



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to another Divine Love Newsletter! We have a special treat this issue – an unpublished message through James Padgett! Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Morana and the [Foundation Church of New Birth](#) for supplying the message. It is from the mother of Eugene Morgan and she writes to express love for her son with all her soul and being. We trust you'll enjoy reading it.

The community is ramping up for this year's retreats in Namibia (April) and California (May). We hope that you will be able to join us at one of the locations for fellowship and spiritual nourishment. Friendship and community building is important for maintaining a strong spiritual foundation. It allows the expression of our God-given gifts in a non-threatening environment and provides opportunities for powerful spiritual and physical healings and great inflows of the Father's Divine Love. Brother Dave L. would often say that he feels like there is a bright light bulb shining in his soul during retreats. With the intention of assisting us to manifest the most loving and harmonious retreats possible, our dear sister Eva has presented a wonderful prayer and some retreat reflections.

While group prayer can be powerful, spending one-on-one time with God is essential. Maintaining a connection with Father keeps the Divine Love active in our souls, which in turn enables us to walk in grace. The other day I was feeling stressed over my work. I had a rough day and failed to maintain a close contact with Father. Eventually my guides were able to break through my mind and I heard the words "let go". I did that and felt my shoulders relax and the Love flow in. I was surprised at how my stressful state had blocked me from connecting with God and how easy it was to reconnect. To me the words "let go" meant to let go of control of my life circumstances and give them to God. It meant to surrender to the Father's Love. I have found that some of my most powerful inflows of God's Love occur not when I'm praying intently but when I surrender to His Love and Will. Don't let the physical stresses of the day keep you from connecting with Father. Surrender to His Love and be examples of His Light to all the souls you encounter, whether they be mortals or spirits.

In view of the timing of the upcoming retreats, the next newsletter will come out in late May or early June in order to include reports on the fellowship and activities of both retreats. The usual submission deadline for the May issue is April 20. This will be extended to May 20 to accommodate entries from the Indio retreat.

We always welcome your comments, as well as inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 25 ministers, and 77 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org)

PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb’s in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 11:00 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) for more info.
- Tim Foley has a Meditation class in Sonoma, California every Monday at 6 pm Pacific Coast Time. For more information, please contact [Tim](#).
- Groups are also meeting monthly in South Wales, UK; Germany; and Abbotsford, B.C., Canada. For meeting times and dates, click [here](#).



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- [Eric Worthington](#) is seeking a **Divine Love medium** that can receive a message for him as he needs some guidance and pointers on mediumship. He asks this from the bottom of his heart and in the service of love.
- Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have **letter contact** (he doesn’t have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.
- Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](#). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to **translate the Prayer** and to share it, please contact [Joan](#) or Ian through his [website](#). Thank you and God bless.

UPCOMING RETREATS

Namibia, Africa – April 4-18, 2017

A “Divine Love Safari” is planned from April 4 to April 18, 2017. (The Swahili word safari means a journey.) It will be a real adventure of experiencing many different situations in the flow of Divine Love. The specifics are dependent on the participants and what they are moved to do, however, the overall framework of planned events is as follows:

- Tuesday 4th to Sunday 9th: Swakopmund with twice daily prayers at the Merckers’ home, and available activities including desert tours, dune walking, boat tours, visit to the town of Mondesa, camel riding, quad biking, beach walks, and swimming.
- Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th: [Erindi Private Game Reserve](#) with twice-daily prayers, discussion groups, rest, game drives, photography, etc.
- Thursday 13th to Monday 17th: Drimiopsis and Farm Elim which will involve staying on the farm and working in Drimiopsis during the day. Prayer and healing circles will be held in Drimiopsis and include healing work for the sick

and children. Other activities will be building work on the orphanage grounds, gardening, teaching, travel to other isolated Bushmen camps, and a visit to the [Harnas Lion Reserve](#).

- Tuesday 18th: Departure to Windhoek Airport, which is a three-hour drive from the farm.

To save costs we will try to prepare our own meals most of the time. All expenses need to be paid by the participants. Some free accommodation may be available on a first-confirmed first-served basis. Contact [Helge Mercker](#) or visit [here](#) for info.



Divine Love-The Gateway to Happiness
A Seminar on Healing Prayer

Sincere prayer in loving community combines unexpected forces that can deeply touch and heal. Herewith, a cordial invitation to all, irrespective of your belief system, who want to be inspired in individual, free prayer to ask for and receive Divine Love. We recognize that in loving dialogue with our Source, we always receive complete support, to live a full and wonderful life, in harmony with our soul.

