FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF BAY CITY DIVINE STUDIES PROGRAM



"ALL PATHS TO WHOLENESS LEAD TO AND FROM DIVINE SOURCE"

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The Symbol of the labyrinth denotes our oneness with Divine Source (God) as the aspiration or spiritual destiny of all spiritual seekers. There are many avenues to this place of mastery, reflecting everyone's unique life experiences on their way Home.

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Our Mission

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It is our mission and hope to bring education and insight to those seeking a greater understanding of God, Spirit and their individual personal path to enlightenment.

First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Principles

- 1. We believe in God, as the Infinite, Divine Source of all.
- 2. We believe in the Law of Vibration and that we draw to us all our positive and negative experiences based on our own thoughts, words and deeds.
- 3. We believe in the immortality of our own essence and that we carry our individual identities into the Spirit world after each lifetime.
- 4. We affirm that interaction and communication with those on the Spirit side of life are spiritual gifts within all people.
- 5. We believe that all beings have the potential to be channels for healing and guidance as revealed in many world religions.
- 6. We affirm that the highest example of our soul's evolution while on Earth is to live in accordance with the Golden Rule.
- 7. We believe that all souls will grow and evolve toward enlightenment through Divine Love and Order and will, according to the Laws of Karma, correct any errors committed here on Earth.

First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Beliefs

Our Beliefs:

The core beliefs of the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program are rooted in Divine Spiritual Metaphysics. We believe that we live in a mental universe as much as a physical one as described in Principle 2. God Energy, purely positive, is the creative force in the universe.

A practitioner/student of Divine Spiritual Metaphysics is one who has a foundation of spiritual understanding and philosophy that God Energy can be utilized to facilitate healing, manifestation of our material necessities and a serene, harmonious way of life.

Divine Spiritual Metaphysics is deeply rooted in Mediumship. A Medium is one who is able to perceive vibrations from the Spirit side of life. By discerning those vibrations and striving to become a clear channel for that energy, they are able to convey messages from the Spirit world, be a conduit for the healing energy and produce other phenomena as recognized by this philosophy.

The religion and philosophy of Divine Spiritual Metaphysics recognizes and celebrates the many spiritual gifts within all people. These gifts include: Clairvoyance, Clairsentience, Clairaudience, Transformative Energy Healing, Trance Mediumship, Apports, Automatic Writing, Psychometry and all other manifestations with the assistance from the Spirit world. We work closely with our Guides and Teachers from the Spirit side of life. We also recognize and honor the

metaphysical sciences, which includes but are not limited to Numerology, Astrology, and other Divinational Tools.

About the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program was founded in 2020 by a group of Ministers who felt we needed a modern, progressive curriculum for our church's future Metaphysical Ministers, Teachers, and Energy Workers. They will carry on our work here at the First Spiritual Church.

After the completion of a core class curriculum, certifications include Celebrant Minister, Minister, Teacher, Mediumship and Energy Worker. The Celebrant Minister and Minister (Church centered Ordination) programs will allow the graduate to perform all the duties of an Ordained Minister.

The school also welcomes Retreatants – those interested in independent learning and not certifications.

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program will consider credits from other programs upon review of the student's transcript. It will also consider Ordination by Sanction for those Ministers from other programs who are Members in Good Standing of our church approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The study program is designed for working people who can come to class on evenings and weekends as offered by the faculty to minimize the time away from work and family. The time line for completion is listed in this booklet but credits are viable for five years. Exceptions to the five-year rule can be made by the Faculty Advisory Committee, for those who need a longer time period to complete their programs.

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit religious organization incorporated in the state of Michigan.

Identification information

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The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program is an equal opportunity school without regard to race, color, sexuality, sexual orientation, age, religious background, physical challenges, country of origin or any other factor.

First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Right of Program Denial, Exclusion and/or Morality Clauses

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Faculty Advisory Committee reserves the right to deny recommendation to the church Board of Trustees any student's certification of any kind if deemed necessary. It also reserves the right to bar any student or candidate from the student body who engages in behavior which is criminal in nature or unbecoming of this program. The Faculty Advisory Committee reserves the right to investigate all allegations of character concerns or academic misconduct which includes, but is not limited to, textural plagiarism of required work, poor grades, insubordinate conduct in class or practicum settings, apparent use of drugs or alcohol abuse, physical or emotional abuse or other reported ethical infractions.

