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Newsletter from the Association for Light and Life

Spring 2007



UNITY VILLAGE CONFERENCE

JUNE 7-10

“The Imaginative Adventure”

Update 4/05/07 10:30 pm MST:

Conference plans are in full swing for our gathering near Kansas City, MO in June. Talking with conference planner and registrar Eugenia Bryan, we have approximately 55 people confirmed (April 5th). Get your reservations in to get the discount rates and to ensure that rooms are available. Meals are included in the room price, so it's a great deal all around with prices as low as \$200 for three nights shared lodging and 9 meals. Also, children stay free if they're in a room with parents, though they will still need to pay for meals.

As far as the schedule for the conference, it is shaping up with several presenters. Dolores Nice will facilitate retreat sessions Thursday eve and Friday morning. For speakers we have Susan Cook and Robert Burns from the Fellowship, along with Fred Harris doing our morning focus talks each day. There will be workshops on varied themes related to personal experience with God and the recognition of our Fellowship with one another as brothers and sisters. Topics will include Urantia Book themes, Humanity's Team efforts, Common Ground, publishing, Teaching Mission, Christ Consciousness, and more. As this gathering is focused on unity and relationships with one another in building service potential, we welcome those from all backgrounds to participate.

For entertainment, we have Grammy Award nominee Mark Turnbull, New Artist Radio Alternative Artist of the Year Mark Austin, and friends from Common Ground, planning to do a concert and a workshop. We will also have room for other entertainers to perform, as well.

As far as registering, It is \$50 per adult and you can send that to Eugenia at the address below. For rooms, we have some people who have rented rooms who would like to have a roommate to cut costs. Let us know at ebryan@sunflower.com or 785-843-0113 to find out about sharing a room. If you want a private room, **call Unity at 1-816-251-3540 for room reservations.** Say that it's for the Association for Light and Life conference to get the discount rate.

Formal registration information is at www.lightandlife.us under Events, and follow the links. For simplicity's sake, you can send the \$50 registration fee per person, made out to ALL Conference Fund, to Eugenia Bryan at

2343 Ranch St., Lawrence, KS 66047. Or you can pay online with card at www.lightandlife.us under Donations, putting in the memo that it's for the conference. For questions, contact Eugenia Bryan at ebryan@sunflower.com or at 785-843-0113.

Rental car rates at www.hotwire.com have been as low as \$6.95 a day plus taxes and fees for the 7th through the 10th of June. This cannot last and will not last. Get it now, before it goes away. If you want to save even more and are willing to shuttle someone(s), let us know and we'll try to hook you up with people coming in around the same time to share costs. If you would like to be picked up, let us know and we'll connect you with someone renting a car, so you can share expenses, or we can reserve a pickup through Unity Village. There will be a cost associated.

Airline Specials to Kansas City, MO have been kicking into gear both at www.southwest.com and at www.cheaptickets.com which covers airlines other than Southwest. If you're flexible on arrival and departure times, you can also check www.hotwire.com.

We see this as an opportunity to meet old and new friends, build bridges, mend fences, recognize the love that transcends the differences, and hopefully brings about a cooperative atmosphere for spiritual fellowship and service to one another in the larger world community. We hope you can join with us in this effort. Again, info is at www.lightandlife.us under Events or let us know and we'll send info to you.

Calling ALL:

CALLING ALL teleconferences began on February 28th, developed as a direct result of the two ALL Member teleconferences that were held in early February. The vision is to introduce various individuals and their projects or services to our community. The series will allow for an introductory presentation by the featured speaker, followed by questions and answers. At the completion of the program, there will be opportunity for members to make suggestions for future topics and speakers as well as member input relevant to strengthening the service potential of the Association for Light and Life.

Our March program was given by Mark and Kathy George-Moore on March 28 and is now available online at <http://all.lightandlife.us/Downloads/Calling+ALL/default.aspx>. This program covers the genesis and work of InnerLife International with an emphasis on how the Cosmic Cafe in Winnipeg has created a wonderful environment for spiritual upliftment and connection among participants. This service organization has worked with and for many other worthy projects that you will find most interesting. (Note-Cosmic Cafe was created by Thomas Orjala and Aurora Hill in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and is now a model being used by people in their own communities.)

Our February speaker was Donna D'Ingillo who presented her work with the Center for Christ Consciousness. To hear the audio file for the February 28th teleconference with Donna, go to <http://all.lightandlife.us/Downloads/Calling+ALL/default.aspx>.

