



What a Year!

Here we are, approaching Christmastime and the end of our calendar year. The cycle of this year has been remarkable in so many ways.

I acknowledge all the personal victories and challenges of this year. So many of us have had things to face in our health, our work, our families and our communities. There have been the joys of launching new projects and meeting new people. And we have said good-bye to friends who have left us.

Through it all, there is the reality portrayed in Martin Cecil's memorable words:

*The truth is true and all is well,
Unconquerable life prevails.*

It is so good to reach this time of year and feel the victory of life itself, which is the emergence of the Spirit of Love in all things.

For Emissaries of Divine Light, this has been another year of weekly services at our centers and online. It has been another year of bringing insight and upliftment through our weekly e-mail and blog, The Pulse of Spirit. It has been another year as a community of people who honor the spiritual nature of all people, including ourselves. The Light is shining in our world because we are here.

At Sunrise Ranch, it has been another year of harvesting the lettuce and making the beds; another year of enjoying each other's company and creating together in ways large and small. It has been another year of moving past the things that would drag us down if we let them, and another year of inviting the world to know an experience of spiritual regeneration.

Simply put, it is another year of loving and another year of practical spirituality in the everyday lives of Emissaries around the globe.

We have been part of a greater coming together as a global community and more circulation among us. Ruth French and Ruud West launched a monthly online service that Riverdell Spiritual Centre in South Australia is sharing with people around the world. A number of us from Sunrise Ranch and elsewhere visited Riverdell to conduct workshops and offer talks, and we are planning a Full Self Emergence Program there in 2020.

There has been a stronger outreach from Sunrise Ranch to our sister centers in the past year with Keahi Ewa, Karen Pritchard and me visiting our Gate House Centre in Cape Town, South Africa, from April 22nd to May 8th. We participated in events on a variety of subjects: interfaith, education, and primal spirituality. Several people from Sunrise Ranch have become more deeply involved at Edenvale, our center in Abbotsford, British Columbia. I have visited Edenvale five times this year.

This has been a year of “going public.” In March, I published my first book, *Becoming a Sun: Emotional and Spiritual Intelligence for a Happy, Fulfilling Life*, available on Amazon. I have written a set of 49 Attunement prayers and meditations. They are being published in 2020 in a book and a set of Attunement Cards designed by Karen Pritchard. Karen and I have each recorded the prayers and meditations to music and we have begun to use the recordings in services. They will be publicly distributed in 2020.

At Edenvale we launched and completed a new Attunement Certification Program. It was a representation of Attunement as both a conscious, spiritual practice, and an energy medicine. There was wild enthusiasm from a new group of Attunement practitioners.

From June 21st to 24th, we hosted the Evolutionary Leaders Advance at Sunrise Ranch. This is an association of leading-edge writers, speakers, teachers and artists that I joined in 2018. I see a lot of promise with these new friends in the years to come.

From June 28th to 30th, I taught a *Becoming a Sun* workshop at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, New York.

From August 2nd to 4th, the 7th Annual Arise Music and Camping Festival was held at Sunrise Ranch, with approximately 13,000 people attending. This will be the last Arise Festival we hold, but we look forward to creating other events with the producers, Paul Bassis and Tierro Lee.

Thank you for being part of this spiritual community and the service we offer to the world. If you would like to find out more about what we are doing and how you could participate, visit our website, emissaries.org. Or send us an e-mail at emissaries@emnet.org.

David Karchere



David Karchere, Karen Pritchard and Keahi Ewa visited Gate House Centre in Cape Town for two weeks in April and May. After extensive work on our marketing strategy and communication materials in the first quarter of the year, we were glad to see a healthy response to the events we put on for David's visit. The second quarter has been mainly focused on the relationship with new friends by keeping people abreast of Gate House events and the range of what we offer. A steady pulse of activity has continued with Global Attunement Days, new participation in the Creative Field Project, Attunement practice sessions and plans for a second Evolutionary Leaders gathering on 29th July.



