

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



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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 May: Special Membership Mtg. Followed by files clean up

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On May 10 the Board of Directors will conduct a special membership meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Your input is important in making the decisions that will affect your organization.

The new by-laws draft was posted on the GRSM.org website. Please be sure you review these by-laws and either attend the May 10 meeting or send your comments to a member of the board so that they will be taken into consideration at the membership meeting.

Things that this meeting will influence are the types of memberships we will offer, the way we do business, and the

structure of the board.

Following the board meeting, we will spend time organizing our files and locate documents that are pertinent to our authenticity and our history.

Once the files are organized, the possibility of converting them to electronic files will be easier to accomplish.

If you have any files or documents that you think may be important for the organization to maintain, please forward them to the board.

The following individuals are currently serving on the board:

President: Rev. Lisa Marks

V President: Rev. Jane Weaver

Treasurer: Rev. Thelma Smith
Members at Large: Rev. Dwight Smith & Rev. Carolyn Carlyle

Alternates: Rev. Doug Kinney & Rev. Christine Coates.

We are in need of a secretary.

If you are interested in filling this position, please let us know.

The way we conduct board meetings has changed and requires less time than previously.

Your organization needs you, your ideas and your talents.

Things to know about AS-U!!

As we make our transition from Global Religious Science Ministries to Alliance for Spiritual Understanding, each member is encouraged to take time to familiarize yourself with the by-laws, credentialing policies and procedures, vision, mission and values statements, chartering policies and procedures, and definition of a member in good standing. Also please take time to review the benefits to you as a member.

Review any information regarding you or your practice that is announced on the website and return updates or additions to Rev. Jane Weaver prior to June 1, 2008

Are you aware that AS-U is available to sponsor or promote you and your work at different locations throughout the region?

Would you like to charter your organization under our umbrella?

Serving on a committee or board of directors can provide additional business and management training that can be used in your own practice or on resumes for other jobs!

Together with your support and help, this organization can evolve into a unique entity that is the forerunner for the ministries of the New Millennium.

If you have been active in the organization in the past but became disillusioned or disappointed, try us again. Check out the changes we have made in the way we do business and recommit to making this organization a success.

Attend a meeting and observe the efforts of a few individuals to provide the best support and guidance possible to the members of our organization.

We need your prayers and treatments to attract the right talents and resources so that we can continue providing credentials and support to all our members.

Dear Members of AS-U/GRSM,

Spring is my favorite time of year. I'm like a kid in a candy store deciding which is my absolute favorite "flavor". Maybe it's the daffodils or tulips - it could be the azaleas, or the purple bougainvillea. And, in truth, it's all of them. Springtime brings much promise of life in all its various colors of growth, just as Global Religious Science Ministries is blooming into this beautiful new form of the Alliance for Spiritual Understanding. Definitely a very exciting time of year for new life, and the new life of this organization.

I am very grateful for the support and dedication of this Commission of Ministers - we continue doing much to move the organization forward. But as the energy changes with our new name, we are looking for members to step up to the plate and be the energy that carries AS-U into its future. At our May 10th meeting at my center, Inner Peace, we will be purging and organizing the files to further enhance the "new". Why don't you come and join us, and lend your energy to our process?

I wish to thank and acknowledge Leo Mosely for setting the bar for the wonderful work of the Prayer Team that Rev. Dwight Smith has taken over. I wish to thank and acknowledge Rev. Thelma Smith for taking on the role of treasurer, Rev. Chris Coates for continuing to work the secretarial function and also for the AWESOME newsletter she puts out for us, Rev. Doug Kinney for all his work on the by-laws (with the help of Rev. Robert Skenes and Rev. Dwight), and Rev. Carolyn Carlisle for taking on the task of researching grants for us. I also wish to acknowledge and thank all our members for their support of our efforts and being an integral part of our credentialing body. There is so much to be proud of.

If you are doing good work in your area - and I know you are! - please share with us, so we can let others know. Also, please keep up with our wonderful website, GRSM.org, thanks to the dedication and commitment of Rev. Jane Weaver.

I give thanks for each and every one of you and your commitment to being Who You Are, and continually being "Open at the Top".

Blessings,

Rev. Lisa C. Marks

President, AS-U/GRSM

Rev. Lisa Marks, President AS-U

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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!!!



**SUBMIT STORIES OF INTEREST or
UPCOMING EVENTS TO:**

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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
16. Promote our members in whatever path their ministry takes. Sponsor workshops and events of our members.

It takes money, time, talent and commitment to keep an organization on target and development. Need more time? Volunteer to our organiza-

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. Dwight Smith, 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.



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

NEW PRAYER REQUEST EMAIL ADDRESS: ASU_prayer@comcast.net

The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to Rev. Leo Mosely for his time and effort in chairing the Prayer Request committee. His dedication and professionalism in providing this much needed service was displayed in the many prayer requests he answered and individuals that he helped! Myself included. Leo recently resigned and will be missed.

Leo;

May you be blessed with the wisdom to live your life in peace, prosperity and happiness; extending unconditional love to the universe and all of its inhabitants. May God's blessings pour over you, opening your heart and your mind to the perfection and beauty in every situation.

And So It Is!! Thanks so much!! For all the treatments and prayers you sent my way. Thank you!

Rev. Dwight Smith will now be chairing the Prayer Team committee. Direct all your treatment and prayer requests to the new email address above. You will find the link on the web site as well. Thanks Rev. Dwight for once again stepping in and filling a much needed space.

A special thanks to Rev. Carolyn Carlyle for assuming a position on the Board of Directors and for chairing the Grants committee. She is an individual with many unique and wonderful talents that will be well utilized to assist us in our evolution.

Rev. Jane Weaver is our web site manager and now Vice President. Her skills and knowledge will be of great benefit as usual. Thanks Jane for stepping up to the plate and helping us in our time of transition.

And don't' forget the great applause due to Rev. Robert Skenes, who once again stepped up to the bat and assisted our board members with the by-laws.

Rev. Christine

