

Church of Peace A Spiritualist Center Newsletter December 2022



A Message from the Director of Church of Peace

CHARVONNE CARLSON, NST, CM, CH



Hello All,

The season of giving is upon us. Remember that during the holiday season let us be mindful of those who are alone, sad and/or have challenges during this time of year. Let us be benevolent in Spirit, Kind in words and show grace in our actions.

This month there are many activities happening to bring Holiday Cheer to all.

What are your plans? I am attending a city wide meditation in the New Year. I will be visiting with family and friends. Attending the annual Candlelight service held by the NSAC Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society. And hope to catch a tour of a Victorian Mansion decorated for the Holidays.

We will be holding service the morning of December 25th. It will be our candle-light service. During the meditation portion we will honor our loved ones who have transitioned with a prayer and a moment of silence. We will read their names as we hold a candle. Please bring a candle, (real or battery operated), to this service.

We have an ask? We are looking for articles, jokes, recipes and children related contributions for our monthly newsletter. If you would like to contribute, take a look at the different sections of our newsletter and email: churchofpeacespiritu-al@gmail.com by the 3rd week of the month. We will gladly feature it in our newsletter.

Many Blessings,

Charvonne

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH

Director, Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC Board Trustee

REMEMBER OUR NEWSLETTER
IS INTERACTIVE,

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CHURCH OF PEACE: WHO WE ARE?

Church of Peace is a Spiritualist Online Church, registered with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches,

We focus on the educational and spiritual development of Spiritualists through the foundation of Modern American Spiritualism.

"Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality." – Carl Sagan

Service Information

Sundays

9 am CST

Contact

Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 11th at 10 am CST (after 9 am service).

Please look for an email and zoom link sent the week of.

We will discuss and plan the events of 2023.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If interested in joining our church, please fill out a membership application below

General Membership Application

(for other memberships see website)

Annual dues for Church of Peace is \$30 .00

for General Membership

Contact churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

for membership information.

DONATIONS:

Are you interested in donating to our church?

There are a couple of ways you can help:

Using our PayPal link:

Churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

CLICK TO DONATE

Through the Mail to:

Church of Peace
A Spiritualist Center, NSAC
2445 S. 82nd Street
West Allis, WI 53219



Please see our EventBrite page for a listing of our classes and events at https://www.eventbrite.com/o/church-of-peace-a-spiritualist-center-nsac-



December Heritage and Cultural Month

December 1st- World Aids Day

December 2nd—International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 3rd: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 7th: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 10th: Universal Declarations of Human Rights or Human

Rights Day

December 18th: the 8 days of Hanuhhak starts today

December 21st: Winter Solstice and the start of the 12 days of Yule

December 25th: Christian holiday of Christmas December 26th: Start of the 7 days of Kwanzaa

December 29th: Wounded Knee Massacre Remembrance

December 31st: New Years' Eve



Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC
Sunday Morning Service
Speaker and Medium
Allison E Bell
December 18th, 2022
9 am CST



Allison E Bell is a member of Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center NSAC. She serves as medium, on the pastoral committee and is the church Vice President. And is the chair of the NSAC Ethics Committee.

She will bring us an Inspiring address and will demonstrate mediumship by bringing Spirit Greetings.

Please join us.

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CHURCH OF PEACE MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

Catch our members' events and classes with other Spiritual churches and organizations

Charvonne Carlson, NST, CM, CH events:

- Serving the First Spiritualist Church of Salem on December 4th
- Serving the Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis on December 18th

Dr. Rosemary Calderalo, EdD, NST, OM, CM CH events:

- Serving the Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, VA from January 13-15, 2023, offering a trance demonstration and teaching mediumship in addition to serving the platform.
- Exploring Trance: a one-year course through the Inner Spiritual Center, hybrid so students can be online or in person. For more info: https://www.innerspiritualcenter.org/2023-trance-courses

Let us welcome our newest members to the Church of Peace community:

Tim H.

Michaella W.

Holiday sweet treats



Hershey Kisses Peanut Butter Cookies

1 cup of peanut butter

1/2 cup of sugar

1/2 cup of brown sugar

1 egg

1 bag of hershey's kisses

Mix peanut butter, sugar and egg until it is a doughlike consistency.

