



Chapelofawareness.org

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Dear Chapel Members,

Enclosed please find your balloting materials for the Chapel of Awareness Spiritual Church Elections 2020. Please read all that we have included, as it is important to stay informed and understand. As we often say in our requests to Spirit – “Open my eyes that I may see, open my ears that I may hear, open my mind that I may understand. Open my heart that I may learn to give and receive love freely.”

There are a few issues that we would like to bring to your attention in addition to what the others who have contributed to this mailing have addressed. First, that your vote is important! Your membership and participation are highly valued and essential to the well-being and growth of Chapel. You are an essential part. Your voice helps us all move forward together.

Last year we had a complicated ballot with a number of needed By-Law changes. It was a successful election. Most of the By-Law measure passed. However, a larger than normal number of ballots were returned without sender identification, and were unable to be counted. There was not a sufficient quorum to elect the officers to our board. The Board followed a special provision to appoint respective candidates to the Board positions in January. This year we hope to have at least the needed quorum to elect our officers.

Please make sure you print your name clearly on the outside of the return envelope. We added your return address to the return envelope as an extra precaution. Most importantly, PLEASE VOTE. Your support and involvement in the Chapel election process is vital to the organization. Active members help us thrive.

Secondly, we are now offering services and classes virtually. We are accessible to everyone near and far. Please attend our Sunday services on Zoom or Facebook. We strongly invite you to do so! The links are available on our website – chapelofawareness.org. Also, please sign up on our website for Chapel’s Tuesday email blast, which will keep you up to date on Chapel news and provides links to all classes and events. All previous students who have completed the Beginning Lecture Series are eligible to join the online classes offered Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00am, or the Tuesday evening classes 7:00-9:00pm. Check the calendar on the website. You can discuss which class you can matriculate with staff. PLEASE JOIN US!

Thank you all for your vote, and your valuable participation. May you be healthy and happy.

Sincerely,

The Election Committee: Chairperson Sharon Lubert and Rev. Suzy Sisler

A Note from the By-Laws Committee and Education Committee -

To our members and students,

Our staff and board have worked very diligently since the beginning of the COVID outbreak to continue to provide Sunday Services on Zoom and Facebook and Tues/Thurs Classes on Zoom. Our Sunday Readings are available by appointment on the telephone. Attendance has actually increased for Sunday services and there are Chapel students who are able to attend classes from anywhere in the world. We actually see a time before us where we will have at least one on-line class and Sunday Services available for out of town students and members in addition to our traditional in-person classroom experience. This is why we are asking you to **vote yes on the proposed By-Law changes on the Ballot this year- Measure A.**

It has come to our attention that our By- Laws do not the support some of our staff and clergy to teach on-line classes or give readings over the phone unless an ordained clergy member is present. At this point in time there are 4 ordained clergy on staff. This requires our ministers and ordained healer to work every month plus sitting in on un-ordained clergy's classes so that we may be in compliance with our By-Laws.

We realize that when the sections of the By-Laws in question were written, the scenario we find ourselves in now was not a reality. Now it is.

Please support us in making these much needed changes so that we may continue to grow and provide the classes and services that Chapel has always been known for and our students and members depend on. Again, a copy of the full By-Laws with changes highlighted is available for your preview at:

<http://vote.chapelofawareness.org>.

Thank you

Election Instructions and Zoom links – Please keep these for your reference.

- The ballot this year is one sheet, front and back.
- We have included an addressed, stamped envelope for you to return you ballot in. Please fold and insert you completed ballot. If you have chosen to make a donation to Chapel, please include the donation slip with your check and include it with your ballot. Print your name on the back of the envelope.
- In order for your vote to count, your ballot must be received in the mail by Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 to be counted or in person to the Chapel mailbox by 10:00 am on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 to be counted.
- A copy of the By-laws with the proposed changes highlighted can be previewed at:
<http://vote.chapelofawareness.org>. **Zoom links for meetings will be on our website and listed below.**
- **The Annual Meetings are on Zoom this year – Please Join Us!!**

The Annual Corporate meeting will begin at 1:00pm on December 13, 2020. The Zoom link is : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84901007776?pwd=VUNNBtZlDRnMnBVVDVrenREQU1wdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 0100 7776

Passcode: 586427

The Annual General Membership Meeting will begin at 2:00 on December 13, 2020. The Zoom link is :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89577041816?pwd=Q2hScTZlQ2hGTEhEMWNMSjlvdXJMZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 7704 1816

Passcode: 022530