Keahi Ewa, Berry Behr, Anu Muirhead, Howard Goodman, Anne-Lise Bure, David Karchere and Karen Pritchard

Anne-Lise Bure and Hazel Sutill, members of the Gate House marketing team, also oversee Novalis marketing operations, which has its complimentary aspect but also presents the challenge of the same people having to cover a lot of ground in addition to their other areas of responsibility.

The Gate House Team has come into a new level of coordination, with Ellinor Shepherd managing and alerting us to meet marketing action steps and timelines, boosting Facebook advertising where necessary, and Hazel providing artistically crafted Facebook memes.

Howard Goodman and Anne-Lise are in the process of formulating a new vision for the larger cycle going forward, which will include public engagements for Gate House. We see our interface with Novalis and Cape Town Interfaith Initiative (CTII) especially important, as well as focusing ongoing Evolutionary Leader collaborative meetups. Novalis and Gate House teams enjoyed a glorious birthday luncheon in the Gate House garden to celebrate Miriam Platt's 79th birthday on the 22nd May.

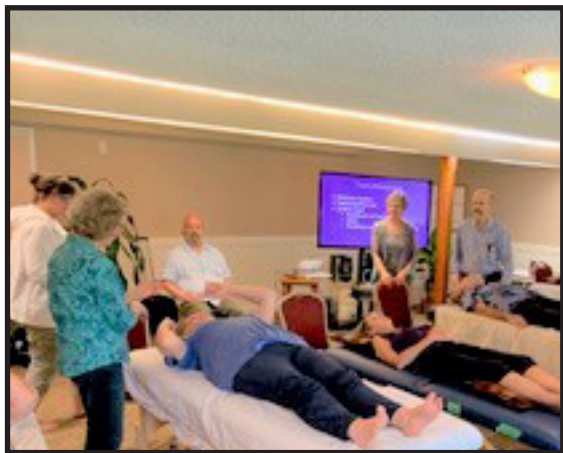
Five Creative Field groups are currently hosted locally by Anne-Lise, Miriam, Fiona Gawronsky, Hazel and Howard. We are keen to continue to nurture and grow an expanding field of network connections.

Howard Goodman and Anne-Lise Bure



Teachers and Caregivers Empowerment at Novalis

So much energy is pulsing through our ministry and throughout our beautiful land at Edenvale. Keahi Ewa, John White Antelope and Jim Gray did a professional photo shoot of our Retreat Centre and land in order to best present its beauty and unique facilities on social media and various printed materials. Throughout these past months, the Tech team from Sunrise Ranch has provided ongoing teaching and guidance as we learn the best methods of getting the word out on social media in an interesting and regular fashion.



In April of this year, David Karchere led the new, revised Attunement Level #1 Class with the assistance of Hugh Duff, Carol Robertson, Barb Duff and Marilyn Manderson. Students engaged in several practice sessions in various locations during May and June in preparation for Attunement Level #2 in July. Both classes were attended by 21 participants. Along with a deepened appreciation by those who have been practicing Attunement for a number of years, an excitement for Attunement is spreading throughout a new network of healing practitioners. As a participant in both Attunement classes, they were incredibly enlightening and inspiring!

Through the EDL BC ministry we are offering the use of our land to the greater community, directing and overseeing the collaborative programs that will be offered. Included in our plans are the expansion of vegetable gardens, fruit-bearing trees and a larger flock of chickens that will provide income for Edenvale. Fraser Valley Conservancy (nonprofit) will assist in land protection and education; Home Society (nonprofit/charity) will provide a strong work force to maintain the common areas, feed and maintain the animals and birds, look after selected garden plots, and do minor repairs as necessary. Abbotsford School District will create a world class agricultural/environmental program that will assist secondary students to bridge into University programs.

A new 40' chicken coop, greenhouse and chicken run has just been completed by Home Society—spearheaded by Cam Dore, the now retired CEO of Home Society and friend of EDL for 20 years. Planting of crops has begun.

In September we enjoyed our Harvest Potluck, hosted by the community gardeners on our garden property and enjoyed by all. This has become a yearly event that also strengthens the relationships with our greater community and brings a lovely end to the spring/summer growing season.



We are planning our Christmas Open House for December 15th this year and look forward to even more of our new friends joining us. As we continue our outreach in many different ways, we are finding that we are creating strong alliances and support from a wide variety of areas.

