



Divine Science Ministers Association

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Dear Friends,

This season is truly a season of gratitude. I am especially grateful for the wonderful DSMA retreat many of us spent together.

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Rocco Errico, Dr. Michael Ryce, Rev. Kathleen Flynn, Rev. Sean O'Shea and Rev. Donna Michael for their wonderful contributions to our program. AND a big thank you to our 2020-2021 DSMA board: Rev. Roma Carlisle, Rev. Mark Stuefloten, Rev. Ed Rosenbeck, Rev. Velma Bullington and Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart for all the 'behind the scenes' work and many contributions before and during the event. Rev. Dr. Christine Emmerling, thank you for taking care of the registrations, too.

During the general membership meeting, Rev. Yves Juste and Rev. Susan Sirutis were elected to the DSMA board. Rev. Dr. Christine Emmerling has officially retired from skillfully taking care of the financial records for many years.

We are grateful to her, Rev. Roma Carlisle, Rev. Ed Rosenbeck for their dedication and service. We love you. We bless you. We truly thank God for you.

The 2021-2022 DSMA board officers are; for 2021-22 are; myself as President, Rev. Yves Justis, Vice President, Rev. Susan Sirutis, Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart, Treasurer, Rev. Mark Stuefloten, Trustee and Rev. Velma Bullington as Chaplain.

We are here to serve and support. you, and the Divine Science movement. Your suggestions are encouraged. Please contact me or any of the other board members.

May you have the most glorious holiday season you have ever had. I appreciate each and every one of you.

With a thankful heart,
Reverend Joy (Joyfull) Fletcher-Thompson

"Life is an eternal givingness, the offering of the cosmic Self to the joy of Its own fulfillment. We are a part of this joy and find fulfillment only as this joy passes through us to others. Everything moves in circles. We short-circuit our own good when we refuse to pass it on."
Ernest Holmes

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Vision Statement

To unify and empower ministers
in holding the consciousness and realization
of Oneness, Eternal Life, Unconditional Love,
and Divine Substance for the Divine Science
Movement.

Mission Statement

*To be a resource for the
ministers, that spiritually
supports and nurtures
communion with each other in
love, in order to empower,
heal and inspire us to live
a Christ-centered life in our*

October 2021 Treasurer's Report:

Income: (Donations)	\$.	224.34
Income: (Retreat)	\$.	203.46
Income: (New Member)	\$.	65.00
Total Income:	\$	492.00
Expense: (Retreat)	\$	2400.00
Expense: (Corporate Filing)	\$.	10.00
Expense: (Tithe) DSFI	\$.	30.00
Total Expense:	\$.	2440.00
Difference:	\$.	-1927.40
Wells Fargo Checking		
Ministers Loan Fund	\$.	2,050.00
Scholarship Fund	\$	565.00
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$	538.77
Total Checking/Savings	\$.	18,945.13
Total Assets:	\$.	18,945.13

Thank you for the constant presence and manifestation of unlimited abundance. This unlimited abundance flows through us and as us. Thank you, God.

"In the Bible, Paul recommends that we make known our requests with praise and thanksgiving. Some extraordinary results follow this simple method of prayer. The thankful heart is always close to the creative forces of the universe, causing countless blessings to flow toward it by the law of reciprocal relationship, based on a cosmic law of action and reaction.

For instance, a father promises his son a car for graduation; the boy has not yet received the car, but he is very thankful and happy, and is as joyous as though he had actually received the car. He knows his father will fulfill his promise, and he is full of gratitude and joy even though he has not yet received the car, objectively speaking. He has, however, received it with joy and thankfulness in his mind. I shall illustrate how

Mr. Broke applied this technique with excellent results. He said, "Bills are piling up, I am out of work, I have three children and no money. What shall I do?" Regularly every night and morning, for a period of about three weeks, he repeated the words, "Thank you, Father, for my wealth," in a relaxed, peaceful manner until the feeling or mood of thankfulness dominated his mind. He imagined he was addressing the infinite power and intelligence within him knowing, of course, that he could not see the creative intelligence or infinite mind.

He was seeing with the inner eye of spiritual perception, realizing that his thought image of wealth was the first cause, relative to the money, position, and food he needed. His thought feeling was the substance of wealth untrammelled by antecedent conditions of any kind.

By repeating, "Thank you, Father," over and over again, his mind and heart were lifted up to the point of acceptance, and when fear, thoughts of lack, poverty, and distress came into his mind, he would say, "Thank you, Father," as often as necessary. He knew that as he kept up the thankful attitude he would recondition his mind to the idea of wealth, which is what happened. The sequel to his prayer is very interesting.

After praying in the abovementioned manner, he met a former employer of his on the street whom he had not seen for twenty years. The man offered him a very lucrative position and advanced him \$500 on a temporary loan. Today, Mr. Broke is vice-president of the company for which he works. His recent remark to me was, "I shall never forget the wonders of 'Thank you, Father.' It has worked wonders for me." Rev. Dr. Joseph Murphy

“There is something about the mental act of thanksgiving that seems to carry the human mind far beyond the region of doubt into the clear atmosphere of faith and trust, where ‘all things are possible.
H. Emilie Cady

Self Care: We welcome your Self Care Article of approximately 750 words for future newsletters. Please submit to joyfull.dsm@gmail.com

Coffee and Connection: Virtual Zoom meeting the 3rd Saturday of each month. Next scheduled events are Saturday, November 20, 2021 and Saturday, December 18@ 2 PM EST. You will receive a Zoom link in a separate email.

DSMA Chaplain and Prayer Support:

Dear DSMA Members,

My name is Rev. Velma C. Bullington. After Rev. Dr. Vickie Fother's transition, I was appointed to fulfill her 2021 term and also for the coming 2022 year. Rev. Vickie shared with me in 2020 how much it meant for her to be a Board Chaplain. I honor that and only hope to bring the same love and fervor as Vickie felt, as I continue to hold the Chaplain's place on the board. For the opportunity to serve with my fellow ministers, gratitude and joy fill me.

Also, how grateful I am for the wonderful October Virtual Retreat! Wasn't it a joyous gathering for all of us who attended? Just being in one another's company and sharing activities together gladdens the heart, doesn't it?

I write today about a topic dear to my heart, The DSMA Prayer Team. So many blessings come from being a Prayer Team member. Former team members can attest to this!

DSMA will form a Prayer Team each year. To place your name on the list, if you wish to participate, we need you to please communicate that to us each year. This avoids placing names on the Prayer Team List of those who no longer wish to be on the roster.

Would each of you, who would like to be on the Prayer Team this coming year, please contact:

Rev. Joy Fletcher Thompson-joyfull.dsm@gmail.com

Or

Rev. Velma C. Bullington –velmabull@gmail.com

Also, if you will, please send your Prayer Requests to me, Rev. Velma at- velmabull@gmail.com or phone me at (540) 798-3982.

I so look forward to speaking with each one of you during the coming year. Until then-

Love and Blessings-Always,
Velma

Father, we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself to us as Love-perfect Love. We thank Thee that we know that he who dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. We rejoice in the consciousness of Thee as Love, and the prayer of each one of us is -Enlarge Thou me in Love.
In the Light of Healing by Nona Lovell Brooks

May there always be room in your heart for divinity to find a birthing place.
May you be holy as the angels were,
faithful as the shepherds were,
humble as the cattle were,
wise as the Wise Men were.
May you have the compassion Mary had
and the understanding Joseph had,
and may the blessing of the Christ child be yours,
not because of His birth night long ago,
but because His love is born in you today! Rev. James Dillet Freeman

We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.

“Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart. “ The Polar Express