All class practicum settings are considered non-smoking, non-vaping venues.

Any kind of abusive, prejudicial language or behavior will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

All students will be required to undergo, at their personal expense, an FBI Fingerprint Background Check before applying for any certifications. If the resulting official report reveals serious offenses in someone's history, the Seminary Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the First Spiritual Church Board of Trustees, reserves the right to determine if the offenses are of such a serious nature it may require denial of entry or continuation of the course of study as a candidate for certification.

The Faculty Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees of the First Spiritual Church considers these qualities to be appropriate and necessary for all certification candidates:

- 1. A desire to be of service to others within candidate's area of expertise.
- 2. An ability to model self-care, self-respect, healthy personal boundaries and a stable personality.
- 3. An ability to listen and respond in appropriate ways to the thoughts and needs of others.
- 4. A willingness to promote the philosophy and tenets of Divine Metaphysics as outlined in this handbook.

Problematic students, who engage in behavior contrary to the rules and regulations described in this handbook, will be notified by the Faculty Advisory Committee to discuss the issue with the full faculty and the First Spiritual Church Board. If it is deemed that the incongruities cannot be resolved or the circumstances/unacceptable practices are detrimental to the standards of

the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program, the First Spiritual Church Board reserves the right to revoke previously issued certificates.

Student Grievances

Any student who feels they have an issue which requires special assistance should first contact their own Faculty Mentor to meet, discuss and form a plan of action to rectify the issue. If the student feels uncomfortable with discussing the issue with their own Faculty Mentor, another Faculty Mentor can also be approached. If, after this process, the problem continues to be an obstacle for the student, they may put the concern in writing and submit it to the Secretary of the Faculty Advisory Committee. The Committee or a grievance sub-committee shall consider, investigate and form an opinion in response to the grievance. The response will be sent to the student within about 30 days. Student grievances should be timely and resolved before additional classes are started.

Withdrawal from the Seminary Program

Students who need to temporarily or permanently withdraw from the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program must submit a written statement of reason and effective date to the Registrar. The student's written statement will become a part of their permanent record. Credits earned with passing grades, at the time of withdrawal, will remain viable for 5 years and will be reactivated should the student choose to continue with program studies. Programs must be completed within 10 years of initial start date.

Refunds

There are no refunds for classes previously taken or completed. Refunds for classes in-progress will not be considered after the conclusion of the 2nd hour of the class. Any class material received at the beginning of the class will be returned to the Teacher.

Seminary Classes Cancelled by the Administration

Any class paid for by the student but cancelled by the Faculty Advisory Committee (such as weather related) will be refunded if the class is not rescheduled within a reasonable amount of time. Classes cancelled for failing to meet the minimum students needed to conduct the class will be refunded or applied to the student's next class. A class credit slip will be added to the student's file or a refund by cash, check or PayPal will be issued.

First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Church Certifications

Basic Unfoldment classes are the initial core classes and are required before going into any church certification program. This curriculum consists of 10 classes considered to be the universal foundation for all other programs. They must be completed before going forward into specialized courses of study.

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program offers 5 types of Church Certifications

*Note: All church certification programs can include External Practicums.

Celebrant Minister Upon successful completion of the core classes, the Celebrant Minister program is designed to prepare an officiate to work independently providing ceremonies, rituals and spiritual care. Services include, but are not limited to, weddings, renewal of vows, commitment ceremonies, funerals, memorials, and baby naming ceremonies. This is approximately a 2 year program.

MinisterUpon successful completion of the core classes, the Minister program is geared toward students who seek to perform the duties of an Ordained Minister as the Pastor of a church. In addition to the classes for the Celebrant Minister, it includes the Liturgical classes necessary for the conduction services within a church and Church Business. This is approximately a 3 year program.

TeacherUpon successful completion of the core classes, the Teacher program covers a variety of subjects for a well-rounded background in Metaphysical philosophy, energy healing arts and business administration. This is approximately a 3 year program.

