

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living
Senior Minister Report
January 15, 2025 thru February 18, 2025

OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

- Regular weekly operations “office” hours:
 - Tuesday through Friday 12PM – 4PM
 - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings 5PM – 8:30PM book discussion and meetings
- 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 February 15, 2025, at 2:45 PM 12% or \$9,369.42 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 – 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:***
 - ***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*** *A Power greater than ourselves. Pt. 1*
 - ***9-Feb*** *A Power greater than ourselves. Pt. 2*
 - ***16-Feb*** *There is but one ultimate authority. Pt. 1*
 - ***23-Feb*** *There is but one ultimate authority. Pt. 2*
 - ***2-Mar*** *We Made a Decision. Pt. 1*
 - ***9-Mar*** *We Made a Decision. Pt. 2*
 - ***16-Mar*** *The Only Requirement. Pt. 1*
 - ***23-Mar*** *The Only Requirement. Pt. 2*
 - ***30-Mar*** *Workshop Format*
 - ***6-Apr*** *A Fearless Inventory of Our Beliefs. Pt. 1*
 - ***13-Apr*** *A Fearless Inventory of Our Beliefs. Pt. 2*

- **20-Apr** *Embracing Our Autonomy. Pt. 1*
 - **27-Apr** *Embracing Our Autonomy. Pt. 2*
 - **4-May** *Admitting Our Exact Nature. Pt. 1*
 - **11-May** *Admitting Our Exact Nature. 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** *Humility and Asking for Help. Pt. 1*
 - **13-Jul** *Humility and Asking for Help. Pt. 2*
 - **20-Jul** *The Self-Supporting Self. Pt. 1*
 - **27-Jul** *The Self-Supporting Self. Pt. 2*
 - **3-Aug** *I Am Willing. Pt. 1*
 - **10-Aug** *I Am 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. 1*
 - **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**
 - **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.
 - Frank Mastoris, RScP and ministerial student transferred his Practitioner License from CSLGB to CCSL.
 - I am meeting with MaryAnne Marsalek, RScP to support her in deciding if she is going to transfer her Practitioner License from CSLGB to CCSL.
- **TOWN HALL MEETING:**
 - Resuming our regular schedule of the 4th Wednesdays in 2025.
 - Next Town Hall Meeting is February 26th
- **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.

- **BOARD INDUCTION CEREMONY:**

- Request that we invite at least two (2) members of the CSLGB Leadership to join us on the CCSL BOT and THEN begin planning a BOT Induction Ceremony... maybe along with a WE ARE A NEW COMMUNITY Celebration.