

*Institute  
for  
Spiritual Development*



*"A Church & Holistic Center For Metaphysical Living"*

*July, August, September*

*2021*

**15 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871**

**(973) 551-5300\***

**[www.isdsparta.org](http://www.isdsparta.org)**

## **Services**

You are invited to join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 am in a Service of Celebration. The services are centered on God's most precious gifts to us and our greatest gifts to one another

– Love and Understanding.

We invite you to take the opportunity to express and experience a sense of the Infinite Presence within yourself in an atmosphere of love, friendship, understanding, and support.

Limited seating is available at the church.

Wear your mask, sanitize your hands at the front door and have your temperature taken before entering. You can also participate via

live streaming on our FaceBook page.

A link is available on the front page of our website.

## **National Headquarters**

**Institute for Spiritual Development**

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Rev. Pennie Rowland

# About the Institute

The Institute is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the service of your growing awareness and to fostering an environment in which each individual may be stimulated to pursue his or her own true spiritual unfoldment, uninhibited by dogmatic concerns. To arouse a process of joyous living, creative genius, cooperation, health, prosperity, and universal service is to arouse the spiritual heart of the organization.

Believing that the search for your truth embodies a personal examination of all philosophies and religions, the Institute Experience seeks to provide the focal point for that search and a nurturing environment in which the evolution of your spiritual progression may be realized.

Offering a wide variety of growth experiences, the Institute and its well-trained professional staff provide the fulcrum where each may endeavor to explore and express the Truth as he or she understands it. The on-going and comprehensive series of study and development experiences in esoteric, metaphysical, occult, healing and personal growth are augmented by the spiritual fellowship, guidance and shared experiences which are available.

Needing only an openness to Truth, the seeker is then encouraged to pursue the expansion of awareness of his or her inner self through service, and to unfold in the arms of love the potential for perfection that lies awaiting within.

A Church for Metaphysical Living, the Institute seeks to provide a common ground in which souls passionate to grow may resolve the differences of mind and experience which appear to separate us and grow by sharing, in joy as well as in pain. The Institute is a shelter to nurture the best that is within us, a proving ground of our resolve, a place of peace, and hope, and light, and comfort, of work, of rest, of spiritual growth, of enlightenment.

Thus, with love do we greet you, and with hope do we grow with you . . . not by the efforts of one or a few, but by the energy of all.

*Reverend James E. De Biasio,  
Spiritual Advisor*

*Institute For Spiritual Development - Sparta  
Director and Spiritual Advisor, Kathy Kerston*



## On-Going Events

### Healing Circle

*Facilitator in the Sanctuary: Terence Mulligan*

*Facilitator over Zoom: Rev. Norma Victor or Rev. Karen Slember*

**Wednesdays at 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

**In the Sanctuary and over Zoom**

*For the Zoom meeting, find the link on the homepage of our website:*

**[www.isdsparta.org](http://www.isdsparta.org)**

Our healing circle is an island of peace and spiritual recovery in the middle of the week. Each circle starts with a meditation and then distance healings are sent to individuals who are nominated by the people attending the circle. Healings are then sent to individuals attending the session who

request to be healed. You will experience a lessening of stress, fear, pain, loneliness or get a boost of energy or clarification of mind. Friendly discussion follows at the end. A love Donation of **\$5** per class or **\$20** once a month is appreciated.

## Psychic Fairs

We are going back to in person readings in our Sanctuary starting August 27th. We also want to continue to offer some phone readings each month.

As of the writing of this brochure, the details have not all been worked out on the phone readings so you will have to visit our website a week or two before a Psychic Fair date to see who will be reading and when in order to sign up for a remote reading.

