

**As You
Believe, So
Shall It Be!!!**



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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

23 Feb: Committees Mtg.

Carmel Church 11:00

15 Mar: Board of Directors Mtg.

10 May: Special Membership Mtg.

12 Jul: Board Mtg.

13 Sep: Board Mtg./Teacher's Orientation

26-28 Sep: Fall Retreat

11 Oct: Board Mtg.

13 Dec: Annual Mtg. & Holiday Party

ANNUAL MEETING

The Global Religious Science Ministries Annual Meeting was held January 12 at the home to President, Rev. Lisa Marks.

A discussion was held regarding the suggested by-law changes and the organizations name change.

The new name is Alliance for Spiritual Understanding (AS-U).

Also voted on and passed was the change from Commission of Ministers to Board of Directors.

A committee consisting of Rev. Doug Kinney, Rev. Robert Skenes and Rev. Dwight Smith was established to review and make a draft of the by-laws to be emailed to the Board of

Directors by February 20. After reviewing, the Board will conduct a teleconference on February 24 to discuss the draft.

Organization members will be forwarded information on the draft by-laws and a special membership meeting will be held on May 10, 2008. This meeting will allow members to provided input and ask questions regarding the changes and then vote on whether or not to accept the new by-laws.

President, Rev. Lisa gave the annual report outlining accomplishments during 2007. (see below article for list)

An election of officers was

held. Rev. Doug Kinney and Rev. Christine Coates having served 6 years as officers on the Commission of Ministers were ineligible to continue on the Board of Directors and have accepted the position of alternates on the Board. Rev. Lisa Marks remains President with Rev. Jane Weaver in the position of Vice President. Rev. Thelma Smith is treasurer and Rev. Carolyn Carlisle volunteered and was accepted as a standing member until the new by-laws are completed and other individuals can qualify to be members of the Board of Directors.

2007 Annual Report

Membership:

Richmond Center became chartered member

New requirements established for Practitioner and Ministerial students

Special letters outlining changes mailed to all members

Rev. Lisa called members to increase personal touch, solicit volunteers, get input on organizational needs

Credentialing:

All teachers were mailed copies of requirements for Practitioner and Ministerial students

Professional Student Enrollment forms were developed

Student Assessment questionnaire developed

28 students received certificates & 2 students enrolled in the Doctorate program

Publicity & Promotion:

Rev. Doug Kinney represented GRSM at the INTA conference

Strategic Planning:

1-3 June workshop held

13 Jul held special mtg to set goals

Grants: nothing to report

Fall Retreat:

28-30 Sep. Soul Search theme

Education:

Began planning upcoming EXPO (to be co-chaired with CDINTA)

COM members attended 1 day class on Event Planning

Conducted Teacher's Orientation

Prayer Team:

Responded to all requests within 8-24 hrs.

Answered requests from US and other countries

TREATMENT/PRAYER REQUESTS!

Send all requests to:

Prayer_asu@cox.net

757-497-1815

Your requests for prayers will be answered within 8-24 hours.

“Remember that when you are in emotional overload due to events/circumstances in your life, your objectivity is challenged. Turn the privilege of treating/praying for you over to someone else and watch the issue dissolve.”



SUBMIT STORIES OF INTEREST or UPCOMING EVENTS TO:

Rev. Christine Coates
Vice President, GRSM
8485 Will Loop
King George, VA 22485
Or
SOMREV101@aol.com

Don't forget to send you suggestions for a new logo for AS-U to: SOMREV101@aol.com

Preferably NLT 1 March. I have received one submittal from Rev. Leo Moseley. Thanks Leo. The logo on the front page of this newsletter is my design but will not transfer properly to smaller documents.

Entries will be voted on at the March Board of Directors meeting.



Rev. Lisa Marks, President AS-U

To contact Rev. Lisa call (804)741-6616 or email: PurrplLady@aol.com

Inner Peace is located on the corner of Skipwith and Parham in Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Lisa welcomes all your suggestions and input regarding the organization.

Volunteering to assist in some way makes her even happier.

Even if you do not live locally, there are things you can do to assist the organization.

Together we can make this a better organization for all!!!

VALUES STATEMENT

“Honoring the creative diversity of personal New Thought ministries and practices”.

MISSION STATEMENT (new statement being developed)

VISION STATEMENT (new statement being developed)

GRSM Committees: Which One Fits You????



Goals Being Worked On!

