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*...all's right with
the world.*

PCSL'S CHILDREN

LEARNING THE 'GOOD' STUFF BY JUNE GUMZ

At about 10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning the children of PCSL start to ascend the stairs to their area. Awaiting them at the top are cheerful teachers and pleasant surroundings geared to their levels. Imagine how their lives are improved by learning SOM principles before the influences of advertising, news and society try to program them in other ways. Learning that they are intelligent, capable, good and important is crucial to their sense of well-being. Obviously children are responding well because the number of children participating in the program continues to grow. Treatment works.

During quiet times of our Sunday services I have seen some people cringe at the sounds of the children above. I have the opposite reaction. The image of children enjoying themselves learning the 'good' stuff about themselves, and their universe, gives me a sense that all's right with the world. I am grateful for the reminder of their youthful exuberance. As Larry says, we have choices about how we react to life.

For many years, Lexy Dillon has organized, taught and grown our youth program. Angelica Jackson will be taking over that position, but Lexy will still participate. Angelica grew up in SOM and has a feel for the principles from a kid's point of view. Lexy could still use some folks to help with the youngest of our children on Sunday mornings. There is a meeting of the youth teachers and helpers once a month, so if you have an interest contact Angelica or Lexy to find out when and where. **Let's support our youth and their guides.**

*Children of all ages...sharing,
playing, learning, loving.*





Rev. Larry King

*The two “halves” of
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SPIRITUAL LEADER’S MESSAGE

100,000,000 TRANSFORMATIONS BY REV. LARRY KING

I just attended the annual convention of Science of Mind Ministers and I have wonderful news. The two “halves” of Science of Mind are now back together. Many years ago, while Ernest Holmes was still alive, Religious Science split into two parts. Up until two weeks ago, there was “United Centers For Spiritual Living” and “International Centers for Spiritual Living.” We were separate non-profit organizations with separate Churches and Centers, different Science of Mind classes and so on.

How silly! We teach the Unity of all life! We stand for oneness!

This did not go without notice. At the urging of our Youth Leaders (the two organizations have had combined “Youth Camps” for many years) we glued things back together.

This year’s convention was the final step of this several-year effort. Now combined, we are simply “Centers for Spiritual Living.” You can research the combined organization and watch a short speech by our Spiritual Leader, Rev. Dr. Kenn Gordon, on the web at www.csl.org.

Here are a few of the facts about this new organization:

- We have over 450 member Centers and Churches (like ours)
- We have Centers in more than 30 countries, worldwide
- Our headquarters office in Golden, Colorado, has a lovely campus, paid for through contributions from all our local Centers.
- After the consolidation settles down, our mission is to touch 100 million people

Yes, you read that last bit correctly: We plan to touch 100 million people through the powerful teachings of the Science of Mind. That figures out to about 200,000 people per existing Center.

It sounds like a lot of people—a lot of personal commitment to getting the word out. I know we’re up for it, though! The Portland Metropolitan area has over 2.5 million people. There’s already a local audience for this transformative teaching. It also doesn’t mean that we have to fit them into our Center (although we can certainly get a bigger Center). In the 21st Century we have so many options for reaching out to people.

Our podcasts and my blog (www.pcsl.us/blog) are already attracting thousands of people, many whom have never physically attended the Center. Already we’ve made significant progress in touching people with Ernest Holmes’ teachings. This life-changing message of Power and Love is changing the world. You are part of something so much bigger than what you can see.

But isn’t that always the case with God?

Continue to enjoy our Center and its many offerings of classes, events and programs. Invite a friend to join us on Sunday or to attend an event. Know that you play a huge part in transforming the world by touching 100,000,000 lives!

With love, of course.

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY BY JUNE GUMZ

NANCY ASHLEY – Seeing the Best in Others

Many Sunday mornings, Nancy Ashley starts the PCSL services with her wit and elegance. Like Rev. Sharon, she can make us want to listen to announcements, applaud musicians before they even perform and let us know who is doing what that particular day. It is a gift and Nancy has it. Her sense of style puts those of us in jeans and casual wear to shame.

Nancy's sister introduced her to Louise Hay and the Science of Mind magazine. The book, *Conversations with God*, which she received in 1996, put her on the path to becoming a religious scientist. When her husband died in 2002 she was determined to find a spiritual home. She became a member of the 'Sandy Bunch' of PCORS (one of our center's former incarnations). Since that time there is almost no position Nancy hasn't held. Besides being a CORE Council member, practitioner, retreat planner, and mistress of ceremonies, she also founded and co-leads the Transcendence group. Multitalented.

