

# Spiritual Empowerment

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## Ready, Set, Go!

Our theme is familiar to each of us. Perhaps at some time in life we entered into some kind of competition. It was when we called forth pent-up energy in doing the best we could at the time. Well, each of us has been created to forever move out and ahead in our journey in life. The difference in our spiritual look at "Ready, Set, Go!" is that the only person we are in competition with is our self. Each person is running or living his/her journey at his/her chosen pace and direction. Actually, each of us is involved in our own spiritual marathon right now. Spiritual empowerment and support for loving life successfully got us started on our journey. We can forever be motivated by Spirit's creative power expressed in "Ready, Set, Go!" at the moment of our soul's creation. Spiritual empowerment is always with each of us but requiring us to determine in what direction we are going. "Lo, I am with you always" further assures us God is with us as a reality to be claimed. Each of us is on an exciting and fulfilling trip in life. Draw upon the Infinite spiritual reality of your being with every thought, feeling, and action and you will continue to move from glory to glory in your ongoing, fulfilling journey.

## May

May 7 *Wired for Fulfilled Living* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

May 14 *The Mother Quality of God in Us* Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie

May 21 *The Power Is Always On* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

May 28 *Waves of Life Are for Surfing* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

## June

June 4 *Trusting Your Support System* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

June 11 *Conscious Cooperation* Dr. Mimi C. Ronnie

June 18 *Moving Ahead in Overdrive* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

June 25 *The Immense Potential of I Am* Dr. Blaine C. Mays

# Winning

by Tian of Siam from her online blog, Quamtao.org

Competition has an inherent problem: It means someone has to lose in order for another person to win. The greatest good for the greatest number is not merely a social statement — it illuminates how we're meant to live and relate to one another. If you value your selfworth by being "better" than others — you are sorely fooling yourself. Even if you "win" this supposed game; you'll be forever looking over your shoulder to see who's ready to overtake you. If you're in a race, think how much further and faster you could go (not to mention how much easier it would be to move forward) if you weren't always preoccupied by what everyone else is doing!

Humans are creatures of imitation, but, at some point we must forge out on our own and define who we are beyond what we have seen in those around us, and even ourselves. The promise of who we are is beyond merely mimicking another, or projecting an image, and definitely beyond what we have known heretofore comparison can never help us in the hallowed ground of our future selves and unfolding spirituality. What not to do is a good thing to identify, in acquiring this wisdom if we can be smart enough to learn from others' mistakes then EVERYONE wins — especially the individual whose unfortunate experience has served us.

The optimal choice, the one that can bring it all together and transform a life otherwise weighed down by worry and the burden of self-importance born of insecurity, is to be *CREATIVE*. I have reiterated often throughout these blog posts how every individual has particular skills, talents, abilities — but they remain latent if we aren't willing to risk something new and honor our uniqueness. Special is everywhere, but doing something meaningful, helpful, useful with it is far more rare. The cult of ego, of simply being worthy of attention, praise, or fame because you just happen to be you is NOT ENOUGH. This self-entitlement actually promotes a competition with prizes ONLY the talentless would accept without shame.

The secret is to be *inner-led* rather than *outer-directed*. As long as you are in tune with something greater than yourself, you will always be able to manifest something of its like (as ungainly and unworthy some of us may feel when humbled by the reality of the divine). If you can take all that time, effort, and energy and devote it to the nasty nonsense of money, power, fame, then it is incumbent upon you to take that same drive and desire and throw it behind something that can, at last, give you REAL RESULTS. As smart or as good as you are: you can always be better — *than you!* Forget everyone else! If you are living from a place of love you will do right by others by first taking care of you.

But we should never stop there...

The greatest good for the greatest number also means you have an opportunity to affect every person in your orbit — in your realm of influence. We really are meant to care for, love, and support each other — especially now as the world remains in this shifting state of uncertainty. If we look upon others and see something to admire, let it inspire us to be even more of who we are, rather than envy or attempt to copy. Though competition is ubiquitous, you don't have to partake in the soul-diminishing display. Opt out and see it for what it is. Set a good example for those around you by letting the glory of your creative individuality shine through. Be loving, caring, and support others in their journey to do the same. When enough of us do this, we will, at last, finally all be winners.

# Classes and Activities

## **102<sup>nd</sup> INTA Annual Congress**

July 18 – 22, 2017, *Manifesting Your Empowered World*, held at Embassy Suites Hotel, Phoenix-Scottsdale, Arizona. Great room rates and online registration is now open at: [www.newthoughtalliance.org](http://www.newthoughtalliance.org). Fabulous speakers and music, a time to see old friends and make new ones, while learning something too.

## **Pray and Play Prayer Group**

The Pray and Play Prayer Group meets the **first Monday of every month** in the Prayer Chapel of the **INTA Archives at 11 am** in order to carry out the prayer work of Community Church of New Thought as well as the international outreach of the International New Thought Alliance.

## **After Service Fellowship**

Light Refreshments are served at noon in Joy Hall **after the 11 am Sunday Celebration Service**, providing a wonderful time for fellowship. While enjoying refreshments, you are also invited to browse our information tables in Joy Hall.

## **20/20 Vision 5 Year Initiative**

We are affirming \$100,000 shall be raised for buildings and grounds maintenance during 2016 through 2020!

