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INTERNATIONAL AND SEED GROUPS RSI

Rev. Barbara Schreiner-Trudel, Editor

Updates by Rev. Nancy Anderson

Chair of the International and Seed Groups Committee

Rev. Michelle Wadleigh, of the Center for Conscious Living of West Orange, N.J. began on April 16 a four week teleconference class in The Science of Mind® using Dr. Holmes text book. She has five students including Jasmina Peev of Switzerland and Anthony Canton of England. The calls are at 7 p.m. London, 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. They last one hour. Students are asked to have read an assigned chapter of the textbook before the conference call. Thank you, Rev. Michelle for your initiative and wonderful work. If this idea is of interest to you email Rev. Michelle at reverendmichelle@yahoo.com

Out of care for Evans Ombiro and his Kisii, Kenya Seed Group, the Ukiah Church of Religious Science, with Dr. Candice Becket as Pastor, has been having fundraisers to help this group. So far \$90 has been raised and when there is more money it will go for supplies for these dedicated people in Kisii. Harvey Baumol of the church traveled to Kenya recently. He could not meet with Evans as Kisii and Nairobi are many miles apart. However, Harvey and friends did gather supplies for the group and mailed them to Evans. It is heartwarming that our past President's church has 'adopted' some very fine people who literally live in the African country far from a city...and are dedicated to know and live our teaching. Write Evans at evans-octorber2005@yahoo.com.

Rosemary Christie, who has a seed group on the Island of Cypress is going to continue on-line study of the SOM and Dr. Tom Sannar of our Department of Education is encouraging her to finish SOM 200 and then take the (being-created) on-line Practitioner training. Way to go, Rosemary! Keep the vision of being RSI's first on-line trained Practitioner Please encourage Rosemary by emailing her at rosemaryandkeith@cytanet.com.cy. Rev. Nancy is working with two Seed Group leaders to have them come to Asilomar. One is Iheanyi Olekwara from Nigeria, with whom we have had close association for four years. The other is John Paul Tanchanco who is the close associate and Assistant Leader with Ruel Ruiz of the Seed Group work in the Philippines. John is with a famous jazz-pop band called KALA and uses music to propagate SOM in Manila and throughout the islands. RSI offered two scholarships, one to Ruel Ruiz of the Cebu, the Philippines seed group and one to Iheanyi Olekwara of the CRetive Minds Exploration Group in Owerri, Nigeria. Unfortunatel, neither man could get a visa in time. If you want to know more or perhaps offer support email Iheanyi at icole30@yahoo.com and Ruel Ruiz at razuli88@yahoo.com. Or revnancyaa@gmail.com

FROM MEXICO SOME NEWS TO FOSTER A MUCH NEEDED CONSCIOUSNESS OF PEACE IN OUR WORLD.

Rev. Nancy is part of the committee bringing a Society of Prayer for World Peace Pole to Rosarito Beach, Baja California. This obelisk has four sides. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" will be written on plaques, one in English, one in Spanish, one in Japanese and one in the native Kumeyay dialect. The event was held on May 20, 2007 and local spiritual and civic leaders and musicians and dancers participated. There are 200,000 of these Peace Poles in 180 countries. Mexico is a non-aggressive nation and yet has much civil turmoil and we want this Peace Pole to function as a symbol and reminder for choosing Peace and supporting Peace that we all can make.

Between Rosarito Beach and Tijuana, Baja California is an off ramp marked La Joya. If you would take that short swing off the main road you'd see a special small park, dedicated to uniting in heart and soul the people of the vast Pacific Rim. This is one of four such parks, with imaginative sculptures by international architectural students under the inspiration and direction of world known architect, James Hubbell. Students from the United States, Russia, Mexico and China worked together to build the sculptures and monuments. There was a dedication Ceremony on April 21, 2007, attended by Rev. Nancy and her husband, Owen. The name of the park is ENTRE CORAZON Y MAR PARQUE. There are other such parks in China, Russia and San Diego, California as statements for, and opportunities for people of diverse cultures to work together in cooperation to create what is of beauty and peaceful good for all who should visit the parks. Some Rotary International Clubs are supporting this idea. To know more about the Peace Pole or Gateway to the Pacific projects, write Rev. Nancy at revnancyaa@gmail.com. If you should visit San Miguel de Allende, in Guanajuato, Mexico you could attend one of the events sponsored by Rev. Nancy and Owen through their Center for Unity in Diversity. Philosophy of Life Dialogues, spiritual study meetings, prayer and discussion groups are on-going. While Rev. Nancy and Owen are in Rosarito for a few months dedicated people of the center are facilitating the meetings. If you are going to the gorgeous little Colonial city of San Miguel, do write revnancyaa@gmail.com and obtain information on current events in the area.

Creative Minds Exploration Group



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have been meeting for over four years in Nigeria. Iheanyi has kept this going through his definite struggle to stay in university, through his father's death and the resulting impoverishment of his family to pay for the funeral according to Nigerian custom. He is definitely being a pioneer in this area.

