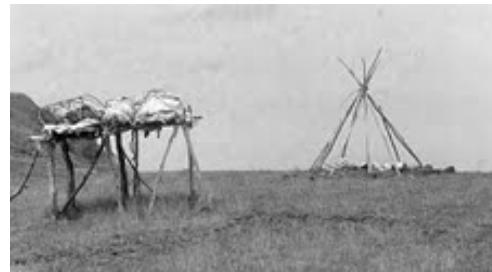
The traditional Native view is that death is part of the cycle of life - a change in being that is expected. There is no precise belief about what happens to an individual after death with concepts ranging from reincarnation, passing over to another world, the soul's remaining with the living for a period of time, to the idea that what happens after death is a great unknown. Some names by which the afterlife is known include the Spirit World, the Land of the Dead, the Land of Souls or the Land of Shadows. This afterlife may or may not be pleasant. The Native view is that there is a strong connection between the physical and spirit worlds and that death is a bridge between life in the mortal world and the world beyond. Traditionally, Natives do not live solely for the rewards of the next life, but they do rely on the assistance of those who have crossed over. Different bands have differing beliefs in their approach to the end of life although similarities exist.

The Algonquian People of the Great Lakes may bury a body or wrap it in animal skins, place it on a scaffold until the flesh has decayed, and then bury the bones. Personal possessions such as the person's medicine bag, pipe, and tobacco, plus a bowl containing some corn and a spoon, are buried with the body so that the deceased can join in feasting in the Land of Souls. Family and community members keep a fire burning on the grave mound for four days, the time it takes the soul to reach the Land of Souls. Traditionally, the time of mourning for the family is one year.

The Iroquois, also of the Great Lakes area, are provided with guidelines for the funerary ritual by the Great Law of Peace: the deceased is buried and told to go to the Creator. Mourners can grieve but should be restrained in their grief and avoid engaging in idle behavior and gossip. Strict mourning practices are observed for ten days after the burial at which time the mourners are brought

together for a feast to thank them for their participation and to release them from their mourning. Although the strict mourning is over in ten days, the family is considered to be in a lesser mourning for one year.

The Lakota Sioux of the Great Plains have a ritual called the *keeping of the soul* for death rites. This ritual is for purification of the soul so that it may move on to the afterlife and not wander the earth disconsolately. The body of a dead person is placed on a scaffold and left exposed to the elements, symbolically giving the body back to its source.



Lakota SIOUX Scaffold

The bones are kept in a sacred bundle until the *keeping of the soul* ritual which occurs when the family has accumulated the necessary accoutrements (such as special purified food), usually in one year. Then the formal ceremony is performed. This includes ritualized smoking of the pipe, chanting and praying. It is seen as acceptable and appropriate to express grief at this point in recognition of the community's loss and the power of God. The special purified food is offered to the soul and is ritually consumed by some members of the community. Prayers are then offered directing the soul to leave the sacred bundle and journey to the afterlife. This is followed by joyful feasting and the giving of charity to the poor.

The Kwatkiutl of British Columbia honour the dead by holding a potlatch, a ceremony of gift giving, usually on a lavish scale. The body of the deceased is usually cremated and then the attendees feast, with gifts being given to all. The extent of gift giving used to be an indication of the status of the deceased and his or her family, but the prime function is to honour and pay tribute to the deceased.

Today, the Inuit generally follow Christian practices with regard to a funeral ceremony. However, there were, in pre-Christian times, traditional beliefs and practices associated with death.



Inuit Stone Grave

For example, the Inuit believed that a person should not die in his or her home (hut or igloo); otherwise, the home would have to be abandoned. The survivors underwent a series of rituals including refraining from touching the corpse. Men in the same household mourned for the deceased every morning and evening and then performed a series of purifying processes prior to returning to hunting. Women, for a period of time, were forbidden to look skyward, to look out over the sea, to mention the names of the animals of the hunt, to smile, or to speak above a whisper. The dead were honoured with feasts and gifts to ensure that they would have a happy “existence” and that their survivors would continue to have good hunting. The body of the deceased was laid on the ground (graves could not be dug in the frozen ground), and stones or blocks of ice were placed all around to protect it from wild animals. Often, objects belonging to the deceased were placed on the grave. It was believed that if the deceased had led a good life, his or her soul went to a joyful place in the sky. If the deceased had led a bad life, his or her soul went underground.