Seminar contents:
-what is Divine Love?
-we create a sacred space (meditation)
- we dissolve disabling beliefs and convictions
- we learn about prayer
- we learn about Circles of Light
- we learn how to be a channel of Love
-every participant receives an individual blessing

Presenters : Arie and Marion Hordijk (Germany)
Terry Adler (Canada) and Helge Mercker (Namibia)

Date: 8th April 2017: 10h00 - 16h00 and 9th April: 10h00 - 13h00

Where: Anton Lubowski str 153 - Kramersdorf, Swakopmund, Namibia
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Indio, California – May 7-12, 2017

On May 7-12, 2017, FCDT is hosting a retreat at Holly Bianco's timeshare at the WorldMark Resort in Indio, near Palm Springs. Available will be a large four-bedroom presidential suite, a number of accommodation units, as well as a community room for the twice daily silent prayer circles and musical entertainment. The beautiful resort is near a golf course, a lazy river, and a trail for early morning desert walks. Facilities include several large pools and spas, an indoor gym and recreation room, tennis courts, and a mini-mart. Excursions are planned to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and Shields Date Farm and Garden. Click [here](#) for more information or contact [Holly](#).



Photo by Holly Bianco

ADDING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE RETREATS (EVA PECK)

Prayer for the Retreats

With the 2017 retreats being only 2-3 months away and fast approaching, here is a prayer to make both Namibia and India wonderful experiences of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for another opportunity to meet together in various places around the world and to draw closer to You and each other through prayer for Your Divine Love, to become reacquainted and build deeper bonds with dear friends, and to form new friendships.

We pray, Father, that the highest goodness prevail and that those souls who are moved by their love to attend come with open hearts and souls.

We pray that all those traveling far to the retreats will have pleasant, safe flights and smooth airport processing. May they quickly adapt to the conditions they will encounter. This applies especially to those going to Namibia who will experience a culture shock. May we also all stay well and healthy – with not even a cold or cough. May we enjoy nice weather, which helps to keep our spirits high.



Photo by Allan Forest

At each retreat site, brothers and sisters in the Divine Love from different countries and backgrounds and with different personalities will be spending a lot of time together. As a result they will see each other's good points as well as shortcomings. Some will experience jet lag and may feel tired at the wrong time which can lead to saying wrong things. May we all interact in love, mutual respect and harmony, so that there will be no unpleasantness, misunderstandings, or hurt feelings among any of us that would mar our relationships, but rather may our friendships deepen and blossom as we grow in understanding of each other and ourselves.

May we be in tune with and follow the spiritual desires of our souls and keep in check our egos and the desires for power and influence that may emerge from the worldly desires of our minds. May we choose our words wisely and speak, act and touch in the Love. May we follow the Eleventh Commandment and Love each other as Jesus loved – with the Divine Love.

May we have compassion for those who are actively working on letting go of past traumas because each and every one of us has some issues to work through (some more obvious than others) and we all need compassion from our Father, the angels, and each other.

We pray that the time together at each retreat will be spiritually uplifting and rejuvenating as we spend time together in prayer, sharing, and learning new things. May there be no disharmony and disrespect, and if misunderstandings do occur, may they be quickly resolved in amicable ways with any bad feelings that may have arisen totally dissipating. May we all come back home renewed, more filled with your Divine Love, and ready to serve You.

May we all be in rapport with our angelic guides, and in all things honor You by following the way of love and kindness. May we choose to be kind over insisting on being right, because in most cases, love and kindness are more important. May our souls (spiritual minds) be in ascendancy over our physical minds and unloving human tendencies – in fact, may those tendencies be totally absorbed by the Divine Love. May Your Love continue to increase in our souls, transforming us into new creatures acting more and more like You would have us act – the way of Love and Light by which we also influence those around us and little by little help to transform the turbulent world we live in.

Amen.

A Pre-Retreat Reflection



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In registering for one of retreats, one of our sisters asked the organizer: “What can I do to help?” This question inspired the following thoughts.

Some people are especially gifted to see needs and to fill them. I’ll mention a few examples from past retreats without mentioning names to avoid embarrassment or bad feelings that their name was not mentioned.