**There will be no Psychic Fair for the month of July.**

Psychic Fairs will be held in the Sanctuary on  
**August 27 and September 24th.**

Readings will start at 7:30 pm. Last reading, 9:00 pm.  
Readings are 20 minutes each. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

**Members & Non-Members                      \$30.00**

## On-Going Events

### A Course in Miracles Discussion Group

**Second and Fourth Sundays of Each Month**

**at 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary**

*No longer on Zoom. In sanctuary only.*

*Facilitator: John Smallman*

***“Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists.  
Herein lies the peace of God.”***

A Course in Miracles is a universal thought system that teaches the way to love and inner peace through forgiveness. Throughout the world, there are thousands of study groups dedicated to its philosophy. From 2009 until October of 2018, John Smallman was the anchor person for a Woodstock, NH, Course in Miracles discussion group. We are very fortunate that he is

available to facilitate this ISD Sparta group.

Join John and other like-minded individuals for an uplifting and inspiring journey to peace . . . *“for everything is a lesson that God would have me learn.”*

Fee: **\$5.00** a session.

### Ask Spirit Anything

**Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:00 pm over Zoom**

**Link is available on the**

**Home page of our website:**

**[www.isdsparta.org](http://www.isdsparta.org)**

*Facilitator: Rev. Norma Victor*

Join us for an entertaining and informative episode of inspired channeling directly from Spirit via Rev. Norma Victor.

Rev Norma is an accomplished trance channel and has been providing wisdom, inspiration and information from the spirit



world for over 30 years.

Take this opportunity to ask questions of the spirit guides who will speak through her live and online.

Requested Donation:

**\$5.00** per session or

**\$20.00** per month

## Classes & Workshops

### Connect to the Quantum Field Saturday, July 10

10:00 am to 12:00 Noon

*Facilitator: Rev. Lucia Cochran*

In this class we will learn and discuss how to connect to the Infinite Divine Mind and how to "Disconnect" from our physical environment in order to be a pure channel of information from this Intelligence. Once you are able to achieve this skill, you will find that no matter what is going on in your life you will be able to effortlessly navigate through it all. We all react to

life, but when you learn to not stay in that reaction, you will see how Divinely guided you can become.

You will learn how to receive and give messages as we share information from the space of Divine Intelligence.

**Members: \$20.00**

**Non-members: \$80.00**

### Meet the Moon Goddesses

Friday, July 23

7:00 to 9:30 pm

*Facilitator: Rev. Ellen Rochedieu*

We are all affected by the power of the Moon and its cycles. The Moon is considered feminine in many cultures and so there are many Moon Goddesses. Most of us have heard of the Greek and Roman Moon Goddesses, Artemis and Diana. They are the most famous. Join me for this class to learn about

four of the lesser known, but no less powerful, Moon Goddesses. This class will include presentation, discussion, Shamanic journey and a short full moon ceremony, to help you release what no longer serves you.

**Members: \$25.00**

**Non-members: \$35.00**

*We are a Metaphysical Church that honors and celebrates each soul. Our community provides an unconditionally loving and healing environment that affirms and encourages all seekers on their spiritual journey.*

## Classes & Workshops

# Awareness and Communication with Spirit Workshop

**Saturday, July 30th**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

*(½ hour for lunch)*

Join Rev. Karen Rose, International Evidential Medium, for this exciting workshop designed to heighten your awareness of the spirit world as well as your own spirit.

Do you sometimes feel or sense that your loved ones in spirit are close? Do you at times catch something moving out of the "corner of your eye?" Are you interested in learning how to become more aware of the Spirit World?

We begin by working with our own Spirit first, understanding our energetic being through talks and fun exercises. Then we "Sit in the Power" of the spirit. Moving into the Spirit World, we become more aware of our spirit friends, a joyful experience of love and reunion. Learn about the four major "clairs" and how they are used both psychically and mediu- mistically.

This workshop will consist of

teaching and hands on exercises where you will begin to work with those in Spirit in groups and one to one. Journey with Rev. Karen Rose in a supportive and caring environment and begin to learn to communicate with our friends in spirit.