MediumshipUpon successful completion of the core classes, the Mediumship program prepares students to work in harmony with their Guides in Spirit, understand the management of energy in a reading room or public gathering, proper presentation of

information according to the unfoldment of their spiritual gifts, as well as spiritual care giving for those they serve. This is approximately a 2 year program.

Energy WorkerUpon successful completion of the core classes, the Energy Worker program focuses on the principles of serving as a channel for using Universal Energy to promote healing and wellbeing. Various types of healing modalities, ethics of energy healing, prayer chaplaincy and good communication skills will be studied in this program. Energy Workers are taught to work in concert with allopathic medicine. This is approximately a 2 year program.

<u>Electives</u> The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program offers a variety of electives in addition to required classes. Celebrant Minister, Minister, Teacher, and Mediumship programs require elective(s) as part of their curriculum.

Retreatant Anyone is welcome to take classes for their own personal enjoyment and learning. Retreatants are not required to take a final exam in any class. If a retreatant chooses to take the final exam and earns a passing grade, the retreatant can apply credits for a future certification program.

External Practicums The location, types of External Practicum, and supervisors for them will be determined by the teacher of the classes involved. Some classes may be conducted at other churches with a student's External Mentor as the official witnessing the successful completion.

<u>Text Books</u> Students are responsible for purchasing any required text book(s) listed in Class Descriptions. These can be purchased on-line or at books stores. Class teachers may have other suggestions.

<u>Class Fees</u> The cost for each class is \$80.00 and is to be paid in full while registering for the class. This Seminary accepts PayPal, checks or cash. Some service charges may apply for electronic payments. A \$35.00 service fee will be charged for any and all returned check(s). Registration must be completed no later than 10 days prior to the date the class is to be held.

Seminary Class Sessions

The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program will conduct classes during weekend intensives, video conference and/or evening classes. The faculty/administration will attempt to notify students in advance (*30 days or more) that a class they may need for their program is being offered. The Seminary will strive to hold every class annually according to the needs of the student body.

Classes which do not meet the minimum number of students required to hold class, as determined by the teacher, will be cancelled.

If the situation presents itself, Seminary classes may be provided at sponsored locations, such as other churches. Only First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program faculty members may teach Seminary credit classes.

Academic Records – Access and Privacy

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students have the right to see their academic records upon request. These records will not be released to any other individual or organization without the written request of the student.

Certification

Church Certification will be conferred upon students with the satisfactory completion of all requirements. These include: completion of required classes, passing grades in all classes, practicum completion with Mentor or External Mentor approval, positive evaluations or observation by Mentors, External Mentors, Faculty and/or Trustees in regard to attitude, service, participation, performance and suitability to the student's chosen program. All requirements and final application will be reviewed by the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Advisory Committee for certification approval. Candidates for certification will be notified of missing requirements and given a corrective action plan, if necessary or appropriate, before certification will be granted.

Course and Program Requirements

Students enrolled in church certification programs must fulfill all requirements out lined in the version of the Student Handbook in use at the time of the initial application for enrollment. Although the Student Handbook may be updated or revised in the future, any program selection on a Student's Master Application will be governed by the Handbook in force at the time of the acceptance of the Master Application. Subsequent programs added at a later date will be governed by the version of the Student Handbook in use at the time of the program addition.

Every program curriculum provides a foundation which leads to the understanding necessary for certification. Students are encouraged to complete one program before taking classes in any other certification programs.

Waiving Classes Due to Prior Experience

From time to time a student may come to our Divine Studies Program with prior experience and/or a transcript from another approved program which may warrant a waiving of certain classes we offer. Each student's request will be evaluated individually by the teacher of that subject matter and by the Seminary Advisory Board, whose decision is final. Demonstration of the student's ability in that subject matter will be required. Fee for waiving a class will be 50%

of the cost of that class. No more than 30% of each 10 classes offered per year per program may be waived.

Grading Scale

Α	Excellent	90-100	
В	Good	80-89	
С	Sufficient	70-79	
D	Insufficient	60-69	Additional work needed to prove competency.
F	Failure	0-59	Class must be repeated.
1	Incomplete		Class must be repeated.
Р	Pass		
F	Fail		

Due to the nature of some classes and Pass/Fail grade may be assigned.

