



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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August & September 2022

Letter from the President

Since the July Newsletter, we experienced the passing to Spirit of two close friends of the NSAC. On July 27, the Reverend Janet Nohavec passed. In 1996 she founded The Journey Within, a Spiritualist National Union church in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. A former resident of Lily Dale, she was renowned worldwide for her evidential mediumship.

She considered it an honor and privilege to connect others to the higher side of life. Through her ingenuity and vision, she purchased the Hydesville Schoolhouse and set about a restoration program. This property is near the Fox Cottage. I remember so well having dinner with her on the day the plumbing permit was approved. I'm sure the patrons and servers at the restaurant thought we were "nuts" as we raised our water glasses in a toast to plumbing!

Mavis Pittilla passed to Spirit on August 22. Mavis attended the NSAC 2017 Convention, speaking to us, teaching a workshop and demonstrating her amazing mediumship. We were so lucky to be able to enjoy her presence. Mavis was a protégée of 20th century pioneer Gordon Higginson. Her evidential messages from Spirit brought comfort and proof of the continuity of life to countless thousands of individuals worldwide. During the pandemic she embraced Zoom, using the internet to connect with her numerous students and friends, sharing her knowledge and delightful wit with all of us.

On August 20 the Reverend Louise Timmerman Peruch passed to Spirit. She lived in San Jose, California, and was the minister at the Spiritual Science of Life Church for over 30 years. I will always remember her graciousness when I was ordained in 1998 as she welcomed me into the Ministerial club.

Our Convention is just around the corner, and I am truly excited and looking forward to seeing all of you in person. We have got a lot of work to do,

and yes, it is true: there are 60+ proposed Bylaw amendments.

Please don't forget to send to our special website the names of your loved ones who have passed to Spirit since our 2019 Convention. Even if you are unable to be in Phoenix, send in their names so we can remember them on Wednesday night. The email address is as follows: we-remember-them@minister.com. Do include any title, such as reverend, and tell us how to pronounce the name.

See you in Phoenix!

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH, NST
President

Transition

Louise Timmermans Peruch

December 2, 1929–August 20, 2022



We wish to let you know that Rev. Louise Timmermans Peruch passed away at home on the twentieth of August, 2022 at age 92. Born in Liege,

Belgium, she and her late husband Vittorio emigrated to the USA in 1956, eventually moving to San Jose. Louise was a faithful Spiritualist and minister of the Spiritual Science of Life Church in San Jose for 30 years. She also took great pleasure in world events, knitting, and Bingo at her favorite charity, the Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps. She is survived by her daughters Betty Dreitlein and Elizabeth Siegel and son John Peruch as well as grandchildren John, Victoria, Rebecca, Sarah, and Daniel.

A private service will be held.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared online by visiting the website www.limafamily.santaclara.com for the Peruch family.

Obituary notice and picture from the Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary, Santa Clara, CA.

Ministerial Skills Course Graduates!

Congratulations to the following students, who successfully completed the MPI Ministerial Skills course on June 19, 2022:

Angela Gunshore, Church of Peace, Wisconsin; *Ralph Parks*, Harrison D. Barrett Church, Maine; *Judith Prueitt-Prentice*, Love of Spirit Church, Illinois; *Sheda Vasseghi*, Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, Virginia; *Diane Whiton*, Portland Spiritualist Church, Maine.

They spent nine days in person at the Morris Pratt Institute, engaging in intensive work, role plays, and discussion. As with the February graduates, they were part of the first group to go through the new format that had the first week of class on Zoom. If you see one of these hard-working students, be sure to acknowledge their achievement!

Rev. Cosie Allen and
Rev. Rosemary Calderalo
Ministerial Skills Instructors

Modern Spiritualism Celebrates 175 Years in 2023!

It's never too early to start planning your trip to Hydesville to celebrate one hundred and seventy-five years of Modern Spiritualism. This year, a *live* three-day celebration is planned starting Friday March 31, 2023 and ending on Sunday April 2, 2023.

Show your support—grab one of these cute buttons available at convention for a small donation.

If you have ideas or would like to join the planning committee, please email us at HydesvilleDay@gmail.com.



NST Club Workshop: Leading Development Circles

The National Spiritualist Teachers Club invites you to attend the two-session Zoom workshop "Leading Development Circles: Understanding Your Role as Both Student and Teacher" on Sept. 19 and 26, 7:00–9:30 ET (6 PM CT, 5 PM MT, 4 PM PT). The fee is \$25 per student for both sessions. Payment is accepted via the general PayPal page to the NSAC Teachers Club@nsacnst. <https://www.paypal.com>.

Presented by Rosemary Calderalo, participants will be provided with an overview of how to set up and lead circles for the development of different aspects of mediumship. These sessions will also provide insight into how to choose a circle when one is considering joining a new or existing circle or supporting others through that decision-making process.

