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FROM THE EDITORS

The highlights of this issue of course are the two Divine Love retreats that took place back to back in August. We are including a pictorial update and plan to have more pictures and comments in the next issue as well. Other pictures can be seen [here](#). (If you don't have access to this Facebook page, please email [Kristin Lortie](#) or [Eva Peck](#).) For other inspiring comments on both retreats please visit the DLSF forum ([Gibsons](#) & [Oceanside](#)).

As always, contributions in the form of personal news, achievements, articles that would help everyone on our spiritual path, a new prayer group, a special event, a planned event that readers should know about, a letter to the editor, etc. are welcome. We appreciate your support and feedback.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Divine Love Community portal at <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (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, <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 20 ministers, and 66 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

- Elizabeth Morana has started a Skype fellowship and prayer group on Thursdays, 8 pm Eastern US time. Any who wish to join are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.
- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them on Mondays, 6:30 pm PDT. Jeanne wrote: "You are invited to pray with us in person, or in simultaneous prayer from your own home or community. Please let us know if you'd like us to add your name to the Blessings Bowl and pray to draw you into these circles." Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details and schedule of meetings.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone. Services consist of song, readings, prayer and channelled messages. Please contact carolyn@divineloveministry.org for more info.
- To bring together people who wish to pray for the Divine Love and healing of the world, CirclesOfLight.co is a new Divine Love community website initiated by the DLSF and created by Dennis Tormey. Visitors to the site can request healing prayers for themselves or others, or simply introduce themselves to others visiting the site. The site will support efforts to initiate and develop circles of Light (prayer circles) throughout the world. Come visit, post questions or comments, and help build spiritual community!

2015 RETREATS

August 19-23 – Gibsons, B.C., Canada

A 5-day Divine Love Retreat, from Aug 19-23 was held in Gibsons, B.C., Canada at the [Gibsons Garden Hotel](#). About 55 participants from Canada, USA, Europe, Australia, and Namibia, Africa, ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s met at the hotel to pray for the Divine Love and take part in various discussion groups. The love and fellowship shared together was powerful and very satisfying.

During the retreat, the Fikes hosted a BBQ at their home with Dennis Tormey playing happy tunes on the keyboard from decades gone by, and many joined in song and dance. The following day Terry Coyote and his wife Christine conducted a drumming circle and pipe ceremony on the Fikes' front lawn. Other activities included healing circles, spiritual consults, hikes, kayaking, and enjoying nourishing meals prepared by Eric Fike.

Many strong bonds were forged. The Divine Love family is growing, as is the appreciation of this spiritual community and the loving commitment to one another. These deepening love bonds are necessary for us to work together and to put God's Love into action based on each person's unique personalities and gifts. There is a desperate need for change and more love in the world. May we not squander what has been given to us, but utilize all of God's Loving gifts for good and in tribute to our love for the Creator (based on a write-up by [Al Fike](#): for more impressions of the retreat, please see this [link](#)). Please enjoy a few pictures below from the Gibson's retreat.



August 24-28 – USA – Oceanside, California

Another Divine Love retreat was held August 24-28th (Monday through Friday) at [WorldMark Oceanside](#), California. About twenty-two Divine Love seekers prayed, feasted, and fellowshiped at a time-share penthouse owned by Holly Bianco. They also enjoyed beach walks, practiced yoga, listened to music, and learned some communication principles. Short trips were taken to several local points of interest including the [Self Realization Meditation Center](#), [Old Mission San Luis Rey](#), [Heritage Park](#), and a winery.

For several, this was their first retreat, while others had been to numerous retreats. All agreed that the love and harmony at this retreat was something beautiful and extraordinary. Hugs were freely and spontaneously exchanged in a genuine feeling of affection for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. One of the special highlights on the last evening was the renewal of marriage vows between Michael Nedbal and Carolyn Stokes conducted by Rev. Jimbeau Walsh with the sun setting over the ocean and a full moon rising opposite. The group then shared dinner at the penthouse with special cheese cakes for dessert provided by Michael and Carolyn. A final group prayer was followed by sharing impressions of the retreat. It was generally agreed that it was one of the best retreats ever.

Below are some pictures for your enjoyment. In addition, as mentioned on page 1, Kristin Lortie has created a shared online group containing pictorial records taken by participants of both retreats [here](#).