Letter to Rev. Nancy from Creative Minds Exploration Group,

You are back from your journey and without wasting time, you have already taking time to edit and reply to the mail. In fact your concern and care really touches me to a great depth. That is why I always pray that God in his infinite mercy will grant you health of body and soul so that you live long to accomplish his purpose for you on earth. Yes I am at the middle in the front row holding in my hand, one of the books you sent us "THIS THING CALLED YOU" which we studied from on that day we met.

I look forward to receiving the e-newsletter our photograph will appear in, in fact, if my group sees it they will be greatly moved . Be blessed always, Iheanyi

The connections we are making around the world are beginning to change the face of Religious Science this is good news. As our work continues and as we share in a way that keeps us all connected we truly will express the International flavor that is the Science of Mind. Each one of us has the ability to connect, share an email, offer our treatment support. Begin today for we are ONE.

*Oneness is being felt
around the globe.*

Letter from the Editor

It is with great excitement that I am completing this second edition of the Awakenings newsletter. The work being done by the Global Outreach group is remarkable and I am pleased to help in any way that I can. There ways that we can support each other is expanding, one of those ways is through online community building. The Science of Mind Practitioner Website was created as a love offering to support, inform and allow for connection of SOM practitioners all over the world. It is always changing, growing and evolving. They welcome news, ideas, and input which anyone in any of the SOM communities may want to share. There is a FREE calendar on the site, which allows you to add your own events, workshops, classes-- this can be used for your church or personal offerings. There is a link at the bottom of the calendar page which allows you to add these events by yourself. There is a Spotlight page

where they'd love to feature you; in addition, they welcome your treatments on the Treatment page. The website also includes a 'spirit shop' which is still in the construction stage, but they are happy to speak with you about placing your product or service there. Their desire is for the website to be self-sustaining so they also offer classified ads. The site is the creation of Iris Sauber, RScP and Kathy Jordan, RScP, both ministerial students, who have a desire to support the community of practitioners. Visit them at: www.scienceofmindpractitioners.com to connect with them or others. It is my desire to support the people who are out on their own to remind you that you are a part of something very spectacular and that you are not alone. Please email me with any ideas you have for this e-newsletter.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Barbara Schreiner-Trudel
Centre for Conscious Living, Toronto, ON

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE BY REV. NANCY GOOD NEWS FROM ASILOMAR 2007

The 2007 Asilomar Conference served as a jump-start for an increase of strength in both international ministry and the International and Seed Groups committees. Thanks to the Asilomar planning committee for giving us visibility that made a difference! Monday morning, at the large assembly in Merrill Hall, I had an "International Moment" which actually took five minutes. I told people some of what we had going on in the world and to have all our international attendees stand and be recognized and applauded!

For five mornings at 7 a.m. I was given space for a Visioning Session and that was the time and space venue that brought to us the new people who have truly jumped on board the international outreach and have much talent, experience, ideas to offer. Lawrence Toliver, now our liaison with the Board of Directors, and Rev. Melanie Burns a long time valuable committee member were with me, and the new people, during the week! The new members and their particular areas of interest and expertise are:

Rev. Kathy Jordon of Columbia, Maryland: Structure and Fund Raising travelkj@aol.com
Bruce Broderick of Mendocino, California: Communications options ehsol@comcast.net
Pam Robinson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Travel, visas and youth firstclasstraveltours@yahoo.com
They are joining Lawrence (ltoliver@carolina.rr.com), Rev. Barbara our newsletter editor (revbarbara@rogers.com) and Rev. Margo Ruark, MRuark1@sbcglobal.net and myself as our A Team for global outreach.

We thank Rev. Eileen Brownell who has been our Board liaison and who was supportive of getting us scholarships for seed group leaders to come to Asilomar. Very sadly, neither of the two people could obtain visas in time. Next year!

We had a truly joyful International Reception on Tuesday night. We really appreciated Dr. Candice Becket for being there on her last night as President! She spoke very warmly of our work and of the people who are doing the work on the international front! We also appreciated other Board members present, such as Rev. Eileen, Dr. Steven Brabant, Dr. Kenn and Rev. Deborah Gordon and Dr. Tom Sannar. (I hope I am mentioning them all.) We closed the evening with people getting in a circle and saying a prayer...in many languages, for the success of our work in awakening humanity everywhere on this planet.

Thursday we held a workshop called "A World Awakening" and a number of people told of the progress of their work in many parts of the world: Rev. Corey van Loon told of the new Omni-New

Thought retreat and teaching center being built in Portugal, Rev. Jacqueline Chohan gave an updated report on the Ernest Holmes Academy which now has 126 students, Rev. Keith Cox told of the RSI Youth Seminar people who have build 3 schools in Malawi, we learned more of the immensely helpful work in Tanzania being done by Floyd and Kathy Hammer and of the new on line distance learning web site of Dr. Tom Sannar and we heard from Rev. John Scott of the continuing progress of the great work of Dr Elma Lumsden (and others) in Jamaica. Our outgoing Board liaison, Rev. Eileen Brownell and our new one, Lawrence Toliver, both shared good ideas, information and inspiration.

