

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living  
Senior Minister Report  
March 19, 2025 thru April 15, 2025

**OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES**

- Regular weekly operations “office” hours:
  - Tuesday through Friday 12PM – 4PM (20 hrs)
  - The remainder of my time is flexed as needed to facilitate book studies, discussion groups, classes, talk preparation and all sorts of meetings including pastoral care.
  - I hold Mondays as my personal sabbath day, and I remain available to provide spiritual support in emergencies situations.
  - I plan to take a week of vacation beginning Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and returning on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2025 Pledge Program
  - 24 Members have pledged for 2025
  - Total amount pledged is \$ 85,856.00 an increase of \$6,961.64 above the 2024 pledge program.
  - As of April 15, 2025, at 10:51 AM 31% or \$ 26,228.69 of 2025 pledges have been received.
  - I sent out quarterly statements this morning to inform people of their progress in meeting their pledges and to spiritually energize the process.

**ECCLESIASTICAL ACTIVITIES**

- ***Live Streamed Offerings:***
  - “365 Days of Richer Living” Daily Morning Reading, Meditation & Prayer being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV at 6 AM ET – 7 days a week.
  - “Just for Today” Daily Morning Reading, Discussion, Meditation & Prayer being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV at 10 AM ET Tuesday thru Saturday.
  - Sunday Services being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV.
- ***2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: (remaining)***
  - ***20-Apr*** *Embracing Our Autonomy. Pt. 1*
  - ***27-Apr*** *Embracing Our Autonomy. Pt. 2*
  - ***4-May*** *Owning the “R” Word. Pt. 1*
  - ***11-May*** *Owning the “R” Word. Pt. 2*
  - ***18-May*** *Our Primary Purpose. Pt. 1*
  - ***25-May*** *Our Primary Purpose. Pt. 2*
  - ***1-Jun*** *Entirely Ready. Pt. 1*
  - ***8-Jun*** *Entirely Ready. Pt. 2*
  - ***15-Jun*** *Remaining Undivided. Pt. 1*
  - ***22-Jun*** *Remaining Undivided. Pt. 1*

- **29-Jun** *Workshop Format*
  - **6-Jul** **Choosing Humility. Pt. 1**
  - **13-Jul** **Choosing Humility. Pt. 2**
  - **20-Jul** *Life is Self-Supporting. Pt. 1*
  - **27-Jul** *Life is Self-Supporting. Pt. 2*
  - **3-Aug** *Becoming Willing. Pt. 1*
  - **10-Aug** *Becoming Willing. Pt. 2*
  - **17-Aug** *Community Ownership. Pt. 1*
  - **24-Aug** *Community Ownership. Pt. 2*
  - **31-Aug** *Workshop Format*
  - **7-Sep** *Actions that Heal. Pt. 1*
  - **14-Sep** *Actions that Heal. Pt. 2*
  - **21-Sep** *Privilege & Accountability are Reciprocal. Pt. 1*
  - **28-Sep** *Privilege & Accountability are Reciprocal. Pt. 2*
  - **5-Oct** *Living Spiritual Principle. Pt. 1*
  - **12-Oct** *Living Spiritual Principle. Pt. 2*
  - **19-Oct** *No Outside Issues. Pt. 1*
  - **26-Oct** *No Outside Issues. Pt. 2*
  - **2-Nov** *Living AS Consciousness. Pt. 1*
  - **9-Nov** *Living AS Consciousness. Pt. 2*
  - **16-Nov** *The Law of Attraction. Pt. 1*
  - **23-Nov** *The Law of Attraction. Pt. 2*
  - **30-Nov** *Workshop Format*
  - **7-Dec** *Spiritual Insomnia. Pt. 1*
  - **14-Dec** *Spiritual Insomnia. Pt. 2*
  - **21-Dec** *Principle before Personality. Pt. 1*
  - **28-Dec** *Principle before Personality. Pt. 2*
- **Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Programs – (this is a long-term project)**
    - Exploring the development of an online based “class on demand” offerings where anyone can purchase an online self-paced curriculum with recorded teaching sessions.
      - I have started developing curriculum and have begun exploring delivery platforms.
      - I have started the recording process of a class titled “Living the Serenity Prayer”. I’m exploring the use of greenscreen technology and how to possibly include a digital whiteboard.
- **Book Study**
    - **DUE TO THE DEEPLY PERSONAL NATURE OF THIS WORKBOOK, THIS WILL BE CLOSED AFTER WE START WITH THE FIRST CHAPTER.**

- *Workbook: Build The Life You Want: The Ultimate Guide to Brooks and Winfrey's Book | Chapter Summaries, Exercises, & Action Lists to Take Control of Your Future & Embrace the Four Pillars of Happiness*
  - **Working with Harry Leffmann to support him in facilitating a workshop on meditation**
  - **Working with Rev. Jenna to facilitate a CSL Certificated Class: “Change Your Thinking... Change Your Life”**
- **PRACTITIONERS:**
  - The Practitioners continue to meet monthly, participate in Sunday service, and provide prayer after service in addition to responding to online prayer requests.
  - I’ve invited them to become more engaged by identifying, planning and offering workshops that they feel called to facilitate.
- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**
  - Resuming our regular schedule of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in 2025.
  - Next Town Hall Meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Who Are We Now
    - Welcoming new members from CSL Greater Baltimore
    - Planning a Community Integration Ceremony
- **OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**
  - Serving as a member of the Howard County Interfaith Advisory Council
    - I am chairing a subcommittee *Addressing Barriers to the Vision of Religious/Faith Equity in Howard County*. Here is a link to the Council’s website <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/boards-commissions/interfaith-advisory-council>
  - Monthly attendance of Howard County Clergy Alliance Meetings.
    - *Partnering with Rev. Paige Getty to create and facilitate a presentation/workshop to address unconscious and conscious bias that hinder effective interfaith alliances.*
  - I am increasing my engagement in:
    - *The Maryland Just Power Alliance* which is a collaboration of AIM – Action in Montgomery, PATH – People Acting Together in Howard, and ACT – Anne Arundel Connecting Together.
    - *ICJS – Institute of Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies*
    - *Baltimore, Howard and Anne Arundel LGBTQIA+ communities*
- **BOARD INDUCTION & COMMUNITY SYNTHESIS CEREMONY:**
  - I am seeking YOUR ideas 😊