

Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the July 2016 newsletter! August is going to be a busy month for the Divine Love Community with four separate retreats planned. It is wonderful to see souls being moved by God's Love to put forth the effort and organize gatherings. I can remember when there was only one annual retreat to attend. And now we have several choices in different parts of the world. What a testament to our growing community and the soulful desires being manifested in our brothers and sisters to work and pray together and spread the Good News about the availability of the Divine Love.

As we come together, let's remember to love, honor and respect one another at all times. Each of us is being directed by our Heavenly Father to do His Will and we all do our best to follow the small voice within. We honor God by honoring each other. There is no higher law than the Law of Love. There is no higher act than to love each other with the Love that Father placed within our souls. Let go of judgment and in humility embrace all the beautiful souls that you may encounter on your journey.

Keep in mind that this is your, the readers', newsletter as much as ours. We always welcome inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the <u>Divine Love Community portal</u> (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 <u>Divine Love Community map</u>, (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 25 ministers, and 70 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

- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them in person or simultaneously from your home

 every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb's in
 West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact Jeanne for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact Michael for more info.



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UPCOMING 2016-2017 RETREATS

Lily Dale, New York (Aug. 21-27)

An FCDT-sponsored Divine Love retreat/meet up is being planned for Lily Dale, New York, from August 21-27 at the <u>Lily Dale Assembly</u>. Lily Dale is a special place to relax, pray and enjoy nature. It is in the mountains and there are several lakes in the area, including Lake Erie. With spiritual workshops throughout the week including free readings from mediums, Lily Dale is a great place for us to minister and share the Divine Love with others who are seeking spiritual enlightenment. Attendees can come for one or two days or the whole week as it suits them. They will need to make their own accommodation arrangements at one of the local hotels or guest houses, for



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example, the <u>Angel House</u>. Reservations need to be made soon as accommodations fill up fast for the summer. This retreat/meet up will be different and more open to activities based on individual interests, such as attending the <u>on-site</u> <u>workshops</u>. Excursions can be taken to Niagara Falls, the <u>Panama Rock Scenic Park</u>, as well as Jamestown and the <u>Desi & Lucy Museum</u>. For additional information, please contact <u>Holly Bianco</u> or <u>Joan Warden</u>. More images can be seen on <u>Google</u>.

Blackpool, England (Aug. 25-28)

Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation (DLSF) is pleased to announce their participation in a Summer Celebration Retreat hosted by World Healing Centre in Blackpool, England from August 25-28, 2016. For more information, visit the forum here, or contact <u>Terry Adler</u> or <u>Jeanne Fike</u>.

Frankfurt, Germany (Aug. 31 – Sept. 4)

A Divine Love retreat is planned for August 31 - September 4, 2016 in Frankfurt, Germany only half an hour's drive from the Frankfurt International Airport. A number of rooms and conference rooms have been booked at a good rate in Maingau hotel which is in a quieter location. In its vicinity, in one of the most popular parts of Frankfurt called Sachsenhausen, there is a large variety of bistros, restaurants, and small shops in price categories to suit all budgets. Within walking distance, visitors can enjoy a stroll along either bank of the river Main, visit one or more museums, and go to a concert or the theatre. Frankfurt has excellent public transport connections. For more information, visit the DLSF forum.



Sachsenhausen; Image supplied by Arie Hordiik

Kauai, Hawaii (Aug. 14-20)

A Divine Love retreat is planned for August 14 – 20, 2016 in Kauai, Hawaii. The retreat will take place in northern Kauai on 22 lush tropical acres known as the Princeville Resort, on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean and nearby Hanalei (site of filming the movie *South Pacific*) at the <u>Wyndham Bali Hai Villas</u> and <u>The Cliffs at Princeville</u>. Aside from morning and evening group prayers, workshops will include: Sound healing presented by Diane Cline, RYT and Guest teacher/international sound healer; a prosperity workshop; identification of spiritual skills; Thought Field Therapy; and yoga. Day trips will be taken to beautiful beaches (Polihale State Park and Na Pali Coast) and



Hanalei Lookout, photo by Michael Nedbal.

stunning landscapes (Waimea Canyon State Park, Fern Grotto, and Sacred Falls) in search of prayerful nature locations. Other available activities will include a luau, kayaking, snorkeling, golf, and visits to an organic noni farm and coffee plantation. For more information, please contact Carolyn or Michael.

