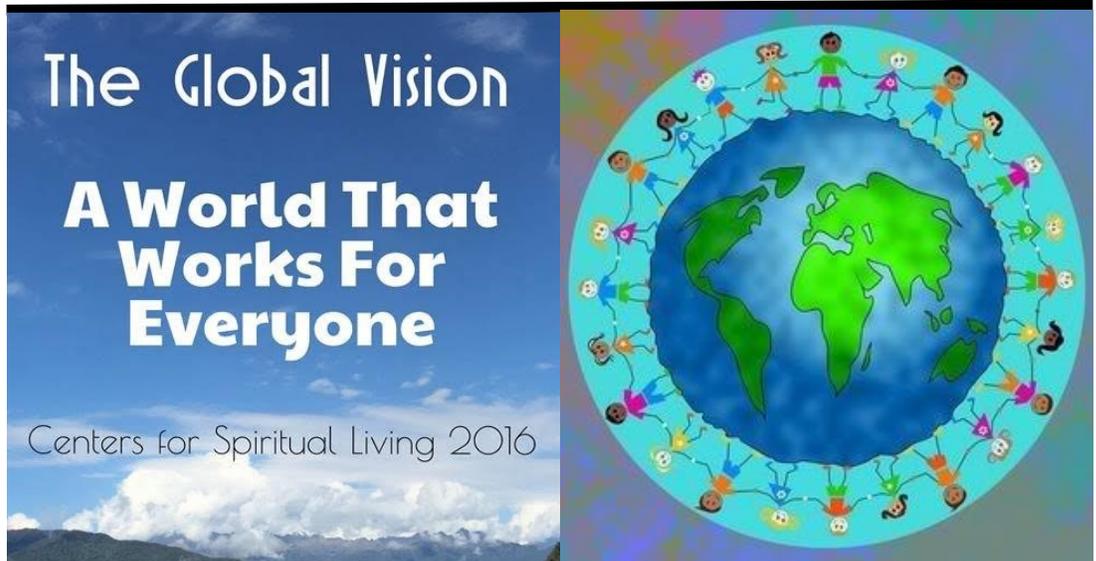




Center for
 Spiritual Living™
 Boulder Valley

VISION:

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



Important Annual Meeting January 24

The Annual Meeting this year will be a very memorable gathering because we will be ratifying the board's decision to hire Rev. Jyoti DeVernie as our senior minister. We will be adopting a very progressive budget and finalizing our new Bylaws. It is imperative that all the members who are available attend so that these important matters of business can be accomplished.

CSLBV is growing and moving in all areas. We are announcing our two new practitioners, a new class, a new teen ministry, a "Moving with Spirit" committee that is tasked with finding both a temporary space for Sunday service and a new Center "Home". There are plenty of places for you to plug in and help.

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Global Vision—A World That Works For Everyone					1 New Year's Day	2
Rev. Jyoti 3 The Global Vision Natalie Ottobriano Book Club - Lunch	4	5	6	7	8	9 Board Meeting 8:30 AM
Rev. Gregory 10 Toole Suffer No More Natalie Ottobriano Book Club	We envision a world that works for everyone and for all of creation. We see all people, all beings, and all life as expressions of God. The One manifests itself in and through all creation. We see a world in which people live in alignment with their highest spiritual truth					16
Rev. Jyoti 17 There is Only One Life Karen Karsh Book Club	18 M L King Day	19	20	21 Movie Nite Affinity 6:30 PM	22	23
Rev. Jyoti 24 Individual Expressions of an Infinite Creator Karen Karsh Annual Meeting Book Club	25	26 Beyond Limits Class 6:30 PM	27	28	29	30
Rev. Jyoti 31 Living in Alignment with Truth Natalie Ottobriano Book Club						

Lunch Bunch – Morning Glorv Book Club meets at 8:55 AM before service

Two Practitioners move to CSLBV

David LeNoble and Warren Rath have decided to become a part of CSLBV. Warren has been helping out as the platform practitioner for several months and has decided to move from the Greeley CSL. David has come to us from Mile Hi and is very interested in starting a teen ministry here at CSLBV. Rev. Jyoti is thrilled to accept these two new wonderful practitioners into our Ecclesiastical team. (See story on page 3 with bios and pictures.)

