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The Uses of Recreation

by Rev. Coleman Glenn

It's summertime, and many of us will take some time off from our jobs to spend time relaxing with our families. Some of us will go to cottages by lakes; others might travel across the country or even around the world; and others will simply take a break and stay at home. We'll go swimming and camping, play cards late at night or play sports in the day. Even though most of us continue to work in the summer, most of us try to find some time to relax, too.



There have been people throughout history who have believed that the path to salvation involves giving up all earthly pleasure. But the Writings for the New Church tell us that we are allowed to enjoy natural pleasures, including taking time off from our regular work. Even in heaven there are periods of recreation. The problems only arise if we

make these recreations to be everything – if we start living for the sake of recreation, rather than taking recreation for the sake of restoring our spirits and making us better able to serve others. There's a wonderful series of memorable relations at the beginning of the book *Conjugal Love* which describes some newcomers to the spiritual world who get to experience their mistaken ideas of heaven. Some of them believe it involves spending all their time in conversation; others that it involves endless feasting; others that it involves strolling in paradisiacal gardens; and others that it involves endless praising of the Lord.

After a few days of experiencing these "heavens", the spirits are desperate to leave. In each case, an angel comes to them and tells them what they've missed: heaven is a kingdom of *uses*. But this does not mean that angels in heaven are constantly working. There *are* wonderful feasts in heaven; there

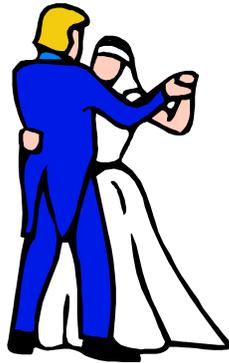
are beautiful gardens; there *are* times for pleasant conversation; there *is* worship of the Lord. But all of these things have life in them because angels are engaged in uses at other times.

In the same way, we'd be bored by endless vacationing. If we make recreation our goal and our motivation, then work always feels like a chore, and whatever vacation we have never satisfies us. But if we try to be useful and charitable in our regular uses, then our time off can energize us and give us new motivation for when we go back to our daily routines.

In this sense – if we're using recreation to rejuvenate our spirits – recreation is not only allowable, it is *necessary* – and in fact, taking time for recreation is part of charity. *True Christian Religion* describes “diversions of charity”, which especially include feasts and dinners and social gatherings. In the early days of the Christian church these occasions served as “a consolation in the adversities of the church, seasons of rejoicing on account of its increase, recreations of mind after study and labour, and at the same time opportunities for conversation on various subjects” (TCR 434). These kinds of recreations, while not the same as charity itself, *are* part of the life of charity.

The Lord is present with us in our charity – and since recreation is part of charity, the Lord can be present with us in our recreation. Sometimes we think of the Lord as being present during worship, and when we're doing acts of service – but we can forget that He is there when we are relaxing as well. Remember the story of the Lord's first miracle at Cana: He was at a party. When the host ran out of wine they came to the Lord and told Him that the wine had run out. Rather than acting stern or uncaring, the

Lord actually turned water into wine so that the party could continue! Of course, the most important thing in this story is the internal sense, of turning a more external truth into a more internal truth; but it's easy to lose sight of the fact that in the literal sense, which is also true, the Lord is contributing to a party. The book *Conjugal Love* says that celebration is actually an important part of a wedding because “the love which the bride and bridegroom felt before the wedding then descends into their hearts and radiates from there throughout their whole bodies, so that they begin to feel the delights of being married. As a result, their minds are filled with festive thoughts, and as far as is permissible and respectable, they also let themselves go in festive behaviour. In support of this, it is useful for the festive feelings of their minds to be shared by others, and for them to be introduced into the joys of married love in this way” (CL 309).



He wants us to celebrate and be festive with our friends and families. He wants us to take time for recreation. How would our recreation be different if we remembered that the Lord not only *allows* it, but that He wants to be present in it? This single thought can help guide a lot of our decisions when it comes to how we recreate. We don't give up natural enjoyment – in fact, they become much deeper! At the same time, if we're really conscious that the Lord is present in our recreations, we may be less likely to go overboard in our celebrations. It can help bring us a balance. And it can help us find deeper satisfaction during our time off, so that we come back to our regular duties refreshed, energized, and ready to serve.