Shape into medium sized balls.

Place balls on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Press a hershey's kiss on top of each ball.

Bake at 350 for 8 to 10 minutes





Church of Peace, A Spiritualist Center is dedicated to the research of Spiritualism.

Through our research we discovered that the Rev. Bertha Crear, was the First Black American Spiritualist to hold credentials with the National Spiritualist Association and Spiritualist National Union in 1922. We were able to gather information about her and her contributions to Spiritualism. While researching, we discovered that there was only a cement number marking her burial spot in Columbus, Ohio. This saddened us.

We decided to have a fundraiser to purchase her a headstone.

If you feel moved to contribute, you can use PayPal:

churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com

The ultimate goal is \$3,500 for the headstone including the taxes and fees associated with it.

Holiday dishes to delight

Easy Chicken Pot Pie

Teresa Holderfield

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pack of boneless chicken tenders
- 2 cans Veg-All mixed vegetables
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- ½ soup can of half and half
- 2 pie shells

Preheat oven to 400. Cook chicken.

Mix all ingredients in a baking dish.

Top with pie crust. Cook until

bubbling and crust is golden brown, about 10-15 minutes.

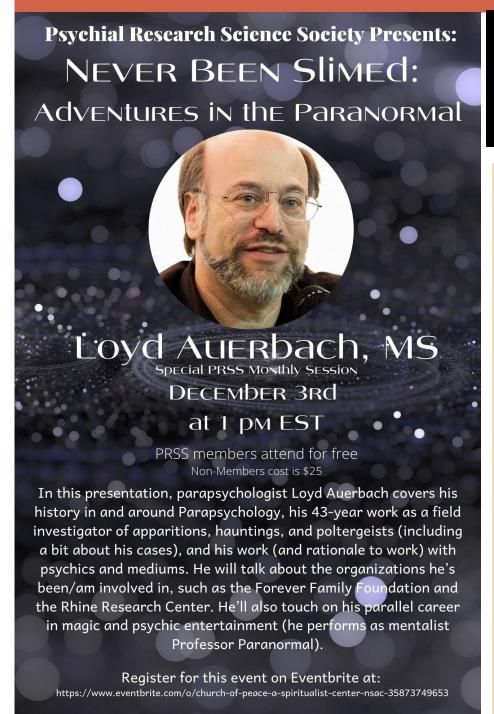
Dip fingertips in flour, smear on your clothes and face and look exhausted!





CHURCH OF PEACE PSYCHICAL RESEARCH SCIENCE SOCIETY DISCLAIMER

The views and opinions expressed by Presenters do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Church of Peace, PRSS or the NSAC.



Reminder

January 1. 2023 meeting is cancelled due to the New Year's Holiday.

Resources/Articles related to Psychical Research

- 1. <u>Spirituality and the Paranormal: Scientific Papers</u>
- 2. <u>PIRO investigates possibly paranormal activity on campus</u>
- 3. <u>Nighttime paranormal investigations</u> <u>lead dozens to the Old</u> Idaho Penitentiary
- 4. <u>Paranormal Investigators: Exploring a</u>
 <u>Positive Social Construct through Paranormal Belief and Investigation.</u>
- 5. New Psychological Research Says Paranormal Experiences are the norm not the exception
- 6. <u>Links between paranormal beliefs and</u> cognitive function
- 7. Psychical research in the history and philosophy of science
- 8. The experimental evidence for parapsychological phenomena by E. Cardena
- 9. <u>Selected Websites on Parapsychology</u> and the Occult Sciences
- 10. <u>Early Studies in Parapsychology at</u> Duke
- 11. Books about Parapsychology

Check out and subscribe to Church of Peace YouTube Channel

for past lyceums, services and discussions at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulMYzK67Bmy KS tEcgyUw/featured