Stratford, ON Interfaith Centre ~ Schedule and News

Register with dgsinclair50@yahoo.com

STRATFORD INTERFAITH CENTRE PROGRAMS



Rev. Deb is taking a Sabbatical for the Fall 2013 and Winter 2014

Ongoing Programs and Personal Consultations - By Appointment: **REIKI; SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**



Rev. Debra Lynn Sinclair,
CASC, OM, RSPd, RH,
n.d., Reiki Master,
Master Spiritual Director,
Director of the
Stratford, Ontario
Interfaith Centre



Saint John, NB Interfaith Centre ~ Schedule and News

More info, to register or to be put on our e-list OIIIMpeiCentre@gmail.com
506-214-1753

FALL 2013 PROGRAMS

***SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
MEDITATION GROUP**
Thursday 7-9PM
Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 21
Fee \$30 / OIIM Members'
suggested donation \$20

**INTERFAITH CELEBRATION
SERVICES**
Sundays 7-9PM
Sept. 29, Nov. 3 & 24
Donations welcomed

PRIVATE SESSIONS - BY APPOINTMENT
*Spiritual Readings with Rev. Barry
*Spiritual Counselling with Rev. Sandi
\$80 / 45 minute sessions
(readings are recorded)
*covered by extended health care plans





Prince Edward Island Interfaith Centre

Register with Rev. Sandi OIIMpeiCentre@gmail.com

TENTATIVE Schedule of Events Autumn 2013 - Prince Edward Island Interfaith Centre:

To register and/or make an appointment for private sessions and/or ask to receive regular emails, contact OIIMpeiCentre@gmail.com. **Thursday Wksh Fee: \$30 (APNN indicates covered by extended health care plans);** OIIM Members are entitled to free participation at most Thursday night OIIM Events - Recommended donation: \$20/event. Other workshops/course fees are noted (APNN indicates covered by extended health care plans).

Check out the full Interfaith Connections
Volume 27-1 Autumn 2013 at
www.InterfaithConnections.org

WEBSITES

OIIM: www.InterfaithMinistry.com

Spirituality/Holistic Health: www.iNtuitiveTimes.ca

Interfaith E-news: www.InterfaithConnections.org

Weddings: www.WeddingsOnPEI.ca

Educational Resources & NTI (Seminary): www.OIIM.net

Family/Personal Counselling: www.KingsWC.org

Psychic Readings/Resources: www.RevBarryKing.ca

Workshop Facilitators and Service Officers

- ✔ **Rev. Sandi King, BA, BEd, MEd, PhD(TC), OM, CCC, n.d., Reiki Master, RSPchmd and Master Spiritual Counsellor**
- ✔ **Rev. Barry King, BSc(Hon.), PhD(TC), OM, n.d., Reiki Master, RSPchmd and Master Spiritual Medium**
- ✔ **Rev. Susan Eaton, OM, CASC, Reiki Master, RSPd and Master Spiritual Director**

NTI INTERNS AND APPRENTICES

- ✔ **Margaret Flood, CASC, Gestalt Therapy and Co-studying Shamanism**
- ✔ **Heather Séguin, CASC, Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice, Thanatology Certificate and Co-studying Certified Aromatherapy**
- ✔ **Robin Phillips, CASC Candidate, Reiki Master, Certified Practitioner in Primus Activation Healing Technique™ and Co-studying two year Crystal Resonance Therapy™ program with Naisha Ahsian of Crystalis Institute.**



- **Thursday, September 12, 7-9PM Interfaith Service with Heather Séguin** •We invite you to enjoy an evening of: •Meditation •Talk on matters of Spirit and spirituality •Song and prayer •Messages or healing from Spirit •Fellowship •Donations and/or contributions to refreshments greatly appreciated.

- **Thursday, September 19, 7-9PM Workshop: Discovering Psychic Channels Supported with Stones/Crystals with Robin Phillips** •An informative and experiential workshop that includes a review of the basic theory on the ways that people receive and process psychic information •Experience a guided, personal journey to discover how you receive and process psychic information on both a conscious and intuitive/psychic level •Learn about the supportive role that stones and crystals can play in this process.

