

Columbia Center for Spiritual Living  
Senior Minister Report  
July 14, 2025 thru August 19, 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 \$7,461.64 above the 2024 pledge program.
  - As of August 19, 2025, at 11:00 PM 54% or \$ 47,248.27 of 2025 pledges have been received.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter giving statements were sent on July 15.

**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.
  - I am working with Frank Mastoris, RScP to launch his gift of a night time meditation practice.
- **Assistant Minister:**
  - I am offering Frank Mastoris a letter of call effective August 27<sup>th</sup> (pending passing his oral panel)
- **2025 Ecclesiastical Theme & Focus: (remaining)**
  - **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)**
    - 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.
    - 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** (*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. They did take a

summer meeting break for July & August and will resume meeting monthly in September.

- 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 interviewing people who are in service, and these 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.
- The July 23rd Town Hall Meeting was well attended. Debra led everyone through the visioning process with most attendees engaged.

- **OUTSIDE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

- Howard County Clergy Alliance resumes on August 26th.
- 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 Arundel County Interfaith groups.*
- I am experiencing challenges connecting with the Director of Grassroots to explore opportunities to serve beyond financial support.
- I am in conversation with Rev. Vail Leonard regarding ways we can serve Light of Truth beyond financial support.
- 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 😊

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