From My Heart By Rev. Jyoti



Happy New Year! Are you ready for this to be a great one? If so, stick around CSLBV, 'cause the energy is high and we are prosperous and growing! Have you felt it on Sunday mornings – the enthusiasm and energy of joy and connection and excitement? We've got people finding us for the first time and folks coming back who have been away for a while. There are opportunities to serve, learn, deepen into Spirit, and connect. We have some great new practitioners, are in the process of growing a Teen Ministry, and are looking for a larger space. (If you know of available space in the Lafayette area that would make a great new home for CSLBV, please let me know.)

On a personal level, Jan and Mary and I are getting ready to sell our Lakewood home and make the move to Boulder Valley. We're excited to see the beautiful new home that Spirit has in store for us!

Thanks to all who made the Candlelight Service beautiful and rich by decorating, making beautiful music, reading and candle lighting, greeting, and providing snacks and set-up for hospitality after the service. And thanks to all who serve so lovingly each week to prepare our space, make folks feel welcome on Sunday mornings, work with our kids, and prepare the email blasts & Newsletter. I am so grateful to our Board members – who do SO MUCH, and to all who show up on Sunday mornings, bringing light and life and joy. I feel SO BLESSED to be the Senior Minister and Spiritual Director of this amazing spiritual community.

In January, I'll start teaching Beyond Limits, a great 10-week class that teaches the principles of Science of Mind and Spirit and offers practical tools for living joyful, successful, Spirit-filled lives. If you're ready to uplevel your life, join us starting January 26th.



I'll continue to hold regular office hours on Thursdays from 2:30-5:30, and once Beyond Limits starts at the end of January, I'll be in the office on Tuesday afternoons as well. (Though those are regular hours, please feel free to call if you'd like to come in and talk at other times. Connecting with you is high on my priority list!)

In 2016, we'll join with over a hundred other Centers for Spiritual Living in exploring the yearlong theme of Creating a World that Works for Everyone. In January, we'll explore how many of us don't really believe that A World That Works for Everyone and All of Creation is possible, and we teach, of course, that it is done unto us AS we believe. And so I ask each of you to contemplate whether or not YOU believe it's possible. Here's a possible affirmation you might want to play with: I'm willing to believe that the world can work for ALL!

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

Love, Reverend Jyoti

Message From the Board:

Dear friends,

Please plan on attending the annual meeting, which will be held on January 24th, after service. We will be discussing the budget for 2016, which includes adjustments upward of approximately 15%, based on a plan to grow - which we will also talk about. The budget also includes a new line item for youth and teen programs that we are very excited about.

We'll also be ratifying the amended bylaws, the differences of which are described elsewhere in the newsletter. And we will be voting in two members to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms. Both Maureen Detmer and myself have agreed to be candidates.

We are quite literally putting one phase behind us, and moving on to the next. It's an exciting time and I am thrilled to be a part of it.

I am so grateful for the commitment and support of the community in this transformation. And I am looking forward to 2016. Thank you, thank you, God!

In the meantime, have a safe and happy holiday season. May the joy and peace of the season be the joy and peace of your heart, today and always.

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

Beyond Limits is New Class Beginning January 26

Many of us have old concepts and old stories that have weighed us down and kept us from living the life of our dreams. Beyond Limits is a life-affirming, positive course that will allow you to release old limits and use the amazing Principles of New Thought/Ancient Wisdom to deepen your Spiritual connection and to learn to "change your thinking and change your life."

Beyond Limits, a 10-week foundational class certificated by Centers for Spiritual Living, starts Tuesday evening, January 26, and will meet from 6:30-9:30. We are offering this class on a

love-offering basis, with \$50 being the suggested minimum offering. (That is the cost for materials and CSL registration.) Either Beyond Limits or Foundations, the other entry-level class, is required for all other certificated classes.

Even if you have had foundations, Rev. Jyoti encourages you to add this class that is a different perspective on SOM Truths.

To register, sign the "I'm Interested" clip board in the lobby or talk to Rev. Jyoti.

Bylaws Changes Proposed by the Board

During the 15 years we have been a Center, several changes have been made at the group we call Home Office. We made the change from New Horizons Church of Religious Science to being the Center for Spiritual Living Boulder Valley. (We are operating as a dba). But we have not kept up with these changes in our bylaws.

In order to encourage Centers to update their bylaws the Centers for Spiritual Living has provided us with a template to use in order to update our bylaws. This template had some verbiage for Centers with different operational models. Our board has tried to choose the wording that most directly reflects the organizational model that we have under our original bylaws with only a few exceptions.

The template first made us choose if we want the strong board model or the strong minister model. Since, we currently have been operating as the strong board, model, we deleted the wording supporting the strong minister model.