We look forward to every day in front of us as we create the world we wish to see and which *will* be!

Blessings from Edenvale,
Jeannie Martin

It's been 40 years since the property at Riverdell was purchased. We are grateful to those who laid the foundations to enable what we are fortunate to share and enjoy today. We celebrated with an afternoon tea, a party, and special recognition at our Sunday service.



David Karchere, Karen Pritchard and Courtney Bohlman spent two weeks in June, delivering a rich magical time with *Becoming a Sun*, raising our vibrational space so beautifully. On the Eve of Spring in Australia, we were graced with Gary Goodhue and Uma Faith, bringing a freshness of spirit-filled energy. While Uma and Gary were here, they were spreading their seeds of light for future Full Self Emergence cycles. The programs have been well attended, with newcomers in the mix.

Maggie Cope leads an Attunement group monthly. We now hold a monthly teleconference service available via Zoom. Ruth French and Ruud West were instrumental in initiating this exciting development.



Ruth French, Gary Goodhue and Uma Faith

Justin Martin continues to steer this property and staff wholeheartedly. Our staff here have undergone extensive training in their chosen fields. Thank you all for holding this rich cycle with us here in Australia.

Sending love to you all,
Christine Spencer



The group participating in the Becoming a Sun workshop in June

Trustees & Servers Gathering

The International Trustees of Emissaries of Divine Light met September 22-26 at Sunrise Ranch, followed by two days of An Open Door, attended by many of those arriving for the annual Servers Gathering. Servers Sessions, including approximately 45 from around the world and Sunrise, were held from September 29 through October 2, followed by a Servers Training Intensive.

The annual Congress Session was held on October 1, which included the Trustee election. There were four openings this year and the only self-nominations were from the four incumbents: Jane Anetrini, Hugh Duff, Howard Goodman, and David Karchere. They join Trustees Keahi Ewa, Marilyn Manderson, and Ruud West. Last year an Expanded Trustee grouping was formed, adding Anne-Lise Bure and Uma Faith.



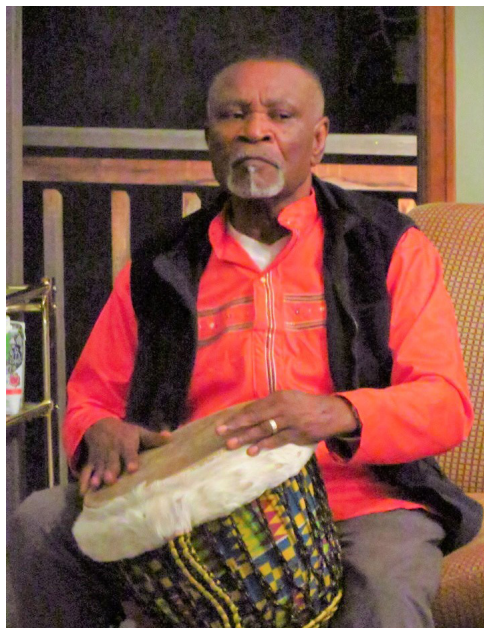
The Servers enjoyed a BBQ with the Sunrise community at the Chalet



Keahi Ewa (Sunrise Ranch), John Spencer (Australia) and Laurance Mendes (England)



The participants of the Servers Training Intensive



Samuel Akwo-Adelowo (Texas) rocked the house with his drumming



Trustees: Ruud West and Keahi Ewa (Sunrise Ranch), Hugh Duff and Marilyn Manderson (British Columbia), Howard Goodman (South Africa), Jane Anetrini (Colorado), David Karchere (Sunrise Ranch)



Cheyne Morris, Chris Spencer and Ruth French (Australia)



Marilyn Manderson (BC), Rachel Morrison (Sunrise Ranch) and Sarah Akwo-Adelowo (Texas)



Outing at Horsetooth Reservoir: Chris Buentiempo, Dorian Black and Lana Roach (all from Sunrise Ranch)



Stephanie Fisher (South Africa) and Phyllis Kotyk (BC)

FARM AND GARDEN

It was a banner season for the Sunrise Ranch Farm, Garden and Greenhouses! Our cattle herd was especially healthy and hardy this year. The 29 mamas and 17 babies are happy and healthy and we look forward to many new babies in the spring. Altogether, 20 head went to keeping our community and our guests well fed this year. Our chicken flock continues to enjoy their mobile coops, especially the new Taj Mahal. Their eggs are prolific and delicious, and we added more than 100 new chicks to the flock in September. The Sunrise Ranch sheep herd is thriving, with 18 lambs joining us this past spring. The llamas continue to flourish and guard our herds. They were joined by three new alpacas: Frodo, Aden and Otis.