FROM THE BISHOP'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL CHURCH IN CANADA

Full time resident pastor for Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie

A few weeks ago, six men graduated from the Theological School and were ordained. All of them have had experience in other careers before training to be ministers. This is good news for the Church because as quickly as they gain enough experience to become pastors in their own right, a number of our current pastors will be ready to retire. The challenge for the administration of the Church is to find places where they can be useful and earn their keep until the anticipated openings occur. Some time ago, the Executive Bishop asked the General Church in Canada if one of the six graduates could be placed in Canada. The GCIC Board agreed and put money in the 2011-2012 budget for that purpose.

The Bishop's Advisory Committee recommended that Calvin Odhner should be assigned to Canada. This is partly because his wife was born in Canada which makes it less complicated for them to live and work here. Calvin has written something to introduce himself to us, which is included below.

The next step was for the Canadian Clergy to work out assignments, so all five Canadian ministers got together and started putting the finishing touches on the plans we'd been working on. After a thorough discussion of all the possible ways of using six ministers, Coleman Glenn volunteered to go to Dawson Creek to become its full time resident pastor, and we agreed that it was the best solution.

In my capacity of Bishop's Representative to Canada, I met with the congregations in Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie. I am happy to report that when presented with Coleman's name, each congregation burst into spontaneous applause. We believe that we are putting the right person there at the right time and for the right reasons. Coleman will be moving to the Northwest in mid July.

Welcome to Rev. Calvin Odhner

Our newest Canadian minister wrote the following to introduce himself and his family to Toronto. They will be moving in early July and while resident in Toronto will be working half time for the GCIC and half time for Olivet Church.

"I married Margaret Van Zyverden in 1982 and we both moved to Penn State where she worked as an intensive care nurse and I went to school. When I graduated from Penn State in 1984 with a BS in Agriculture and Business I worked for Acme Engineering right out of college in Georgia. At the time I was interested in hydroelectric generation and worked with a team on large hydroelectric sites installing gates and water-flow equipment. When the kids started coming we needed less travel and more family time. We settled in Bryn Athyn and I worked for H&S electric while Maggie stayed on the home-front.

"Being an electrician worked for a while and I ended up with my own company for 6 years when we moved to Kempton, PA. I realized the customer contact was my favourite part of work and started a master's in clinical and counselling psychology. At the same time I moved into sales as I enjoyed the personal contact with others more than anything else. Eventually Brittany (26), Brigdon (24), Kelsie (21), Kale (19), Asher (15) had all come along and were either in the Kempton School or at the Academy. Maggie began to work part-time at the hospital in between child rearing. After graduating from Chestnut Hill College with a master's in marriage and family therapy I opened a private practice, Balance Point Family Counselling. I worked with families and couples for 5 years. It was during this experience I realized that psychology was good but spirituality was the bottom line for healing people and relationships. I had always wanted to be a minister but couldn't quite figure out how to make it happen. One day, in my 3rd year teaching as an adjunct psychology professor at Bryn Athyn College I

made up my mind to contact the Theological School just for information. Somehow it was the perfect time and they made it all happen right away. It's hard to believe that was 3 years ago!

"Maggie still works in intensive care and we have just Asher (15) left at home. She is not sure if she will work in Toronto yet but being a Canadian citizen she might have that option. We are adjusting to leaving our home in Kempton for the past 25 years but know the strangers in Toronto are really our new friends in disguise! We look forward to meeting everyone!"

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We hope to hear from you soon.

Bob Brickman, Director

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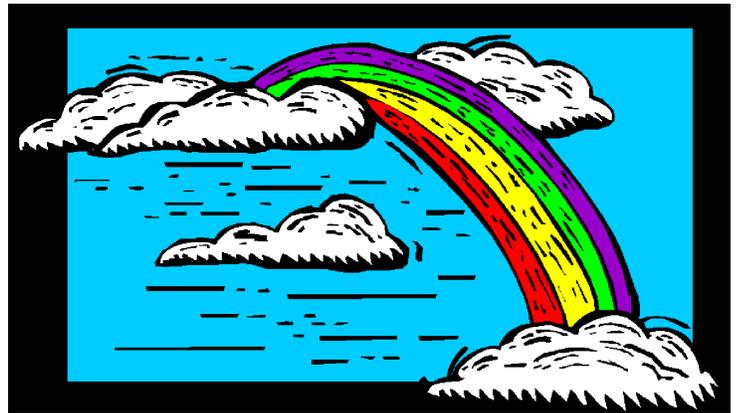
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ON RAINBOWS, REUNIONS, AND THE LORD'S PROVIDENCE