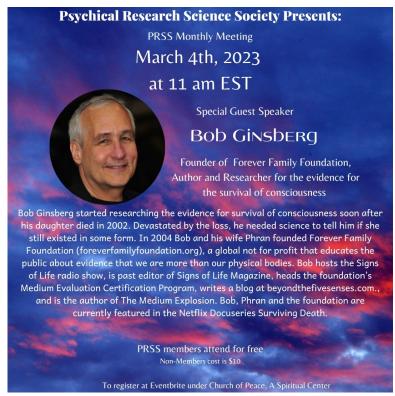


CHURCH OF PEACE PSYCHICAL RESEARCH SCIENCE SOCIETY

In following Spiritualism, Church of Peace started a Psychical Research Science Society. This society will meet once a month to discuss the study, research and findings of phenomena. This society will have membership dues of \$10 annually. These dues will help pay for guest speakers, opportunities to study with groups and scientist and classes that can be offered through the society. Membership is offered to all people regardless of church or religion. Our goal is to shed light on the current studies, scientific findings, technology and groups that have proven the existence of life after physical death. We hope you consider joining.

The meetings will be on the First Saturday of the month







Check out the November PRSS Meeting

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Janet Decker, CHT

Clinical Hypnotherapist, Spiritualist Minister, Medium, Teacher and Dean of Metaphysics at Metaphysical University

Click on the image to be directed to the YouTube video at https://





Equal Spirits

Equal Spirits focuses on equality among all living spirits. In the mission of Spiritualism, Church of Peace's goal is to create an equal and diverse community and presence in our global majority world. Our center focuses on topics each month that reflect our belief in celebrating the heritage and contributions of all people.

We are looking for articles, information on events or organizations and even news about topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion. If you are interested in contributing to our newsletter or website please message us at churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com.

"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" by Allison E. Bell



of all other ETHNICITIES

The Movement

Have you seen the acronym MMIW and wondered what the letters stood for? MMIW is a movement, and the letters stand for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The red handprint across a woman's face in a photograph or drawing represents the MMIW movement. Like other women from groups of color, you rarely see stories about these women in the news and when you do, it is usually for a very brief period. There is a crisis right outside of our collective scope of vision that deserves and needs to be talked about with resources given to fighting this issue and educating the public at large. What is dangerous to one is dangerous to all!

Statistics

Murder rates for Indigenous women are ten times the national average in the United States. In a 2017 Center for Disease Control study, it was found that homicide was the leading cause of death for indigenous girls ages one through nineteen and the sixth cause of death for indigenous women aged twenty to fourth-four. A study funded by the National Institute of Justice by showed that four out five indigenous women in the United States were the victim of violence during their lifetime. This is a much higher

rate than that of women of other ethnic backgrounds.

The states with the top ten largest populations of Native Americans include in the order of largest to smallest: Arizona; California; Oklahoma; New Mexico; Texas; North Carolina; Alaska; Washington; South Dakota and New York. Arizona's indigenous women are at a high risk for many reasons: (1) They are near the border of Mexico; (2) They are fetishized; (3) They are targets for human trafficking; and (4) numerous jurisdictions issues. Arizona is the home of twenty-two federally recognized tribes. Jurisdiction is a complicated issue in all states with federally recognized tribes, but even more so when there are many tribes in a state. This is because there are so many potential jurisdictions that could have an interest in the matter of a missing or murdered indigenous person. Such jurisdictions include the federal government, state government, local government that is non-tribal and local tribal government.

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Since it is not a crime for an adult to go missing voluntarily, law enforcement agencies do not begin looking for missing adults with the same vigor and sense of urgency as they would a child. When you add race, gender and socioeconomic factors into the mix, the efforts frequently diminish exponentially. In a perfect world, every human would be valued and valued equally. We have never lived in a perfect world. We live in a world where the word "equity" is misunderstood and the concept is completely beyond true comprehension and impossible for many to visualize or hope for. In the television program "Alaska Daily" staring Hilary Swank, there is an episode where blonde, white woman and dark-haired indigenous woman go missing around the same period. The newspaper covers both stories and highlights the stark differences in the search for each woman.

At the end of the 2017 movie *Wind River* which takes place on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming, a note states ".....that missing persons statistics are kept for every demographic group except for Native American women, whose numbers remain unknown." The movie is about a missing and murdered indigenous woman. A sequel to the movie entitled *Wind River: The Next Chapter* will begin filming in 2023.

The rates of missing and murdered indigenous women in Canada are also higher than their national average.