Projects completed so far: The parking lot was repaired, sealed, covered with new asphalt, and striped. The large water fountain in courtyard was repaired. The vine covered walkway in courtyard was rebuilt and freshly painted. Three water-saving toilets purchased and installed, as well as a ceiling fan. Purchased 15 gallons of paint and three large non-skid floor mats. The Memorial Grove sign has been replaced and the trim on the Chapel has been painted.

Maintenance yet to be completed: Paint doors, security doors, and trim of two buildings. Install new window blinds for office, and build a reserve to replace, as needed, 3 thirty-seven year-old air conditioning units for Chapel and Joy Hall.

## **Strawberry Smoothies**

Ingredients:

1 cup of cut strawberries

1/2 cup Greek Strawberry and Greek Honey yogurt

1/2 cup milk

Directions:

Toss all of the ingredients into a food processor or blender and blend until smooth. That's it. This makes 1 large smoothie or 2 small smoothies.

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## Alumni

Ministers ordained by the Lola Pauline Mays New Thought School of Ministry meet at various times for prayer, support, and fellowship as listed in the Calendar of Events in this newsletter. Brochures about the Alumni are available on the information table in Joy Hall. Rev. Grace Jackson is Alumni Coordinator.

## Circle of Love, Dominion, and Power Service

The Rev. Grace Jackson facilitates this service **each Saturday, 11 – 12 pm in the INTA Archive's Chapel**. Refreshments follow. If you would like to participate as a speaker contact Rev. Grace while at church or attending this class. All are welcomed. Class is given on a love offering basis.

## Course In Miracles Class

Join us for an experience of in-depth discussion and an understanding of the presence and power of God within and the application of this understanding in living life to the fullest. Facilitated by Ann Skitt and **meets every Tuesday at 3 pm in Joy Hall**. Everyone welcomed.

## The Christmas Stocking Project

Our ministry is pleased to support “**The Christmas Stocking Project**”. In 2016 the Project handed out over 3,500 stockings to children in need. The group meets **each Friday in Joy Hall** to make each stocking and fill them with useful and enjoyable items.

Items that are needed to fill the stockings are: NEW, small-size shampoo and conditioner, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, energy bars, crayons, coloring books, and Beanie-Babies. **There is a box in Joy Hall where these donations can be dropped off.** For more information, please contact Carol Taddon, Project Coordinator at 480-685-1247.

## Empowerment Newsletter

We are grateful to all our members, friends, volunteers, and staff who make unique contributions to the activities of our ministry. Our Empowerment Newsletter is a vital part of communicating with all of our members and friends. In order for it to serve its purpose of informing all of you about the activities of our ministry, all activities must be published in the Empowerment Newsletter. Please give your submission to Rev. Blaine Mays or Rev. Mimi Ronnie. The deadlines are: December 1 for January/February newsletter, February 1 for March/April newsletter, April 1 for May/June newsletter, June 1 for July/August newsletter, August 1 for September/October newsletter, October 1 for November/December newsletter.

# Calendar of Events

## Regular activities:

First Monday of every month, 11 am  
Prayer Group  
Archive's Chapel

Tuesdays, 3 pm  
Course In Miracles  
Joy Hall

Tuesdays, 7 pm  
Gamblers' Anonymous and Gam-Anon  
Joy Hall

Fridays, 12 – 2 pm  
Christmas Stocking Project  
Joy Hall

Saturdays, 11 – 12 pm  
Circle of Love Service  
Archive's Chapel

## 2017 Monthly Events:

### May

Sunday, May 7, 12 noon  
Cinco de Mayo Potluck  
Joy Hall

Sunday, May 14, 12 noon  
Mother's Day Reception  
Joy Hall

### June

Sunday, June 18, 12 noon  
Father's Day Reception  
Joy Hall

## July

July 18-22, 2017  
INTA Annual World Congress  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Phoenix-Scottsdale, AZ

## September

Sunday, September 10, 12 noon  
Luau Potluck  
Joy Hall

Wednesday, September 27, 6 pm  
Seminary classes begin  
Joy Hall

## October

Sunday, October 29, 12 noon  
Halloween Costume Party  
finger foods and prizes  
Joy Hall

## November

Thursday, November 23, 12 noon  
Thanksgiving Potluck and  
Pie Auction  
Joy Hall

## December

Sunday, December 24, 11 am  
Christmas Candle Lighting Service  
Chapel

Sunday, December 24, 12 noon  
Christmas Party Potluck  
Joy Hall

Sunday, December 31, 5 am  
World Healing Prayer Service  
Chapel

## 2018 Monthly Events:

### January

Wednesday, January 10 pm  
Seminary classes resume  
Joy Hall

### February

Saturday, February 3, 12 noon  
Alumni Homecoming Luncheon  
Joy Hall

Sunday, February 25, 11 am  
New Members Received  
Chapel  
Reception in Joy Hall

Sunday, February 25, 12:30 pm  
Annual Membership  
Business Meeting  
Joy Hall

### March

Sunday, March 25, 11 am  
Ordination & Reception  
Chapel & Courtyard

### April

Sunday, April 1, 11 am  
Easter Flower Service  
Chapel

Sunday, April 1, 12 noon  
Easter Potluck  
Joy Hall

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 Office and Bookstore  
 Monday – Friday  
 9 am – 4 pm  
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Sunday Schedule:

11 am, Celebration Service  
 Chapel

12 pm, Refreshments - Fellowship  
 Joy Hall

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