Nancy's stint as a drug and alcohol counselor for Clackamas County has just come to an end. Her plans for retirement are many, but not set in stone. "Primarily retirement means freedom." Some of the loose plans she has for the future are meditating more, a bit of yoga, possibly becoming a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and admiring husband, Ed Gray's, Japanese garden and landscaping project. Other activities she plans to pursue are reading, exercising, crocheting and playing the recorder and keyboard. Asilomar and family visits fit in there somewhere.

When asked what she would like us to know about her, Nancy responded that "ideas of SOM and being the love and light of God, made manifest in my world, seeing the best in others works for me."



Nancy Ashley, RScP

"...being the love and light of God."

CSL "REUNION" CONFERENCE

Delegates admire our corporate office in Golden, Colorado.



Hundreds of delegates getting ready to unanimously reunite the two halves of Science of Mind.



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR STORY TO SHARE?

Our newsletter is evolving. I know that PCSL is abundant with creative folks with ideas and stories to share. Our newsletter seems to be a natural place to try them out. So, if you have something to share send it to greetingsjg@comcast.net. I am excited by the prospect of exposing some of our writers to the Community News audience.

– June Gumz, editor

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INTERESTED IN TAKING PICTURES?

Spring is coming full force which means flowers, blooming trees, roaring rivers, occasional blue skies and so much more. I am interested in forming a group of people who enjoy photographing nature's bounty, and other things. If you are interested in being a part of a nonprofessional photo club **SIGN UP at PCSL**. The first meeting will be to decide how serious or not we want to be. I want to up my skills and have fun with like-minded folks. – June Gumz



COMING ATTRACTIONS / EVENTS • LATEST UPDATES: WWW.PCSL.US/CALENDAR

APRIL

CLASS: FOUNDATIONS

Tues, April 17 - June 19, 6:30pm - 9:30pm
10 Wks; Instructed by Rev. Larry King
Discover your emerging direction and purpose and how to make it happen. Join Rev. Larry for 10 weeks of self-discovery and revelation within an experiential format of lecture, discussion, sharing and process. Learn the nine spiritual principles that will change your life forever. Open to everyone—no prerequisites.

CLASS: POWER OF YOUR WORD

Wed, April 18 - June 6, 6:30pm - 9:30pm
8 Wks; Instructed by Rev. Sharon Lee Foley
This experiential course teaches the fundamentals of affirmative prayer. Learn why and how life-affirming prayer is answered and how to create prayers that are powerful and effective. Foundations is a prerequisite.

JUNE

WOMEN'S RETREAT: SPIRIT AS WOMAN

June 21-24, Silver Falls Conference Center
Sponsored by PCSL and facilitated by Rev. Sharon Lee Foley and team at Silver Falls Conference Center. Join other women for a weekend of love, laughter and tears as we come together to remember the beauty, the power and the love that we all are.

\$435 if paid in full by March 31st

\$480 if paid in full by May 31st

(includes non-refundable \$75 deposit)

The retreat features: Meals, Lodging, Activities, Hiking, Games, Drumming, Chanting, Meditation.

Sign up at the Center or call Rev. Sharon at 503-668-9806.

All events held at the Center unless otherwise noted.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

BREAKFAST WITH THE MINISTER: Sat, 9:00am
To make your reservation or for Info, contact Dee Hartman at 360-831-8033.

DRUMMING CIRCLE: 2nd Fri, 7:00pm

TRANSCENDENCE 12-STEP: For information, contact Nancy Ashley at 503-880-0308.

W.O.W. WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Thur, 10:30am

GET INVOLVED

PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE

YOUTH CHURCH TEACHER

If you have a desire to work with kids while teaching Science of Mind principles, please contact Lexy Dillon 503-663-5817, or Rev. Larry King 503-460-2623. We are looking for regular and substitute teachers.

SHOP SAFEWAY FOR PCSL

SIGN UP for eScrip and we'll link your Saway card to PCSL. A small portion of each purchase will come to support your Spiritual Home. Sign up at the back table or call Nicki Minaker for more info at 503-261-0677.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HOSPITALITY TEAM: One Sunday a month, 9:00am service. Call Kathy Batten 360-931-0371.

CLEAN TEAM: Cleaning and light maintenance for three hours, once a month. Contact Anette Bolster 503-970-4116.

FORWARD FLOW—12 MONTHS OF GIVING:

For info, Suki McDonough 360-624-5615; Annette Sanders 971-227-9050.

HEART TO HEART: Support during an illness, loss or other transition. Contact Rev. Sharon Lee Foley 503-668-9806 or Lexy Dillon 503-663-5817.