



CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING

## *Membership Guide*

A diverse spiritual community that honors all paths to God.

A place that empowers people to create thriving lives and build a world that works for everyone.

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## ***Unhidden Agenda Membership Class***

**Purpose:** Love

**Vision:** Valued, empowered, involved members who are contributing to the expanding work and ministries of the Center for Spiritual Living.

You are Religious Science  
—our ministers, our teachers, our  
practitioners, our laity. You find me one thousand  
people in the world who know what Religious Science is and use it, and live it, and I'll live to see  
a new world, a new heaven, and a new earth here.

—*Ernest Holmes*  
Final Sermon by the Sea

### **Intentions:**

1. Review what the Center for Spiritual Living teaches.
2. Gain familiarity with the vision and mission and what community means at the Center for Spiritual Living.
3. Review Spiritual Practices to live by which members at the Center for Spiritual Living commit to practicing (with support from the Center).
4. Identify if and how you are called to be a loyal, active and committed member of the Center for Spiritual Living.
5. To review questions and the decision making process regarding membership and the Center for Spiritual Living.
6. To celebrate the decision made by those who choose to become members of the Center for Spiritual Living.



## ***Letter from Rev. Kathianne Lewis, D.D.***

Dear Potential New Member,

Thank you for considering membership at the Center for Spiritual Living. This consideration is beneficial to both the Center and to you, because it allows you to know if this is your spiritual home. What it's really about is a match – a connection. It's about finding a place that allows your heart to soar and at the same time gives you the opportunity to create even more meaning and purpose in your life.

As with every relationship, whether it be with an individual, your family or an organization you belong to, you can only get out of a relationship as much as you put in. I invite you to jump in and become active in ways that work with your interest and schedule. Bring your love, bring your prayers, bring your talents, and bring your treasure. It's all needed. There is no larger parent organization "out there" somehow supporting the Center for Spiritual Living. We support ourselves and all who come to our programs and services. And we do that because we're supported by our members.

Thank you so much for considering membership; and whether you join this church or not, its ministers, staff, Board of Trustees, and all of its volunteer leaders are here to support you, to love you, and to create a place where you can spiritually flourish. If you want to join us, now is a good time.

Much love to you,

Rev. Kathianne Lewis, D.D.



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## **Community Groups**

### **Create a Better World**

Email: [cbw@SpiritualLiving.org](mailto:cbw@SpiritualLiving.org)

### **Men in Spirit**

Every 4th Sun, 10:30am

In person and online

For zoom link, contact Don Beaty @  
[don@dwbeaty.com](mailto:don@dwbeaty.com)

### **SAGES 55+**

2nd Wednesday, 10am-12pm Starting  
September  
Fellowship Hall

### **Prayer Line**

206-524-7729 (206-524-PRAY)

### **Inspiration Line**

206-525-4438 (206-525-GIFT)

## **Sunday Prayer Support**

*In Person:* Receive Prayer Support in the Prayer  
Circles offered after each service on the  
Sanctuary by our licensed spiritual practitioners

*Online:* Receive online prayer support in the  
prayer zoom room offered after each service  
By our licensed spiritual practitioners at 9:50-  
10:10amPST and 11:50-12:10pm PST on Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/412243503> or call 253-215-  
8782, Meeting ID: 412 243 503

## **Daily Spiritual Support**

### **Morning Prayer and Meditation**

Daily, 7am PT

<https://zoom.us/j/427561170>

PW: 123456

## **Drop-in Support Groups**

### **Compassion Through Loss**

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm, for Free Compassion  
Through Loss practitioner session, send a text:  
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91979115520>  
CSL Meeting ID: 919 7911 5520

### **CSL Recovery: A New Thought Perspective on 12-Step Recover**

2nd & 4th Sundays, 9-10:30am PT  
In person in the White House

### **Living Well Support Group**

Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30 pm, contact  
[info@spiritualliving.org](mailto:info@spiritualliving.org) for conference call  
number

**To see full listing, including hiatus groups,  
look under “Get Involved” and ‘Community &  
Support groups’ on the CSL website  
([www.spiritualliving.org](http://www.spiritualliving.org))**



## ***Vision, Mission, Intentions***

**Vision:** A welcoming spiritual community; a force for Good in the world.

**Mission:** We teach spiritual principles that inspire and empower.

**Values:**

- INSPIRATION
- COMPASSION
- DIVERSITY
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE
- INTEGRITY
- WELCOMING
- LEARNING

**Intentions:**

- To deliver the message that God is good and so are we.
- To grow and prosper by practicing what we teach.
- To expand our influence and support to those beyond our campus.
- To provide premier spiritual education.
- To support people in having a place to belong.



