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September 13th, 14th, 15th, 2024
Our 100th Convention, Welcome Everyone

Dear Members and Friends,
Welcome to our very special September Anniversary Celebration for the ISA. Our founder, Amanda Flower, established our organization 100 years ago in 1924.
We will be gathering at The Spiritualist First Church of Truth, (affectionately known as the Mother Church) in Grand Rapids Michigan for our 100th Convention on September 13th through the 15th, 2024.

The Spiritualist First church of Truth
The address of the church is 127 Meerse Street S.E.
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49507 “All are Welcome.”

A little history on why the ISA was born and about The Rev. Amanda Flower: The Independent Spiritualist Association of the United States of America (ISA) was founded in 1924 by Rev. Amanda Flower.

At the time She was a Reverend, Healer, and Medium with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC). What happened is that Rev. Flower had acquired beliefs that were not in line with NSAC doctrine.

A noticeable belief not consistent with NSAC was reincarnation. By this time, she was well versed on *Madam Blavatsky work involving reincarnation and Madame Blavatsky theosophical teachings.

Rev. Flower also did not subscribe to the idea with NSAC that certified mediums could not do their mediumship work in public venues but only in NSAC churches. Furthermore, they could not work in churches that were not NSAC churches. Because of this, and her overall dissatisfaction with the restrictions of NSAC, she decided to create the Independent Spiritualist Association of the United States of America. (ISA)

The Purpose of the ISA – “Togetherness with Independence”. In 1924, Amanda Flower felt the need of an organization that would promote Spiritualism and let churches group together for protection and strength; yet still give the individual churches the freedom to worship in their way.

With this thought in mind, she became the founder of the “Independent Spiritualist Association of the United States of America. The organization has grown in membership in several states and gained worldwide recognition. It still maintains the purpose for which it was founded... “Togetherness with Independence.” You can find Rev. Amanda Cameron Flower (1863-1940) Graveside-Grand Rapids Michigan.

*Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891) a.k.a. Madame Blavatsky, was a Russian and American mystic. She was an author who co-founded the Theosophical Society in 1875.

*She gained an international following as the leading authority of Theosophy.

*Through Madame Blavatsky work, it allowed *theoreticians* to turn their attention to the portion of the universe that remained unexplained, as well as the esoteric concepts, such as, the possibility of parallel universes. Rev. Flower’s mentor, Madame Blavatsky continues to have foundational influence in the ISA even today, through our founder Rev. Amanda Flower.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday September 13, 2024

11:00am Called to Order by: President Rev. Mahala Bacon

- Invocation by VP Rev. Gloria Ward and Welcome by Rev. Mahala Bacon
- Benediction – Rev. Thomas Janssen

12:00pm (Noon) -Lunch

- 2:00pm – Workshop – Rev. Thomas Janssen, *Spirit of The Law*.
 - o In this workshop we will explore the consequential results when the letter of the law (masculine energy) is not balanced by the spirit of the law (feminine energy).

(Meals provided by the church are \$8.00 a meal, or \$30.00's for the Weekend)

5pm – Dinner

6:30 – Worship Service

- Music this weekend by Rev. Kim Brown and Randy Vawter
- Invocation – Rev. Catherine Dorr
- Bill Lumsden-Chakra Healing Meditation and Laura Joy Veeneman bowls (15 minutes only)
- Healing Service - Healers TBA
- Speakers – Michael Miller A.M., Chuck Roberts (10 minutes each)
- Benediction – Donna Fischer, AM
- Breakout into groups for Messages

Saturday September 14, 2024

9am-11am - Spirit Readings by ISA Mediums

11:30am -12:45pm – Lunch

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH CREDENTIALS
BEFORE THE BUSINESS MEETING**

1:00pm Business Meeting

- Roll call- Secretary Rev. Catherine Dorr
- Credential Report – Pat Holm, A.M
- Reports
 - o President
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer for 2023
 - o Trustee's reports – Education, Convention Booklet
 - o Clerk's reading of 2023 Convention Minutes

(any reports not finished we will finish after elections)

2:00pm SHARP ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Offices up for elections are as follows:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **TREASURER**
- **TRUSTEE**

New Business

Quarterlies and convention for 2025

Benediction – Stacy Buck

6:00pm - Banquet Dinner

7:30pm - The Spiritualist First Church of Truth -For Installation of Officers

- Officiating - Rev. Kim Brown

8:15pm – After Hours Activities – Bingo

Sunday September 15, 2024

9:00am Memorial Service – Rev. Catherine Dorr

10:30 Worship Service

- Chakra Meditation and Bowl healing
- Healing Service – Healer TBA
- Speaker - Rev. Mahala Bacon
- Benediction – TBD
- Break our Groups for Messages

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm-3:00pm Workshop - Mr. David Schroeder, LMSW,CPC

- Author of: *Just Be Love* will present ***What I have made True, might not be the Truth.***
- Join David as he offers a workshop to expand your mind and higher knowing of Truth vs. True. Through questions, examples and discussion, this workshop will highlight how many things we have made true, in reality are not the Truth.

Now that we have hit our milestone of 100 years, I think all of us can conclude:

- The foundation of Spiritualism is enhanced through Spirituality.
- Spiritualism has brought thought-increasing concepts to the world of Spiritual studies and phenomena.
- Through empowering others, we are a source of growth and direction.
- Spiritualism is the cornerstone with which we build our lives.

We are the reflection of Spiritualism.

May God and the Angels Bless and Keep You.

Rev. Mahala D. Bacon, President

PS. Please make your hotel reservation. If you do not have the information or misplaced it, contact Cathy, she will be happy to give it to you.

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