OBITUARY – JOCELYN HARLESTON (ELIZABETH MORANA)



Hello dear friends,

Some of you may have heard, but we want to make sure you are aware that our dear friend, Jocelyn Harleston, passed into the world of spirit on Wednesday night, July 8th. She was 87 years old.

Jocelyn had been living in a long-term facility for three years, only a half-mile from my (Elizabeth's) home, and she entered into the end-of-life phase in earnest on Tuesday morning. We are relieved that this intense period lasted less than two full days before her peaceful passing.

Thank you—all those of you who were aware of her and praying for her. And thank you for your continuing prayers for her as she—now finally free of the burdens of the body—can joyfully receive the loving ministrations of her loved ones and her Celestial Guardians, and all those in the world of spirit eager to welcome her.

As you may know, Jocelyn first learned of the divine truths in her 30's; she had been guided to walk up a large staircase of a library in Houston, Texas and along one aisle of books. She was then guided to reach down to the bottom shelf and to pick up a book which was the first publication of the messages received from Jesus and Celestials by James Padgett. She read the book and her life was changed forever.

She corresponded with Dr. Leslie Stone and Rev. John Gibson (two of the original founders of FCNB) over a period of time and met with Dr. Stone once in Washington DC in the late 1960's. She loved describing her time with him that day; she was aware that, as he told her of the Divine Love, he was also consciously intending to speak to a large group of spirits present and eager to hear.

At Rev. Gibson's invitation, Jocelyn agreed to come to live in the DC area to serve the Foundation Church of the New Birth once she was finished caring for her elderly parents. When that task was done, she left Houston forever and lived in the Washington DC area from the 1970's until 2004. (In 2004, she moved to Williamsville, New York and continued serving FCNB there.)

During her early years in the DC area, she assisted Rev. Gibson with the work of the church and served on the board of trustees. After Rev. Gibson's death, Jocelyn continued to disseminate the Padgett messages as a board member and officer of FCNB.

After a period of disorganization, when essential materials were scattered and the church was unable to function, she was guided to join with others to create a new organization, the Foundation Church of Divine Truth, and worked in that setting for about eight years. After further guidance, she initiated the re-forming of FCNB with a new set of trustees in 1991 and served as its president until 2008, and she has continued on as an honorary trustee—until this week.

We love Jocelyn and cherish the privilege of having worked with her—some of our board members have worked with her since 1991, others of us for last 15 years. We admire her deep commitment to the divine truths and to preserving the Padgett messages! We learned so much from her and we thank her for carrying on the work of the original founding trustees.

We are in the process of creating a page on our website (www.divinelove.org) dedicated to her. We hope to include any contributions and letters you wish to share with us. Please feel free to email anything you wish to contribute.

A small memorial gathering was held at 4 pm eastern time on Thursday, August 6 in the Buffalo area (western New York State). It was attended by three of FCNB's trustees, Rev. Ron Shoemaker, Rev. Karen Simon, and Dr. Elizabeth Morana, and one of our members who was also a friend of Jocelyn's, Frank Morana. There were several who joined us long-distance in prayer that afternoon. We were blessed to listen to a recording of the Healing Prayer that Jocelyn had recorded in 2006 and which was only discovered for the first time just before the gathering.



With thanks to our Father for His great Love for us all, for the privilege of learning of His Divine Love, for the privilege of receiving this Love, and for the privilege of knowing His beloved child, Jocelyn, The Trustees of FCNB - Elizabeth Morana, Rev. Karen Simon, Rev. Lynn Campbell, Rev. Nancy Burrell, Ranold Funk, Rev. Darlene Gaunt, Rev. Percy Hayes, Rev. Anuska Mania, Rev. Ron Shoemaker, and Rev. John Thomas.

