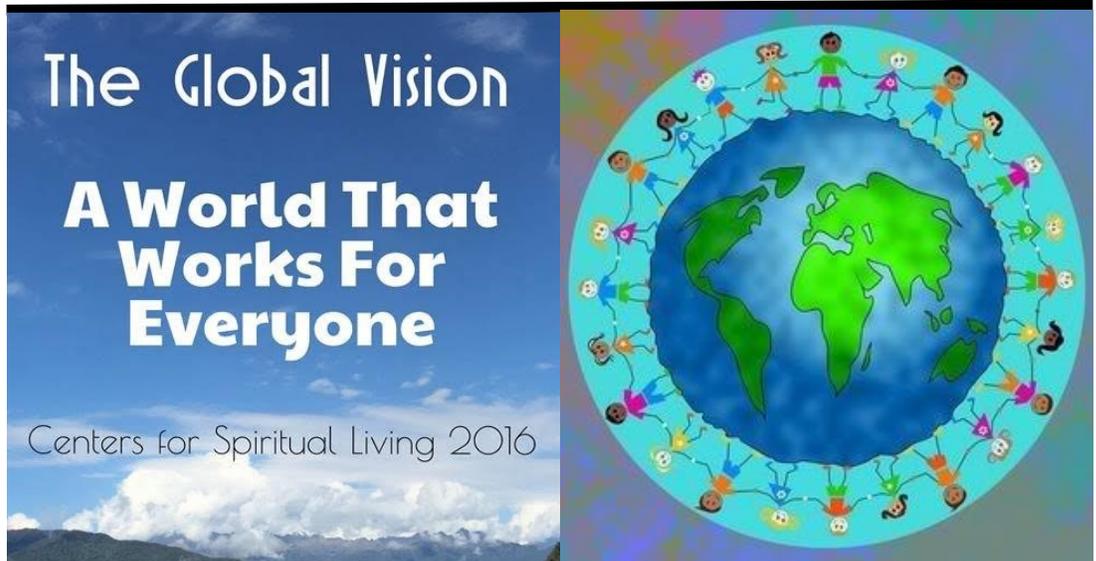




**VISION:**

We are a Joyous, Thriving Community, Living as Divine Light and Love.



**CSLBV Celebrating 15 years of Continuous Service on February 21st**

The Community will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of our charter with a reception after the service on February 21st. We are asking for any pictures of Center events throughout the years to be

emailed to [cslbouldervalley@gmail.com](mailto:cslbouldervalley@gmail.com). We are trying to contact all of the original members. If you have any information or would like to help plan the celebration, contact Rev. Jyoti

**2016 Annual Meeting Accomplishes All Objectives**

| February 2016  |        |                          |  |          |                                   |          |
|--|--------|--------------------------|--|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday                  | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                            | Saturday |
|  | 1      | 2                        | 3  | 4        | 5                                 | 6        |
|  |        | Beyond Limits<br>6:30 PM | Theme: Awakening To Our Spiritual Magnificence   |          |                                   |          |
| Rev. Jyoti Discover Your Voice<br>Natalie Ottobriano Lunch Book  | 7      | 8                        |  |          | 9                                 | 13       |
| Rev. Jyoti Through the Prism of God's Love<br>Karen Karsh Book<br>Valentine's Day                                    | 14     | 15                       | 16   | 17       | 18                                | 19       |
|  |        | Presidents' Day          | Beyond Limits<br>6:30 PM   |          | Movie Nite<br>Affinity<br>6:30 PM | 20       |
| Rev. Jyoti The Highest God and the Innermost God: One God<br>Natalie Ottobriano Book<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary | 21     | 22                       | 23   | 24       | 25                                | 26       |
|  |        | Beyond Limits<br>6:30 PM | We believe in the incarnation of the Spirit in everyone and that all people are incarnations of the One Spirit. We see a world in which unity with God and connection with each other is emphasized. We believe in the unity of all life, and that the highest God and the innermost God is one God. We envision humanity awakening to its spiritual magnificence. |          |                                   |          |
| Rev. Jyoti Awaken to Your Spiritual Magnificence<br>Karen Karsh Book<br>Potluck                                      | 28     | 29                       |  |          |                                   |          |

The Annual Meeting this year was very productive and reflected the forward growth that the Center is experiencing.

The members were quick to unanimously approve the Board's decision to hire Rev. Jyoti DeVernie as our senior minister.

Then, after a quick overview of the bylaw changes and a discussion about making decisions using consensus, the members agreed to accept the new Bylaws.

