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~ Making Sense of God, Christ, and Spirit Through 4,000 Years of Spiritualism ~

~ 135 Years and Going Strong ~

Welcome to the First Spiritual Temple's 135th season. The recent past has been challenging for us, but in our 135-year history, we have seen just about all there is to see. Each challenge has made us stronger and more committed to the mission and ministry set forth by our founder, Marcellus Seth Ayer, in 1883. With the recent passing of Rev. Fulton, many voices from Spirit have been silenced. His passing marks the end of a long history. Inspirational trance mediumship has been a vital part of our legacy since the day our Church was founded; indeed, even before it was formally established.

We have hundreds of trance discourses going back to the early 1880's. A recent search on Amazon.com revealed that someone thought enough of Volume 4 of the original trance discourse series, delivered through the mediumship of Mrs. N. J. Willis, in 1900, to have it republished. Even though Rev. Fulton is no longer with us in body, we have a wonderful collection of Sunday morning trance sermons and other addresses given by spirit; enough to fill several volumes. Rev. Simeon is busily engaged in compiling these addresses into both written and audio formats. It's a laborious task, but, truly, a labor of love. It's being done in honor of the spiritual legacy of our Church and in honor of Rev. Fulton and his guides.

Web Site: Our web site continues to draw many visitors, with some rather intriguing questions coming our way. It's obvious that people recognize the quality and integrity of the Temple's teachings, and we are more than happy to share what we can with an inquiring global community.

We are looking at making some changes and updates to the web site, but we want to keep its overall look and feel, as they reflect our past and long-term history.

Bookstore: The Temple's online bookstore is also doing quite well (now that more than a few bugs have been exterminated), with both the *Journey of the Soul* and the *Study Guide to Mediumship* topping the list of sales. Both publications have recently been updated, with the Study Guide taking on a new look. There is much more available through our online bookstore. So, why not check it out:

www.fst.org/bookstore.htm

New Facility: The Trustees have decided to hold off on seeking a new facility for the Church. We feel it is important to build up a family and congregation before purchasing a new Temple. As has always been the case, God and Spirit will guide us to the right place, just at the right time.

Currently, we are renting space in what was once a barn. It's a far cry from the "elegance" and spaciousness of our Brookline Temple. It's rather quaint and rustic, but with some modifications and cleaning up, we created an atmosphere full of Spirit. In some ways, it's almost like going back to the days before the Boston Temple was built, when meetings were held in Marcellus Ayer's home. **Yes, indeed, this is a new beginning!**

Rev. Fulton's Memorial Service: The first "public" event to be held at our new space was, appropriately, the Memorial Service for Rev. Fulton, on August 5, 2017. A good number of people attended, and everyone commented on the warmth and rustic charm of the sanctuary.

It's amazing how the energy of a place can be transferred from one location to another. When one steps into the sanctuary, one immediately feels the spirit of both the original Boston and the Brookline Temples. The service was followed by fellowship and a lovely array of food and refreshments.

Sittings with Rev. Simeon

Rev. Simeon continues to offer private mediumistic sittings on Thursdays and Fridays. Sittings run for 45-50 minutes, with a suggested donation of \$75. People can schedule an appointment by calling:

774-338-5677

Seeking Speakers/Teachers/Mediums

Part of our plan is to expand the scope of teaching within the Temple. If you know of any speaker, teacher, or medium who might be interested in serving the Temple (or, if you would like to serve), you can contact Rev. Simeon, via e-mail, at:

revsimeon@fst.org

Please include full name and contact information of the referral, along with what areas of expertise he or she is engaged in.

Rev. Simeon will then contact the person and set up an appointment to meet. Areas in which we are seeking to expand include the following:

- Interfaith issues and ideals.
- Healing techniques, other than those found within traditional Spiritualism.
- Animal rights issues.
- Evidential and trance mediumship.
- Eastern beliefs and philosophies.
- Judaic-Christian-Islamic concepts.

Global Circle Link

We are pleased to announce the formal inauguration of our **Global Circle Link**. Here is an opportunity for development circles (mental, physical, and healing) to come together and share in their experiences, while receiving down-to-earth and time-tested instruction and guidance. Our Church has been actively engaged in the promulgation and teaching of mediumship since its inception, in 1883.

The **Global Circle Link** is open to home and church/society development circles from around the globe. For further information, a brochure, and registration form, you may visit our website and click onto [Global Circle Link](#).

Online Registration

You can now download fliers, register, and donate for all classes and courses online at:

www.fst.org/events.htm

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