2017 California Retreat

On May 7-12, 2017, FCDT plans to host a retreat at Holly Bianco's timeshare at the WorldMark Resort in Indio, near Palm Springs. Available will be a large 4-bedroom presidential suite, a number of accommodation units, as well as a community room for the twice daily silent prayer circles and musical entertainment. The beautiful resort is near a golf course, a lazy river, and a trail for early morning desert walks. Facilities include several large pools and spas, an indoor gym and recreation room, tennis courts,



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and a mini-mart. Excursions are planned to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and Shields Date Farm. Registration will begin in early 2017, so for now Save the Dates.

NEWS FROM AFRICA

Love Is The Answer, Uganda

Love is the Answer – *LITA* – a Canadian charity headed by Catherine Koch, assists orphaned children and their caregivers in areas of poverty relief and education. It also supports grass-roots, local community initiatives of benefit to the children that are self-directed and lead towards self-sufficiency and sustainability.



Construction of dormitories

June was an extra special month at LITA as they remembered caring, compassionate Mums and Dads, and celebrated Day of the African Child on June 16th.

Among their noteworthy projects was the near completion of dormitory style housing for 80 orphaned and vulnerable children at a school in eastern Uganda that has an enrolment of over 500 students from

the surrounding community.

Along with the two dorms that can accommodate 40 boys and 40 girls, two bathing/latrine facilities and a cooking/food storage building are also being completed.

More about LITA's projects and activities as well as donation information can be found in their newsletter.



Bathing/latrine facilities and cooking/food storage building

Children's Sanctuary, Namibia

Image courtesy of Jeanne Fike.

In a recent visit to the West, Helge Mercker, Co-Founder of Children's Sanctuary Namibia (CSN), an orphanage in Drimiopsis, met with Rotary Clubs, a Unity Church, and the Roll-a-Hippo Foundation. With the help of a group of Canadian supporters, she hosted a successful fundraiser raising enough money to feed 120 children one meal a day for the next year! A capital fund has been established to support the ongoing operation of the orphanage.

The current fundraising goal for CSN is to purchase 50 hippo rollers to relieve some of the stress on the volunteers who are caring for the orphans, as well as for the sick and frail who are unable to get their

own water. Hippo rollers have been quietly changing the lives of thousands of women and children in rural African communities. They reduce the back-breaking effort required to bring water from afar. A



Image courtesy of roll-a-hippo.org.

single hippo roller can store enough water to meet the basic needs of seven people for a day. This promotes better hygiene, sanitation, and overall living conditions, as well as assisting in growing garden produce. In addition, this simple tool provides a focus for everyone to work together and build community.

On another note, thanks to the efforts of Chief Ita, a local teacher and volunteers who have been writing letters of appeal to the government about the desperate situation in the camp, the long-awaited confirmation of securing land to build the first stage of an orphanage and soup kitchen in Drimiopsis is becoming a reality! The villagers feel empowered by knowing that the Vice President of Namibia is planning to visit them and that the Governor's Office is moving forward with the promised land! What an example of how even the most vulnerable, illiterate and impoverished can be empowered by their faith and prayers, and the support of the angels!

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers – they are being answered and making a difference! Your prayerful and financial support means much to the volunteers in Drimiopsis, who are struggling to care for the orphans, the sick and the elderly. Helge, Chief Ita, and the residents of the camp are overjoyed and grateful to know that they have many friends around the world who are praying for them and care enough to help!

For more information on the hippo rollers, watch the one-minute video at www.rollahippo.org. If you'd like to contribute toward acquiring a hippo roller, please go to: http://donate.rollahippo.org/jeanne-fike. One hippo roller costs US \$150, but any donation amount is gratefully appreciated.

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Memoir of Divine Love Journey Joseph Babinsky published a memoir entitled *Climb the Mountain: A Path Taken.* After twenty-five years in the Christian ministry, a crisis in 1986 prompted the author to leave the Church and begin a fresh look at life. After two decades of transition, he met with a surprise that changed his life. In 2006, he found the Spirit writings received by James Padgett. Investigations of these writings helped Joseph to understand why he left the Church, and why he felt joy while reading the spirit-mortal communications recorded by Padgett. Resources within that monumental work enabled Joseph to develop a new self-image in a relationship with God through Divine Love—the essential message taught by Jesus and largely lost until revealed again 100 years ago. Entering the ninth decade of his life, Joseph looks back on his journey. His book is a captivating account of a lifelong search for truth. For more on this book and other books by Joseph Babinsky, check out his bookstore at Lulu. Check out the forum for more details.