# ***Why Become a Member & What is a Member***

## **Why Become A Member?**

- You have identified Center for Spiritual Living Seattle as your Spiritual Home.
- You like belonging to a community and feeling a deeper connection and ownership with it.
- Your public commitment to your own spiritual practice keeps you accountable.
- You are invested in a community that is creating a collective greater Good. You want to be part of a body that is making a difference in the world.
- You want to have a place to share your time, talent, and treasure that appreciates who you are.
- You don't want to do your spiritual journey alone. You want to have the energy and intention of a collective group supporting you.
- You are ready to take your relationship with you Spiritual community to the next level.

## **What is Membership?**

- Membership is a committed relationship and an investment between you and the Center for Spiritual Living Seattle. Membership is about declaring this your spiritual home—a place where you can *be and become* your best self, form lasting friendships, and make a positive impact on the world.
- Membership is about taking ownership and responsibility for the success of your spiritual home. It is a heartfelt commitment to be an active part of the community.
- Membership is a joyful way to give back to the community that has already committed to you and your prosperity. It's about supporting and uplifting each other as we grow, learn and give back together. It's about guiding and leading our community through service, whether that's through sharing your gifts and skills, voting at annual meetings, or serving on our Board of Trustees. Members commit to be Active, Loyal, and Supportive to the community.

### **Active**

- You commit to being active in attending services, events, classes, workshops and other activities in the community either in person or online.
- You give your time and skillset to improve areas of the community. You engage in the spiritual practice of sacred service, which builds community & connection.





### **Loyal**

- You are dedicated to living and learning the Science of Mind principles and applying them to your daily life. You commit to regular spiritual practice, to enhance your relationship with Spirit.
- You choose to resolve any conflicts with staff, leadership, or other members in a loving and responsible manner. You assume the best of others when you have a challenge or difficulty. You recognize you are in a relationship that is worth working through any challenges to reveal the highest Good for all involved.
- You actively participate in the expansion of our community by inviting guests and friends into the community and/or by using social media to share what's happening at the Center.

### **Supportive**

- You keep the leadership and staff in your prayers.
- You make a financial investment in your community, creating a collective greater Good. You commit to regular, structured, conscious, and intentional giving. Your financial commitment helps the Board of Trustees plan the spiritual programming and events, invest in staff, and support the daily operations of running an online and physical spiritual community. Your investment indicates your willingness to be a member-owner of the community. You can renew your membership annually via the Thrive Intentional Giving Program that happens October-December.

### **What are the benefits of Membership?**

- The practitioners are quarterly praying for each member
- Check-in and Appreciation from our Member Appreciation Call (MAC) Team 2-3 times a year
- Free use of the sanctuary for 3 hours for weddings and memorials
- Opportunities to participate in member only events and classes
- Members only community conversations, hosted by the Board of Trustees
- Participation in direct feedback to the Board, Leadership, and Staff through annual Member feedback evaluation
- Facebook Group page for members only



## ***What We Believe***

We believe in God, the Living Spirit Almighty; one indestructible, absolute and self-existent Cause. This One manifests Itself in and through all creation. The manifest universe is the body of God; it is the logical and necessary outcome of the infinite self-knowingness of God.

We believe in the incarnation of the Spirit in us and that every person is an incarnation of the One Spirit.

We believe in the eternality, the immortality and the continuity of the individual Soul, forever and ever expanding.

We believe that the Kingdom of Heaven is within and that we experience this Kingdom in the degree that we become conscious of it.

We believe the ultimate goal of life is to experience complete emancipation from all discord of every nature, and that this goal is sure to be attained by all.

We believe in the Unity of all Life, and that the Highest God and the Innermost God is one God.

We believe that God is personal to all who feel this Indwelling Presence.

We believe in the direct revelation of Truth through the intuitive and spiritual nature of humanity, and that anyone may become a revealer of Truth and live in close contact with the Indwelling God.

We believe that the Universal Spirit, which is God, operates through a Universal Mind, which is the Law of God; and that we are surrounded by the Creative Mind, which receives the direct impress of our thought and acts upon it.

We believe in healing through the power of this Mind. We believe in the control of conditions through the power of this Mind.

We believe in the eternal Goodness, the Eternal Loving-Kindness and the Eternal Givingness of Life to all.

- Ernest Holmes



## ***Spiritual Practices***

**We encourage you to grow in Spirit through well balanced Spiritual Practice**

Prayer

Meditation

Sacred Service

Gracious Giving

Spiritual Study

**My prayer practice is:**

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**My meditation practice is:**

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**I love volunteering my time in service in the following ways:**

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**My financial contribution is structured in the following way:**

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**I study Spiritual works in the following ways:**

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## **Questions & Answers about Making an Intentional Gift**

### **Why do we include intentional giving as an expectation of membership?**

The Center for Spiritual Living is a dynamic, powerful living community. Part of this happens by providing giving opportunities for our members. Planned giving follows Science of Mind principles; such giving offers each of us a way to invest in making positive changes in ourselves and our world. Giving back to the source of our spiritual nourishment is part of spiritual practice.

