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APRIL 2019: THE MANY FACES OF RESURRECTION

This year, Earth Day and Easter Monday are on the same day. This convergence from different traditions prompts deep reflection. What would we like to see born in the dimension of spirit, in the dimension of feeling, in the dimension of earth on this day, in this month, at this time? On the spirit level, we live in a world where religious dogma and an empty materialism prevail. On the feeling and earth levels, we live in a world where most feel disconnected from community, and from all the beings who make up the rest of the earth. Yet many too are rising up, often taking their lead from indigenous worldviews, and discovering a spirituality of connection with the inner divine, with each other and with the earth. Many are on a journey to compassion, moving beyond whatever filters have prevented them from perceiving others in their actuality, moving towards collective healing. It doesn't matter which face of resurrection we are inspired by first; it simply matters that we are part of the movement towards the new.

Submitted by Chris Bullock, on behalf of SDC.

The Lighthouse January 2019
A Newsletter for Friends of the Church

We are a spiritual community supporting each other in exploring our personal journeys regardless of spiritual path or belief. Our community is comprised of a rich field of individual and collective energies that is ever changing and evolving.

While we are accepting of diverse expressions of belief, we recognize the interconnectedness of all things and the power of love and appreciation. We hold reverence for all life.

We welcome those who wish to share their journey with us through their insights, reflections, experience and creative self-expression.

We are open to inspiration and recognize that our openness to others' ideas enhance our own awareness and expansion.

We meet our basic human need to socialize, bond, cooperate, celebrate and have fun, in a warm-hearted way, through a variety of events and activities.

We acknowledge our opportunity to be agents of change in the world and we encourage and support service to others through individual and group activity.

We share our sacred space with the larger community.

With gratitude, we live thoughtfully on the Earth with kindness and compassion for all.

We welcome you.

Working for You
Your Board of Directors

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

for April

THE MANY FACES OF RESURRECTION

April 7th **Living in the normal world with the realities of non-normal awareness**

Moderator: Peggy Muncaster
Meditation and presentation: Kirsty Inglis
Greeter: TBA
Coordinator: Laurence Beal

Biography: Kirsty Inglis is a shamanic practitioner based in Victoria, BC. She works with clients to help them remember who they truly are and what they want from life. Her healing practice focuses on supporting clients to reconnect with their bodies, to tap into their innate wisdom and in using their intuition to influence their life's direction and choices. Kirsty's practice is guided by her teachers in the Shipibo and Lasqueridas Shipibo traditions. The philosophy underpinning Kirsty's work is the cultivation of *ayni* (pronounced eye-knee) or "right relationship" so that we can each walk in right relationship – with ourselves, our friends and family, the environment and our wider community – as a means of living a fulfilled life. For more information on Kirsty's work see <https://ayniwest.ca>.

April 14th **Re-envisioning the Death/Resurrection Journey**

Moderator: Pat Miller
Meditation and presentation: Michael Tacon and Chris Bullock
Greeter: Louisa Fiander
Coordinator: Chris Bullock

Biography: Michael Tacon lives in a cohousing community in Sooke and he is the president of Transition Sooke a non-profit society of active and concerned citizens working towards the adoption of a more resilient and sustainable lifestyle as the crisis of climate change and societal disruption hangs over us all. A key value in his volunteer work is working towards a more mutually enhancing and healthy relationship with the natural systems that support all life on this planet.

April 21st **Easter - Resurrection: Spiritual Revelation through Human Experience**

Moderator: Marie Logan
Meditation: Marilyn Smando
Speaker: Rev. Joan Hopper
Greeter: Robert Winkenhower
Coordinator: D.Joan Thomas

April 28th **Community Service - Collective movement towards positive habits and openness.**

Small Groups exploring how we've experienced collectively helping one another move towards positive new habits and more openness.

Moderator: TBA
Meditation: TBA
Greeter: TBA
Coordinator: April Hambly

INSPIRATIONAL EXPLORATIONS WEDNESDAYS: April 2019

All sessions begin at 7.15, unless otherwise indicated

April 3: “Experiencing a Shamanic Journey,” facilitated by Kirsty Inglis.

Kirsty will guide you through a shamanic journey to meet a helper and cultivate access to your internal guidance. Whether you are interested in working on a particular issue, or simply to expand your spiritual repertoire, you will be held in an energetically nourishing space to explore your inner landscape.

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April 10. “Writing and Earth”: a poetry, song and readings circle facilitated by Chris Bullock and Hendrik de Pagter. (Sharon Ford is absent this month for medical reasons.) Earth Day is this month. Bring and read writings about trees, flowers, places, fear for earth’s future, hopes for earth’s future, natural metaphors for human relationships, reflections about how to live in relationship with earth and its beings, and so on. Let your readings start a dialogue with everyone in the circle.