ThePadgettBible YouTube Channel Des Atkins from Hertfordshire, England has created a YouTube channel entitled *ThePadgettBible*. Des sees himself as a non-practicing Christian, whose views and beliefs go against traditional religious doctrines. Coming across the Padgett messages by accident, he was initially skeptical. However, as he read further, the messages made sense, and were in harmony with his own belief-system. Over time, he began to see a pattern within the messages and wanted to share the information he discovered. To reach out to the religious communities, he envisioned a book with the Padgett messages presented in a Bible format. However, lacking knowledge of book publishing, he decided to use what he knew best and that was the internet. ThePadgettBible channel has been running for over four months and has an average daily view-rate of 9.5. The viewers range in age from 18 – 65+, and come from over a dozen countries. Des strives to upload at least one video per day, and has other projects in mind for the future. Check out his <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Divine Love Sanctuary Channel With the assistance of Raphael Legros, DLSF has begun to publish videos of contemporary messages from Celestial Spirits channelled by trance mediumship in the Vancouver area during prayer and meditation circles. The videos feature live recordings of the received messages, and have as a background beautiful nature scenes and soft music. The message transcripts are also available. Plans are to publish past messages of interest, as well as new revelations. It is hoped that visitors to this new <u>YouTube channel</u> will find encouragement and insights as they listen to the words spoken.

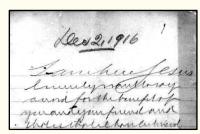
Downloadable Small Divine Love Books As a part of her website ministry and efforts to further the truth, Rev. Eva Peck was inspired to create small downloadable books on aspects of the Divine Love messages. Eight books are currently available. Drawing on her background, she ties in the Bible, showing how the crux of the angelic messages given to James Padgett is substantiated by biblical scriptures. If you have friends who you think might benefit from these, feel free to send them to Eva's website or email them one or more of the downloadable PDF files. The books (and future books) are listed at <u>Eva's website</u>. They will all be eventually available on Amazon, at least in Kindle form.

REQUEST AND OFFERS FROM FCNB (ELIZABETH MORANA)

- Call for Historical Materials The FCNB has completed filing the Padgett and Samuels messages in fire proof vaults and is now beginning to create a detailed and coherent collection of early church documents and records. Some of FCNB's early materials (meeting minutes, letters, and announcements) are missing. If you have any such documents (or pictures) from the 1940s to the 1980s, could you please contact Elizabeth. The FCNB would like to include them in their historical record. This includes not only documents relating to the FCNB but also to the Dr. Leslie R. Stone Foundation. If you own any such materials and do not feel you can part with them, we would truly appreciate your willingness to share scans or photocopies of these materials!
- True Gospel Books Available for Distribution 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, and/or 4. Each box contains 28 softcover copies of one of the volumes. A box weighs about 42 pounds. The FCNB trustees wish to get these books into the hands of interested readers, free of charge 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 for more information. Even though we provide the boxes of books free of charge, we need to request a \$20 donation to cover a part of the mailing expense within the USA. Postage for international mailings is very costly, with the fee dependent on the destination. Therefore we ask for a donation to help cover the postage for these mailings as well.
- Scanned Copies of Original Padgett Manuscripts Available The FCNB 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 Elizabeth. To cover the cost of the flash drive and postage, we request \$20 for each flash drive requested, payable through the FCNB website. Alternatively, you can mail an empty 32G flash drive to: FCNB, PO Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, USA.

TRANSLATORS SOUGHT

• **Prayer for Divine Love:** Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website <u>Truth for all People</u>. Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to translate the Prayer and to share it, please contact <u>Joan</u> or Ian through his website. Thank you and God bless.



• Padgett Messages in Mandarin Chinese: Loren Chen has kindly offered to start translating the Padgett messages into Mandarin Chinese as his time allows between studies. If anyone is able to and would like to help with this project, please contact Loren.

PRISONER SEEKS LOVE AND MAIL FELLOWSHIP

Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have letter contact (he doesn't have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.