Excerpts of a letter from Lavina Scott

Within two days after receiving the March 2011, New Church Canadian, I had read and thoroughly enjoyed the first three articles: "Pessimism and Gloom - or Hope and Joy?" by Rev. Brian Smith; "The Rule of 30" by Rev. James P. Cooper; and "The Law of Attraction vs. Divine Providence" by Liz Lichti. As some ideas overlapped from each article into the others, I would like to respond to all of them at the same time. This circumstance reminded me of what I had long ago experienced as I enjoyed my first year at the Bryn Athyn College. What I was amazed at then was how, in going from one class and subject to the next, and then the next, each day, there was a distinct impression that the teachers had each agreed to teach the same topic each day, but from different perspectives. What we were learning in Philosophy, expanded on what we had just learned in Religion class, and those concepts were both reinforced by what our English teacher was saying just now! It was a delightful and amazing experience. The three articles I just read in N.C.C somehow reminded me of that. Thank you to all three writers, whether or not you conspired before hand to do the same.

Thank you Brian for the fly-by tour of the literal stories of the Word. I'd like to share with you a zoom-in view of the rainbow and the Lord's promise that is recorded in the story of Noah. I once heard a sermon given by Rev. Geoffrey Childs. He said the rainbow means that the Lord is promising that He will regenerate us if we let him, so whenever we see a rainbow, we can be reminded of that promise.



- Pink: In infancy the Lord gives everyone celestial remains of innocence.
Orange: In childhood He gives us mutual love of playmates.
Yellow: In youth, He gives us idealism: first light, or enlightenment.
Green: A young adult experiences first living things; the first or "Ishmael" rational; pleasures of intellect.
Blue: If we obey the Lord's commandments, the spiritual love of truth is born into our lives.
Purple: By living that truth, the Lord can bring us into the celestial love of good and charity toward the neighbour.
Red: Finally, we are brought into a love to the Lord and innocence of wisdom = a regenerating angel of heaven capable of growing in wisdom and love to eternity.

Regeneration allows us to become part of the Holy City New Jerusalem where the Lord enlightens it in perpetual light, with endless supplies of truths and love flowing in the crystal clear river. He has successfully led us away from selfishness and the love of self, replacing it with Love to the Lord, and neighbor, (just as you ended the tour in your article).

I remember being delighted as a child with how the colors of the rainbow seemed to miraculously blend and flow into the next one. As an adult, I now find a similar delight in observing how the states of regeneration build and seem to grow out of the foundations laid by the earlier states.



Thank you James for your observations and thoughts. It would be interesting to hear your thoughts about what is the correspondence of the number 30 in reference to a state. Thirty is a composite of 3 and 10. Isn't 3 a state of completeness, and doesn't 10 have something to do with remains? I wonder if, in a way, people might stay in the world of spirits until they reach a state of complete readiness to move on into heaven, and the Lord would certainly use their remains to get them to that point. Or is there a better explanation?

I read your references of Conjugal Love 45, and Heaven and Hell 494, both of which were very reasonable, enlightening and applicable. However, H&H was so interesting and compelling that I couldn't stop reading until I found myself at 506. Those numbers (HH 494-506) also help to understand how Divine Providence works.

I agree with your conclusion that "There's (certainly) no statute of limitations on love". To support this idea I'd like to offer the following quote from Conjugal Love 321: 7. "Married partners thus united in (conjugal) marriage think and breathe what is eternal . . . and are still not separated after the death of the one, since the spirit of the deceased dwells continually with the spirit of the one not yet deceased, and this even until the death of the other, when they meet again and re-unite themselves, and love each other more tenderly than before, because in the spiritual world." I find this teaching very comforting and reassuring.