April 17 - *Trees Can Do That?* Featuring international speaker, author, urban forest and greening expert, Professor Cecil Konijnendijk 7:15-9 pm at the Cook Street Activity Center, 380 Cook St. Sliding scale: \$10-20 admission. [Frances Litman originally planned this event to be at COT, but the Trees Matter planning group wanted to be assured of a bigger venue as they are inviting all mayors, councillors, planners, community leaders, etc.]

April 22 (Earth Day/Easter Monday) - *Creating Resilient Green Built Neighbourhoods* - A special Earth Day event facilitated by Frances Litman with a variety of community action leaders, featuring Jack Anderson, one of western Canada’s leading green architects, urban planners and community design visionaries. 7:15-9 pm at COT.

April 24 Kathleen Heilman leads a meditation session. This event is coordinated by Pat Miller, Sean/Wool McLaughlin and Herb Third. To introduce her approach to meditation, Kathleen writes: “Meditation is about turning 180 degrees and directly experiencing Self, yourSelf without any concepts about what that IS. I invite you to join me in the effortless practice of just Sitting. In doing so you may become more familiar with WHO AM I and WHAT AM I and how that connects to ALL that is. With a little right practice and right understanding you will soon realize your TRUE NATURE is something that is eternal and infinite. The teaching will always point you back to one thing only...WHAT IS IT THAT IS SITTING IN THE CHAIR. “

The coordinators of Inspirational Explorations invite contributions from as wide a range of presenters as possible. Send proposals or ideas to any one of the coordinators: Arts area and general: Chris Bullock (chrisbullock@shaw.ca) and John Vanden Heuvel (sunvann@yahoo.ca); spiritual practices: Peggy Muncaster (muncasterpeggy@gmail.com); new/rediscovered frontiers: (patallanmiller@gmail.com); environment and interconnections: Frances Litman (info@franceslitman.com).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
We Celebrate with YOU!

Frances Litman	12
Peggy Muncaster	30

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Church of Truth -
Community of Conscious Living
111 Superior Street, Victoria, BC V8V 1T2
April 7, 2019 - 12:30 PM

BRING A BAG LUNCH to be eaten while the room is being set up to begin the meeting as soon as possible following the conclusion of the service.

Those who have renewed their membership by Sunday, March 31 will receive an email with the AGM package.

There will be a few printed packages for those without email and those who renew at the meeting.

Membership renewal forms are on the next pages.

It's time to renew your membership. You can print these 2 pages or you can pick up a copy at the church. New member forms are also available.

**CHURCH OF TRUTH - COMMUNITY OF CONSCIOUS
LIVING
GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP Renewal**

2019

1. Attendance at our services.
2. A strong desire to participate in our community demonstrated by attending services and getting involved as a volunteer and/or by giving your financial support.

Our Mission Statement says it well:

"We are a supportive community of spiritual discovery. We are a gathering of unique individuals, exploring and allowing our diverse expression of belief. We respect the interconnectedness of all life. We welcome all who are willing to commit themselves to participating in our collective creation. Together, we share our sacred place, this adventure ... this celebration!

Please complete the membership renewal application at the bottom of this form.
Your annual \$10.00 membership fee is due before the AGM in April.
Your continued membership is based on your active participation in our community.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

E-mail (optional) _____ Date: _____

Please indicate your birthday: Day _____ Month _____
(for acknowledgement at Birthday Sundays)

Amount enclosed with application: \$ _____ (Rcvd. by Treasurer _____)

Please include me on the community contact list. _____

Check what you would like to have listed:

Name _____ phone _____ home address _____ email address _____

See participation form

Church of Truth – Community of Conscious Living
Participation Information Form

The Board invites you to consider how you want to participate and the benefits you wish to receive from your participation in the Church of Truth – Community of Conscious Living.

Please complete the form below. (check all that apply)

Participation

Sunday morning greeter _____	Flowers _____
Coffee serving/cleanup _____	Maintenance _____
Provide Snacks for after service _____	Child Minding _____
Gathering/putting away music and order of service _____	Other _____

Areas of Interest/Expertise

Spiritual Directions Committee _____	Moderator _____
Choir/Music _____	Speaker _____
Meditation _____	Fundraising/Functions _____
Workshops _____	Other _____

Benefits

Please share anything you would like the Board to know about the benefits you wish to receive from this community. (Please use the back if more space is needed.)

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Email address: _____