The template supports 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. 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.

The biggest change is in the selection of board members and their term limits. Our current bylaws do not let a board member succeed themselves but require at least one year respite before a board member can begin a second 3-year term. The template suggests allowing a board member serve in a second 3-year term before forcing them to take a break from the board. The Board is suggesting this change.

Rev. Jyoti has suggested that we allow associate members. This would allow the teens of the Center to become members but they could not hold office or vote at the annual meeting. The board is recommending this change as well. **To get a copy of the draft bylaws go to the website at <http://cslbouldervalley.org/bylaws/>**

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

David LeNoble, pictured with his wife Rebecca, said, "Before finding my community in Centers for Spiritual Living many years ago, I considered myself a religious mutt. Born Jewish, baptized Episcopalian, initiated into Buddhism, participated in Native American traditions and studied Taoism, I felt the connection of the golden thread in all. What a perfect journey to lead to CSL!"



My philosophy of life has literally been tattooed onto me: Pure, Unconditional Love! I have worked with teens for over 30 years and became a Practitioner with the intention to serve the CSL teen community in any way possible.

I was drawn to CSL Boulder Valley when I visited and heard Rev. Jyoti's message. I felt like I was home again. I knew, at that moment, I would be a part of CSLBV."

FEBRUARY

**Theme: Global Vision:
Awakening To Our Spiritual Magnificence**

- 7th Discover Your Voice**
Music: Natalie Ottobriano
Lunch Bunch - Miller's Grill
- 14th Through the Prism of God's Love**
Music: Karen Karsh
- 18th Movie Nite Affinity 6:30 PM**
- 21st The Highest God and the Innermost God:
One God**
Music: Natalie Ottobriano
- 28th Awaken To Your Spiritual Magnificence**
Music: Karen Karsh
Pot Luck

Warren Rath has been a spiritual seeker for 30 years, having awe for the Christian services of his youth. He then studied Buddhism and currently has a daily Zen meditation practice. Warren says, "I LOVE nature, it is what fills me up, the kind of nature where you get miles from anyone and simply be in the stillness." He and his buddy take yearly "man" trips to some national park, where he is known to hug some very big trees (see above.)



Warren found the Science of Mind about 5 years ago and loved it – knowing the unity with God, feeling the love & acceptance, and seeing the face of God absolutely everywhere. Warren is a CSL Ministerial student and says, "I am here to serve and to flow on the path Spirit lays before me."

MOVING WITH SPIRIT

The CSLBV Board of Trustees has created a committee that is tasked to help us continue to grow. The committee is made up of members, practitioners and board members working with Rev. Jyoti to find both a temporary Sunday meeting space and the next Home for the Center.

The board made the decision that they do not want to go to multiple services. They would like everyone to experience the same service at a larger venue. The temporary location must be able to seat at least 75 and the permanent Home must hold 300 with room to grow.

During the first meeting, the group compiled a list of requirements—both ‘must haves’ and ‘wish list’ items. They designated the area as 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.

Anyone who has an idea of suitable location or who would like to serve on the committee, please contact Rev. Jyoti.

January Outreach—Sister Carmen Food Bank

We have chosen to support Sister Carmen for the January outreach. January and winter are times that the food bank is depleted. We are bringing food items and special items that they have on their Wishlist.



Sister Carmen's is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with no religious affiliation. As a Family Resource Center, they are East Boulder County's only comprehensive source of individual and family services. They have been serving our community for over 30 years. They utilize a strengths-based approach in working with participants, recognizing that everyone has a collection of strengths upon which to build.

A flyer listing the requested food and items is available at the Center and on our website at cslbouldervalley.org

Spiritual Cinema

Thursday January 21st , 6:30 PM

Grand Canyon

A sequence of random but life-altering incidents conspire to link a group of LA denizens from disparate economic and social classes, leading to epiphanies about responsibilities and relationships in this pensive drama. Rated R for language. Cast: Danny Glover, Kevin Kline, Steve Martin, Mary McDonnell. Listed as a social issues drama.

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.



Book Club will resume Jan 3rd. The next book is **E³** by Pam Grout. We read **E²** early this year and had great discussions. 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. . Read the preface and Chapters 1 and 2 before the session meets. So get the book and start reading!

Teen Ministry To Begin at CSLBV Calling All Teens

CSL Boulder Valley is excited to announce the beginning of a Teen Ministry! We will meet for the first official connection on Sunday, January 31st!

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.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David or Rebecca LeNoble at junai4me@gmail.com.



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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.