I'd like to share some thoughts regarding the idea of the law of attraction and Divine Providence. I have been an "incurable optimist" from as far back as I can remember, and as such I've always been attracted to ideas of positive thinking. When I heard about Rhonda Byrne's book "The Secret", I went and bought myself a copy, thinking that here at last I would find in a nutshell, practical and useful procedures that would neatly mesh with my already established beliefs in the Divine and Omnipotent powers of the Lord Jesus Christ. So I started reading "The Secret" affirmatively, and kept finding certain ideas that seemed to ring true to reality. I thought they were at least partial truths, so I kept reading. Like one mesmerized by the sweet singing of a beautiful siren, I seemed to be led closer and closer to dangerous cliffs without even sensing and seeing clearly what the danger was. When I was about three quarters of the way through the book, I think the Lord brought some of His clear teachings to my mind and attention, tapping me on the shoulder, as it were. He "woke me up" to see and realize the problems with this so called "secret". The Lord reminded me that in the government of His loving and all wise Providence, He provides for our eternal welfare first as His top priority, and to temporal (natural, worldly and temporary) things only to the degree that they agree with and compliment His long term, permanent, eternal goals for us. (See DP 214-220)

The goals as set out in "The Secret" all seemed to be concerned with the instant "I WANT it NOW" achievement of temporary, materialistic and worldly goals of wealth, health, worldly success, complimentary people around me, and power over others, whether it might be beneficial for me in the long run or not. It was time for a reality check. The Lord alone knows far better than we do what exact circumstances and experiences will be best to help us grow spiritually healthy.

Another problem that I came to realize with "The Secret" is the seeming promotion of a whopping over-inflated love of self. We need to worship the Lord alone with an attitude of genuine humility. We need to say, "Nevertheless, Lord, not my will, but thine be done".

As the author of "the Law of Attraction vs. Divine Providence" article clearly saw . . . "ONLY good and ALL good comes from the Lord". Thank you for your willingness to question ideas of how we attract spiritual associates and effects, and how that meshes with the Lord's Divine Providence. Thank you for all three articles and for sharing your thoughts.

Just In...Report from "Maple"

Camp was great! Weather was hot!
33 campers attended!



Mosquitoes were large!

11 staff: Sue Bellinger, Gwenda Cowley, Ethan Daum, Simon Daum, Joe Downey, Rev. Coleman Glenn, Stephanie Kuhl, Alissa Riepert, Aven Rose, Jeremy Rose, Hannah Simons

Camper Comments:

- ❖ *The staff this year was as completely lovely as last year.*
- ❖ *I loved camp. The only thing is I wish it were longer. People were so welcoming. I am definitely leaving with a positive experience. (first year camper)*
- ❖ *I was worried the group would feel too big, but it didn't.*
- ❖ *My favourite time at camp was "quiet time".*
- ❖ *Maple should be two weeks long but everything else was fine.*
- ❖ *..... what matters is that we keep creating space for the campers to have a safe place to explore life and God. I absolutely loved having (camp) families do morning worship. This seems to be at the heart of why we do "Maple", and allowing teens to learn at an early age that there are many ways to worship, pray and give praise, what a blessing for the future of the church! (staff comment)*

Steph Kuhl, Director, Maple Leaf Academy



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Carmel New Church School Graduation Kitchener, ON June 16, 2011

Speech by Natalie Kuhl

“Such as the love is, such is the wisdom, consequently such is the man.”

~ Divine Love and Wisdom 1763

Good evening, friends, parents, teachers and fellow Grade 8 graduates. Tonight, we focus on the past; all the memories made, and all the good times shared. But we also look towards the future, anticipating what is to come, and what is going to take place once we begin the new chapter in all of our lives.

One thing that I have come to realize while reflecting on my elementary school years at Carmel New Church School, is that living a life of religion means something different for everyone. However, one thing that does apply to everyone is that in order to form yourself as a person, you have to develop your loves, your wisdom, and that these correspond to who you are as a person.

I am beginning to realize that, for all of these years in Carmel New Church School, I have, slowly but surely been building up my loves, my wisdom, and it has resulted in the person I am today. However, I am not finished developing who I am. I have many more things to love and much more to learn before I can be my full and complete self, but my experience at Carmel has played a large part in who I am and who I will become.