1. Motivate membership to become more active with organization.
2. Develop handout for Prayer Request
3. Increase membership: Short Term Goal: On-going (Membership, Marketing & Promotion)
4. Charter more centers/churches/etc: Short Term Goal: On-going (Membership, Marketing & Promotion)
5. Promote organization-Creating a persona-Marketing: Short Term Goal: On-going (Marketing & Promotion, Membership)
6. Expand professional membership categories.
9. Strategic Planning utilized on all committees
10. Update website: On-going: Short Term Goal (All committees have responsibility to edit on regular basis and submit updates and suggestions to Jane Weaver)
11. Apply for Grants: Short Term Goal
12. Conduct EXPO with CDINTA
13. Get more members published in magazines, etc.
14. Advertise in New Thought magazines
15. Recruit new members

COMMITTEES: There are openings for committee members on all committees and Committee Chairpersons are needed for those committees indicating open or acting.

Credentialing: Rev. Thelma Smith, Chairperson

Credentialing Committee reviews requests for credentials, develops credentialing policies and procedures and monitors class enrollment. Makes recommendations to COM, sets up panels.

Education: Rev. Lisa Marks, Chairperson of Professional Development ; Education Committee is made up of several co-chairs. **To include Professional Development, Curriculum and Web Based Teaching.**

(Curriculum and Web Based Teaching Rev. Angela Peregoff & Rev. Carol Andrix are developing web based training. All requests will be forwarded to them) These co-chairs make recommendations to COM for updating curriculum, updates guidelines and text of current studies, planning and implementing Web Based Teaching and classes in Professional Development beyond Credentialed Science of Mind classes.

Standards & Procedures: (Need chairperson)

Researches and develops policies and procedures that keep us in compliance of GRSM, local, state and federal requirements.

Prayer Team: Rev. Leo Moseley, Chairperson Provides regular treatment for the organization as well as members requesting treatment. Will take the prayer team further this year by accepting requests through the GRSM web site and telephone line. Will promote the prayer team in a larger capacity than previously used.

Fall Retreat: Rev. Christine Coates Plan, advertise, set up and conduct annual fall retreat.

Strategic Planning: Rev. Christine Coates, Chairperson -Develops, coordinates and implements the seven (7) year Strategic Plan for GRSM. This is a vital step for us to take. Will determine where the organization wants to be at the end of seven years and set

goals for the next seven years outlining how we will get there. Includes, Vision, Mission, Values statements and budgeting.

Membership: (Gary Hardnett) Develop and implement plans to recruit new members. Develop and implement plan to inspire current members to participate, support and become more active with the organization and other members of the organizations. Will work closely with the Publicity and Promotion committee.

Publicity & Promotion: (Rev. Doug Kinney) Will develop necessary publicity and promotion strategies that will enhance and expand the organization and its members. To include workshops, seminars, classes, events, prayer team, members and seminary. Also to include developing better relationships with other organizations. Will work closely with membership on many projects. Updating brochures and net working information.

Grants: (Rev. Carolyn Carlisle)

Will research available grants, making suggestions to COM for application to and assisting with application process. After grants are received will monitor according to specifications of grant.



New professional members are required to serve on a committee or the Board of Directors in order to remain a member in good standing

NEED MORE TIME? FEEL LIKE THERE IS NEVER ENOUGH TIME TO GET THINGS DONE? PRACTICE SCIENCE OF MIND PRINCIPLES BY VOLUNTEERING TIME TO PROMOTE NEW THOUGHT AND RAISE CONSCIOUSNESS.

"Whatever you want/need more of, give more of."

**SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN
THE ADVANCEMENT OF AS-U AND NEW THOUGHT PRACTICES!!!**

Dear Member:

On February 23, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m., I will be holding a Strategic Planning meeting for all committee members. I request that you make every endeavor possible to attend this extremely important meeting. New requirements for professional members and students is that they serve on one of the committees or the Board of Directors.

By agreeing to volunteer for one of these committees, you will become a part of a group of individuals that will lead the way in promoting and building a new organization dedicated to raising the consciousness of the planet. AS-U will become an organization that leads the New Thought community in developing and redefining spiritual ministries for the 21st Century.

For your convenience, the location address has been attached to this letter. I ask that you R.S.V.P. by February 15 so that I will be able to ensure there is adequate information packages available.

Since I will not be serving as an executive member of the board of directors this year, I am looking forward to working with all committees in developing plans and setting goals for AS-U's future. See you at the meeting. If you have other questions regarding this meeting, please call me.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Christine E. Coates,

For MAPQUEST Directions:

Days Inn
24320 Rogers Clark Blvd.
Ruther Glen, VA 22546

From Richmond: 95N to Exit 104 Carmel Church (approx 45 minutes from Richmond)

From DC: 95S to Exit 104 Carmel Church (approx 20 minutes past Fredericksburg)

From MD using RT 301: 301 S turns into Rt 207 in Bowling Green. Follow Rt 207 to Carmel Church.