

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living
Senior Minister Report
December 17, 2024 thru January 15, 2025

OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

- Regular weekly operations “office” hours:
 - Tuesday through Friday 12PM – 4PM
 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings 5PM – 8:30PM book discussion and meetings
- 2024 Pledge Program
 - 2024 Pledge Fund ended the year at 101%. \$78,894.36 was pledged and \$79,571.64 was given which is an increase of \$677.20 above what was pledged.
 - 26 Members pledged for 2024
 - 13 members met their 2024 pledged amount exactly
 - 7 members exceeded their pledged amount
 - 6 members gave below their pledged amount
- 2025 Pledge Program
 - 22 Members have pledged for 2025
 - Total amount pledged is \$81,176.00 an increase of \$2,281.64 above the 2024 pledge program.
 - As of January 15, 2025, at 9:30AM 3% or \$2,681.89 of 2025 pledges have been received.

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 Monday thru Saturday.
 - “Just for Today” Daily Morning Reading, Discussion, Meditation & Prayer being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV at 10 AM ET Monday thru Saturday and 6AM on Sunday.
 - Sunday Services being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV.
- ***2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus:***
 - ***5-Jan*** *Understanding Our Relationship with the Law of Cause & Effect Pt. 1*
 - ***12-Jan*** *Understanding Our Relationship with the Law of Cause & Effect Pt. 2*
 - ***19-Jan*** *The common welfare of Creation must come first; personal wellbeing depends on living spiritual unity Pt. 1*
 - ***26-Jan*** *The common welfare of Creation must come first; personal wellbeing depends on living spiritual unity Pt. 2*
 - ***2-Feb*** *We are revealing that a Power greater than ourselves is restoring us to our authentic Self. Pt. 1*
 - ***9-Feb*** *We are revealing that a Power greater than ourselves is restoring us to our authentic Self. Pt. 2*

- **16-Feb** *There is but one ultimate authority — a loving Consciousness as It expresses Itself in Creation. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. Pt. 1*
- **23-Feb** *There is but one ultimate authority — a loving Consciousness as It expresses Itself in Creation. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. Pt. 2*
- **2-Mar** *We choose to align our human will and our physical lives with Consciousness as we understand It. Pt. 1*
- **9-Mar** *We choose to align our human will and our physical lives with Consciousness as we understand It. Pt. 2*
- **16-Mar** *The only requirement for belonging is a desire to stop separating yourself. Pt. 1*
- **23-Mar** *The only requirement for belonging is a desire to stop separating yourself. Pt. 2*
- **30-Mar** *Workshop Format*
- **6-Apr** *We make a searching and fearless inventory of current beliefs. Pt. 1*
- **13-Apr** *We make a searching and fearless inventory of current beliefs. Pt. 2*
- **20-Apr** *Each individual & community is autonomous except in matters affecting Creation as a whole. Pt. 1*
- **27-Apr** *Each individual & community is autonomous except in matters affecting Creation as a whole. Pt. 2*
- **4-May** *We admit to ourselves, to Creator, and to a trusted friend the exact nature of how we separate ourselves. Pt. 1*
- **11-May** *We admit to ourselves, to Creator, and to a trusted friend the exact nature of how we separate ourselves. Pt. 2*
- **18-May** *Each individual & community has but one primary purpose — to live in unity and love with those who still suffer from separation. Pt. 1*
- **25-May** *Each individual & community has but one primary purpose — to live in unity and love with those who still suffer from separation. Pt. 2*
- **1-Jun** *We are entirely ready to change discordant thinking. Pt. 1*
- **8-Jun** *We are entirely ready to change discordant thinking. Pt. 2*
- **15-Jun** *Consciousness never endorses, finances, or lends Its name to any singular enterprise; problems of money, property, and prestige are diversions from living Wholeness. Pt. 1*
- **22-Jun** *Consciousness never endorses, finances, or lends Its name to any singular enterprise; problems of money, property, and prestige are diversions from living Wholeness. Pt. 2*
- **29-Jun** *Workshop Format*
- **6-Jul** *We humbly receive an awareness of Consciousness idea of Itself as us. Pt. 1*
- **13-Jul** *We humbly receive an awareness of Consciousness idea of Itself as us. Pt. 2*
- **20-Jul** *Consciousness is fully self-supporting; an individual or community ought never compromise themselves in an experience of lack. Pt. 1*
- **27-Jul** *Consciousness is fully self-supporting; an individual or community ought never compromise themselves in an experience of lack. Pt. 1*
- **3-Aug** *We make a list of all harm that our beliefs contributed to and become willing to make amends for them all. Pt. 1*