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- After years of arduous work, Geraldine Cousins completed a Spanish translation of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*. The book is available at CreateSpace and [Amazon](#), both in paperback and Kindle version. Alternatively, contact Geraldine at gcousins@tampabay.rr.com and she'll be happy to order a copy for you at the cost for her, which is \$5.67.
- Joan Warden published her second book *Divine Love is the Solution*, which is a sequel to *Divine Love for the Soul*. Both books are a collection of true stories of soul awakenings, spiritual experiences, inspirational essays, poetry and messages from Divine Angels. Forty eight international Divine Love writers have now participated in the Divine Love series books.
- Tanya Tiedje has written a book called *The Lantern*, presenting God's Divine Love Truths in a concise, easy to read manner. It will stir your soul and bring tearful yearnings to the Father.
- Zara Borthwick and Nicholas Arnold recently published Volumes I, II, and III of spirit communications titled *Shining toward Spirit, the book of Divine Love and beginnings*. More information is available at [lulu.com](#).
- Brian Holmes published a book entitled *What Are You Crying About?* It is a frank discussion about death and the afterlife intended to bring peace to the hearts of those grieving for their departed loved ones and those who fear their own passing.

BOOK REVIEW: *FAMILY REUNION* (DAVID LAMPRON)

Read any great books lately? I have finished reading one in particular which I highly recommend. And who is this prolific author who has already published a number of revealing spiritual works? A former minister, a medium, and dear friend, Joseph Babinsky. Joseph's "Family Reunion" is new and quite different, and I feel that some of its information, especially one particular message from Jesus, is quite revolutionary.

What does Joseph's latest book contain and reveal? A section lists the most important messages from Celestials transmitted through James Padgett 100 years ago. This information has also been recently, in 2014-15, updated and delivered mediumistically by several of the former contributors through Joseph Babinsky.

What are these same Celestials saying now, 100 years later? You be the judge. But included is a very important message from Jesus explaining how one can actually communicate and hear what God has to say. Haven't we all wondered how all the Celestials can and do converse directly with our Creator? Jesus explains this now beautifully and I believe his message should be read by us all. He states that the vehicle of our thoughts and the returning thoughts from God to those sufficiently advanced in His Love can be mutually attained soulfully and "heard" within our souls between Him and our sufficiently Love-filled souls in actual conversations!

And here's the "kicker," as we sometimes like to say in the vernacular: How many of you know that Joseph's mom and dad had 12 children, he being their last? Well, a number of these children are now in heaven, and this is the portion upon which the title of Joseph's book is based. Yes, he has actually received a stream of heavenly messages from most of these siblings, along with messages from his mom and dad. Many of these messages are absolute gems.

Wouldn't you like to get a more extensive appreciation and understanding of what goes on in the heavenly realms? Well, then, this book is for you! For example, how would you like to hear from Joseph's sister Ana, now a Celestial angel, who died the very next day after she was born on earth? How about Charles who was killed by the enemy in a WW II battle? Each of Joseph's siblings who has communicated through Joseph's mediumistic sessions has had a lot to say about what we all are going to eventually encounter and what becoming a spirit is all about. But there are also stories of what his siblings shared among themselves in heaven for a celebration of open communication between siblings and Celestials in heaven. Both parties are also communicating through Joseph's mediumistic abilities on earth with him directly.

I would like to add that the 212 pages contained in this book are a delight to read and you might desire would not end. To purchase all the revolutionary information in this modest but significant number of pages, click [here](#). I believe that many of you will be delighted as a result of reading what Joseph has put together for not only all of us, but also for many others to come.

TRUE GOSPEL BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION (ELIZABETH MORANA)

For those who wish to distribute volumes of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, the Foundation Church of the New Birth is happy to send out, free of charge, boxes of volumes 1, 2, or 4. Each box contains 28 softcover copies of either volume 1, 2, or 4. A box weighs about 42 pounds. The US post office offers "media rate" for books sent within the United States. Postage for international mailings is very costly, with the fee dependent on destination. While we send these free of charge, the FCNB happily accepts donations to contribute to the cost of postage. The FCNB trustees wish to get these books into the hands of interested readers, free of cost to you or to the recipient. And they thank you heartily for being willing to share these with your family, friends, and/or acquaintances! Please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.

SCANNED COPIES OF ORIGINAL PADGETT MANUSCRIPTS AVAILABLE (ELIZABETH MORANA)

The Foundation Church of the New Birth is eager to make available scanned copies of all known autographs and handwritten manuscripts, and many typed transcripts, of all the known messages received by James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels to those who wish to have them for study purposes or as 'disaster recovery sites' to protect and preserve these precious documents. If you would like to receive these documents on a flash drive, please send your request to newbirth@divinelove.org. Due to cost of the flash drive and postage, the cost is \$20 for each flash drive requested, payable through the FCNB (<http://www.divinelove.org/>) website. Alternatively, you can mail an empty 32G flash drive to: FCNB, PO Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, USA.