At one retreat, a certain person was always cleaning up after meals. If you were looking for her, a good place to start would have been at the kitchen sink. Another person would always respond to a need of the time. Someone needed to be picked up from the train station or from

their accommodation, and off he went to assist. Another person was good at comforting others and calming troubled waters. I could go on and on, but you get the point.

Even if you don’t feel especially gifted or inclined to serve in a group setting or in the above ways, here are things that each of us can do to contribute to a pleasant, harmonious and spiritually rejuvenating retreat for themselves and everyone else.

Take Time to Pray at the Start of Each Day

Before attending the group prayer session or even socializing with others in your accommodation, take out time to draw close to the Father. Ask for the Love and for help to be in tune with the high energy nudges of the angels, and to in all things honor God by following the way of love and kindness.

Be Tolerant and Understanding

If someone speaks or acts in an unkind way, consciously choose to forbear and forgive, rather than responding in kind. Say a quick silent prayer for the person instead – and for yourself to remain in the Love. If the other person is obviously stressed, give them a hug – that will go a long way to diffuse a potentially explosive situation. If a person continues to upset you, and you feel bad, address the grievance between just the two of you privately, rather than letting bad feelings fester. Communication can do wonders in resolving misunderstandings and bringing about reconciliation.

Practice Mindfulness

Consider how what we say and do affects others and try to avoid doing anything that will cause others to be hurt. Consciously practice love and kindness to all present, transcending tendencies and temptations to react in irritation or anger. Accept that not everyone thinks the way you do – that is a normal part of life.

Resolve to Build Up Rather Than Tear Down

In talking with each other, it is easy to get into “juicy” stories about people. If sharing what someone did, let’s keep it positive. Negative talk (aka gossip) about what so-and-so did some years ago is not loving for several reasons. So-and-so may have long since changed and may still feel bad about the situation that may have happened in their moment of weakness. Those of us who are newer to the Divine Love community really don’t need to know this. Whether or not we know the person, such information will prejudice our minds and affect our perspective toward the individual in a negative way. Before sharing a story about someone, a good practice is to THINK first, by asking the following five questions: Is what you are about to say True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind? If one of the five answers is No, it might be best not to say it.

As Jeanne suggested in her [post](#) under the Retreats Prayer, let's all pray for the retreats ahead of time and during the times themselves. May this year's retreats be the best ever with the Divine Love abundantly flowing from the Father into our souls and hearts and then out to one another. Remember that we are all connected and influencing each other – and others far beyond our immediate group. It has been demonstrated that group prayers and meditation have especially powerful influence. So let this influence – the vibes we are consciously or unconsciously sending out from our hearts -- be nothing but love – Divine Love.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATURAL LOVE AND DIVINE LOVE ILLUSTRATED (RON SHOEMAKER)

One morning at work, I had a vision that must have lasted a fraction of a second, but felt like a lifetime. I found myself standing in a house, viewing a painting that covered the biggest part of a wall. The picture was an image of a beautiful natural setting with deer grazing in a meadow and a small stream flowing from the meadow into a quiet pool. Deciduous and evergreen trees swayed in the gentle breeze along with a few flowers in the grass. A number of birds were flying overhead, while others sat on branches, watching. In the distance rose beautiful snow-capped mountains.

Enjoying this scene, I discovered that I could step into the picture and become a part of it. No longer standing on the outside looking at a two-dimensional image, I found that as I stepped inside, the painting transformed into a three-dimensional animated experience filled with life. I noticed the scent of fresh water and could see and hear the stream as it gurgled and bounced around and over rocks, splashing as it tumbled into a placid pool dappled with light. The stationary birds became active, singing and flying here and there. Some sat on branches, while others watched from an old snag. I sensed the breath of a gentle wind and felt its soft touch as I listened to the soothing, hushed whisper of stately evergreens caressed by a nascent breeze. From time to time, the deer, peacefully grazing in the meadow, raised their heads, canvassing their surroundings. The majestic snow-capped mountains glistened in the sunlight, standing vigilant as white-tinted clouds with fluffy peaks and deep canyons floated by, silhouetted against a cerulean sky.



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When I first gazed at the painting, its beauty was enchanting. However, I soon saw that it represented something other than itself and that it had not existed until someone decided to paint what they saw. It had a beginning and was finite with limited possibilities. Later I realized that the painted image allowed me a glimpse of the authentic scene it sought to depict. I couldn't experience the genuine setting, but was able to imagine what that experience might be.