- **10-Aug** We make a list of all harm that our beliefs contributed to and become willing to make amends for them all. Pt. 2
- **17-Aug** Each individual & community is forever non-professional, but may employ special workers. Pt. 1
- **24-Aug** Each individual & community is forever non-professional, but may employ special workers. Pt. 2
- **31-Aug** Workshop Format
- **7-Sep** We make direct amends wherever possible, except when to do so would result in further harm. Pt. 1
- **14-Sep** We make direct amends wherever possible, except when to do so would result in further harm. Pt. 2
- **21-Sep** Community, as such, ought to remain fluid; but may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. Pt. 1
- **28-Sep** Community, as such, ought to remain fluid; but may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. Pt. 2
- **5-Oct** We continue to take personal inventory and when we are out of Principle we promptly admit it. Pt. 1
- **12-Oct** We continue to take personal inventory and when we are out of Principle we promptly admit it. Pt. 2
- **19-Oct** There are no outside issues in Consciousness; hence we ought never be drawn into the divisiveness of controversy. Pt. 1
- **26-Oct** There are no outside issues in Consciousness; hence we ought never be drawn into the divisiveness of controversy. Pt. 2
- **2-Nov** We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our alignment with Consciousness as we understand It, praying only for knowledge of how it desires to express as us and the power to carry that out. Pt. 1
- **9-Nov** We seek through prayer and meditation to improve our alignment with Consciousness as we understand It, praying only for knowledge of how it desires to express as us and the power to carry that out. Pt. 2
- **16-Nov** Our public relations policy is based on the Law of Attraction; we need always maintain our focus on the teaching not the teacher. Pt. 1
- **23-Nov** Our public relations policy is based on the Law of Attraction; we need always maintain our focus on the teaching not the teacher. Pt. 2
- **30-Nov** Workshop Format
- **7-Dec** Awakening spiritually as a result of these steps, we live this message by practicing these principles in all our affairs. Pt. 1
- **14-Dec** Awakening spiritually as a result of these steps, we live this message by practicing these principles in all our affairs. Pt. 2
- **21-Dec** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of Consciousness, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. Pt. 1
- **28-Dec** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of Consciousness, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. 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**
 - **TUESDAY EVENINGS 5:00-6:30 PM THRU MARCH 18TH**
 - *The Numinous Factor: The Spiritual Basis of Science and of Life* by John L. Walker

 - **THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8PM THRU MARCH 13TH**
 - *Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier* by Arthur C. Brooks and Oprah Winfrey

 - **TBD – WILL BE DETERMINED WHEN THE BOOK STUDY IS COMPLETE**
 - *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*

- **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.
 - Eugene Holden transferred his license to CSL Delaware

- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**
 - Resuming our regular schedule of the 4th Wednesdays in 2025.
 - Next Town Hall Meeting is January 22nd

- **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.

- 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. I am in the process of seeking additional information about how CCSL might become a partner community in PATH.

- **CCSL NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:**
 - 3 members added in January:
 - Sylvia Hardnett – Discover Class
 - Gary Hardnett – Discover Class
 - Ebony English – Transfer from Center of Peace: Center for Spiritual Living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- **BOARD INDUCTION CEREMONY:**
 - In alignment with the consensus of the current Board of Trustees, I will begin planning this for the Sunday immediately following CCSL's 2025 Annual Meeting.