Government Involvement

On March 1, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022, a bipartisan legislation passed by Congress as part of the Omnibus appropriations package. The VAWA has been one of the driving forces of his career. As a U.S. senator, he wrote and championed the original act which was passed into law in 1994. The Act has been modified on multiple occasions. The following statement was taken from the Fact Sheet on the act and can be found on the White House website at www.whitehouse.gov.

"The 2022 reauthorization of VAWA strengthens this landmark law, including by:

- Reauthorizing all current VAWA grant programs until 2027 and, in many cases, increasing authorization levels.
- Expanding special criminal jurisdiction of Tribal courts to cover non-Native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, sex trafficking, and assaults on tribal law enforcement officers on tribal lands; and supporting the development of a pilot project to enhance access to safety for survivors in Alaska Native villages.
- Increasing services and support for survivors from underserved and marginalized communities—including
 for LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; funding survivorcentered, community-based restorative practice services; and increasing support for culturally specific services and services in rural communities.
- Establishing a federal civil cause of action for individuals whose intimate visual images are disclosed without their consent, allowing a victim to recover damages and legal fees; creating a new National Resource
 Center on Cybercrimes Against Individuals; and supporting State, Tribal, and local government efforts to
 prevent and prosecute cybercrimes, including cyberstalking and the nonconsensual distribution of intimate
 images.
- Improving prevention and response to sexual violence, including through increased support for the Rape
 Prevention and Education Program and Sexual Assault Services Program; expansion of prevention education for students in institutions of higher education; and enactment of the Fairness for Rape Kit Backlog
 Survivors Act, which requires state victim compensation programs to allow sexual assault survivors to file
 for compensation without being unfairly penalized due to rape kit backlogs.
- Strengthening the application of evidence-based practices by law enforcement in responding to gender-based violence, including by promoting the use of trauma-informed, victim-centered training and improving homicide reduction initiatives.



Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner



Protect ICWA Campaign

The <u>Protect ICWA Campaign</u> was established by the <u>National Indian Child Welfare Association</u>, the <u>National Congress of American Indians</u>, the <u>Association on American Indian Affairs</u>, and the <u>Native American Rights Fund</u>. The ICWA Campaign works to serve and support Native children, youth, and families through upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The Campaign works to inform policy, legal, and communications strategies with the mission to uphold and protect ICWA. <u>Sign a petition to protect ICWA</u>

Sign up for the Protect ICWA newsletter Follow @protecticwa on Instagram



Check out Psychic Kids United for lessons on how to help your gifted child and ways to learn how to work with your child if they show signs of being an empath, psychic, or a medium:

Click the logo to know more.

Check out a new organization that supports children with developing intuitive abilities and helps parents understand their child's unique gifts



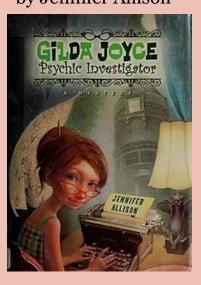
Highly Intuitive Kids

https://www.highlyintuitivekids.com/



Book of the Month

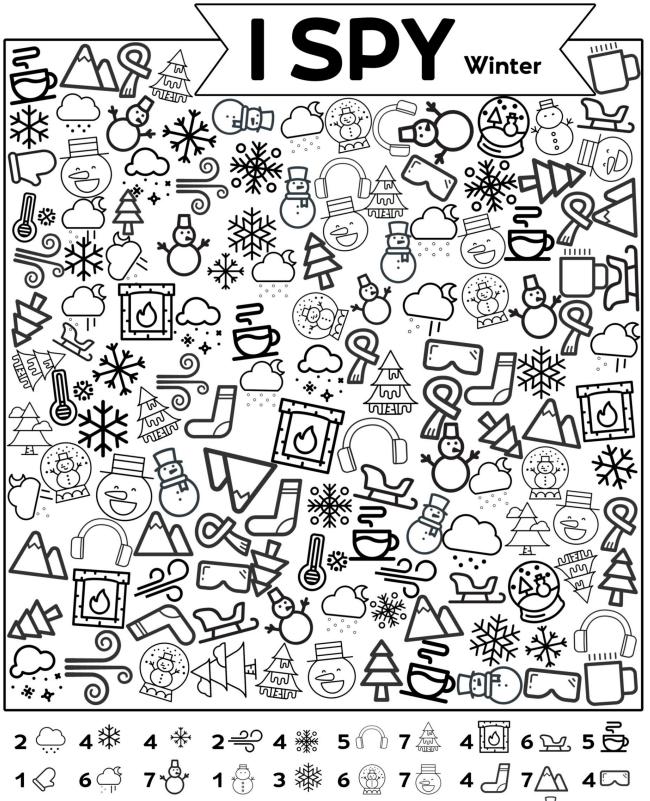
<u>Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator</u> by Jennifer Allison



