

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence (God).
2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence (God).
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals, and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any soul, here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the Precepts of Prophecy and Healing are divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of our Church community, please see our pamphlet on membership.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Worship services are held every Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM, except during the month of August. Our service includes hymns, a sermon, healing and Spirit greetings.

Sermon:

Rev. Simeon Stefanidakis offers sermons which are positive and inspirational. Once a month we invite guest ministers to work in our Church.

Healing:

An important part of the Spiritualist experience is healing. Every Sunday, we offer a period of meditation which leads to spiritual and physical healing through the laying-on-of-hands. Our Designated Healing Channels are trained in all aspects of spiritual healing and direct healing light and energy according to one's needs. Our healers are simply channels for healing; the Source of all healing is God.

Spirit Greetings:

An integral part of Spiritualism is demonstrating, through mediumship, continuity of life after death. Our service closes with a period of Spirit communication. Rev. Simeon and all guest ministers and mediums are trained in delivering evidence of Spirit survival, with empathy and dignity, by bringing forth an uplifting message or greeting from the Spirit loved ones.

Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism



A Church should be a place where the Love of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, and the eternity of the Spirit is revealed.

The Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism endeavors to uphold these sentiments. It is our hope and prayer that all who pass through our doors learn and experience a greater Truth, a greater Love, and a greater Light.

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HISTORY

The Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism was established on May 13, 1936. Our founder, Dr. Isabelle MacDonald, was a successful Stamford chiropractor, who later became an ordained minister. Initially, Dr. MacDonald met with a small group of like-minded people in her home. The purpose was to pray for those in need and to develop the God potential within. As membership grew, the home of Dr. MacDonald became too small to accommodate everyone, and a move was made to 13 Spring Street, Stamford. The church was named "Albertson" for one of Dr. MacDonald's Spirit teachers.

Soon, 13 Spring Street became inadequate and a large converted house, located at 485 Summer Street, was purchased. The church was very fortunate in having dedicated workers who arranged many successful fund raisers; this enabled much-needed improvements to be made. The church was able to expand and accommodate larger spiritual and social programs.

Because of an ever-increasing congregation and changes occurring on Summer Street, it became evident that new quarters were needed. The search for another location began in 1966.

The Presbyterian Church, which was then housed at our current location, went on the market, as they were building a larger church in the neighborhood. According to the deed on record, the

Presbyterian Church community sold their old church to Albertson for the price of one dollar. We will forever be grateful to them for their generosity. Worship services have been held at 293 Sound Beach Avenue since the spring of 1968.

CHURCH OBJECTIVE

The main objective of our Church is to offer a place where people of all religious and spiritual backgrounds may come together to worship God and to express and share in the divinity and sanctity of the Human Spirit. This is done through worship, song, prayer, healing, community service, fellowship and an appreciation of the gifts of the Spirit.

SPIRITUALISM

Humanity has always believed in some form of life after physical death, and all faiths embrace this basic truth in one form or another. It was in 1848, with the advent of the Modern Spiritualist Movement, that this truth became revealed in a way that could be demonstrated and examined.

Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of continuous life, based upon the demonstrated fact of communication with those in the Spirit world. We believe that life is eternal and that we personally and consciously survive death; furthermore, through mediumship, we can establish communication with our Spirit loved ones.

Spiritualism is a religion and philosophy based on joy, harmony and an understanding of the continuity of life. Spiritualism is not formally associated with any specific faith, and we embrace people of all religious and spiritual persuasions. Thus, we are truly universal and interfaith. Spiritualism is a common-sense religion which seeks to understand God and how God works and manifests in natural and spiritual law and order. We believe in God, or Infinite Intelligence, and accept that everyone and everything is part of God.

Spiritualism involves more than mediumship and Spirit communication. It is a philosophy and a way of life, perhaps best summed up by our ***Motto***, our ***Prayer for Spiritual Healing*** and our ***Declaration of Principles***:

SPIRITUALISM'S MOTTO

"As the sunflower turns its face to the light of the sun, so Spiritualism turns the face of humanity to the light of truth."

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

"I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

"I ask this Great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God."