



# Divine Science Ministers Association

[dsma@divinescienceministers.org](mailto:dsma@divinescienceministers.org)

[www.DivineScienceMinisters.org](http://www.DivineScienceMinisters.org)

810-730-7660

Spring 2021

Rev. Joy Fletcher-Thompson  
President

11085 Sharp Rd  
Linden, MI 48451  
810-730-7660

[dsma@divinescienceministers.org](mailto:dsma@divinescienceministers.org)

Rev. Roma Carlisle,  
Vice President

1057 Makawao Avenue, Apt B-102  
Makawao, Maui, Hawaii 96768  
Phone: (808) 242-4488  
[romananda@aol.com](mailto:romananda@aol.com)

Rev. Mark Stuefloten, Treasurer

14015 Harding Ave  
San Martin, CA 95046  
408-612-1064

[mstuefloten@yahoo.com](mailto:mstuefloten@yahoo.com)

Rev. Ed Rosenback,  
Director at Large

P.O. Box 6382  
Vallejo, CA 94591  
707-643-4099

[venutifan@aol.com](mailto:venutifan@aol.com)

Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart

Director at Large  
714 Creek Landing Cir.  
Mount Juliet, TN 37122  
615-547-2213

[Rev.Tim@DivineScience.us](mailto:Rev.Tim@DivineScience.us)

Chaplain

Rev. Velma Bullington  
1726 Becky's Place SW  
Roanoke, VA 24018  
540-798-3982  
[Velmabull@gmail.com](mailto:Velmabull@gmail.com)

## 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,  
lead and inspire us to the*

Dear Friends,

This period in history has presented a multitude of challenges. As humans, we may feel a wide range of emotions that might include grief, fear, anger and love.

It is important to acknowledge that feelings are 'normal' as physical beings. Emotions are messengers and shine light on places within ourselves where we feel disconnected from God and one another. We are spiritual beings having a temporary human experience. Our spiritual nature is eternal.

Divine Science teachings emphasize that every one of us has dominion over our response to all placed on our path which may include events, people, illness, death, etc. It is time to remember who and what we truly are. Every circumstance gives us opportunities to draw closer to the conscious realization of our Oneness with the Divine and each other.

Reverend Dr. Emmet Fox wrote "God is the only real presence and the only real power. God is fully present in every point of existence. God works through man, who is part of the Divine Expression. God works through all men indiscriminately, and in His sight, there are no distinctions or nationality or party, and no frontiers. Therefore, there can be no strife. With One God there can only be one plan, God's perfect plan, and all men are part of that; so each has his own place in the Divine Scheme, and there can be no competition or strife. God is in all, and in all, and in Him all men live and move and have their being in perfect harmony and Love."

Whatever circumstance, just know that the indwelling Spirit within you is mightier. All situations are temporary and shall pass. There is only one presence, one power in our lives. This presence and power is Love. Let us hold this vision for ourselves and for one another. "The steadfast love of God endures forever."

In oneness,

Reverend Joy (Joyfull) Fletcher-Thompson

## **Self Care: Rev. Mark Stuefloten**

As Divine Scientists, we know that, at the core of our being, we are perfect divine expressions of God. Our well-being is secured and is our true condition. But until we have awakened to this truth, we maintain the thought that our well-being shifts from better to worse, back and forth.

Well-being is a skill that can be learned and improved upon. A group of psychologists have done a study on “the four constituents of well-being” Dr. Richard Davidson, founder of the Center for Healthy Minds, tells us the four constituents of well-being are determined by first creating a baseline for well-being.

Your well-being is measured by your resilience:

How well and how quickly do you come back from some kind of fall, mistake or tragedy?

How is your outlook; is it positive?

Do you believe people are good, and can you see the good qualities in a person?

How compassionate or kind are you toward other people?

Your well-being is also determined by where you put your attention:

How well do you focus on the task at hand? Studies show that a wandering mind is an unhappy mind.

Generosity fosters well-being. Gratitude can re-wire your mind for greater well-being.

I am a fan of the story Polly Anna. She played the Glad Game, asking herself, “How can I see this differently?”

All of these skills can be learned and improved upon. These skill are like any other skills. The more you practice the skill the better you will get at it.

Practice is a major part of Divine Science. Divine Science greatly encourages students to test the principles for yourself. I have said many times that the testing and practicing of the principles of Divine Science and the universal laws is the most enjoyable and enlivening part of my spiritual journey.