Building up your loves is taking everything that matters to you and using them in your daily life. At Carmel, I have learned how to be a useful person in life and how learning truths from the Word can be of aid in this. Also, to be a useful person, you must develop your wisdom. Carmel has, through the years, helped me develop my wisdom and knowledge, both spiritual and earthly, which will forever contribute to my usefulness in society. One love that I have developed while at this school is the love of writing and



drama. I remember when we were given an assignment to write an essay about an event that had a strong effect on our lives. I decided To write about my grandfather becoming ill and it turned out wonderfully. I had always wanted to get involved in drama and this past January I got the chance. I auditioned for a play using the essay that I wrote for class as a monologue. The people running the program could not believe that I had written it and even wanted to purchase a copy to use in competitions! I have looked back on this experience and realized that I may have not

been complimented for my writing if I had never written the essay and thus not used it to my advantage. Carmel New Church School has also given me even more opportunities to get involved in dramatic performances. When school plays were put on I got a chance to have a lot of fun doing something I love to do.

I hope that in the future I can be the best I can be, fulfill my dreams, and stay true to myself. I know that the knowledge and loves that Carmel has helped me learn and develop will continue to affect me for the rest of my life. I want to thank my teachers for giving me the opportunities that I have had here, and for helping me learn so many things that have helped me grow as a person.

I wish that all the other students that I will be saying goodbye to at the end of the year enjoy all their time at Carmel and take as much as I have from the experience at this school.

I will greatly miss my fellow graduating classmates who have been by my side through all these years. You all are wonderful friends and I will miss you all. All the laughs we have shared and all the special times we had I will carry with me forever.

And last but not least, I would like to thank my parents and family members for supporting me through my journey here at

Carmel. Each and every one of you has helped me be the person I am today.

So, as I say goodbye to my life at this school and begin my long journey to come, I will take with me the wisdom, the knowledge and the loves that I have and put them to use in my everyday life. Thank you.

Speech by Malcolm Riepert

Usefulness is life, life is love, and love is happiness. Powerful words, are they not? Living a life of religion sometimes appears to be a hard task, but in reality everything we do is either good; a life of religion, or evil; a mistake or choice that leads to another path. We all have a choice, yet it's not what we've done that defines us, it's what we strive for; where our heart is. A life of religion is just putting our goals and our hearts in heaven and the Word. This is what I've learned over the past ten years.

Good evening parents, teachers, students and fellow graduates. Tonight I will be giving a speech on my past and upcoming years. Looking back on the years gone by I have noticed we are taught similar things, but learn different things. For example, we all learn to 'honour our fathers and mothers', but anyone can interpret what they want out of this; like we should always respect our elders, or specifically our parents, or, on a deeper level, the church and the Lord.

In the younger grades you learn key elements, not so much the details or internal sense of the Word. For example, we all learn the Lord loves us, but it's not until later in life that we learn that he allows bad things to happen to us out of His divine providence because *everyone* has a choice. Without this we wouldn't learn what is wrong; we wouldn't have freedom. They say 'what doesn't kill you makes you stronger', and I believe this is very true. We go through life and we all will experience harsh times, but it's what we make of them and what we learn

from them that truly shows our desire for the good and truth.

One thing that I and just about everyone else has learned is that you will always have friends to rely on. Friendship is something to be cherished because friends know how to cheer us up, and *quite often* make us laugh.

Next year, when we all move on, we will undoubtedly make many, many more friends, and hopefully, based on what we have learned here, we will know how to be a true and good friend to someone.

For all those who are still in school, just remember: school is important; everyone is unique and has talents. Everyone is good at something *and* will love doing it. Using that "something" is the key to heaven. Even if you don't do as well at certain things in school you **will** find that one thing, if you haven't already. Yet realize, you can't find that one thing without trying a variety of activities and fields.



This all ties into graduation since you are here to learn, to find what you're good at and above all you are *here* for the truth and guidance of our New Church. If you're here and don't have a strong tie to the church, this will appear as a small private school with a focus on the 'truths'. Now, for all those in the school, leaving the school, or who have been here, consider this; this school teaches the truths of the New Church. You may take this for granted, but think of how different your life would be without the New Church. You wouldn't have this very unique viewpoint of how everyone has a use and that is their purpose, *and* we freely choose heaven or hell. Think about that for a while; 'we freely choose heaven or hell'. In so many words, that is choosing where we want to be depending on our likes, including where in heaven or hell.