- **Thursday, September 26, 7-9PM Workshop: Connect to Spirit - Psychometry, Billeting and Symbols with Rev. Susan** •Practise,

- practise, practise •Explore psychometry (vibration in personal possessions), billeting (vibration in handwriting) and symbols (interpreting visions) •Enjoy an evening of practising the basics of connecting to Spirit •Explore safe, reverent, respectful and sacred ways to give and receive messages •Enjoy an evening of sharing messages with like-minded people •This popular series assists in enhancing your connection to Spirit.

- **Thursday, October 3, 7-9PM NTI Graduation: A Very Special Interfaith Celebration Service** •We invite you join in the joy, hard work, dedication and commitment of our graduate, Heather Séguin, from the NTI CASC Program and her induction as an OIIM Spiritual Practitioner Apprentice •Blessings from numerous clergy and spiritual leaders •Interfaith reflections on Being of Service •Your presence in sharing her spark as she takes this important step in lighting her candle and embracing a life of service will greatly enhance our experience •Reception to follow.



www.interfaithministry.com www.intuitivetimes.ca www.interfaithconnections.org

- **Thursday, October 10, 7-9PM Workshop: Spiritual Healing Practices with Rev. Sandi** •Rev. Sandi has studied with such Masters as Effie Chow, world-renowned Qigong Grandmaster; •the only living Seiki Master in 2005; and •Dr. Bernard Grad, mentor of Delores Krieger who is a co-founder of Therapeutic Touch •Experience, hands-on, the exploration and practice of many different healing approaches used by the “greats” •Enjoy the peace and comfort of receiving and giving healing energy in a safe, reverent and respectful environment •Experience a healing meditation.

- **Thursday, October 17, 7-9PM Workshop: Past Life Regression with Rev. Barry** •Heal the present through healing past lives •An exploration of research on reincarnation •A powerful tool for self-exploration and inner healing •Letting the past be a guide to your future •Can help you deal with today's phobias, fears, relationships and physical discomfort. •NOTE: Bring something comfortable to lie on and a pillow.

- **Thursday, October 24, 7-9PM Workshop: Divination Tools with Rev. Sandi** •Practise, practise, practise •Explore a number of tools to assist in connecting to Spirit (such as cards offering spiritual guidance, e.g. angel, tarot or I Ching Cards; rune stones; crystals; stones; tea leaf gazing, etc.) •Explore relevant research •Explore safe, reverent, respectful and sacred ways to give and receive messages •Enjoy an evening of sharing messages with like-minded people •This popular series assists in enhancing your connection to Spirit.

- **Thursday, October 31, 7-9PM** Interfaith Holiday for Halloween (Centre is closed.)

- **Thursday, November 7, 7-9PM Interfaith Service with Rev. Barry** •We invite you to enjoy an evening of: •Meditation •Talk on matters of Spirit and spirituality •Song and prayer •Messages or healing from Spirit •Fellowship •Donations and/or contributions to refreshments greatly appreciated.

- **Thursday, November 14, 7-9PM Workshop: A Spiritual Approach to Aging with Heather Séguin** •From Aphrodite to Athena (growing in age-related wisdom) •The rewards and challenges of aging •The ageless soul •Spiritual practices to embrace and celebrate aging.

- **Thursday, November 21, 7-9PM Workshop: Crystals and Stones and You with Robin Phillips** •Provides a basic understanding of stones and crystals (minerals) and our relationship with them •Discover the concept of energy and the law of resonance that guides our work with stones and

crystals •Experience a guided journey to engage (energetically and consciously) with stones and crystals.

- **Thursday, November 28, 7-9PM Workshop: Message Circle with Rev. Barry** •Heavenly messages for the soul for each participant •A talk with questions and answers on matters of Spirit •An uplifting evening with like-minded people •*Space is limited so register early – only those pre-registered will be able to attend.*

- **Thursday, December 5, 7-9PM Interfaith Service with Rev. Sandi** •We invite you to enjoy an evening with an Interfaith Seasonal Panel on what the season means personally to a few community clergy and spiritual leaders within the context of their religion or spiritual path. •Guests are: Susan on Earth Religions, Barry on Interfaith, Madonna on Christianity and Judy on Baha'i.

- **Thursday, December 12, 7-9PM Workshop: Connect to Spirit - Psychometry, Billeting and Symbols with Revs. Sandi and Barry** •Practise, practise, practise •Explore psychometry (vibration in personal possessions), billeting (vibration in handwriting) and symbols (interpreting visions) •Enjoy an evening of practising the basics of connecting to Spirit •Explore safe, reverent, respectful and sacred ways to give and receive messages •Enjoy an evening of sharing messages for the New Year with like-minded people •This popular series brings new tools and insights at each session to assist in enhancing your connection to Spirit.