Note: Retreatants, who think they may wish to apply for certifications at a later date, must receive a grade for classes they wish to receive transcript credit for by taking the final exam. <u>All</u> students must earn a "Pass" or a C or better grade to receive transcript credit.

External Practicum Requirements

The Celebrant Minister program student will:

- Submit 6 written ceremonies to the Faculty Review Committee at least 2 months before Ordination
 - Of the 6 written ceremonies, 4 must be officiated at an event or delivered to a congregation by the end of the 2nd year of study
 - Of the 6 written ceremonies, a wedding, celebration of life and baby naming must be included.
 - All ceremonies must be reviewed with any completed corrections approved, before delivery
 - The officiated ceremonies must be observed by a mentor, external mentor or by
 First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program appointee
- Complete Sermon Prep 1 and then, submit 6 written sermons to the Faculty Review Committee at least 2 months before Ordination
 - Of the 6 written sermons, 4 must be delivered to a congregation before the end of the 2nd year of study
 - These sermons must be reviewed with all completed corrections before delivery
 - The 4 delivered sermons must be observed by a mentor, external mentor or by
 First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program appointee

- At least one of the sermons submitted for review must be written for a major holiday, such as Christmas or Easter, that includes a Divine Metaphysical interpretation about the season's symbolism.
- Sermons prepared and delivered, as part of an External Practicum, can be submitted for review and counted toward the 4 required sermons.
- All ceremonies and sermons must be reviewed and approved before Ordination can be granted.

<u>All completed practicum activities must be documented by a Faculty member, Mentor or External member.</u>

The Minister Program student will:

- Complete Sermon Prep 1 and then, submit 12 written sermons to the Faculty Review Committee no later than 2 months before Ordination
 - all sermons submitted must be reviewed by a Faculty Review Committee person, with any rewrites (if needed), completed and approved, before the application for Ordination can be granted
 - o of the 12 submitted sermons, 6 sermons must be reviewed, corrected (if needed) and delivered to a congregation before the end of the 2nd year of study
 - 6 additional sermons must be written, reviewed, corrected (if needed) and delivered to a congregation between the 2nd and 3rd year of study
 - At least one of the sermons submitted for review must be written for a major holiday, such as Christmas or Easter. The sermon must include a Divine Metaphysical interpretation of the symbolism of the season.
 - Sermons prepared and delivered, as part of an External Practicum, can be submitted for review and counted toward the 12 required sermons.
- Create and officiate an order of service for worship or special service
- Participate in a church service as an Usher
- Participate in a church service as the Liturgist

<u>All completed practicum activities must be documented by a Faculty member, Mentor or External Mentor approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee.</u>

The Teacher program student will:

- Organize a class
- Submit class outline to mentor or topic instructor for review

- Conduct a successful class, with student participation
 - A faculty member, who is knowledgeable with the class/subject matter, will serve as reviewer for the class.
 - Note: A second class may be required to demonstrate adequate teaching skills
 - There will be a letter grade or a pass/fail awarded by the Instructor to denote successful completion of the requirements.

All completed practicum activities must be documented by a Faculty member, Mentor or External Mentor.

The Mediumship program student will:

- Demonstrate ability to connect with Spirit on the platform 6 times
- Demonstrate ability to connect, in succession, with at least 8 Spirits
- Demonstrate ability to connect with Spirit in a circle setting 2 times
- Demonstrate ability to connect with Spirit using 2 different types of tools
- Demonstrate ability to connect with Spirit in a 1 on 1 setting
- Participate successfully in 3 Mediumship Demonstration events

All completed practicum activities must be documented by a Faculty member, Mentor or External Mentor.

The Energy Worker program student will:

- Be required to participate in at least 6 healing services
- Obtain 6 affidavits of healing experience from those whom they have helped/served
- Submit notarized affidavits with application for completion no later than 1 month prior to completion of the program
 - o Notarized Affidavits must be from individuals that are 18 years of age or older
 - Affiants must have a concern, problem or issue that is greatly improved by the student's use of Healing Energy tools
 - Change and improvement can be noted as: energy movement, physical sensations, peacefulness or express some tangible change in wellbeing.