JOINING THE DOTS (DENNIS TORMEY)

In this section we are featuring some of the fascinating research by Dennis Tormey, attorney and historian in the field of information relating to James Padgett.



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In April, 1865, 151 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln made the fateful trip of attending a play at Ford's Theater. We are all painfully aware of the results of that night as the President lingered at the Peterson house across the street from the theater, and died the next morning.

James Padgett was only 12 years old when the President died, but later in life, he would practice law with Albert G. Riddle, Esq., who was a good friend of Lincoln, and he stood only 4 or 5 feet from Lincoln at the President's first inauguration. After the President's murder, Riddle was appointed one of the special prosecutors to prosecute one of the conspirators, John Surratt, Jr.

This, however, is not the only Padgett connection to the late President. Many who have read all of the Padgett messages are aware that President Lincoln came and wrote through Padgett, speaking of his beliefs in the spirit world versus his beliefs while on earth.

There's yet an even less known connection. When Dr. Leslie R. Stone opened his second office in Washington D.C., an old friend whom the doctor met at Lily Dale, New York, visited the doctor's office. He asked Dr. Stone if he knew the author, Nettie Colburn Maynard, of the book Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist? If it was not for this book, Dr. Stone may have never met Arthur Colburn, who introduced Dr. Stone to James Padgett.

And if that connection was not enough to make you wonder at the beauty of the Father's and His Celestial Angels' hard work, Mr. Lincoln came to Padgett to answer the very question raised by the title of the book. You can read what President Lincoln had to say about that and other things in the message here.

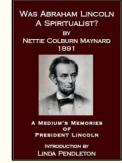


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A PSALM REVISITED WITH DIVINE LOVE BY JOSEPH BABINSKY

In the early morning hours when I pray, I often begin with the recitation of a remembered Psalm. This practice is not new to me. Some 40 plus years ago, when I was an ordained Christian minister, the Psalms were inspirations for me to pray and sing and worship the Creator. Now that I know the truth of the Divine Love and how it will come into the soul and transform it into a new creation, I use the Psalms, but rewrite them to express my new knowledge of the soul.

One of my favorite Psalms remains Psalm 103, the first 5 verses – but now rewritten. The original version, from memory, is:

Bless the Lord, oh my soul,

And all that is within me,

Bless His Holy Name.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul,

And forget not all His benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquities,

And heals all your diseases.

Who redeems your life from destruction,

And crowns you with loving-kindness

And tender mercies.

Who satisfies your life with good things,

So that your life is renewed like the eagles.

I have revisited Psalm 103. When I begin my morning prayers, and before I pray the Prayer for the Divine Love, as an invocation I'll sometimes sing or say something similar to the following:

Bless the Divine Love, Oh my soul,

And all that is within me,

Bless the Divine Love of the Father.

Bless the Divine Love, oh my soul,

And forget not all Its benefits:

Divine Love removes all my sin and error,

And heals all my sickness and diseases;

It redeems my life from destructive pains and emotions and memories,

And it crowns me with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Divine Love satisfies my life with good things,

And it brings to me new life and new birth,

So I shall evermore be with the Father in His Kingdom.

Divine Love is the greatest thing in all the world;

It is the only thing that will make me at-one with God,

And change my soul as it has existed since its creation,

Into a thing of Divine Substance,

Filled with the Essence of the Father.

Bless the Divine Love, Oh my soul;

Bless the Divine Love of our Heavenly Father.



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OF GIANTS AND DWARFS BY REV. EVA PECK

Once upon a time there was a Divine Love forum. It was frequented by beautiful Divine Love giants, or at least giants to be. They lovingly welcomed newcomers, wrote encouraging posts, shared inspiring experiences, affirmed one another's gifts, answered each other's questions, prayed for one another, and comforted those who experienced trials and suffering.

Occasionally, however, some of these loving giants would shrink in size and lose their beauty as they resorted to less than loving practices and ways of dealing with one another and others. Or, one could say, they became dwarfs in love and giants, or near giants, in such things as judging, condemnation, pride, intolerance, hypocrisy, and similar qualities. Not unlike Jesus' early disciples, they were prejudiced, and squabbled over thoughts, beliefs and ideas of, in the long run, trivial nature that, if Love was practiced, would in time take care of themselves. If it wasn't arguing about who is the greatest, it became what book is the greatest.