Ever since her father died, quirky Gilda Joyce has been working hard to sharpen her psychic skills. She's determined to communicate with spirits from the Other Side and become a crack investigator of spooky, twisted mysteries. For ages 8-12



Church of Peace's Children's Lyceum Corner



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HEALING REQUESTS

Church of Peace would like to remind members to send all healing requests to <u>churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com</u> by Tuesday each week. Please use first names only.

During our Sunday service we will read the names aloud so our healers and members can send healing energy to those in need.

Remember the fourth Sunday of the month at 8 am CST is a healing service is offered by the Church of Peace.

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." - Denis Waitley

SPIRITUALISM: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW



Yeshua of Nazareth, A Spiritual Healer, Medium, and Teacher (4 B.C. to 30 A.D.) by Angela Gunshore, MA

Spiritualists have always acknowledged the history connected to the man named Yeshua. Spiritualists believe that Yeshua or Jesus was a rabbi and scholar of Judaism and Spirituality, a known healer, a medium and prophet who demonstrated both physical and mental phenomena, and a teacher whose words have inspired millions of people over the last two thousand years.

Yeshua was raised in the Jewish faith during the time of the Roman Republic and lived in different areas of the Middle East. He stayed faithful to his Jewish beliefs throughout his life. He never proclaimed himself a god or asked people to pray to him, but he encouraged people to love unconditionally. He encouraged those on earth to live better and to forgive others. He appealed to the common people of his time because he discussed that the spiritual afterlife was one of peace, healing and love and that anyone can

access. Yeshua rejected materialism, chastised any religious leader who displayed greed and encouraged a humble and simple existence. His spiritual views were not often accepted and usually feared by those in power. This fear led to his murder.

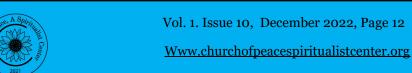
During his life, Yeshua was recorded as inspiring love, light, and reformation to all who listened. He was a social activist who accepted those that society rejected, and he socialized and worked with the outcasts, the unclean and believed in equality. He worked with both genders as disciples in his ministry which was proven by archeologists in modern times with discovery of writings about Yeshua/Jesus, from women authors like Mary of Magdalena.

Spiritualists know that everyone is connected to Infinite Intelligence and is reminded by Yeshua, of this belief, when he referred to his followers as being his brothers and sisters. His teachings confirm that anyone could develop a relationship with the God/ Infinite Intelligence and spoke publicly about how this connection was accessible and available to all at anytime.

The man known as Jesus of Nazareth demonstrated physical phenomenon through out his life. His final phenomena documented through his appearance to his family and friends after his burial, not only proved the existence of life after death, but that life continues beyond the physical world. Due to the eyewitness accounts of Yeshua/Jesus's teachings, healing, mediumship, and physical phenomena, Spiritualists celebrate his birth on this earth and the phenomena of his resurrection from the dead.

Spiritualists do participate in holidays with other groups who honor the memory of Yeshua or Jesus the Nazarene but differs from other religions that celebrate his life. Spiritualists do not view Yeshua as a god or a savior. Spiritualists know that individuals should take personal responsibility for their actions while on this earth and make a change when needed. Spiritualists believe that an individual creates their own happiness and unhappiness. Learning about Yeshua and his teachings only confirms for Spiritualists that they can heal and correct their own life and choose to live better in this world or the next.





COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The following articles are highlighted in the Church of Peace newsletter to educate the members on activities around the world that involve topics related to Spiritualism and Diversity. We encourage sharing resources. Please email any suggested articles, books, videos, classes or links to churchofpeacespiritual@gmail.com that could be added in future e-newsletters. Reminder that many of the articles do not express the views of Church of Peace or the NSAC. Click on the individual article links to learn more.