- **Thursday, December 19, 7-9PM Interfaith Seasonal Celebration** •We invite you to join us in celebrating the many holy traditions of the season, winter solstice ceremony, songs, fellowship in breaking of bread, and a visit from Buddha Santa •A spiritually uplifting gift of \$5 or under, a finger food potluck contribution, and food for the food bank are welcomed.

Saturdays at the Centre Saturdays 10:30-noon are times for our NTI seminary students to offer programs and activities as part of their apprenticeship as well as engage in some special training activities themselves. These are the Saturdays open to the general public. Free will donation greatly appreciated.

Saturday, September 14, 10:30-NOON Labyrinth Walk at Rev. Susan Eaton's Sacred Labyrinth You are invited to experience a labyrinth walk with Rev. Susan at her home at 18804 Malpeque Rd., Hwy 2, which is about 15 minutes past Sears on the road to Kensington (right-hand side). Look for the balloons!

- a. *What is a labyrinth?*
- b. *Learn about the meaning of labyrinths*
- c. *Discover ways to use a labyrinth*
- d. *Enjoy a labyrinth walk*

**[Saturday, September 21, 10:30-NOON
Labyrinth Walk at Rev. Susan Eaton's Sacred
Labyrinth, 18804 Malpeque Road, Hwy. #2 RAIN
DATE]**

Special Courses

**Sunday, September 29, 10AM-4PM COURSE:
Orientation to Meditation and Interfaith -
Meditation as a Gateway to Intuitive/Psychic
Gifts with Master Spiritual Practitioners, Revs.
Sandi, Susan and Barry** •An experiential course for
personal use, devoted to enhancing one's personal
connection to Spirit through the exploration of the
nature of spirit communication, spiritual healing,
energy work, and the chakras •Learn to receive
messages from your angels and your higher guidance
•Use dreams, colour and symbols to strengthen your
intuitive powers •An introduction to the Spiritual Arts
and the Interfaith perspective. •Special Notes:
Includes course materials (e-book of Rev. Barry's
Many Paths, One Truth - An affirmation of Spirit
MP3 downloadable meditations and OIIM
Membership) •Free to prior participants •Req'd hours

for NTI graduation and registration in our
Mediumship Courses. •FEE: \$100. •½ hour potluck
lunch. (APNN)

**Sunday, October 6, 10AM-1PM COURSE:
Mediumship I with Master Spiritual Medium, Rev.
Barry King** •Develop and train your gifts of Spirit
•Strengthen your connection to Spirit, your guides
and angels •Enjoy the relaxation, joy and warmth of
channelling your higher power •An introduction and
orientation to mediumship. •PREREQUISITES: 1)
an OIIM member 2) Orientation to Meditation and
Interfaith and 3) Instructor's permission. •Req'd for
Mediumship II. •FEE: Members \$50. (APNN)

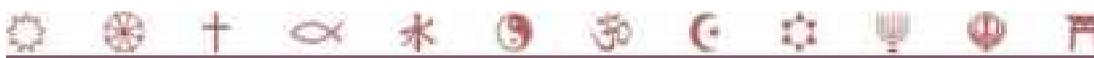
Mediumship II Classes (every other Tuesday
beginning October 8): **October 8 & 22, November 5
& 19 7-9:30PM COURSE: Mediumship II with
Master Spiritual Medium, Rev. Barry King**
•Deepen your personal connection to Spirit
•Strengthen gifts of Spirit through the exploration of
guides and angels, prophets and sages •Experience
being in touch with and the spiritual joy of
channelling your higher power •See and experience
the joy in channelling Spirit •Must be an OIIM
member, have taken Orientation to Meditation and
Interfaith and Mediumship 1, and •have Instructor's
permission. •FEE: \$100. (APNN)



PEI & SJ Centres' Schedules-at-a-Glance

September 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 7-9PM Heather Service	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Robin Psychic Channels	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 7-9PM SJ Group	27	28
29 7-9PM SJ Service	30					

October 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3 7-9PM Rev. Barry Graduation Service	4	5
6	7	8 7-9:30PM Rev. Barry Mediumship II-1	9	10 Rev. Sandi Spiritual Healing Practices	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rev. Barry Past Life Regression	18	19
20	21	22 7-9:30PM Rev. Barry Mediumship II-3	23	24 Rev. Susan Connect to Spirit Divination Tools	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 7-9PM SJ Group		





Growing and Connecting: Progress at AWAIC

*Rev. Philip Waldrop, OM
Board Chair, A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy
Dean at the iNtuitive Times Institute*

Since the successful conference of A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy (AWAIC) in April 2013 at the Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center near Baltimore, Maryland, we have continued to grow and connect with our existing membership and have been successful in welcoming new members.

