

# THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION



**Portland Spiritualist Church**    **October 2019**

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Portland Spiritualist Church is to promote the science, philosophy and religion of Modern Spiritualism and its nine principles.

As Spiritualists, we serve those seeking conformation of, and comfort in, the concepts of continuity of life and Natural Law.

Through Spirit communications, teaching, hands-on-healing, and public service we bring the light and wisdom of Infinite Intelligence to our community.

## FROM THE DESK

A few years ago, at one of our Church Board Meetings, one of the Board members pulled out a poster of the Dalai Lama and noted that it would be nice for us to put it up in the Church. Without discussion or debate, (not very presidential, I know) I said no.

Please, don't get me wrong. I think that the Dalai Lama is probably one of the most spiritually centered and aware people on this planet. To meet and talk with him would be the highlight of my life. But I'm pretty sure that there isn't a picture of Harrison D. Barrett hanging in any Buddhist Temple anywhere.

Spiritualism is a religion that needs to realize and remain attached to its own identity. In these times of New Age spirituality, crystal healing, tarot medical diagnosis (this probably isn't a real thing) and any of the other pathways offered by so many people and modalities, we as Spiritualists need to remain true to the core of our religion.

The first path is to understand and strive to achieve our nine Principles. This is the foundation of Modern Spiritualism. They are nine simple guidelines that declare our belief, our affirmations and how we should be living on this plane of existence.

Life (self-awareness) is a continuous process that we are living now. When the machinery of our bodies stops, we move on to newer fields. We know that this is a fact because mediums



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scientifically prove it to us when they act as conduits for the Infinite and the loved ones on the other side of the shade (dead, should you not get my metaphor). This communication is done without tools and without ego. As I've said many times before, mediums are only the paint, Infinite Intelligence is the artist. A wonderful physical healing isn't because of the ability of the healer, it's because of the strength of the energy accepted by the subject and supplied by Infinite Intelligence.

We are grateful for the messages that are offered to us by Spirit, but we also realize that messages aren't the important part of any reading or greeting. What is important to Spiritualists is the proof of continuity of life.

We live our lives following the physical and spiritual rules of the Infinite (Nature in this instance). We see and hear these rules every day as we live our lives. The first are the physical rules of where we live. Gravity always works, the sun, so far, always rises in the East, spring follows winter and all matter is made up of little vibrating atoms which are made up of little vibrating protons and neutrons which are made up of other little vibrating things. As mankind advances and adds new rules regarding the physical, Spiritualism adds these new rules to Natural Law and sees how they apply to our religion. Usually, these new changes are things that we already knew anyway.

Then there are the Spiritual Laws of Nature that always work on us. You can't break these laws since like gravity, they are immutable. But working with these laws bring you a much better outcome than working against them. We know that if we see and seek the positive in life, positive things will happen. (I'm still working on that one!). We know that like attracts like. "Opposites attract" only just works with magnets. We know that the best way to live our lives is to treat everyone around us the same way that we'd like them to treat us. Like the Rolling Stones:" You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get what you need". Do not expect the Infinite to bring you great material things like wealth and fame. It will, however, bring to you the things in life that you need if you really want them.

I know that this sounds like a rant. (Good catch! It is!) But I've been a Spiritualist for over 30 years, and like the little Dutch Boy, I see the cracks and want to repair them. Our religion changes as the Laws of Nature change. Our religion should not change as the laws and whims of humans change. We have been struggling for over 150 years to maintain the truth of Infinite Intelligence. Let's all work together to maintain that truth for the rest of our time on this planet.

Mike Carter



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## ***Classes, Services and Events***

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### **Sunday Services 10:30AM**

October 6<sup>th</sup> / Rose Osborn CM / Augusta  
Spiritualist Church

October 13<sup>th</sup> / Rev. Patty Palmer CM/ Harrison  
D. Barrett Church, Bangor

October 20<sup>th</sup> / Ralph Parks / Harrison D.  
Barrett Church, Bangor / Mike Carter will be  
the medium

October 27<sup>th</sup> / Inga Olsen MPI / Portland  
Spiritualist Church

November 3<sup>rd</sup> / Diane Whiton / speaker  
PSC Student mediums.

