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Rev. Stephen Fulton **1942 - 2017**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rev. Stephen Fulton on June 16, 2017.

Rev. Fulton was appointed Trustee and ordained minister of the First Spiritual Temple on March 31, 1977. His 40 years of service to God, Christ, and Spirit played a major role in the resurrection and expansion of our church. As a trance medium, he brought forth an amazing abundance of wisdom, guidance, and inspiration. As a physical medium, many remarkable manifestations of Spirit power were demonstrated through him.

Despite his many years of chronic pain and multiple diabetic-related problems, he carried on his work valiantly, both as Trustee and Pastor of the church. He was truly an example of what obstacles and hardships one can overcome by engaging the true power of the Spirit within.

Beyond his ministerial and administrative duties, Rev. Stephen was a great lover of flea markets and yard sales. It was that love which encouraged him to guide the church into hosting two yearly church fairs which quickly became known as one of the most elegant and professionally run in the town of Brookline.

His deep understanding of Biblical Spiritualism was evident in the many classes and seminars which he presented over the years on a variety of subjects dealing with both Old and New Testament concepts, philosophies, and spirituality.

As a trance medium, his band of Spirit guides

helped countless people embrace their own hardships and come to grips with them, in the understanding that God never gives us more than we can handle. It was this profound love for God and Spirit that became the hallmark of everything which Rev. Fulton did, both inside the walls of the First Spiritual Temple and in the general community.

Despite our great loss and feeling of sadness, we rejoice in knowing that Rev. Fulton is at long last free from physical hardship and pain.

We celebrate his life, his love, and his commitment to everything which the First Spiritual Temple stands for. We also celebrate the reunion with his family, his guides and workers, and all those who served our church since its inception on June 28, 1883.

~ As We Move On ~

There is so much on the planning board for the First Spiritual Temple. The past few months have seen some changes and much-needed updates on the church website, along with a wonderful resurgence of internet sales of our teaching material.

Both the ***Journey of the Soul*** and the ***Study Guide to Mediumship*** have been updated, with a new format and look to the Guide. Rev. Simeon is currently engaged in putting together four new teaching manuals:

Study Guide to Physical Mediumship. This is an exciting project and nearly completed.

Study Guide to Spiritual Healing. An in-depth study of the principles of spiritual healing and how to work effectively with God's healing energies.

Church Training Manual for Spiritual Healing. A much-needed guide for churches on the ins and outs of training members in working as a healing channel within the church environment.

Spiritualism: Religion; Science; Philosophy. This will be an update to the original 2008 version.

Currently, the church is renting office space in East Sandwich, Massachusetts. Our hope is to have a proper church and educational facility on Cape Cod by the close of this calendar year. As wonderful as the Brookline Temple was, it never quite suited our needs. With God's and Spirit's help, we will find just the right place to continue in our work. We have Rev. Fulton to thank for assuring and securing the church's future.

~ A Community of Circles ~

In the early 1880's, there was established a community of mediumistic development circles called the **National Development Circle**. Its purpose was to bring together, as best they could in those days, home development circles, in order to share ideas and exchange methods of development for the, then, relatively new resurgence of mediumship. Historical records indicate that it did quite well and was instrumental not only in helping people develop mediumship, but also in spreading the concepts and philosophies of Modern Spiritualism.

Our founder, Marcellus Ayer, was an avid supporter of this progressive group. The newsletter of the National Development Circle was called **The Sower**; a name we use today for our news bulletin.

In the time-honored tradition of the First Spiritual Temple, we are pleased to announce the resurrection of the NDC, under the name of **Global Circle Link**. Its purpose is similar to that of the original NDC; to create:

A global community of development circles, dedicated to sharing and promulgating the truths concerning mediumship and its development.

As tempted as we are to take advantage of today's social media, we want the Global Circle

Link to be a personal source of guidance and inspiration, set up to serve the particular needs of each of its member circles. Therefore, communication with our member circles will be via e-mail and surface mail. This will assure addressing personal needs and issues, directly and in confidence.

For further information and a registration form, please click "Global Circle Link" on our Home Page.

~ Course/Class Plans for the Autumn ~

Journey of the Soul Classes: This series of weekly classes has been the most popular series in our church's history.

School for Mediumship: Another popular ten-week series on the basics of mediumship and development.

Astrology for Beginner's: This will be a new venture for the Temple; one to which we look forward.

The Aura and What It Tells Us: An examination of the human aura and how to develop auric vision.

Monthly Message Circle: A gathering of no more than 10 people, sitting in a circle, with a medium offering Spirit communication to each person. These meetings will be conducted by Rev. Simeon and invited guest mediums.

Monthly Full Moon Meditation: A time to sit quietly in a guided meditation, specific to the esoteric symbolism of each of the monthly full moons. A time of peace, healing, and connection with the Cosmos.

Until we purchase our own facility, we will be limited in space. At this time, we must restrict participation in each of our events to a maximum of TEN people. Therefore, preregistration for all events is required. Thank you for understanding.

Registration Information on All Upcoming Programs Will be Forthcoming!