A SPECIAL MINISTRY AS A TRIBUTE TO DR. STONE (JUDY GEBHARDT)

My vision to build a museum and a beautiful garden resort for weddings and family vacations as a tribute to Dr. Stone for his earthly efforts on behalf of the Kingdom dates back several decades. It appears that now is the time to begin implementing this dream.

I am starting by forming a non-profit organization called "Celestial Vision Productions". Its chief purpose will be to raise 20 million US dollars toward building "The Leslie Stone Museum" that will tell the story of Dr. Stone and his relationship with his soulmate Mary Kennedy. This attraction is to give visual awareness of and promote interest in the messages that were

received by Jesus' chosen instruments James Padgett, Eugene Morgan and Daniel Samuels. When the financial goal has been achieved for the building of the Museum, we will be in a position to approach investors to build the garden resort.

I am also in the process of setting up a website which will include small fundraising projects that Divine Love community members will be able to get involved with if they wish to contribute to this project. (For a \$20.00 donation you will receive a beautiful candle from Yankee Candle Company.)

I am requesting prayers on behalf of "Celestial Vision Productions" that all the doors necessary to the fruition of this project be opened and the resources become available. Thank you in advance for your prayers and help.

TRANSLATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE PRAYER PERFECT (JOAN WARDEN)

Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](http://www.truthforallpeople.com). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech, Dutch and Tagalog. If you can write in another language and would be willing to translate the Prayer and to share it, please contact Joan at wardenjw@hotmail.com and Ian through his website email at <http://www.truthforallpeople.com/tfap-email>. Thank you and God bless.

A DIVINE LOVE CIRCLE (AND CENTER) OF LIGHT IS BORN IN NEW YORK (HAL EISENBERG)

The retreat in Gibsons went beyond my expectations and left a stirring in my soul. The messages were clear. I was not there by accident. It was not the last retreat, or goodbyes to our newly found loved ones, and life was definitely not going to be the same.

With passion and fervor, I returned to the much overpopulated city of New York, to the non-profit agency I run for youth, and the somewhat old church building that acts as our home.

From September 10th through the 15th, NYC was blessed with a beautiful visit from Helge Mercker of Namibia, Africa, founder of Children's Sanctuary of Namibia. Twenty minutes after her arrival we were both at a NYC public high school populated with almost 5,000 students, speaking to youth and staff about spirituality and love. Her trip ended with us praying at the 9-11 World Trade Center Disaster site. Sandwiched in between were many sparks of light, divine love, and beautiful prayer.

On September 12, we had at the Hollis Woods Community Church, Queens, NY, our first prayer circle and a day full of spiritual talks. We had the pleasure of having Helge launch our weekly prayer circles, and the gathering brought to life a Love in Action project that will assist the orphans that Helge works with daily! Helge's opening prayer and Brian Holmes' closing prayer were breathtaking, and the in-between was powerful and healing. Thank you to all who prayed with us globally. We truly felt it in our souls!

As I looked around at everyone sharing the love, I could not help but get an overwhelming impression that we were experiencing an important moment in the Divine Love movement. Here we are in NYC, it's the anniversary weekend of 9-11, there is much pain in many souls, and this city needs Divine Love.

Thank you also to all who made the event happen – our guests who stopped by and shared, and those who stayed for the prayer circle. An extra special thanks go to members of the WOO (Windows of Opportunity) Board - Tracy Mignone for help with the set-up and doing all the cooking; and Lydiamarie Marino and Peter Sinacore for providing the space that allows us to grow spiritually. May God's Divine Love flow through all your souls for eternity.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Special Divine Love Experience

By Geraldine Cousins

My extraordinary journey began about nine years ago. Ever since I made that connection with our Heavenly Father, and acquired understanding of the great importance of seeking and receiving His Divine Love, He has become a personal God and central part of my life, without whom my life would not make any sense.

This connection and the Divine Love have expressed themselves in many ways to me, but one remarkable way that I recall took place several years ago. It was a Sunday morning, while I was in communion and prayers with the Father. Suddenly I heard a loud and screeching sound and felt the building shaking. Not only that, but while this was taking place, the area of my solar plexus was vibrating intensely. My logical interpretation of this was that there was a brief earthquake. For some reason, I didn't in that moment run to my daughter's room, as I would normally do in the face of an impending danger, but just sat in shock. The vibrating of my solar plexus continued for a few seconds after the shaking of the building subsided, and gradually and slowly it subsided as well. (This vibration of my solar plexus continued to occur for a long time each time I prayed to the Father, and very occasionally thereafter.)