We also have a number of other speakers in mind who will make presentations in the coming months. Check your ALL Newsletter for dates and times. It is also our hope that these programs will be recorded and links provided at the ALL website: www.lightandlife.us. Announcements will also be posted on the ALL Members List and other E-mail lists.

Eugenia Bryan is the ALL Councilor liaison for the Calling ALL Series. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics or any questions, please contact Eugenia at ebryan@sunflower.com or 785-843-0113.

The Council is very excited about the possibilities this series will give our members and others to become informed about the marvelous happenings going on in our larger community. And, maybe, ALL members will become even more aware of where or how their own talents can be given in service.

Quotable Quote

Everything nonspiritual in human experience, excepting personality, is a means to an end. Every true relationship of mortal man with other persons--human or divine--is an end in itself. And such fellowship with the personality of Deity is the eternal goal of universe ascension.

(Urantia Book P.1228 - §3)

(Common Ground in concert at Idaho State University)



Common Ground *Performs* A Successful Tour of Idaho and Utah

(by Dave Holt)

Tuesday Morning, March 6, 5:55 AM: When my cell phone alarm goes off, I roll out of the cot that was made up for me in Bob and Nancy Devine's basement. "Mark, did you hear that?" I call out to Mark Turnbull, Common Ground's guitarist and vocalist, who is sleeping in the adjacent "rec room." "Yes," he groans in response.

We have a 2 and _ hour trip ahead of us to Salt Lake City airport so we have to be down at the shuttle stop by 6:30. Two of our fellow players, Cristina Seaborn (fiddle, vocals) and Mark Austin (bass, vocals), who had even earlier flights, already left the house at 3:30 AM. Bob, our spiritual leader, manager, poet, and speaker, has had a rough night. He's been getting up, driving to the shuttle, going back to bed. That didn't stop any of us from sitting up late and talking until about 12:30 the night before about music, the Urantia Book, Course of Miracles, whatever the passing topic of the moment. There have been great conversations all weekend.

It had been a long day yesterday, rehearsing for our last show on Monday night at Idaho State University, a Peace Festival. Except for that long Monday session, we'd actually had little or no rehearsal time between the five shows. There had been flight delays Saturday that kept us from arriving in Salt Lake City all together. That Saturday evening, our first concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church had been booked by Bob Devine for 7

PM. Although Mark Turnbull and I had been able to play together that afternoon, Cristina Seaborn, coming out of Minnesota which was in the grip of a storm, didn't make it to the church until very late, about 6 PM. No time left to practice at all considering we had to set up speakers and microphones. Mark Austin too, was delayed out of Dallas. I was so impressed with this band. We got up and played a successful and professional show in spite of it. That evening there was a reunion with Rich Keeler and his friend Ruby who'd driven 1-1/2 hours to see us.

Under a full moon shining on fields of snow, we drove about 3 hours Saturday night to reach (Idaho) Falls, Idaho, about 2:30 AM. We were scheduled to play the Unitarian Universalist church service that Sunday morning, also a concert there that afternoon. Again, no time to rehearse. After (Idaho) Falls, we are off on another drive to Pocatello for an afternoon church service there. Our music is very compatible with the spiritual mindset of the Unitarian churches (Hate Free Zone rainbow banners adorn the wall); we are fitting in well, being received enthusiastically. There is a lot of love going around.

The Pocatello church is a beauty, like an old stone castle, built in 1928. I'll remember this gig forever because they provided the highest quality grand piano I've ever had the pleasure to play, a Young Chang built for the likes of a Rubinstein or a Horowitz. The congregations love us. The couple who gave us beds on our first night in (Idaho) Falls, the Andersons, fed us like kings and queens on Sunday morning. The Pocatello Church kindly invites us to their potluck dinner that Sunday night. Then we stay at the Devines that evening where we -- for once--are entertained, as Bob and Nancy's kids put on a puppet show for us.

So, as the shuttle van descends slowly into the Snake River Valley on Tuesday morning, leaving Pocatello for the trip down Veteran's Memorial Highway 15 to Salt Lake City, I snuggle down into my big blue parka. I watch a train move through the valley below the road. Mountains still hide the sun, but the sunlight kisses snowcapped peaks across the valley. Cows stir awake and kick their hooves against frozen puddles. Soon I am fast asleep but I awaken again just in time to see us cross the Utah border. We wake up, all of us, content on this day I am sure. We have played well together. I have never seen a band gel so quickly and completely as this group of people has, sharing harmoniously the pleasures and beauties of music. As I told Mark Turnbull when we went separate ways at the airport, "Mere words cannot express it."