All completed practicum activities must be documented by a Faculty member, Mentor or External mentor.

Application for Certification

Upon the completion of all program requirements, the student will:

- Submit a completed Application for Certification
- Pay all the applicable fees as listed on the application to the Seminary Registrar/Secretary
- Submit FBI Fingerprint Background check report (first Certification)
- Submit all affidavits if applicable
- Submit all proofs of completion/ability signed by Mentor, Faculty member or External Mentors

These items may be turned in when completed to the Divine Studies Program Registrar/Secretary. Student files and artifacts will be reviewed and kept in a secure location. The background check will be returned to the student after Faculty Advisory Committee review. All other items will not be returned.

Student progress will be tracked on an official transcript. Students may request a copy of their transcript by filling out a **transcript request form** with the Seminary Registrar/Secretary.

No consideration for any Church Certification can be made until **ALL** classes and requirements are successfully completed and passing grades are posted to the student's transcript.

Approval for Church Certifications and Ordinations will be considered on an individual basis. Grades, Mentor recommendations, Faculty submissions of notes on student progress, artifacts, attitude and participation will all be considered in the review process.

The Faculty Advisory Committee grants final approval for all Church Certifications for submission to the First Spiritual Church Board of Trustees. Students will be notified of the Board's decision.

The Faculty Advisory Committee reserves the right to deny anyone certification or ordination, if a review of their Seminary participation reveals a pattern of unsuitability for the solemn vow of service they would be required to give. Corrective actions plans may be sought by the student.

NOTE: It is advisable for students to create their own file with copies of all affidavits and artifacts that will be required for review.

Note: All applications for sanctioning of other certifications/ordinations will be considered on a case by case basis.

Those ordained by any other religious organization or certified in Mediumship, Energy Healing work or Teaching of Divine Spiritual Metaphysical subject matter with a transcript from an outside organization, may apply for a First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Ordination/Church Certification upon the fulfillment of any or all of the following requirements which may include assignment of some classes in this Seminary:

- Submission of an Application for Ordination by Sanction or Certification by Sanction
- Pay all the applicable fees as listed on the application to the Seminary Registrar/Secretary
- Submit FBI Fingerprint Background check report (first Certification)
- Submit transcript for outside organization
- Submit all affidavits if applicable
- Submit all documentation of completion/ability signed by Mentor, Faculty member or External Mentors

Ordination Candidates will also need to submit:

- 6 written sermons which demonstrate understanding of the philosophy of Divine Metaphysics
- An order of service for either a worship service or special service officiated by the applicant
- Completed Faculty Advisory Committee guestionnaires
- Other items that may be requested by the Faculty Advisory Committee for further clarification

The right is reserved to create a curriculum for the applicant to complete if it is deemed necessary to meet the standards set forth by the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program Faculty Advisory Committee.

The Faculty Advisory Board reserves the right to deny any Ordination or Certification by sanction without explicit reason.

Requests from applicants that obtained ordinations/certifications from online sources without practicum experience, and/or transcripts of non-graded class work will not be considered.

The Advisory Committee may consider real life work and proven experience on an individual basis.

Church Certification Program Participant Enrollment Requirements

Those wishing to enroll in the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program church certification or ordination programs must:

- Be 18 years of age or older and a Member in Good Standing of the First Spiritual Church of Bay City.
- Provide a copy of a high school diploma, GED or college degree
- Submit a master application
- Pay the application fee of \$25
- Meet with a faculty member to discuss program options

If a candidate has transcripts of completed classes with a passing grade and a class outline from another metaphysically oriented institution, the candidate may have comparable class waived by the Advisory Board.

Applications for enrollment in the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program may take place at any time with the Seminary Registrar.

Retreatant Requirements

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Submit a master application
- Pay the application fee of \$25

Personal Responsibility

Each student must take full responsibility for educating themselves regarding the State, County and Local laws and ordinances, in any locale, where they will use credentials, Certification and / or Ordination, granted from the First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program.

The faculty, Faculty Advisory Committee, First Spiritual Church of Bay City Board or staff of the Great Lakes Seminary of Divine Studies are not responsible for any infractions resulting in fines or penalties levied against a certified individual who may become liable for disregarding the above listed ordinances and laws.