For additional information or ques- tions please contact Karen at:

krads1@gmail.com  
973-670-7232

**Members: \$60.00**  
**Non-members: \$90.00**

*Rev. Karen is an International Evidential Medium and Metaphysical Minister. She teaches at the LilyDale Assembly, ARE Edgar Cayce Center NYC, Quest (Theosophical Society) NYC, AHA (Association for Higher Awareness) NJ; The ISD Sparta, NJ; The Spirit University, Pt Lumineux, and many other venues in US and Europe.*

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## Classes & Workshops

# Discover Your Power/ Evidential Mediumship

**Tuesdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st  
and August 7th**  
**7:30 to 9:00 pm**

*Facilitator: Rev. Karen Rose Slember*

*Discover your own Power! Grow in Your Mediumship Ability!*

Mediumship is a unique Journey. This workshop focuses on you and the growth of your individual ability. Learn to attune to your energies and build a stronger link to the Spirit World.

This six session class is geared to group work as well as private sessions; experimenting and exploring the joys of communicating with Spirit! There will be discussions and then exercises geared to build and sustain a deeper link with the Spirit World.

Learn how to move into your own power and then the power of the Spirit, using proven methods to blend with our friends in Spirit more fully. Learn to recognize the difference

between information coming from the Psychic realms as opposed to the Spirit World and work with both faculties. Learn proven techniques that will enable you to receive specific and accurate evidence from Spirit.

Come and join us in a safe and supportive environment in which you can experiment and discover what works best for you. Take this opportunity to grow in Your Mediumship and Discover Your own Power!

For info contact Karen  
krads1@gmail.com  
or 973-670-7232

**Members:           \$120.00**  
**Non-members:   \$180.00**



## Classes & Workshops

### The Process of Self-Awakening

Thursdays, September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th,  
and October 7th and 14th

at 7:30 to 9:00 pm over Zoom

*Facilitator: Rev. Norma Victor*

This six week course will empower you to change your life and give you a better understanding of yourself. We will be discussing the common blocks which may make it difficult to achieve your goals and desires. This course will provide you

with powerful techniques which can be used to manifest great relationships, success, prosperity and sustained happiness NOW.

**Members: \$120.00**

**Non-members: \$180.00**

### Techniques for Psychic Development

Tuesdays, September 14th, 21st, 28th  
and October 5th

7:30 to 9:00 pm

*Facilitator Rev Juan Villagran*

Everyone is psychic but the beginner, who is seeking to pursue his development, frequently has trouble tapping into and understanding what he is receiving. This class will give you the techniques to figure out the messages and information you are

receiving so that you can give a clear message or reading. These techniques apply to mediumship as well as psychic development.

**Members: \$80.00**

**Non-members: \$120.00**

## Classes & Workshops

### The Angel Series: Everything You Need to Know to Work With the Angels

**Mondays 7:30 to 9:00 pm**  
**September 13th, 20th, 27th**  
**October 4th, 11th and 18th**

*Facilitator: Rev. Lucia Cochran*

Angels are beings of light and unconditional love which are recognized and acknowledged in all faiths and cultures. Angels provide information, assist, guide and protect in a kind loving manner. On this six week journey, you will learn many different ways to call upon them in order for you to become a channel for the Angels. Watch the magic unfold in your life.

It is recommended that you purchase an Archangel Tarot Deck or Angel Oracle Cards. *Lucia recommends the Radleigh Valentines decks.*

Class one: Angels in our lives

Class two: Chakra clearing with the Angels

Class three: Automatic Writing with the Angels

Class four: Angel Tarot Overview

Class five: Mediumship using the Angel-Archangel Tarot cards

Class six: Message share using the modality with which you are most comfortable

**Members: \$120.00**

**Non-members: \$180.00**

**Fee Schedules and Class/Workshop Policies**

**Class/Workshop Policies**

\*Please read through our policies before signing up for a class.  
Register early, as class size is limited.

\*Payment for classes or workshops must be made in full AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE to ensure your spot.

Although we currently do not take credit cards, you can pay on the registration page through paypal. Paypal will take your credit card payment for us. You can also pay with a check or cash in the gift shop. If paying via mail, please enclose a self-address, stamped envelope.