Laura McGee and Maureen Detmer were chosen to be the new Board members for a 3-year term.

A progressive budget with 12% growth was accepted. New categories for youth and moving were added to the budget. (See story on Page 3.)

Lunch—Lunch Bunch—Miller's Grille

Book—Book Club meets at 8:55 AM before service.

## From My Heart By Rev. Jyoti



When I think of February, I think about love, which fits right in to our February theme of Awakening To Our Spiritual Magnificence. What could be more magnificent than remembering the spiritual truth that we ARE love? Not just romantic love, of course, though that is sweet, but love of family, pets, nature, humanity as a whole, spiritual community, and so much more. We have come to this planet at this time to be the very expression of love. What might that look like in your life?

I am certainly grateful that I've landed in this community of love known as CSL Boulder Valley. I love the way folks just jump in and do what needs to be done. After the first class of Beyond Limits this week, people just started putting chairs and tables away so there would be less to do to prepare for Sunday service. And the joy and enthusiasm with which the Board serves warms my heart.

I believe in service coming from and being done in joy. If you think you might like to serve in some way, like setting up for potluck, give it a try. It's not a lifetime commitment. If it doesn't feel joyous and right for you, you can TRUST that some-

thing else will, and that someone else's heart will sing doing the job that isn't a good fit for you.

I'll continue to be at the Center on Thursday afternoons from 2:30-5:30, at other times by appointment, and would love individual time with you if that calls to you.

It has been wonderful to see all the new faces on Sunday mornings. Some people have found us for the first time and some are returning after being away. What's really wonderful is seeing folks come back and becoming part of the community.

I'm excited about our developing Teen Ministry and the 15th Anniversary Celebration on February 21st, and am SO grateful to all who have been part of this amazing community up to this point. We are growing and prosperous – let me know if you know of someone or some organization that would love to be involved in providing larger space for us.

Journey joyfully, knowing that you are blessed and you ARE a blessing!



Love, Reverend Jyoti

# COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CENTER! February 21th after Service



## Message From the Board:

Dear Friends,

I am honored to have been re-elected to the Board of Trustees and to be named President again for this year. Catherine Snider has stepped into the role of Treasurer, Barbara Weirich is Secretary, Sandy Rinehart is Vice President and Maureen Detmer and Linda Williamson are the members-at-large. I am looking forward to working with Rev. Jyoti and this great group.

I didn't realize when I first put butterfly stickers on my 2016 planner a few weeks ago, how prophetic that choice would be, but this promises already to be a year of transformation. Transformation isn't just about change. It's about a new and different you who's really still the same person on the inside. It's about evolving. It's about being authentic. It's happening with me personally, and it's happening at CSLBV as we grow, prosper and thrive.

Naturally, the timing of the Beyond Limits class could not have been better. I get to remember the basic principles of our teaching as I witness this transformation. I get to see the principles with fresh eyes, and with the knowledge that experience brings. There truly are no limits to what we can become.

Love and light,  
Laura L. McGee, R.Sc.P.  
President, Board of Trustees

## Bylaws Changes Approved by the Membership

During the 15 years we have been a Center, we had not kept up with the necessary changes in the Bylaws. Our 2016 meeting on January 24th accomplished the changes needed. With a Bronco playoff game starting that afternoon, the members were single-minded in the effort to complete the required business in a timely manner.

Laura McGee, President of the Board of Trustees, gave an overview of t2015. She reminded us that Rev. A's gift of six months notice was very beneficial and allowed us to get ready both emotionally and financially for the transition. She mentioned the shepherding of Rev. Jody Stevenson that helped us prepare the Center by helping us cleanse and reorganize our physical space to prepare for the transition.

Sandy Rinehart, chair of the Search Committee, explained the process required to create our Center profile so that we could advertise our opening on the Centers for Spiritual Living website. She explained how the committee chose to recommend Rev. Jyoti to the Board and how the Board of Trustees decided to offer the Letter of Call to Rev. Jyoti.

Ratifying the board's decision to hire Rev. Jyoti as our senior minister began the meeting on a very positive note. The decision was unanimous and a round of applause sealed the deal.

Sandy then opened the discussion of the Bylaws by explaining how the board chose to pick the paragraphs from the template provided by Home Office. The Board's choices were based on the strong board model which was similar to the current bylaws.



The areas that were different from the old bylaws were explained and the audience was encouraged to ask questions.

The changes in the bylaws were: 1) how to handle the Cen-

Global Vision  
WHERE...