Placement

Currently, The First Spiritual Church of Bay City Divine Studies Program does not have the ability to place certified/Ordained Ministers or other workers in other organizations. Further, due to the non-traditional aspects of this type of education, students will not be accredited through the State of Michigan. However, whenever a request for referrals from an outside organization

comes in, the Advisory Committee will make every effort to share this information with active/available graduates. Graduates must renew their certification annually to remain in our active/available files.

Annual Certificate Renewals

After the first year of graduation from a Certification or Ordination program, Certificate holders, called "Sustaining members," will be required to renew their certificates and their church membership on an annual basis. Every January, renewals for all held church certificates will be sent to Sustaining Members. All renewals and dues must be returned to the First Spiritual Church of Bay City office listed on the form by the due date or they will be considered inactive. After 3 years of inactive status, students will be removed from the graduate list. If the faculty Advisory Board is notified in writing that the inactivity is due to hardship, a waiver may be issued. Graduates over 65 years of age will be required to file the annual renewal form with no monies due.

Inactive members can be reactivated upon Advisory Committee approval. A completed reactivation form and appropriate fees must be paid to be considered reactivated.

Class Descriptions

Note: The Preferred Translation of the Holy Bible is "George M. Lamsa translation from the Aramaic of the Peshitta"

Introduction to Metaphysics: Basic Unfoldment

This class prepares teachers to present Divine Spiritual Metaphysics as a religion and philosophy to others in a way that is inclusive and can bring common ground to families with other beliefs. Includes basic principles, vocabulary and the concept of God as pure love energy.

Guides and Guidance: Basic Unfoldment

Can we communicate with Spirit? Who are we communicating with? What is their purpose in our lives? How can and how do they enrich our lives? Learn about Spirit Guides and Teachers and how to create an individualized relationship with them.

Metaphysical Origins: Basic Unfoldment

Metaphysics has a significant role in the history of philosophy as it goes beyond the physical. We will explore the history of Metaphysics and how the many theories can be brought together for higher understanding.

Natural Law: Basic Unfoldment

Natural laws govern our world and the Universe. Learn the basic laws and how to live in

harmony with them to create the best outcome for your life experience.

Meditation: Basic Unfoldment

Presents the basic construct of meditation and its relationship to spiritual development

as well as various personal experiences with different forms of meditation.

Mindfullness: Basic Unfoldment

Our thoughts create our reality and our lives. Learn how to harness your mind and be

conscious of how you are affecting your world and those around you.

Spiritual Anatomy: Basic Unfoldment

What is the spiritual structure of our being? We will study the direct access we have to the divine energy that connects all life. The human body is an energetic system with its own special innate way to the divine truths. We will learn the metaphorical blocks within our own

energy centers and how it correlates with our health, relationships and spiritual development.

Symbols: Basic Unfoldment

Aids in assisting student to build and understand a basic foundation to metaphysical symbology used by Spirit to communicate in dreams, visions, meditation that can be used in

Ministry, writing, message bearing, sermons & teaching. (Spirit short hand)

Metaphysical Ethics: Basic Unfoldment

This class covers our expected ethical conduct for all certificate holders in any given

situation. It includes techniques for team building, problem solving and creating policies for a

harmonious church or group environment as well as formation of personal ethical codes.

Numerology 1: Basic Unfoldment

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This class will study the basic foundation of numerology; learning the vibrational energies of numbers and how it correlates with birth name and birth date; How we can gain insight into our own or others personalities and the challenges that will be before us on our path.

Numerology II: Teacher

This class will take a deeper look into numerology to get a crisper; clearer insight as to why certain challenges are/were on our path and what can be done to assist with those challenges that will be faced. Prerequisite: Numerology 1

Spiritual Caregiver I: All programs

The key elements necessary to be an effective spiritual caregiver are reviewed. How to: hold sacred space, support others through change and loss, create healthy boundaries and self-care, honor confidentiality, communicate compassionately, pray in different settings and the role of a prayer chaplain are covered.