The experience of looking at a picturesque two-dimensional landscape and discovering that I could step into the painting was, to say the least, astounding. To have the inanimate image of length and width come to life and transform into a three-dimensional animated setting was even more astonishing. With this transformation, I had become a part of the authentic natural scene that the picture so beautifully sought to portray – with all its sights, sounds and aromas. Each tree, rock, blade of grass, and mountain now possessed its own space. I could walk among the trees or hike to the mountains. The limited still painting had transformed into the real setting it portrayed – genuine and alive with hope and anticipation.

As I pondered the spiritual meaning of my experience, I came to see the two-dimensional picture as a model of the natural love. Stepping into the picture and having it transform into a three-dimensional authentic scene then portrayed the transformational experience of a soul as it becomes filled with the Divine Love. This transformation is so unexpected and unusual, that Jesus referred to it as a New Birth.

Thinking about this further, I saw that one of the purposes of the natural love is to provide a glimpse into attributes of the Divine Love – the original Love. The natural love mirrors Divine characteristics such as empathy, kindness, forgiveness, mercy, and forbearance. It is through these qualities common to both kinds of love that I can have a glance at aspects of the Divine Love.

When we receive the Divine Love and It becomes a dominant presence in our souls, in terms of love, I repeat, in terms of love, it is like stepping for the first time from a two-dimensional setting into a three-dimensional world. At this point, it becomes clear that the apparent oneness of the natural love and the Divine Love is an illusion.

Both spiritual paths, one founded on the natural love, the other on the Divine Love, are real. Both will lead to concrete results, but there will forever be a radical difference between them. The natural love and its characteristics, no matter how pure, will always be only images of the same attributes seated in the Divine Essence. This Essence of Immortality has the unique quality of being sovereign and self-sustaining. It is the womb from which spring infinite possibilities. For example, empathy in the natural love will always be a finite image of the empathy in the Divine Love, which is genuine, self-sustaining, never fading from our consciousness, and never dying.

In his time on earth, Jesus, as the first person since the original humans, discovered the Love that the Great Soul possesses and how it differs from the love that humankind naturally has. As he allowed his Father's Love to permeate his soul and become dominant, Jesus experienced the New Birth transformation. Through his life and teachings, he was able to bring immortality to light. The Divine Love, the one original Love – authentic, self-sustaining and the source of infinite possibilities – was once again available to humankind.

As God's Love begins to fill our souls, we will pass from the shadow of His Love into the real experience of It and find that we have been touched by infinity in all of Its purity, intensity and richness.

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- With the help of **Allan Forest** and others, **Jeanne and Al Fike** have upgraded the **Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website**. The new URL is www.divinelovesanctuary.com. Click [here](#) more information and acknowledgements.
- **Al Fike** has revised and republished **The Quiet Revolution of the Soul**. It can be purchased from [Amazon](#) in soft-cover and Kindle formats. It is also available as a free PDF on Geoff Cutler's [website](#).
- **Helge Mercker** has published a new book entitled **Living with the Divine Love**. More information is on the [Divine Love Sanctuary Board](#), and purchase information is available at [Lulu](#). A free PDF version is available from Geoff Cutler's [website](#).
- **Klaus Fuchs** has completed a **German translation of Angelic Messages of Divine Truth, Vol. I**. A PDF version is available [here](#). Since our last announcement, the book has also become available in [soft-cover](#) and [PDF](#) at [Lulu](#). A Kindle version is also available at [Amazon](#). We congratulate Klaus on his wonderful accomplishment and rejoice for the German speakers who will have the opportunity to learn these truths in their own language.
- **Eva Peck** has published one of her pocket-size books entitled **The Greatest Love** in a soft-cover format. It is available from [Amazon](#). A free PDF of this book, as well as others in the series, is available from Eva's [website](#).
- **Catherine Kent** posted a second one-hour Divine Truth **teaching video** on [YouTube](#).



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SPREADING THE LOVE



LITA is holding our first annual *Non-Event!* on *Valentine's Day* February 14, 2017

Unlike our very fun Benefit Dance of these past two years (that we just can't pull off again this year!)

Doors will **NOT** open at 7pm!
 Music will **NOT** begin at 7:30pm!
 A Silent Auction will **NOT** be held throughout the evening!

By attending our NON EVENT, you'll save yourself the cost of your ticket(s), parking, dinner, refreshments, maybe buying a new dress, babysitting, etc!