Register here for both sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leading-development-circles-tickets-400472703637>

MPI September Zoom Class and Reminder

The Morris Pratt Institute is announcing this two-day class on the Principles of Spiritualism. This series will be held on two Wednesdays, September 21 and 28, from 6 to 8 PM CT (7 PM ET, 4 PM MT, 3 PM PT). The National Spiritualist Teacher for this educational course is the Reverend P. Bollinger, OM, NST, CM, CH, who is the Pastor of the Spiritualist Church of the Comforter in Santa Barbara, CA.

Come learn about Spiritualism and what Spiritualists believe and practice in their daily lives!

Principles of Spiritualism

1. Overview: Principle 1 and Infinite Intelligence
2. Philosophy, Truth in Nature, and Principle 2
3. Religion of Spiritualism and Principle 3
4. Mediumship, Science, and Principles 4 and 5
5. What is a Spiritualist? Living Principle 6

6. Free Will and Responsibility; Principles 7 and 8

7. Healing; Living as a Spiritualist; Principle 9

Tuition for the class is \$75.00. Payments can be made through our website www.morrispratt.org or by calling the office at 414-774-2994. The Zoom link will be sent out the evening before the class. No refunds.

MPI also would like to remind everyone that the deadline for the 2022-2023 Ministerial Skills course is October 15, 2022. Our two-week course will be held one week on Zoom and one week in person at the Morris Pratt Building in Milwaukee, WI. Applications and details can be had by reaching out to the office at 414-774-2994 or info@morrispratt.org.

Stacy Schuerman Kopchinski
MPI Administrator

Who's Not Sitting in Your Seats?

Zoom Event Date: Tuesday,
September 20

Event Time: 5 PM ET; 6 PM CT; 7 PM
MT; 8 PM PT

Presenter: Rev. Bonnie Crosier

Sponsored by: Love of Spirit
Spiritualist Church, NSAC,
Bloomington, IL

Congregations are dwindling in every denomination but not every church. How can some churches have more congregants than physical space allows when others wonder if half of their chairs will be filled? Loss in membership and congregants seems to be the concern in many churches, causing some to make the difficult decision to combine congregations, or even worse, to close. Traditional means of growing congregations are proving to lose their effectiveness. Many churches in various congregations are attracting congregants representing the generation reflective of the type of service they provide.

Increasing church congregations has become a challenge for churches that do not understand the psychosocial aspects of each generation.

Do you know what Generations X, Y, Z, and A are seeking for spiritual care and exploration? Younger generations are looking for something different in spiritual services from the concept of church that has worked for Baby Boomers. And in return, Baby Boomers are accustomed to the traditions that are challenging Gen Y and Z, who find those services irrelevant and lacking in personal meaning.

How does your church cater to those who aren't sitting in your seats and still fulfill the current congregation personal spiritual support to which they are accustomed? How does a pastor or pastoral committee relate to the congregants of any age? How does the pastor or pastoral committee ensure a sermon will make sense to everyone in attendance? These are important questions that the majority of our churches are having a hard time answering.

Love of Spirit Spiritualist Church, NSAC invites you to attend this special presentation that will give you a better understanding about the younger generations.

So, save the date for Tuesday, September 20 from 6 to 8 PM CT. Bonnie will present valuable information to those in attendance that will explain the importance of understanding *who is not sitting in your seats*. If your church isn't bringing younger congregants, this event is for you. Bonnie will provide a class overview for each attendee when the Zoom class has ended.

To attend this presentation and receive your link, follow the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whos-not-sitting-in-your-seats-tickets-376555205757>

Love of Spirit Church and Rev. Bonnie are not charging for this class; however, accepted donations will be contributed to the NSAC 2022 Convention in the form of a sponsorship. Donations can be made through the Love of Spirit website or the QR code provided here:

<https://www.yourloveofspirit.com/giving.php>. Indicate your donation by adding SEATS on PayPal.



NST Weekend in November

The National Spiritualist Teachers Club invites you to join us for the NST Weekend, November 4 and 5, titled "Spiritualism Yesterday, Today, and You."

Nov. 4, 7:00–9:00 PM EST. Message Circle. Chair: Sharon Watson. Mediums are Marrice Coverson, Susan Hazard, Dawn Luehrs, and Rina Salvemini. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400494859907>. \$10 per person.

Nov. 5. Spiritualism Yesterday, Today, and You Classes. \$10 per person per class.