Our monthly newsletter keeps all abreast. It typically includes reporting-type stories, personal and inspirational stories from members, reviews of spiritually-themed books, and connections to our AWAIC store which offers books, members' items for sale, and via our soon-appearing Café Press storefront, items with the AWAIC logo.

Our AWAIC website is currently undergoing a complete overhaul with more user-friendly features and increased operational flexibility. For example, we will unify some disparate links into a better organized AWAIC Store. At this writing, a new launch is anticipated before year-end. Please send your moral support, good wishes and energy for this effort which is like launching a "new creation."

In July, the AWAIC Board approved a new membership category, Allied Sacred Partners, geared toward those professionals (non-ordained ministers) in the sacred healing arts. We hope to enroll the first such sacred partners in the coming months.

We are also working on a suitable structure for alliances with groups of Interfaith ministers, whether inside or outside the USA – so including Canada (Yes!). This will give emphasis and even more reality to the "Alliance" part of our name.

A new discounted membership due for Interfaith and Interspiritual ministers in their first year of being ordained has met a great response with over twenty new members!

Our most recent decision is to hold our next conference in the May 28 to June 1, 2014 time frame. Wednesday, May 28 and Thursday, May 29 will include pre-conference sessions and workshops, with May 30 to June 1 being the core conference days. We have decided to again use the Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center as its facilities, grounds, chapel, labyrinth, private rooms, meals and ambiance as well as its accessibility to airports, train stations, and highways – and, not least, costs – were highly acclaimed. More about the conference and its programs will be released as they develop. We hope you can join us next year! Save the dates!

Your questions, idea, comments and your (possible) volunteering are all welcome. Please visit us at awainterfaithclergy.org or feel free to contact me at chair@awainterfaithclergy.org. *Namaste, Phil*

November 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3 7-9PM SJ Service	4	5	6 7-9:30PM Rev. Barry Mediumship II-3	7 7-9PM Barry Service	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Heather Spiritual Approach to Aging	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 7-9PM SJ Group	22	23
24 7-9PM SJ Service	25	26	27	28 Rev. Barry Message Circle	29	30

PEI & SJ Centres' Schedules-a-Glance

December 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5 7-9PM Rev. Sandi & Barry Interfaith Seasonal Panel Service	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Rev. Barry & Sandi Connect to Spirit - Psychometry, Billeting & Symbols	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Interfaith Seasonal Celebration	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	PEI Centre resumes activities on Thursday January 16, 2014. Have a Blessed New Year!			



Scope of Practice of OIIM Registrants

OIIM Registration Board Chair: Rev. Sandi King
 Members: Rev. Susan Eaton and Ellen Hicks

Graduates from OIIM's seminary program NTI are awarded the title of Lay or Ordained Interfaith Minister and/or Apprentice, Registered or Master Spiritual Arts Practitioner (specializing in counselling, healing, mediumship and/or direction). As Spiritual Arts Practitioners we follow a Standard of Practise and a Code of Ethics.

RSPc - Spiritual Counselling: The role of the Spiritual Arts Practitioner specializing in counselling, in addition to professional counselling and helping techniques, is to use various holistic wellness and spiritual techniques that enable the client to understand their challenges from a spiritual perspective. The RSPc infuses the counselling sessions with spiritual principles and techniques, empowering clients to use their own resources. We do not 'fix' clients as no fix is needed from a spiritual perspective. An RSPc does not view clients as having problems as all experiences are seen as part of one's life journey in the physical. Our role is to help bring that life purpose into clearer perception. We do not diagnose, label, treat, or use psychological or psychiatric techniques. When these skills are needed, the RSPc will refer to the appropriate professional.