Being clear on what enhances your life and the lives of those you are involved with is the first step in making your life what you what it to be, and it will add to your well-being.

Use your creative abilities to enhance your life. Visualize what people, situations, events and circumstances are desirable for you.

Write them down, and create a positive affirmation like:

My well-being is enhanced by my positive outlook.

My greater good enhances and supports my well-being.

Meditate, contemplate what enhances your life, and ask yourself better questions:

How can I see this differently?

Am I seeing the good that is on my plate, the good in other people and things?

Am I focused on the things I desire to enhance in my life?

Is my attention on the task in front of me?

Am I generous and compassionate to those in need outside my circle?

The Bible tells us that everyone gives good things to those they love, no big thing. Be like God who gives good things to the just and the unjust.

Are you regularly studying Truth studies, and regularly practicing testing the principles of Divine Science and the universal laws?

Another question to ask yourself: Are you really doing all you know and can do to enhance your well-being and spiritual awaking? It does not have to be time consuming. - Before you get out of bed, tell God thank you for the new day. Have a positive affirmation taped to the mirror in your bathroom or taped somewhere where you will see it:

“I affirm That God’s goodness and grace is mine.” Have a sentence written down next to it from a Scripture or Truth study, and read it.

Take a moment before you leave for the day, one moment of silence. Close your eyes and acknowledge again the Divine presence in you and in others. On your way to work practice the presence of God. Talk to God about what’s on your mind. Congratulations, you got your practice in today!

Don’t be concerned with what’s not working in your life. Only put your attention on what is working and what is enhancing your life. The more you focus on something, the more you get of that something. I say focus on God. God is who you want to consume your life, because God is your life, your good.

A few last things to ask yourself:

“What can I let go of? What have I hung onto too long?”

“Have I put off something that, if I did it, would release me, free me in some way?”

Don’t pour over these questions or feel you have to answer them in any certain time. Just ask them and in time they will give you the answer.

Just by searching your soul, asking questions will cause the universe to respond with answers and supportive events to enhance your life and well-being.

**INTA Virtual Conference: Leadership** took place on February 26 and 27, 2021. This fabulous event focused on the themes of “Caring for Self” in order to “Make a Difference”. Karen Drucker was the featured musician, as well.

The annual conference is scheduled for July 2023, 2021. **I am certain that** For more information and to register, please visit [www.NewThoughtEvents.org](http://www.NewThoughtEvents.org) “

#### **DSMA Bi-Annual Virtual Retreat:**

This is scheduled for Friday, October 15 & October 16, 2021. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together, deepen connections, support one another and share our consciousness. More details to come.

#### **DSMA Membership Renewal:**

If you have renewed your DSMA membership, thank you. A letter of acknowledgement and your membership card was mailed in late January. *If you have not renewed your DSMA membership and/or chaplain license, please do so A.S.A.P.* The renewal letter and information is included with this email as a separate attachment. Also, please be sure to let us know if your address, phone number and/or email address has changed. Thank you.

#### **DSMA Chaplain and Prayer Support:**

Your DSMA board members will also be reaching out to you to offer prayer as our commitment to support you. We appreciate you and the service you provide as Divine Science Ministers. Rev. Velma Bullington is also available to support you. [velmabull@gmail.com](mailto:velmabull@gmail.com)

**In Memoriam:**

Reverend Dr. Anne Kunath. January 21, 1932- March 17, 2021. Dr. Anne was the founder of the United Divine Science Ministry School and pioneered Church of Today in San Antonio, Texas. She was also a leader in the International New Thought Alliance.

We appreciate her contributions to Divine Science and New Thought. Rev. Dr. Anne, we bless you in the next chapter of Infinity. Prayers for comfort and our condolences to those who love her.

**January 2021 Treasurer's Report:**

Income:	\$	10,591.46
Expenses:	\$	121.17
Difference:	\$	10,470.29

**Wells Fargo Checking**

Ministers Loan Fund	\$.	2,050.00
Scholarship Fund	\$	565.00
Wells Fargo Checking-other	\$	16,332.75

**Total Checking:** \$. 8,528.84

**Wells Fargo Savings:** \$ 538.73

**Total Assets:** \$. 19,486.48

*the abundant and constant supply. Thank you for the many channels that infinite Good flows through and to DSMA. And, so it is.*