If you are interested in taking the first year of Science of Mind on line go to www.religiousscienceonline.com and first watch and hear the great introduction! This website was written by Dr. Tom Sannar

I was especially pleased to hear Dr. Kathy Hearn talk and tell of the plans of the leadership of R.S.I., also of United, to meet in September and start the process of taking first steps to unify our organizations. As we do this we will move forward in the world as a powerful united presence. I plan to soon meet with the United Global Core leader, Janice Deaton and explore how we can cooperate more and learn from one another in the field of international ministry. In a talk early in the week, our outgoing President, Dr. Candice Becket said that the TIME IS NOW AND WE ARE READY to move out into the world in a much greater way.

Dr. Kenn Gordon was elected President on Wednesday. He gave a truly fine speech during which he clearly said that his purpose, and the purpose of Religious Science International is to AWAKEN PEOPLE. Our purpose is not to build or grow churches or do anything else as a purpose. We will create centers and churches and have them grow but as a means...and also as a medium for that awakening, but never as the purpose. This statement of Dr. Gordon's really thrilled me as I feel so strongly that we can go world-wide when we, as an organization, actually intend to do so as a top priority and put giving what is necessary to awaken people high on our list of attitudes and actions. Recently Drs. Tom and Gisela Sannar, Dr. Hearn and Janice Deaton, Revs. Corey and Hermance van Loon and about 200 more people participated in a New Thought conference in London. As a way of making our presence known we are sure there will be a conference within a year or two in Portugal. As we connect more with people of like mind and spirit in the world the knowledge of the spiritual truth we teach and live will reach more and more people. I came back from Asilomar enthused and grateful and very aware of the immense amount of work I and we all have to do to make an AWAKENED HUMANITY a factual reality. However, as Gibran said, "your work is your love made visible." I know the whole process one of God's Love as and through us being all we are and all we do.

We are blessed and I am grateful.

Letters from around the world

I am Michael Valenti, a German Physician practicing in Port Antonio, Jamaica. I am a member of the Science of Mind Temple in Kingston where I took two years of classes and I am well known to Dr. Elma Lumsden, Rev. John Scott and Sonia Davidson. I taught a class myself based on the book: "Basic Ideas of Science of Mind" by Ernest Holmes.

I am also considering to start a website on Science of Mind in German, but need to practice thinking the SOM in German myself, because I have been in Jamaica for 20 years. So I figured a translation would be helpful. I could start with a small book, but recently I came to love the 365 days of readings by Ernest Holmes and wonder if I could manage that.

Please let me know if you know of anybody else working on translations into German and if you have any suggestions about which book would be most useful to translate.

Much love, Michael Valenti, M.D.
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Dear Teens and Advisors,

I'm writing to clarify the fundraising match challenge offered by Alive! Foundation for the Malawi School Project. Please review the information below, and email me with any questions. I encourage us all to ride the inspiration of the Malawi Project presentation made at Camp Idyllwild and Asilomar and help build schools! Also, I invite youth groups to share fundraisers that you are planning and that have been successful. I know the new schools are already complete in Divine Mind, and I know for each of us that the love generated at camp becomes the force for change in this beautiful world.

Onward and upward!
Rev. Jill Lacefield/Chico CRS

- ***The Match Challenge***

Alive! Foundation will match funds raised by youth groups in the amount of \$500 or more, up to a total foundation contribution of \$15,000. Youth groups include RSI teens as well as our friends from Santa Rosa UCSL and other UCSL groups that attended our 2007 summer seminar.

- ***Match Criteria***

Match funds will be marked for donation to the RSI/Buildings With Books Malawi Project when

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

An informal Science of Mind/RScP (aka United Centers for Spiritual Living) Reading Group begins within the next 2 weeks at the House of Self Empowerment in Escazu, COSTA RICA.

Pictures can currently be seen at www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2104456413

Contact ScienceOfMindInCostaRica@gmail.com or call 506-378-6679 The House of Self Empowerment is a new Workshop Space, Retreat Property, Holistic Wellness Space & Donation Drop-Off Point for MANY Foundations/ non-profits in CR!!! www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=2095145265 506-378-

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I have received by email a letter from a youth group, documenting:

1) The efforts of the teens to educate their congregations about the current conditions and the need for schools in Malawi and

2) A description of how the \$500 (+) was raised.

- ***Match Distribution***

To give all groups an opportunity to receive a match donation, Alive! Foundation will give youth groups until November 1st to raise \$500. After November 1st, additional funds raised by individual groups will be matched up to the maximum Alive! Foundation contribution of \$15,000. (Exception: Because the above information was not clarified at summer seminar, the Westlake youth group will receive a full match of the money it raised during camp.)

- ***Match Deadline***

The match challenge is offered through 2007.