Well, I thought that what I had experienced that day was a normal occurrence, until I got up and went to my daughter's room. She was calm, watching TV, as though nothing had happened, so I asked her: "How can you be so calm, when there was an earthquake?" "What earthquake?" she asked. I continued to ask her, didn't she hear that loud noise and feel the building shaking?" She said, NO, and asked me to close the door behind me. I left her room, now really in shock, thinking that maybe I was becoming looney.

There was no report the following day of an earthquake in the area, or any other natural phenomena. I hadn't realized at the time what had happened, until a few days later. That's when I remembered the incident at Pentecost. Somehow, while I thinking about this unexplainable experience and wondering if I was really going crazy, suddenly the thought of the incident of Pentecost came to my mind.

Yes, it was the Father's Love manifesting itself to me in that way, and there have been other instances of this Love being manifested to me in other ways. Prior to that incident, which only happened once, I had asked God to help me feel His love coming into my soul, but He gave me no warning. That manifestation was unexpected at that moment – and a little scary, too.

God is real and He is Love, and we never know when he is going to do something thoughtful and surprising.

Faith and How it Can Be Obtained.

I am here, *Jesus*.

I came tonight to tell you that you are nearer the Kingdom than you have been for a long time, and that if you pray to the Father in more earnestness you will soon realize the inflowing of the Divine Love, that will make you free indeed and fit you to enjoy that close communion with the Father that will enable you to forget all your worries and disappointments, and see with your soul perceptions the great truths which I and my followers may endeavor to teach you.

I know, that at times, it seems difficult to grasp the full meaning of faith in the Father and His Love, but if you will earnestly seek for His Love, you will find that there will come to you such a belief in His Wonderful Love and in the nearness of His presence, that you will be free from all doubt.

You have asked me "what is faith" and I will answer: Faith is that which when possessed in its real and true meaning makes the aspirations and longings of the soul a real, living existence; and one so certain and palpable that no doubt will arise as to its reality.

This faith is not the belief that arises from the mere operation of the mind, but that which comes from the opening of the perceptions of the soul, and which enables its possessor to see God in all His Beauty and Love. I do not mean that the possessor of this faith will actually see God in form or feature, for he has none such, but his soul perceptions will be in such condition that all the Attributes of the Father will appear so plainly to him, that they will be as real as anything that he can see with the eyes of the spirit form. Such faith comes only with constant earnest prayer, and the reception into the soul of the Divine Love.

No man can be said to have faith who has not this Divine Love. Of course, faith is a progressive quality or essence of the soul, and increases as possession of this Divine Love increases, and is not dependent on anything else. Your prayers call from the Father a response that brings with it faith, and with this faith comes a knowledge of the existence of this Love in your own soul.

Many persons, I know, understand this faith to be a mere belief, but it is greater than belief, and is existing in its true sense only in the soul. Belief may arise from a conviction of the mind, but faith never can. Its place of being is in the soul, and no one can possess it unless his soul is awakened by the inflowing of this Love.

So that, when we pray to the Father to increase our faith it is a prayer for the increase of Love. Faith is based on the possession of this Love, and without it there can be no faith, because it is impossible for the soul to exercise its function when Love is absent from it.

Sometime, as you progress in these writings, you will be in soul condition to understand just what faith is, but until that time your faith will be limited by your possession of this Love.

Well, in my healing of the sick, and the blind and the others of earth, who needed a cure, when I said: "as your faith so be it unto you," I meant that they must believe that the Father had power to bring about the cure; but I did not mean that if their minds merely had the belief that I might cure them, that then they would be cured. Belief was not sufficient of itself, but faith was required.

Faith is not a thing that can be obtained by a mere exercise of the mind, but has to be sought for with the soul perceptions, and when obtained will be enjoyed only by the soul perceptions.

I am with you in all my love and power, for I love you as I told you and desire that you shall become free and happy, so that you can do my work.

With all my love and blessings I will say good night.

Your brother and friend, Jesus