Spiritual Caregiver II: All programs

"Pastoral work is a labor of love and must be done with competence: (Gary L. Harbargh) The focus of this class is not just about learning the theories and skills needed for supportive pastoral guidance. It will also be about the practice of self-awareness, personal integrity, healthy boundaries, and active listening.

Energetics of Comm: All programs

Learn the principles of healthy interpersonal and public communication. Relevant topics will include verbal and nonverbal communication, listening, conflict resolution, development and delivery of various presentations

World Religions: Celebrant Minister, Minister, Teacher

Review of the seven major religions and some of the contemporary metaphysical belief systems. We will discuss the different and common beliefs and how they relate to life and death

Rites & Rituals: Celebrant Minister, Minister, Teacher

Rituals honor life changes and rites of passage. They can enhance inner and outer spiritual transformation. How to prepare, conduct and facilitate meaningful rituals like the Burning Bowl, Medicine Wheel, Full Moon Solstice, World Celebration, Home Blessing and Cleansing, Heart to Heart, Flower Ceremony, Abundance Rituals and more will be covered.

Business Administration: Celebrant Minister, Minister, Teacher

This class covers how to create new churches and personal businesses, Bylaws and Constitutions and the balance of power between a church Advisory Board and its spiritual leadership.

Celebrant Ministry: Celebrant Minister, Minister

The purpose of this class is to prepare a celebrant to officiate life milestones through a variety of ceremonies including Weddings, Funerals, Baby Naming and Affirmation of the New Family. Discussion about promotion, preparation and presentation of meaningful events will be covered. There will be opportunity to practice.

Sermon Prep I: Celebrant Minister, Minister

Students will learn the structure of a sermon with its 3 basic components, the liturgical calendar, the two main types of sermons, rules for staying on subject in a concise way.

Sermon Prep II: Minister

Writing and peer review of a sermon, outlining and delivery techniques are covered, as well as, expectations for seasonal holiday services.

Sermon Prep III: Minister

Delivery of a full sermon brought to class with reviews. How to deliver a sermon spontaneously when called upon, planning a worship service around a sermon topic including music and responsive reading.

Rituals & Liturgy I: Minister

This class covers the creation and execution of the weekly worship service, healing service and All Message Service with corresponding prayers. It follows the structure of "God, through the individual, out into the world."

Rituals & Liturgy II: Minister

Continues the execution of weekly services, hymnology, managing the energy of a church service or while serving other venues and practical application of the material covered.

Children's Education: Minister

This class will include information and discussions about ways to talk with children about metaphysics and help children understand/work with their spiritual gifts.

Philosophy I: Minister

Using the George Lamsa translation of the <u>Holy Bible</u> (Please bring your copy. It is required.) The <u>Bible</u> is studied as a handbook to enlightened consciousness. This class begins with concepts of the Old Testament and corresponding soul age characteristics, reincarnation and the early stages of a soul's journey to enlightenment as experienced by the earth plane challenges.

Philosophy II: Minister

Continues the journey with the New Testament, its soul age characteristics and our beliefs surrounding God as loving energy vs. vengeful personified being, free will, and karma

Philosophy III: Minister

The philosophic journey concludes with enlightenment as presented in the Book of Revelation and the embedded symbolism of major Christian holidays. Required text is *Revelation for Our Time* by John Davis.

Public Demo of Mediumship: Mediumship

Whether you are preparing to give messages from the platform or give one on one readings, learn to provide reasonable evidence and demonstrate the ability to connect.

Mediumship I: Teacher, Mediumship

Learn who is a Medium, what are the Clair's and where will one might find help in the Spirit world.

Mediumship II: Mediumship

Learn ways to strengthen one's Mediumship while finding ways to enhance and build upon your existing skill as a Medium.

Mediumship III: Mediumship

Are you ready to take Mediumship skills to the next level? We will explore the different ways you can work with Spirit through both mental and physical mediumship. This class will include instruction and discussion on how to hold home/public message circle.

Trance: Mediumship

This course will introduce you to Trance Mediumship and will give direction on what Trance Mediumship means to you. We will discuss how it happens along with ways to develop a deeper connection.