RSPh - Spiritual Healing: The role of the Spiritual Arts Practitioner specializing in healing is to employ a number of holistic, energetic, hands-on healing modalities based on the client's needs. These may include such modalities as Reiki, Seiki, Therapeutic Touch, Qigong, etc. We work with the client's energy field to understand where anomalies appear and then channel through healing intention to balance the energy field as it is for the client's best good. The RSPh does not diagnose or cure. If medical treatment is needed, we work with a client understanding that our service is complementary to allopathic and naturopathic treatments.

RSPm - Spiritual Mediumship: The role of the Spiritual Arts Practitioner specializing in mediumship is to bring to the client insights, guidance and comfort from Spirit and the Spirit world. This often includes connecting to departed loved ones, guides and/or angels. The RSPm can offer definitive proof of life after death and can assist in giving closure to the death of a loved one. The RSPm also assists clients in understanding how they can connect with the Spirit world and helps in recognizing and interpreting messages that are already being given. The intent of the RSPm is always to be constructive, positive, gentle and uplifting, to offer messages only if asked, and to do so

in a professional, safe, reverent and respectful context. The RSPm does not tell clients what to do, foretell the future, give messages without one's expressed permission, perform dramatics for one's own ego or state things definitively. Clients are expected to trust their own intuitions as to the accuracy or pertinence of messages. The RSPm honours our human gift of freedom of choice and understands that life is purposeful.

RSPd - Spiritual Direction: "Spiritual Direction is an ancient ministry, a unique one-to-one relationship in which a trained person assists another person in their search for an ever-closer union of love with..." the Divine. (*A Code of Ethics for Spiritual Directors* by Hedberg and Caprio.) Both lay and ordained clergy and the client share a common belief that our purpose in the physical is to provide our soul access to experiences only available in the physical. The role of the Spiritual Arts Practitioner specializing in direction is to work in partnership with the client to deepen their connection to the Divine of their understanding. This is achieved through various spiritual arts practices and rituals such as meditation, prayer, affirmations, chanting, hands-on-healing, sacred geometry, angel therapy, crystal therapy, sacred tea ceremony, etc. The RSPd does not impose their religious beliefs on the client but rather listens to the client's beliefs and makes suggestions as to what rituals and spiritual practices are in sync with the client's beliefs.

OM and LM - Interfaith Minister: The Ordained Interfaith Minister is trained to perform a number of spiritual ceremonies – weddings, funerals, baby blessings, house blessings, etc., and offer Interfaith celebration services of worship, workshops and courses on matters of spirituality and pastoral counselling. The Interfaith Minister follows an Interfaith Faith-path that celebrates honours and emulates the spiritual aspects of all traditions. The Interfaith Minister has studied the world religions, honours your choice and includes your preference of worship in their relationship with you. The Lay or Licensed Interfaith Minister can do all the above except weddings and funerals.



iNtuitive Times Institute

OIIM's Interfaith Seminary

Celebrating diversity and the Interfaith Perspective!

The Paths Are Many, the Truth Is One ~ Love Thy Neighbour



NTI - Interfaith seminary studies for OIIM

(Open International Interfaith Ministry)

All NTI graduates are eligible for membership as n.d. - Naturotherapists and/or providers of Naturopathic Treatments

with a specialization as Spiritual Practitioners

able to issue receipts for clients to benefit from most extended health care plans.

Ordained Ministers qualify for international clergy recognition

with both the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) and

A World Alliance of Interfaith Clergy (AWAIC)

Through NTI you are training to be part of a supportive Ministry - OIIM



Five Programs through distance education, apprenticeship and retreats

(choose the program that speaks to you):

8 Core Subject Areas:

- *Interfaith Ministering*
- *Comparative Religious Studies*
- *Interfaith Spirituality*
- *Interfaith Counselling*
- *Intuitive/Psychic Studies*
- *Before and After Life Studies*
- *Energy Work/Spiritual Healing*
- *Holistic Wellness*

I. CASC - Certificate of Applied Spiritual

Counselling: complements an existing practitioner's training while providing the Foundation Year to the Interfaith Tradition

II. RSPc - Registered Spiritual Counsellor

III. RCPH - Registered Spiritual Healer

IV. RCPm - Registered Spiritual Medium

V. OM, RSPd - Ordained Interfaith Minister, Registered Spiritual Director

www.OIIM.net

www.iNtuitiveTimes.ca

www.InterfaithMinistry.com

NTIInterfaithStudies@gmail.com

902-629-1385