So this concludes my graduation speech. I hope you all enjoyed it and good night. Best wishes to my fellow graduates, and have a wonderful summer.

Speech by Joseph Ferr

Teachers, parents, fellow students, friends and family;

We have come to the end of many years of studying, learning, and doing mass amounts of homework. We have been together for many years since kindergarten and now stand here today waiting to graduate from elementary school. There are many good things we have learned through the years; reading, writing, math, French, English and of course refraining from burping loudly.

Reaching high school is a bright highlight in our futures. There will be many changes, going to different schools and splitting up. Change is hard but necessary and that is the way of the world. In the past couple of years there have been lots of changes in my life, including changes in relationships, way of life and new ideas. The world at large is also going through many changes as we ourselves change from elementary to high school.

In the Swedenborgian religion we talk about how living a life of religion is a good aim for us. Living a life of religion doesn't mean necessarily living a life with organized, formal religion but a life of doing what you love that helps the world. Religion is a factor that points you in a good direction of how to live your life. There are people in our world who are sometimes thought of as being non-religious or non-spiritual but we know that everyone from Agnostic to Muslim to Christian can make it to heaven and still be a good person and equal to everyone else. The thing that touched me the most about Swedenborgianism is the acceptance of other religions and other ways of life; that we are not here to impose our religion on others but that we are here to help others on their different journeys and paths to a good life and getting to heaven.

Eventually, there comes a point in life where we are challenged to start living what we learned. For the graduates here tonight, that time of challenge could be in high school. In

True Christian Religion, 343, Swedenborg says, "One receives faith by approaching the Lord, learning truths from the Word, and living according to them." Living is the key word. Once we have learned truths the next step is to *live* them. As we move into high school we can live what we have learned. In high school we have to do our 40 hours of volunteering. I think we can do much more than 40 hours of volunteering and live our religion and live our life to the fullest.

The truths that we teach in our religion can be found just about anywhere. The world is changing and will change for the better. Even now you see many more people helping each other and see many communities working together. We can live what we love and change the world for the better, so let's go out and live our religion. Thank you for listening and good night.



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for



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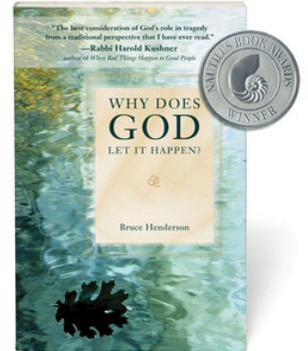
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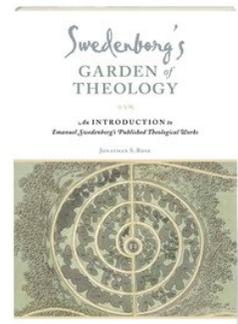
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Swedenborg's Garden of Theology

Jonathan S. Rose

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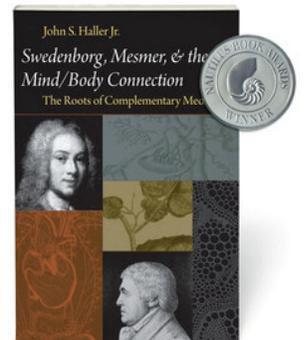


Nautilus Silver Award Winner!

Swedenborg, Mesmer, and the Mind/Body Connection

John S. Haller, Jr.

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Worship Services

Carmel New Church, Kitchener – Sun., 10:00 am
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Dawson Creek Church – Sun., 11:00 am

Grande Prairie / Debolt – Sun. / late afternoon

Olivet New Church, Toronto – Sun., 10:30 am

GCIC Meetings

Proposed Board Meeting Dates

Sept. 17, 2011 10:00am Kitchener
Nov. 19, 2011 10:00am Toronto
Feb. 11, 2011 10:00am Kitchener
Apr. 14, 2012 2:30pm Toronto

Annual General Meeting

Preceded by supper at 6:30 PM

April 14, 2012 7:30 PM Toronto

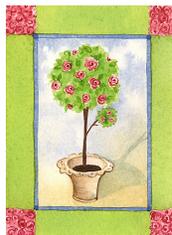
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