(Note -- Common Ground has also had successful outings this year in Oklahoma City, with Susan Mogilka joining the group, and they will plan to perform at Unity Village for the conference, and have been invited to do the Sunday Service accompaniment at the Unity Village Chapel on June 10th. Their newest CD, "Back to the Garden" is available in pre-release form at www.allspiritworks.com, and you can listen to samples at www.spiritfest.com.)

Good Search

The Association for Light and Life is now registered with Good Search, www.goodsearch.com, the search engine that supports non-profits with 50 percent of their proceeds. Many thanks to Jim Cleveland who proposed us looking into this, and after reviewing it and presenting it at our council meeting last week, we have decided to participate. If you can help us with it, we'd sure appreciate it.

Every time someone does a search at www.goodsearch.com, the Association for Light and Life can make a portion of the proceeds. We are going to do an experiment this year with the Association for Light and Life and see if we can raise a portion of our funding through this manner by having our Council and any other Members and friends who are willing, make Good Search their search engine and doing all searches through them. For every search you do, ALL will make approximately 1 cent. Over a year's time, that adds up. An organization that has 100 people using Good Search, for example, makes around \$700 a year.

What people need to do, is go to www.goodsearch.com, where you can type in the non-profit name Association for Light and Life, and once you click on verify you can search. Not sure if adding it to your toolbar still recognizes the non-profit or not. It says it will recognize based on cookies, so hopefully it can work if you want to add it to your toolbar, although every time you clear cookies, you may have to go back and re-add Association for Light and Life as your non-profit. Setting Good Search as one's home page could work to remind us to use it instead of another search engine. I have done so, and it allows me to go there when opening my browser and then be reminded every time I start working on the computer.

To add Good Search as your home page: On Internet Explorer, you click on Tools, then Internet Options, then type www.goodsearch.com where your current home page is, then click on Apply down at the bottom. That should update Good Search as your home page. With Firefox, click on Tools, then Options, then make sure you're on the Main tab, then type www.goodsearch.com in the home page and click on OK.

It's worth trying out, anyway. If enough people start doing it, we could get a bit of a boost in funding each year. As of today, we've made \$1.41 and that's in about a week's time with just a few people. Now imagine over 52 weeks with a concerted community effort. We'd appreciate any who want to add ALL as their non-profit and utilize the Good Search engine at www.goodsearch.com.

The Association for Light and Life (from our Constitution)

ALL is a nonprofit spiritual association whose primary purpose is to engage in and support those endeavors which further the realization of Light and Life, and within that purpose we intend to foster awareness of the spiritual fraternity of all peoples as part of one universal family under the parental guidance and watchcare of the Divine, to promote a deeper relationship with the Divine through the practice of worshipful communion, stillness meditation, prayer, and unselfish service, to facilitate group and planetary spiritual progress by nurturing and maintaining a sense of spiritual community that is characterized by a unity of goals and ideals, without requiring a uniformity of beliefs, to support each individual's spiritual progress by encouraging a balance of physical, mental, and spiritual development through a lifetime of education, creative expression, inner reflection with the Divine, and an increasing appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness.

UB Camp Out

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Biannual UB Campout at Rath Trevor Beach on Vancouver Island July 30 to August 3 2007, The contact person is Debbie Bartman nebadon373@hotmail.com. For anyone wishing to participate the cost is \$25 Canadian for the week (cheap). Workshops, worship and music are planned and there is room for more if any would like to share their offerings at the gathering.

Membership

The Association for Light and Life appreciates the involvement of all of our members. We welcome you to participate and share your talents with the Association. If you have items to share in future newsletters, please send them along to all@onewest.net. In becoming an Associate of ALL you can also subscribe to our members list where we discuss projects and ideas related to service and spiritual growth.

If you would like to become an Associate of ALL, you can do so by simply sending an email asking to do so to all@onewest.net with your name, address, email, and/or telephone and we will add you to our Associates list for future newsletters and updates. You can also register at www.lightandlife.us under Membership.

The Association also appreciates your support of financial assistance to help with the costs of operating: newsletters, mailings, websites, planning events, supporting projects, etc.

Contributions to ALL can be made by sending donations to ALL, c/o Treasurer Rick Giles, 2582 E Hudlow Rd., Hayden, ID 83835, or you can make donations with card at www.lightandlife.us under the Donations link. All who contribute in the current year are allowed to vote in the elections and help guide the direction of the Association.

This ends our Spring issue. Thank you for reading.
We hope to see you in June at Unity Village and within the pages of our Summer Newsletter.