As a practical matter, the center is an organization with staff, physical facilities, and other expenses. Your pledge not only keeps our doors open, but also allows us to plan for the future: to see when and where we can add staff and programs to serve you and the greater community more fully. Knowing what dollars we can **count on** assists us in being mindful of our resources, ensuring a healthy organization. You may not know that the operational costs to provide our current level of service, with some margin of growth, is approximately \$60 per seat for each of our three services on Sundays. Our members contribute the majority of financial resources to meet those needs. We are so grateful for that kind of support and value the role each member plays in our overall well-being by their giving.

### **How does it work?**

Once a year, the Center for Spiritual Living asks you to prayerfully and thoughtfully make a specific dollar intentional gift to be given during the upcoming or remaining year. You may give your tithe, offerings, or gifts on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

### **Does the money given by members pay for all expenses in our budget?**

The answer is no. However, the intent is to cover most of the expected expenses. Generally speaking, the goal is to raise approximately 70% of the annual organization budget through intentional giving by members and through the annual giving campaign. The balance of the money needed to operate comes from classes, seminars, workshops, and other gifts. Again, our efforts allow the leadership of the center to accurately forecast income, which enables us to make better financial decisions. Therefore, more time can be spent to meet your needs and the needs of the church.

### **If my circumstances change during the year, can I change my intended gift?**

Yes. Once a quarter, you will receive a statement via email of your giving. You may increase or decrease your intended gift at any time. This program is not designed to be a bill you owe, but rather a gift you give that transforms your life and supports the spiritual growth of this community.



## ***Questions & Answers about Making an Intentional Gift***

### **What if I don't think I can give financially right now?**

Declaring your Intentional Giving is part of your commitment of membership. Members are committed to support the community and collectively the members are owners of the community. When you own, you declare financial responsibility and accountability. We know our spiritual community as a vehicle for accomplishing the work of Spirit and our financial commitment is an investment in that work. Each year when you renew your financial commitment to give to the community, you renew your membership to the Center for Spiritual Living.

Ernest Holmes, Founder of Science of Mind, reminds us that what we can see in our mind becomes our reality. Think about committing yourself to a goal and trusting the law of prosperity. The world is full of individual who have trusted God to provide, based on their willingness to give. Do you have anything to lose?

### **I hear people talk of tithing. What is it?**

Tithing is a practice of giving grounded in the sacred teachings of many philosophies. It was a spiritual practice in which individuals were expected to give one-tenth of their harvest back to God. Tithing is a principle where we give back to our Spiritual Source. Individuals who tithe give 10% of their income to their spiritual source. When you ask someone why they tithe, you will always hear about the abundance giving with a tithing consciousness creates in their lives. They have abundance in love, friends, careers, peace, and financial resources. Tithing is about faith--the knowingness that God will meet your every expectation and the Law of Circulation is working in your life.



# Membership Covenant

**I declare my membership with the Center for Spiritual Living by stating that:**

- I understand the Center's philosophy and basic teachings, am aligned with them, and place a high priority on my spiritual growth. I practice the presence of God by remembering that God is in me and works through me at all times.
- I teach others through my example, by demonstrating growth and change in my life, and by sharing the Science of Mind principles with others when appropriate. I invite others to join me so they may also experience celebrating the Good of living a thriving life.
- I actively support the Center's vision, mission, and goals; include the Center in my prayers, and value being part of something larger than myself.
- I include the Center in my financial planning; I undertake my fair share through systematic and joyful giving; and reap the satisfaction found in generosity.
- I joyfully serve my spiritual community in the area of:  
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and I experience the value of sacred service.
- I act with constructive purpose toward the Center and my fellow members. When there is a concern, suggestion or simply something to communicate with the Center or a fellow member, I will seek inner guidance. Then using respectful communication practices with good intentions, I will speak directly with the person(s) involved.
- I participate regularly in the Center's activities, recognizing that my participation is a gift that enhances the experience for everyone whenever I am able to attend.
- Together with fellow members, I co-create with God the ongoing, dynamic life of the Center for Spiritual Living. I recognize that together we keep its doors open, expand its programs and services, and thereby bless and serve an ever expanding group of people making the world a better place. Through membership in the Center, I honor the Spirit in me and the Spirit at work through the Center for Spiritual Living.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ***My Personal Notes...***