### **Friday Classes 7:30PM**

October 4<sup>th</sup> / Mediumship Development  
“Psychometry” / Rev. Beth Carter CH, CM

October 11<sup>th</sup> / Mini Readings / 15 minute  
readings for \$15

October 18<sup>th</sup> / Meditation and Mediumship /  
Lance Cyr

October 25<sup>th</sup> / Movie Night / Spiritual Movie

KEY: CM-Certified Medium / MPI-Morris Pratt Institute  
Student / Rev.- Reverend / NST- National Spiritualist  
Teacher / CH- Commissioned Healer / LM-Licentiate Minister  
/ M-Missionary



**Inspire: I'm so glad I live in a world where  
there are Octobers. *Anne of Green Gables* by:  
L.M. Montgomery**



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## ***A Few Things to Remember***

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**Editor:** We are looking for an individual to be the editor of the “Spiritual Connection”. The editor should be versed in Windows 10 and willing to seek out information for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Mike Carter.

**Submissions:** We’re always looking for new material to put into the newsletter. If you have items that you think will be interesting in a newsletter, you can submit them to the new editor or for the time being to Mike at [retrac55@peoplepc.com](mailto:retrac55@peoplepc.com)

**Meditation In Motion:** Don’t forget that Joao Bordallo presents his “Meditation in Motion” classes every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3. There is a class **every Monday** beginning at 4:00 PM and going to 5:15. A \$10 donation is suggested, but no one is turned away. It’s a great time to get in some light movements and meditation.

**ATTENTION: THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES BETWEEN OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> . JOAO WILL BE OUT OF TOWN.**

*All presentations are made for comparative, informational, and educational purposes and may not reflect the teachings of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.*

### **MEDITATION IN MOTION / JOAO BORDALLO**



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Next Board Meeting Date: August 21st @ 7:00 PM

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# A Great Spiritualist Healer

From: <http://www.spiritualpathspiritualistchurch.org/harry-edwards-spiritual-healer/>

## HARRY EDWARDS: Spiritual Healer



Harry Edwards was born in London in 1893, the son of a printer and one of nine children. In 1907 he left school to begin a seven-year apprenticeship to become printer but was dissatisfied with the career. He became active in politics, but when World War I broke out, he enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment. He returned to England in 1921, married and had four children. He and his wife, Phyllis, opened a stationer's shop and printing works to support the family. Edwards tried to launch himself into a political career but had no success.

Edwards had no interest in spiritual healing until he attended a meeting at a Spiritualist Church in 1936. He was told by the mediums that he had healing powers. Encouraged by them, he practiced as a healer while running the printing business. His healings were so successful that his reputation spread. With the outbreak of the Second World War, Harry joined the Home Guard and provided healing to members of the Armed Forces and even his own son. His healing sessions continued, despite the bombing of his house and the loss of all his distant healing patients' records. After the war his fame spread. The family moved to Stoneleigh in Surry and he opened a healing sanctuary in his home.

Edwards claimed that several scientists worked through him, including Lord Lister and Louis Pasteur. The number of people seeking healing increased and Edwards could no longer accommodate them in his small home. In 1946, the family moved into a larger house in Burrows Lea. The house sat on several acres and he eventually created the Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary. By that point, he was receiving 10,000 letters a week and conducting distance healing.

During the 1940s and 50s, Edwards drew crowds of thousands to his healing demonstrations. In 1955 he founded and was the first President of the National Federation of Spiritual Healers. When the Archbishops' Commission on Divine Healing was set up in 1953, Edwards addressed the Commission, providing it with documented evidence of a number of successful healings. The Commission's report rejected any claims of spiritual healing. A study in the British Medical Journal by Rose in 1954 could not verify any of Edwards healing claims.

The reputation of Harry Edwards and Spiritual Healing continued to grow and vast numbers of people from all over the world continued to contact the Sanctuary. Harry Edwards died in December 1976, aged 83.

If you want more information, you can go to the Harry Edwards web site:

<https://www.harryedwardshealingsanctuary.org.uk>