

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living
Senior Minister Report
October 15, 2025 thru November 17, 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.
- 2025 Pledge Program – people continue to make updates to their giving pledge. The figures below reflect these updates.
 - 35 individuals pledged a total of \$101,913.56, an increase of \$23,019.20 above the 2024 pledge program.
 - As of November 15, 2025, at 7:30 AM 70% or \$71,108.32 of 2025 pledges have been received.
- Share Abundance 50/50 Raffle was launched on November 4th – as of 11.17.2025 @ 8:30AM 8 people have purchased a total of 131 tickets for a total of \$577.00.
- 2026 Pledge Program was launched in October.
 - 5 individuals have pledged a total of \$12,700.00.

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.
 - I just received an email this morning from someone who stated “I have an \$800.00+ RMD which must be executed this month. I have chosen Columbia CSL as the recipient of my required distribution as a qualified charity because I have become familiar with Rev. Rafe via 365 Days of Richer Living on YouTube.”
 - “Just for Today” Daily Morning Reading, Discussion, Meditation & Prayer being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV at 10 AM ET Tuesday thru Saturday.
 - “Sleepy-Time Meditation” – Nighttime Reading, Meditation & Prayer
 - Sunday Services are being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV.
 - In 2026, I will be livestreaming “Reading the Science of Mind in One Year” in a reading, sharing of perspectives, meditation & prayer format inviting members, practitioners, and ministers to participate.
- **Assistant Minister:**
 - Rev. Frank remains active in his secular profession as a traveling nurse. I am in regular communication with him working out a schedule for his learning and engagement as the Assistant Minister.

- He is creating the weekly study sheets for 2026.

- **2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: (remaining)**

- **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*

- **2026 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: Open at the Top**

In 2026 we will be using the CSL Annual Themes.

Yearly Context: Ernest Holmes consistently reminds us that Science of Mind must remain a living teaching: “Shorn of dogmatism, freed from superstition, Open at the Top for greater illumination, unbound and unlimited,” (Science of Mind Magazine Oct. 1971 pg. 16) yet grounded in timeless spiritual principles. He cautions us against closing our minds through certainty and instead urges us to stop, look, listen, and ask ourselves, “Does this that I believe measure up to Truth?” For Holmes, being Open at the Top means cultivating curiosity, embracing doubt as part of our path, and trusting that new wisdom and greater illumination are always available to us if we are open to it. It is a call to live in the creative “What If,” to stretch beyond what is comfortable, and to embody a spirituality that grows, questions, and evolves with us and the world.

As a spiritual movement, being Open at the Top means embodying our Global Vision: a world that works for everyone and all of creation. It invites us to live as one global family, honoring the interconnectedness of all life, embracing diversity, and choosing love and connection over righteousness. It calls us to personal responsibility and social conscience, to sustainable and just practices, and to the joyful, creative expression of Spirit through us. To be Open at the Top is to release outdated practices and fear-based thinking, to honor ancestral wisdom while welcoming new visions, and to live from the eternal Truth that Love is forever creating, forever becoming, and forever expressing in, through and AS each of us.

Every month is designed to address the theme from four different perspectives or lenses:

- Personal Outer
- Personal Inner
- Collective Outer
- Collective Inner.
- 5th Sundays offer a fifth perspective of our shared wholeness and unity using the perspectives explored during the previous weeks in the quarter.

- **On Demand Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Programs – (this is a long-term project)**

- Our application for a CSL *“Evergreen Pilot Grant”* (EPG) was not selected for funding. No specific feedback was given.
- I am now continuing to explore fiscally responsible avenues to launch this project.
- ***Current Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Offering***
 - Beyond Limits: October 30th thru December 18th – 2 people are taking this class
 - **2026 Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Offering**
 - Vision Board Workshop – Saturday, January 3rd @ Dabbs
 - Journey of the Soul – Wednesdays 6:30 – 9 PM, January 7th thru February 11th
 - Mental Equivalents – Wednesdays 6:30 – 9 PM, February 25th thru March 25th
 - Practitioner Growth Cohort – Thursdays 6:30 – 9 PM
 - January 8th thru March 12th
 - March 26th thru May 28th
 - June 11th thru August 13th
- **PRACTITIONERS:**
 - The Practitioners continue to meet monthly, participate in Sunday service, and provide prayer after service in addition to responding to online prayer requests.
 - Ayodele McClenney and Reggie Kapp are on a Leave of Absence
 - We welcomed Dana Cole, RScP in October.
- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**
 - Town Hall gatherings continue to be well attended, and member engagement is increasing.
 - I invite BOT Members to join this coming Wednesday to share their experience of BOT service and be available to answer questions about Board service.
- **OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**
 - Howard County Clergy Alliance – attended September meeting.
 - Howard County Interfaith Advisory Council – attended Howard County Executive Calvin Ball’s recognition of HoCo IAC member’s work in 2024-2025 and that this has been made a permanent commission. Appointments to this new commission are pending.
 - Doing Good by Giving Goods quarterly giving collection for Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center – November is our next collection month.
 - Light of Truth Program for Women in Recovery – attended their 26th Anniversary Gala and was asked to offer a closing prayer.
 - Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth Interfaith Advisory Council – I was invited and participated in her inaugural Interfaith Advisory Council Meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting was interrupted by an activist causing the meeting to be prematurely terminated.

- **CSL ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL ENGAGEMENT:**

- New Minister Licensing Panels
- CSL Connection Call
- Tune in Tuesday
- SOM Archives Lunch & Learn
- Practitioner Council's Sensational Saturday
- Member Council Forum
- CSL Revitalization Program – we continue in conversation with CSL Consultants, Rev. Drew Ebersole and Sherry Hammond to determine if and how we choose to move forward in our participation in this program. At this point, it seems correct that the BOT take the leadership role in these communications as the Revitalization Program is focused on the business operations of the Center rather than ecclesiastical functions.

- **BOARD INDUCTION CEREMONY:** Please plan for this to happen on Sunday, February 1st which is the first Sunday following our Annual Member Meeting and the election of Trustees.

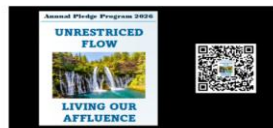
- **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT IS ON-GOING AS I LEARN THE DEEPER FUNCTIONALITY OF SITE DEVELOPMENT.**

- I added a “Happening Now” block on the “Welcome” page of our website making current engagement efforts more accessible.

Happening NOW

Get engaged...

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UNRESTRICTED FLOW
Living Our Affluence
Nov 16, 2025



OUR NEW NAME
Be a part of the Big Reveal
Nov 16, 2025



SHARED ABUNDANCE 50/50 RAFFLE
Get in the Flow
Nov 16, 2025

- All 2025 Newsletters are now accessible through the “NEWS” tab.
- All 2025 Sunday Talks and study worksheets are now accessible through the “2025 SUNDAY MESSAGES” tab.