

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living  
Senior Minister Report  
May 20, 2025 thru June 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
  - 25 Members have pledged for 2025 and increase of one.
  - The total amount pledged is \$ 86,356.00, an increase of \$7,461.64 above the 2024 pledge program and an increase of \$500.00 since May 20, 2025.
  - As of June 17, 2025, at 6 PM 43% or \$ 37,562.63 of 2025 pledges have been received.
  - I will be sending out 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter statements during the first week of July 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 are being live streamed on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitch TV.
- ***2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: (remaining)***
  - ***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*
- **On Demand 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.
    - I will initiate this “on demand” page in June on our new website by uploading New Thought books that are in the public domain that people can download for free.
- **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** *(NOTE: current input from community members is to NOT offer workshops/classes during the summer due to people taking vacations. This is pretty common. I am currently working on a schedule that will accommodate each offering without conflicts. It's a bit like juggling flying gnats 🤔)*
  - 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”*
- Working with Idalia Romero, RScP to facilitate certificated classes of her choice.
- Working with Frank Mastoris, RScP & ministerial intern to facilitate a workshop series he’s developing.
- Working on scheduling a 6-session numerology class offered by Dr. Craig Wright.

- **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 they are called to facilitate.
  - Frank Mastoris, RScP in working on submitting a workshop proposal.
  - Debra Ellis, RScP is working on submitting a community sacred service appreciation project. *(Update: she has begun this in the form of interviewing people who are in service who will be featured in a special newsletter. The project also includes the creation of a Sacred Servant Appreciation page on our website, and a brief recognition and appreciation ceremony during one of our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch Services.)*

- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**

- Resuming our regular schedule of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays in 2025.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting “Who Are We Now?” was well attended.
  - The possible names list was reviewed and culled from 80+ to 43 and then increased to 52 with new options that surfaced in the energy of the process.
  - Rev. Jenna and Frank Mastoris are working together to conduct some research with young adult focus groups to include their perspective and ideas.

- **OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

- Serving as a member of the Howard County Interfaith Advisory Council
  - This council has completed its initial charge of meeting for one year and submitting recommendations to Dr. Calvin Ball, County Executive of Howard County. One of the recommendations is to make this a permanent County Commission.
- Howard County Clergy Alliance is on summer break.
- 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*

➤ *Working to make inroads into Baltimore & Anne Arundle County Interfaith groups.*

- I am in conversation with the Director of Grassroots to explore opportunities to serve beyond financial support.
- Laura Service and I coordinated to launch the new Doing Good By Giving Goods Outreach Program.
- Members are engaged in providing information about community-based offerings. All appropriate offerings are announced and included in the newsletter.

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

- I am seeking YOUR ideas 😊

- **NEW WEBSITE:**

- I launched our new website at noon on Monday, May 19, 2025.
- Still under development:
  - Our Community History: I need more historical information and pictures to fully express our evolution. This includes CSL Greater Baltimore, each of the communities that merged to create CSL Greater Baltimore, and the now closed Laurel Center. I will be sending out a special request for community members to contribute their memories.
  - History of New Thought: I am in the process of adding people of color to the current published History of New Thought.
  - Adding the Sunday comments that demonstrate how our Core Community values show up in our spiritual community.
  - Completing the calendar updates and uploading last week's Sunday talk
  - **\*\*MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT...** requires a BOT Decision re: providing a \$25.00 stipend to compensate Practitioners for providing annual gifted Practitioner Sessions to members. (Members can request and receive one FREE personalized Practitioner session per year with one of our Licensed Practitioners.
  - **SACRED SERVICE MINISTRY**
    - need to complete the description for Audio & Video Tech
    - need to create and connect SIGN UP HERE buttons to a form in Breeze.
  - **MUSIC MINISTRY** – need to add a “Guest Musician” section.
  - **EDUCATION MINISTRY** – this is where I will upload public domain books, on demand classes, and available classes.
  - **OUTREACH MINISTRY** – currently revisiting and revising previously posted information for relevance AND exploring new “outreach”.
  - **INCLUSION MINISTRY** – currently revisiting and revising previously posted information for relevance AND exploring how to most accurately demonstrate “how” we are inclusive.

- SPIRITUAL SUPPORT MINISTRY – currently revisiting and revising previously posted information for relevance AND exploring new avenues of support. This page will include things like connecting references to:
  - Women’s Circle
  - Town Hall Meetings
  - Practitioners
  - Book Studies
- OUR PHILOSOPHY – revamping all these sections to make them more relevant using as little SOM jargon as possible.
- OUR LEADERSHIP
  - I’m creating a brief explanation of what “shared leadership” is,
  - Creating brief explanations of Trustee, Practitioner and Minister
  - Updating Bios as needed
  - Ultimately creating “I’m Interested” buttons with submission forms.
- BLOG – I will be reactivating this in June and inviting contributors.
- As with everything – I am seeking and welcome feedback and ideas as this is how inclusion, understanding and improvement happen.