Fortunately, there were always some among them who remained loving giants and wisely warned the dwarfs in love how unproductive generating strife is, how futile it is to tell people that their beliefs are all wrong, and how fruitless it is to condemn sources of people's information that they hold near and dear. Even if what we believe is true, the wise giants said, arguing won't change anyone's beliefs – it will only antagonize and quench love.



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Once a winding discussion developed around the theme of whether or not physical giants existed. As it took less than loving turns in places, one giant encouraged the rest: "Whether or not physical giants existed is really irrelevant in the broad scheme of things (though it may be interesting). However, I would like to encourage us all to be giants in the Divine Love, soul perceptions, wisdom, discernment and the divine nature. May we be open-minded to truth whatever source it comes from, and always speak the truth in love. May we be dwarfs in judging, condemning (even those we are sure are misguided), being spiteful, and other negative qualities that our human natures are prone to exhibit if we allow them to.

May we each discern what we see as the truth and what resonates with us. Since we all only understand the vast reality at best partially (probably as an infinitesimal part), let's be tolerant of each other's different views, and love others unconditionally even if we don't agree with them on all points. If we feel we must disagree and/or confront, let's do it kindly. Often it is not worth arguing about beliefs as it tends to generate pride, animosity, and unpleasant feelings, and likely will not change the other person's view anyway – possibly make them run the other way or dig in their heels. Of course, seeking knowledge and understanding is not wrong, but ultimately Love will transcend knowledge – which will continue to change as the Love increases our soul and intellectual perceptions, and progressively lead us to more and more truth."

So my fellow giants (to be) in Love, let's grow tall as we follow in the footsteps of the tallest giant, Jesus Christ who gave us "the Eleventh Commandment" to "love one another as I have loved you" – with the Divine Love of the Father.

(Inspired by this board posting)

PADGETT MESSAGE
TGRABJ, VOL II, P. 33

The power of Love to redeem men from sin and error.

I am here, Jesus.

I want to write tonight on the power of Divine Love to redeem men from sin and error.

My Father's Love is, as I have written, the only thing in all this universe that can save men from their evil natures (sic), and make them at one with Him. This Divine Love I have already explained, and when mankind will read my messages and try to understand the meaning of this Love, it will soon become more at peace with itself and with God.

This Divine Love is the one great power that moves the universe, and without it there would not be that wonderful harmony that exists in the Celestial Heavens of the spirit world; nor would so much happiness exist among the angels who inhabit these spheres.

This Divine Love is also the influence which makes men on earth think and do that which makes for peace and good will among men. It is not possessed by all men, in fact, by comparatively few, yet its influence is felt over nearly the whole earth. Even those who have never heard of my teachings, or of my Father, enjoy the benefit of its influence; in some kind of belief or faith in an overshadowing spirit of great power and watchfulness. I know that this is true, for I have visited all parts of the earth, and have looked into men's hearts and found in them some elements of belief, which evidenced that this Great Love was influencing these unenlightened people. So, notwithstanding the fact that my gospel is not preached to every creature, as I commanded when on earth, yet this Love of the Father is everywhere and all pervading.

Still, it is not received in all that fullness that enables those who feel its influence to realize that God is their Father, and they are his children, who may become members of his household in the Celestial Spheres.

No man can receive this Love unless he has faith in the Father's willingness to bestow it upon him, and truly and with earnestness prays for it.

Every man has in him the natural love which will give him great happiness in eternity as a mere spirit and an inhabitant of the spheres lower than the Celestial - even though he refuses to seek for the Divine Love that will make him a Divine angel of the Celestial Heavens.

Only this Divine Love can change the natural man into a man having the Divine nature in Love that the Father has. I do not mean that man, even though he be filled with this Love to the highest degree, will ever become a god and equal to the Father in any of his powers or attributes. This cannot be, but this Love will make him like the Father in Love and happiness and harmony. This Love has no counterpart in all creation, and comes from the Father alone. It changes not, nor is ever bestowed on anyone who is unworthy, or refuses to seek for it in the only way provided by the Father.

My experience in these Celestial Heavens is that this Love has the power to change the most hardened sinner into a true child of God, if only through faith and prayer such sinner will seek for it. Let this Love take possession of a man or spirit, and its power to purify and change the heart of that man or spirit never fails.

Your brother and friend,

Jesus