Modern Healing Modalities: Teacher, Energy Worker, Elective

Universal energy, Prana, Life Force is all around us in all living things. Everything around us is connected and are manifestations of energy. We can tap into the various energy healing modalities to heal ourselves and others

Metaphysical Interpretation of Scripture I: Celebrant Minister, Minister

This class will help an individual open the door to personal spiritual mastery and Divine guidance by going beyond the superficial & encoding esoteric meaning found in the Bible seeing scripture as a road map to a higher learning. This class offers interpretive tools with discussion about their integration into personal living.

Metaphysical Interpretation of Scripture II: (Revelation) Celebrant Minister, Minister

The last book of the Bible is probably the least understood. Discover how The Revelation to John is filled with rich symbolization and metaphors that are meant to guide us on our spiritual journey.

Channeled Philosophy: Celebrant Minister, Minister

There are many famous channels throughout history. Some of the evidence and information has been profound in helping us to advance spiritually through the ages. We will explore the prophets, mystics and modern-day mediums of today.

Angelic Realm: Teacher, Elective

We will take a journey into the realms of the angels, from the highest order of angels to the Guardian angels that guide us. There is a hierarchy among the angels that can help us on many levels including healing and communication.

Our Inner Life: Elective

Merging our knowledge of Spirit Guides and Teachers with the physical realm. How turning within and seeking wisdom either from our Higher Self and/or with our Spirit Guides can assist in bringing about a brighter day, week, month etc. Utilizing this assistance to build a more positive and uplifting way of life.

Crystal Energy: Elective

Crystals and stones all carry a frequency signature and can greatly impact our lives. Learn how to use crystals and stones to improve wellbeing, protection and manifestation in your daily life. Students will also learn how to clear and program their stones and crystals.

Tarot: Elective

This class will introduce you to Tarot and enable you to start reading the cards for yourself and others. We will practice to develop your skills, learn the history, symbology, elements and meanings of the cards. You will find tarot to be an excellent tool in improving your intuition.

Runes as a Journey to Mastery: Elective

The Viking Runes have been used as a Divinational Tool since ancient times. The journey begins with the Self – It continues through a five act play of unfoldment and enlightenment as we navigate the previously uncharted waters of our life time. Included in the class will be the creation of your Personal Destiny Profile for this life. It is the equivalent of your Numerology chart or your Astrological Natal chart. Ralph Blum's *Rune Set* is required.

Astrology: Elective

The language of the stars has much to say in preparing us for the energies coming in and out of our lives. We will learn the basics, terminology, symbols, natal charts, the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the planets, the houses and more.

Animal Totems: Elective

Native American Medicine is an all-encompassing "way of life". It involves walking on the Earth Mother in perfect harmony with the Universe. This system of divination is only one aspect of the process of teaching a person how to be intuitive, how to seek the truths of nature, how to relate to the Great Mysteries of creatures and how to observe the obvious in the silence.

Students will be introduced to different meditations and ceremonies that will help them discover their 9 personal totems that represent the medicine they carry on their Earth Walk

Students will construct their personal Medicine wheel and learn how to honor each step along the way to this life, the afterlife and rebirth.

Color: Elective

Color is frequency and everything works off frequency. Color affects us, whether we acknowledge it or not. Each color has its own characteristics and can be very telling in how we use color in our lives. Color is part of the light spectrum and can be used as a healing tool.

Sound: Medium, Elective

Understand the vibrational significance of sound and how the use of sound can alter; change; enhance and empower our life and life's activities and events.

Death and Dying: All Programs

Explore personal beliefs about the process of dying, understanding special awareness needs and communication of the dying. Stages of Death and Grief process.

Chakras: Minister, Energy Worker, Elective

This course will provide students with an understanding of the origins of chakras, their purpose, and benefit, their location, function, and qualities and how one can work with chakras in their life to assist in better health.

Self-Hypnosis Teacher, Mediumship

You've heard of the statement; "The mind is a terrible thing to waste". Through study of Self Hypnosis; understand how powerful your own mind is and how to tap into that vast knowledge of your subconscious to help promote healing; clarity and direction in our life.

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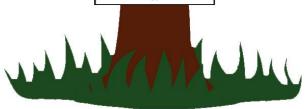
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