By making a donation for the amount you'll save, you'll still be sharing Love and Empowerment with Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Uganda this Valentine's Day! Thanks So Much!




LITA Fundraising Non-Event (Terry Adler)

Amazing what one woman, acting in Love, can accomplish! Since 2007, **Catherine Koch** has been working tirelessly to mobilize family, friends, volunteers, contributors, donors, and well-wishers to support life-changing initiatives for vulnerable children and their caregivers in Uganda. In the past decade, thousands of children have been touched through LITA's support with health care, food, safety, schooling, and income generation.

In February, LITA invited its supporters to attend a "Non-Event Valentine's Dance" and to donate the amount they would save in the cost of tickets, parking, dinner, refreshments, baby-sitting and perhaps buying a new dress! As of mid-February, the amount raised for continuing LITA's love-work was \$6,350!

If you'd like to retrospectively participate in the special Non-Event, you can still make a **donation**. Thanks always for your lovingkindness, interest and support from everyone at LITA – Love Is The Answer.

Sign in the Sky

On December 18, 2016, **Kevin O'Neill** stepped out on faith and began to sponsor a **digital billboard** above the New Jersey turnpike with the message "DIVINE LOVE... ask for it today!". The contract was for 30 days at the cost of \$3000, but the board manager, Anthony Amado, kindly offered to keep it up beyond the contract date into the second month for half the price.



The billboard exposed millions of souls to the basic concept of Divine Love – a Love that has a divine origin and must be asked for. To our knowledge, this is the first freeway billboard to display information about the gift of God's Love and is further evidence that the Truths are getting out. Much of our work involves planting seeds of Truth in human souls. At some point in the future when ready, humans and/or spirits will recall the words *Divine Love* and seek to know more.

In early February, a large corporation has leased the board for 15 years and the Divine Love message is no longer displayed. But even though physically gone, it would have left a positive energy imprint that continues on. With other, perhaps not so positive, messages on the billboard, somewhere at a subliminal, subconscious level, there is some positive energy -- a "drop of love."

A book entitled *A Little Book of Love* by Moh Hardin says: "The forces of aggression and greed have a lot of strength in the world these days. Every time we add a drop of love, of caring, of deeper understanding, we are countering those forces and establishing a world based on friendship and openness. Each little drop is so very important".

We would like to acknowledge Kevin's effort in spreading the news of God's Divine Love and thus making a difference in the world. More on this story is [here](#).

UNPUBLISHED PADGETT MESSAGE (FOUNDATION CHURCH OF NEW BIRTH)

November 1915 -- An unpublished message through Mr. Padgett from Eugene Morgan's mother

Let me write a line to my boy, as I am so anxious to have him feel that his mother is here with all her love and longings.

I have waited so long for the opportunity to write to him, or in any way to communicate. And now that I have this opportunity, all mine, I am so full of emotion that I scarcely know what to say. But this I do know, that I love him with all my soul and being.

So tell him that his mother can only say this, that she loves him and wants him to believe that she is with him. And to think of her with all the loving thoughts of his nature.

I am in a sphere where happiness is very great and where the spirits who live there have the Divine Love of the Father to a great degree.

I am so hopeful that his father will be with me before a great while, for he is a good kind man just as he was on Earth. And this counts for a great deal in the progress of a spirit. I am now with his father very much and he knows that he is mine and I am his, and hence, no doubt ever enters our hearts as to who our one true companion for all eternity will be.

I would like to send a message tonight to the daughter of my friend and companion who is in such distress, but I am not strong enough. And I will have to disappoint him at this time, but soon I will write such a message. But this I must say, that we are both looking after her, and are with her a great deal, giving to her the influence of our loves and spiritual powers. Have him tell her this, that she must pray to the Father and ask for faith, and as the Love of the Father comes to her, faith will also come. And that with this faith will come a peace that she has never known, and will stay with her as nothing else can do.

How I wish that I could show myself to my boy as he sits here, and I hope that sometime I will be able to. For I want to tell him that he has the clairvoyant powers in their latent strength which may be developed. Sometime I will try to tell him how he may develop this power, and if he follows my advice he will succeed.

His father sends love and blessings, and with mine, without limit.

I must say good night.

His Mother

— who is trying to repay him for her lost or neglected demonstrations of love when on earth. This is a recollection that comes to me so often. And I so much wish to repay what he should never have been deprived of.