ARTICLES

15 Signs that Suggest you have an Empath Child & How to Embrace the Gift by Pragati Chauhan

Is My Child An Empath? 16 Signs They Probably Are

How To Tell If You Have A Psychic Child And 10 Ways You Can Support Them

<u>Is Your Child Psychic? Here's How To Tell</u>

How To Help A Psychic Child - Resources & Guides by Amanda Linette Meder

How to Help a Child Who Sees Ghosts Anna Sayce

How to Talk to Your Children About Ghosts: The Do's and Don'ts Debi Chestnut

<u>My Top Ten Tips on Raising Psychic Children</u> Debra Lynne Katz

The Indigo Evolution Documentary by Kent Romney and James Twyman

Can a Spiritualist Accept the Teaching of Jesus? by the NSAC

What is the difference between spirituality and religiosity?

Perceived outcomes of spiritual healing and explanations by M. Teut

37 Best Gifts for Spiritual People To Help Expand Their Minds

100 Best Spiritual Books - Read This Twice

NSAC NEWSLETTER

To be informed on the latest activities, events and movements in the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, please read their newsletter at the link below

Newsletter



"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women" by Allison E. Bell con't

- Improving the healthcare system's response to domestic violence and sexual assault, including through enhanced training for sexual assault forensic examiners.
- Updating the SMART Prevention Program and the CHOOSE Youth Program to reduce dating violence, help children who have been exposed to domestic violence, and engage men in preventing violence.
- Enacting the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Denial Notification Act
 to help state law enforcement investigate and prosecute cases against individuals legally prohibited from purchasing firearms who try to do so."

May 5th is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. A presidential proclamation was signed by President Biden on May 4, 2022. The day May 5th was selected in honor of the birthday of Hanna Harris who was a Northen Cheyene woman who disappeared from her home in Montana in 2013 at the age of twenty-one.

Call to Action

This article barely scrapes the surface of this subject that deserves so much attention. Please take the time to learn more by visiting the websites listed below and watching some of the films and programs also listed. Each source leads you to more sources of information and ways to get involved. December 5th is International Volunteer Day. Sharing the information that you have learned is a simple, but wonderful act of volunteerism.

<u>RESOURCES</u>

These are some of the organizations that are bringing awareness to this issue:

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women www.csvanw.org

Amnesty International Canada <u>www.amnesty.ca</u>

Indian Law Resource Center www.nativelaw.org

Native Hope www.nativehope.org

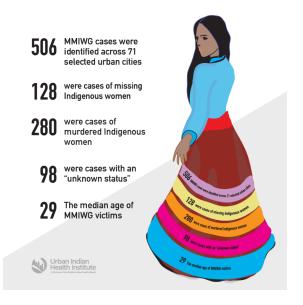
Native Women's Association of Canada www.nwac.ca

Drag the Red

Urban Indian Health Institute www.uihi.org

These are some films and shows on this topic:

- "Wind River" 2017 American film featuring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen
- •"This River" 2016 Canadian short film
- •The Search: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/ Fault Lines YouTube "Al Jazeera English" channel
- •"Vanished: America's Missing Indigenous Women" YouTube "Unreported World"
- "Taken: Canada's Missing Women" YouTube "Real Stories" channel
- "Trawling Winnipeg's Rivers for the Bodies of Unsolved Murder Cases" YouTube "Vice" channel
- "Why Are Indigenous Women Missing in Canada?" YouTube "SBS Dateline" channel
- "Where Women Go Missing in Canada" YouTube "VPRO Documentary" channel
- "Highway of Tears: The Unsolved Serial Murders of Aboriginal Women" YouTube "Real Crime" channel
- "Alaska Daily" ABC drama series on Hulu





DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES

- 1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
- 2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
- 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.



HEALING PRAYER

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.

JANUARY EVENTS

Psychical Research Science Society meeting is held the **first** Saturday of the month

Lyceum is held every **fourth** Thursday of the month

Spiritualist Mediumship Circle, second and fourth Saturdays at 6 pm.

Healing Meditation Service is the 4th Sunday morning at 8 am

Register for all events at https://www.eventbrite.com/o/church-of-peace-a-spiritualist-center-nsac-35873749653