(1) 11:00 to 1:00 PM EST. **The Development of Spiritualism** with Linda O'Connor. Ancient Spiritualism to Modern Spiritualism; development of thought and ideas from the time of religious reformation with Luther, Calvin, etc., leading into Modern Spiritualism. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400497969207>

(2) 2:00 to 4:00 PM EST. **Self-Responsibility** with Lelia Cutler. We do not believe in vicarious atonement, and it is our responsibility to learn about the Natural Laws that have an effect on our lives and the four phases of life: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400499604097>

(3) 7:00 to 9:00 PM EST. **Healing through the Ages and Its Different Forms** with Susan Ferency. Healing is a technique that has been used from time immemorial by all cultures. What thread do they have in common? The history of healing around the globe. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/400503054417>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event(s).

Payment can be made for each class from the Eventbrite page by clicking on the red Tickets button. Donations are also encouraged via PayPal (<https://www.Paypal.com>) to the NSAC Teachers Club @nsacnst.

Light and Love,
Patricia Horne
339-224-1840

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The online publishing platform website Issuu.com is now accepting purchases of the *National Spiritualist Summit* as a digital subscription for \$25.00 per year (six issues) and \$5.00 per individual issue.

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To purchase a digital subscription for one year (six issues) or just one digital copy of the September/October 2022 issue, use this link: <https://issuu.com/nsacpublications/docs/septoct2022tnssummit>

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Dates in Spiritualism

August 8, 1852: Event—D.D. Home first levitation.

August 9, 1864: Event—First convention of National Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, PA.

August 10, 1850: Event—*Spirit Messenger* published.

August 11, 1824: Birthday—Andrew Jackson Davis (Founder: Harmonial Philosophy. Named: Poughkeepsie Seer).

August 16, 1815: Event—Original cottage built at Hydesville, NY by Dr. Henry Hyde.

August 1946 Event—*Psychic World* published by Maurice Barbanell.

September 5, 1859: Birthday—W. J. Colville (Named: The Kitten Orator).

September 11, 1955: Event—Original Fox cottage at Lilly Dale Assembly destroyed by fire.

September 14, 1885: Birthday—Elsie Butler Bunts (Founder: *Spotlight*).

September 18, 1847: Birthday—E.W. Sprague (Author).

September 27, 1893: Event—First National Delegate Convention of Spiritualists of United States of America in Chicago, IL. Originally created for all Spiritualists chaired by John Pierpont.

September 29, 1903: Event—Morris Pratt Institute opened as a school.

Reminders

September 22: Observe NSAC Day

September 27: Anniversary of NSAC founding in 1893

October 9–14: NSAC Convention 2022, Phoenix, Arizona

Note: Average temperatures in October here range from 67° to 97°F (Accuweather). Be aware that the city averages 3 days in this month reaching 100°F. Average rainfall is 0.67".

Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that which is for their highest and best needs.

Cherise's Mom
John
Lynette
Yvette

Your healing prayers are needed and benefit others in ways we may never know.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.

To Request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission from the person, or from their caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then notify the Spiritual Healing Center. Spiritual healing is directed to a specific individual. To list more than one individual from a household or group, submit first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center
nsachealing@nsac.org

NSAC Mourns Passing of Two Spiritualist Icons

As our president noted earlier in this issue, we witnessed with great sadness the passing of Rev. Janet Nohavec and Rev. Mavis Patilla, almost one month apart.

Rev. Nohavec was a medium since birth and in 1966 founded her church, The Journey Within, SNU, in her home state of New Jersey. She is known for her acclaimed evidential mediumship and teaching. She then turned her sights to a more international scope and laid plans for the World Congress of Spiritualists. The first meeting was held at Lily Dale in 2014. Four years later, her church acquired the Hydesville Schoolhouse, erected in 1879 and situated across the street from the Hydesville Memorial Park. It will be called The Temple of Peace, named in honor of the Spiritualist pioneers. Restoration is ongoing, as the building is in need of extensive repair.



Rev. Mavis Patilla was born in Britain during the early years of World War II. Through illness at an early age, she discovered her mediumship; later she studied under Gordon Higginson, Britain's best-known medium, and then became a tutor at the Arthur Findley College, U.K. More recently, she was ordained at the Journey Within Church, NJ and became an officiant of the Spiritualist National Union.

We were fortunate to have her appear at our 2017 Convention in Milwaukee, WI; she offered a workshop, delivered heartfelt messages, and provided a meaningful discourse on mediumship.



Both previous sets of photos by Valerie Miller

Godspeed to these two wonderful women who have touched and helped heal the hearts and lifted the spirits of many along their travels on this plane.



Photos from Facebook

October NSAC News

Convention is just around the corner. Please note the NSAC News will not be prepared until after the 2021 Convention ends. It is our intention the newsletter will be ready to post on the NSAC website and ready to release by the end of the third week in October.

We regret the recent delays in posting the News and are enforcing revised deadline procedures.

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