

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living
Senior Minister Report
August 19, 2025 thru September 11, 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
 - 27 Members/Attendees pledged for 2025.
 - The total amount pledged is \$ 87,876.00, an increase of \$8981.64 above the 2024 pledge program.
 - As of September 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM 56% or \$ 49,486.86 of 2025 pledges have been received.
 - 3rd quarter giving statements are scheduled to be sent between October 1st through 4th in coordination with the launch of our 2026 Pledge Program.

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.
NOTE: We received a \$70.00 donation from a former CSL Licensed Practitioner in Port Saint Lucie, FLA with a note that read: “In gratitude for your morning treatments on 365 Days of Spiritual Living. Shalom / Amen.”
 - “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.
- **Assistant Minister:**
 - Rev. Frank passed his oral licensing panel on August 27th, he was installed as our Assistant Minister on Sunday, August 31st, and his Letter of Call is signed, sealed and delivered to CSL.
 - He 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.
- **2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: (remaining)**
 - **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* **(LAUNCHING 2026 PLEDGE DRIVE)**
 - **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*
- **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

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- 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)**
 - I applied for a CSL “Evergreen Pilot Grant” (EPG) for funding the initial Learning Management System (LMS) launch establishing 10% of all LMS revenue going back to EPG. **NOTE: still waiting for the decision.**
 - I am now participating in DEMOS of a variety of LMS products.
 - Pricing seems to range from \$2.00 - \$10.00 per subscriber.
- **Current Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Offering**
 - **DUE TO THE DEEPLY PERSONAL NATURE OF THIS WORKBOOK, THIS IS NOW CLOSED TO NEW PARTICIPANTS.**
 - *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*
 - **Future Educational & Spiritual Enrichment Offering**
 - A Fall and Winter class schedule will be released on Sunday, September 28th
- **PRACTITIONERS:**
 - The Practitioners continue to meet monthly, participate in Sunday service, and provide prayer after service in addition to responding to online prayer requests.
- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**
 - August Town Hall was well attended and focused on desired social activities to enhance community connections.
 - I am generating a list of the ideas presented.
- **OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**
 - Howard County Clergy Alliance – attended August 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.
 - Our community gave generously in our Doing Good by Giving Goods quarterly giving collection for Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.
 - Light of Truth Program for Women in Recovery – attended the soft opening of their new Recovery Cafe which is a resource and respite environment for Peer Support Specialist who are providing the front-line support of people in recovery to be supported and replenished.

- Howard County Office of Aging and Independence – attended resource fair gathering information that will go into a resource binder made available on our information table. Target presentation date is Sunday, September 28th.
- Horizon Foundation Prayer Breakfast – attended with Rev. Frank

- **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
- Abundant Living Listening Circle #2

- **BOARD INDUCTION & COMMUNITY SYNTHESIS CEREMONY:**

- I am seeking YOUR ideas 😊

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