- ..all life is honored as expressions of the Divine
- ..people live according to spiritual truth
- ..humanity awakens to spiritual magnificence
- ..humanity rediscovers personal creative power
- ..we live as one global family
- ..kinship with all life prospers
- ..unity and connection is emphasized
- ..forgiveness is the norm
- ..spiritual guidance is valued
- ..we are called to conscious social action
- ..people have enough food, homes & a sense of belonging
- ..there is peace, harmony, and justice for all.
- ..resources are valued, cared for, and shared
- ..communities are meaningfully involved in service to the world
- ..there is a renewed emphasis on beauty, nature, creativity, art, and aesthetics

ter's assets if and when it decides to disband. The Board of Trustees will decide where the assets will be donated. 2) The rules for membership were expanded to allow associate members (teens) who would not have voting rights. 3) The rules concerning Board Members were changed to allow a Board Member to succeed their first 3-year term with a second 3-year term before requiring them to take a break from the Board.

The proposed bylaws supported decision making as more of a consensus method rather than the traditional voting model. Our original bylaws had the minister only voting if the board was tied and this was added. Because the current Board has been able to generally make all decisions unanimous because we continue to search for a solution that everybody can accept, we have embraced this method of decision making.

To reinforce this method, the members at the annual

### MARCH Theme: Global Vision: Realizing The Power of Mind

- 6th A Personal Experience of the Divine**  
Music: Natalie Ottobrinio  
Lunch Bunch - Lazy Dog
- 12th Board Meeting 8:30 AM**
- 13th Your Mind and How to Use It**  
Music: Karen Karsh
- 17th Movie Nite Affinity 6:30 PM**
- 20st Don't Bring Me Down – Group Consciousness**  
Music: Natalie Ottobrinio
- 27th Identify Yourself With What You Want**  
Music: Karen Karsh  
Pot Luck

meeting were encouraged to embrace consensus so the bylaws approved as accepted rather than putting the decision to a vote.

The consensus method was used to accept the two new members of the Board. Laura McGee was able to succeed her current 3-year term to the Board. Maureen Detmer was accepted as the other candidate to join the Board.

Laura McGee explained the budget proposed for 2016. This was the first time in a while that the budget was increased to include the proposed growth. A new line item for youth to support our new teen group was added. Extra money to include the space rental for our larger space was also included.

The budget was accepted using the consensus method and the meeting was adjourned.

**GO BRONCOS!**



## MOVING WITH SPIRIT REPORT

The committee is looking for a both a temporary Sunday meeting space and the next Home for the Center. Several places have been explored but rejected because they did not meet our needs. The committee is currently checking out the local schools.

If you know of a meeting place that might fit our requirements, please let Warren Rath, the committee chairman, or Rev. Jyoti know. (Contact information below.) The temporary location must be able to seat at least 75 and the permanent Home must hold 300 with room to grow. Suitable parking is another consideration.

The location should be within the US 287 corridor with the north boundary being Isabel; the south border Dillon Road; Louisville as the furthest west and Erie as the furthest east.

### Spiritual Cinema

Thursday February 18th, 6:30 PM

#### Patch Adams

The true story of a heroic man, Hunter Patch Adams, determined to become a medical doctor because he enjoys helping people. He ventured where no doctor had ventured before, using humor and pathos. Stars: Robin Williams, Daniel London, Monica Potter

Come enjoy popcorn and interesting spiritual discussion of this movie.

Location: The theatre at Affinity Living Community; 860 W Baseline Rd Across from King Soopers on Route 7 at Highway 287. Call Pat Brazee at 303-880-9896 to get in.



**Book Club** will continue through February. There is still time to get the book which is E<sup>3</sup> by Pam Grout. We are having great discussions and a fun time. The book presents personal experiments for you to do and then share the results. The group meets at 8:55 am Sunday mornings before service. We will be reading Experiment 5 on Feb. 7. Experiment 6: 2/14; Experiment 7: 2/21 and Experiment 8 & 9 on 2/28.

### Teen Ministry Begins at CSLBV! Calling All Teens

CSL Boulder Valley is excited to announce the beginning of a Teen Ministry! We met for the first official connection on Sunday, January 31st! With the new By-laws, teens are being invited to join the Center as associate members.

If you have a teen or know of a teen that would shine and grow from being a part of this awesome Center, bring them in for a true experience! Teens will connect during the 10am service. Contact David LeNoble at [junai4me@gmail.com](mailto:junai4me@gmail.com) for more information and to make suggestions for the teen group.



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### PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

If you or someone you know needs prayer or support, please call Rev. Jyoti at 303-668-0411. She will activate our Loving Response Prayer chain.