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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,
and lead ministers to the*

“This is a story of a man who became a prisoner for some misdeed that angered the King of his particular country. He was arrested and shut up in a dungeon beneath the castle. A ferocious-looking jailer carrying a long key escorted the man down a dark stairway. The door of the cell was opened, and the man was thrust into a dark hole. The door shut with a bang, and there he was.

“He lay in that dark dungeon for twenty years. Each day the jailer would come, the big door would be opened with a great creaking and groaning, a pitcher of water and a loaf of bread would be thrust into the cell and the door closed again.

“After twenty years the prisoner decided that he could not stand it any longer. He wanted to die but he did not want to commit suicide, so he decided that the next day when the jailer came that he would attack him. The jailer would then kill him in self-defense, and thus his misery would be at an end.

“To prepare for the next day, he decided to examine the door carefully. When the prisoner went to the door, he caught the handle and turned it. To his amazement the door opened, and upon investigation he found that there was no lock and never had been. For those twenty years he had not been locked in ... except in belief. At any time during that period, he could have opened the door and been free.

“He thought it was locked, but it was not. He groped along the corridor and felt his way upstairs. At the top of the stairs two soldiers were chatting, and they made no attempt to stop him. He crossed the great yard without attracting attention. The armed guard on the drawbridge at the great gate paid no attention to him, and he walked out a free man.

“He went home and lived happily ever after. He realized that he could have left at any time throughout those long years since his arrest if he had known enough, but he did not. He was a captive, not of stone and iron, but of false belief. He was not locked in; he only thought he was imprisoned.

“It may be safe to say that we have been prisoners, to some extent, of our own making. We may find ourselves imprisoned by anger, resentment, remorse, or the belief that there are no other options for us in our lives and jobs -- that we are locked into doing what we are currently doing. And we are imprisoned when we give others and circumstance the right and responsibility for our peace of mind and happiness.”

Joel Goldsmith suggested “Our first awakening reveals that our mind, conditioned as it is to superstition and tradition, is the prison-house in which we dwell.”

Some time ago, I saw a story on the Oprah Winfrey show that really touched me. It featured a young college graduate couple who were in serious debt. They had college loans. They financed a big lavish wedding. They bought a pricey home, cars and toys. Things got tough. One of them lost their job. They couldn't afford their lifestyle. They considered bankruptcy. After some soul searching, they realized that the life they had created was to impress others. It felt like they were keeping themselves captive in a prison.

So, they decided to sell everything even when it appeared to be a loss. A semi-truck was purchased and a new life was created on the road, together. Their small dog joined them on the many adventures. Debts were paid down. Sunrises and sunsets were noticed. They discovered what seemed to be small things are the really the big things.

They were no longer captive to the illusion of getting other's approval from their previous lifestyle. Their life, together, sharing special moments, working together and a deeper focus on self-discovery was the sweetest one. They experienced true freedom.

What choices can you make that will free you from the illusion of imprisonment and so that you truly believe in your true nature as powerful and free?. 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.

In oneness,

Reverend Joy (Joyfull) Fletcher-Thompson

Self Care: Grateful Hearts By Reverend Roma Carlisle

Gratitude is one of the deepest emotions that we, as human beings, can feel. It pours through our souls as we gaze upon the beauty of nature . . . experience love and connection with a true friend. . . relax in the joy and comfort of our precious furry friends . . . and acknowledge the love, commitment, vision, and devotion of our families and mates. Greatest of all . . . we thrill to the Divine Presence, itself pouring into us as a Golden Stream of Light, enlivening each cell to Infinite Life & Love.

We humans have a tendency to take our daily experiences for granted. Let us each spend some time to create our own, unique "gratitude lists" . . . including everything . . . from the greatest to the smallest of things. The Divine Science Ministers Association wishes to thank all of our members . . . and, our "unsung heroine," Reverend Christine Emmerling, for the countless hours, days, months and years she has devoted to DSMA. We are truly blessed by our "Board Member Emeritus."

Thank You So Much, Reverend Christine Emmerling

An Opportunity: I'm at 85 yrs now and looking at what I may do to leave something useful based on my life experience. My story is long from orthodoxy to new thought. I eventually learned the meaning of "open at the top" as Ernest Holmes explained. I also spent several years in touch with Dr. Parker of "Prayer Can Change Your Life". Of course most of the old timers I studied with are passed on. Writing about miracles can be difficult, but of interest where people are dealing with illness. Of course a true miracle is the result of divine action. There can be a case of blockage of the divine though. I feel it is useful consider possible causes for that. Eventually I see that my written thought becomes limited by my one mind. At that point a third mind resulting from the joining of two minds is needed for full perspective and expression. In Dr. Parker's case, Elaine St. Johns was a terrific coauthor. So I'm at that point of searching. Please let me know if you can think of someone who might be good for that.

Blessings,
Rev Gordon Davis

INTA Virtual Conference: The annual conference is scheduled for July 20-23, 2021. For more information and to register, please visit www.NewThoughtEvents.org “

Coffee and Conversation: Saturday, July 24 @ 2 PM EST. Monthly gathering with DSMA members on Zoom.

DSMA Bi-Annual Virtual Retreat: MARK YOUR CALENDER; you WILL want to attend: Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 2021. As of this date, we will be blessed with 3 very gifted speakers that will bring so much inspiration and healing. We are so excited to experience the many years of teaching experience brought to us by Kathleen Flynn, dr. michael ryce and Rocco Errico *More information will be sent very soon.*

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

World Parliament of Religion Virtual Conference October 17-18, 2021;

“The 1st Parliament of the World’s Religions, hosted at the historic World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago, brought together people of faith from around the world. Some like Anagārika Dharmapāla, A.G. Bonet-Maury, and Swami Vivekananda traveled for months and across continents to serve as representatives of their faiths, and many more journeyed over weeks, through countries, and across oceans to attend what would become the birthplace of the modern interfaith movement.

“The 8th Parliament of the World’s Religions, hosted for the first time virtually, will bring together people of faith from around the world in an instant. The virtual Parliament is a safe way to gather the world’s global interfaith movement and celebrate the enduring spirit and work of religious and spiritual communities striving toward a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. “ Register at www.parliamentofreligions.org

May 2021 Treasurer’s Report:

Income:	\$	35.00
Expenses:	\$	210.00
Difference:	\$	-176.84
Wells Fargo Checking		
Ministers Loan Fund	\$.	2,050.00
Scholarship Fund	\$	565.00
Wells Fargo Savings:	\$	538.74
Total Checking/Savings	\$.	19,870.17
Total Assets:	\$.	19,870.17

We affirm and give thanks for the presence of unlimited abundance. We call this forth this unlimited abundance through us and as us. Thank you, God.