\*We reserve the right to cancel any

class or workshop when fewer than the designated minimum number of students register one week prior to the class date. If you have paid for a class that we cancel, you will receive a FULL REFUND/CREDIT. Refunds for class or workshop fees are only made if the class is cancelled by us or if you cancel NO LESS THAN ONE WEEK prior to class date. We cannot be held responsible for changes in personal circumstances that prevent your participation.

**Fee Schedule**

All classes and workshops MUST be prepaid.

**Classes**

**1 Class Sessions**

Members . . . . .	\$25
Non-Members . . . . .	\$35

**4 Class Sessions**

Members . . . . .	\$80
Non-Members . . . . .	\$120

**6 Class Sessions**

Members . . . . .	\$120
Non-Members . . . . .	\$180

**8 Class Sessions**

Members . . . . .	\$160
Non-Members . . . . .	\$240

*(Note: 8 class sessions fees may be divided into 2 equal payments)*

**Lectures and Special Events:**

Members . . . . .	\$25
Non-Members . . . . .	\$35

**Regular Psychic Fair Readings:**

Members . . . . .	\$30
Non-Members . . . . .	\$30

**Workshops**

**1/2 Day In-House Workshops**

Members: . . . . .	\$60
Non-Members . . . . .	\$90

**Full Day In-House Workshops**

Members . . . . .	\$120
Non-Members . . . . .	\$180

## Ministerial Staff & Committees

### Ministerial Staff

Director . . . . .	Rev. Kathy M. Kerston
Assistant Director . . . . .	Rev. Norma Victor
. . . . .	Rev. Anna Marie Ludwig
. . . . .	Rev. Christina Fritsch
. . . . .	Rev. Thony Innocent
. . . . .	Rev. John Drinkard
. . . . .	Rev. Juan Villagran
. . . . .	Rev. Lucia Cochran
. . . . .	Rev. Pennie Roland (TN)
. . . . .	Rev. Karen Slember (FL)
. . . . .	Rev. Ellen Rochedieu

### Executive Board

President . . . . .	Mark Gallagher
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. . . . .	Robert Victor
. . . . .	Garry Gewant

### Committees & Chairpersons

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Building and Grounds . . . . .	Mark Frantz
Healing . . . . .	Terence Mulligan
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Membership . . . . .	Claire Grober Solomon
Marketing & Publicity . . . . .	Ellen Rochedieu
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Psychic Fairs . . . . .	Mark Gallagher and
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Sunshine . . . . .	Sabine Shike
Volunteers . . . . .	Rev. Norma Victor
Website . . . . .	Bob Victor

### Spiritual and Religious Needs

The Institute seeks to serve the complete individual and the whole community, for from this will come the hopes and ideals for a better world. We desire to live together in such affection as will allow us to express our individuality without being threatened by our differences.

The Institute is the center of our life together, weaving the strands of ourselves into a pattern, a design, a meaning, uniting us as companions on the journey, helping us in the pilgrimage to spiritual awareness.

The Institute facilities and Ministerial Staff are available for all of your spiritual and religious needs, including Weddings, Baptisms and Christenings, Funeral and Memorial Services, and Spiritual Counseling and Healing.

### Membership

Membership is open to all who aspire to the path of self-realization and wish to share their spiritual progress with the company of supportive and like-minded individuals. Please discuss your interest in becoming a part of our vital spiritual community with a member of the Ministerial Staff. The yearly membership fee is \$30 per individual and \$50 per family

### Education

Dedicating itself to the highest standards of achievement, knowledge, and service, the Institute for Spiritual Development recognizes the need for thorough education of its ministers and congregation. All are invited to study within the context of a viable and dynamic education system. To those called to the level of Holy Orders, the Institute offers a vigorous and extensive pursuit for spiritual and intellectual excellence.

The Institute Education Program presents a wide variety of classes, workshops, seminars, and learning experiences to stimulate spiritual growth and personal development.

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