We welcomed a new horse, Sammy, to the Ranch to keep Scotch company and to help with herding the cattle and other livestock. Our fantastic farm team, led by Sarah Schnedecker, has worked long and hard to care for our precious animals and maintain the infrastructure that keeps them all safe.



The Sunrise Ranch Garden and Greenhouse team produced an incredible amount of delicious, healthy food for our tables. We had an abundance of raspberries, strawberries, gorgeous tomatoes, healthy greens, and many other treats. Thank you Amanda McCray (pictured left), LeAnn Hertz and team! Chris Browne and Jackie Alvine led another very successful season at two different Farmers Markets in the area.



EDUCATION

The 2019 27-week Full Self Emergence Program, coordinated by David Karchere and Jane Anetrini, graduated six individuals.

Primal Spirituality classes were a great success this year, with all classes full and many positive reviews. The deep spiritual work and transformation that occurred over a six-month period created a deepening of the communion and commitment here at Sunrise Ranch. Courses included:

- Primal Spirituality 1: Blessing
- Primal Spirituality 1b: Understanding
- Primal Spirituality 2: Taking Action and Fulfilling Mission
- Primal Spirituality 3: Enlightened Thinking and Courage
- Primal Spirituality 4: Grace

For information on upcoming classes, visit primalspirituality.org



Participants of Primal Spirituality 4: Grace

The Colorado Permaculture Convergence was held at Sunrise Ranch August 31 to September 1, featuring keynote speakers from the Permaculture Institute of North America. They provided education about permaculture principles and ethics, networking support, and practical resources to all who participated.

They held panels on Soil Building, Natural Materials, Social Justice, Herbal Medicine, and Permaculture Businesses.



Special thanks to Patrick Padden (seated) for the vital role he has played in Permaculture for many years and for organizing this gathering

EVENTS

Our Director of Events, Erica Broniec, and her team successfully hosted 47 events between May and October, seeing to the needs of more than 11,137 guests. They also learned how to use our new hospitality software suite, Retreat Guru, all the while delivering exceptional service to our guests.



Sunrise Ranch joined the Loveland Chamber of Commerce in June and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Sculpture Pond.

The Evolutionary Leaders Advance met at Sunrise Ranch June 21-25. A public event was held during the Advance. Evolutionary leaders from the local area were invited and Evolutionaries from around the world were welcome to join via livestream. Each brought their unique gifts to the great shift in consciousness, to which we are called. David Karchere is a member of the Evolutionary Leaders, pictured below.





The largest event held at Sunrise Ranch this year was the ARISE Music Festival in August. It was outstanding and gave the community the opportunity to use their gifts and share their wisdom through workshops and talks in the Sunrise Ranch Wisdom Village tent. We were joined by 13,000 joyful souls. Magic happened!



Kristin Hoffmann, David Karchere, Karen Pritchard and Heather Johnson



Jane Anetrini with Paul Bassis, co-producer of ARISE Music Festival



Tierro Lee, co-producer of the ARISE Music Festival, with his wife, Bridget Law



David Karchere conducting a workshop in the Sunrise Ranch Wisdom Village tent



Performers on Eagle Stage at ARISE

COMMUNITY

The Sunrise Ranch community continues to strengthen and grow with various activities, including Restorative Circles, Roundtable Discussions, Ranch-wide Sessions, Community Project Days, and social activities and outings.



Dorian Black (left) sharing his poetry with friends, pictured here with Gary Goodhue and Diana de Winton



Sunrise Ranch Council: Chris Buentiempo, Lana Roach, David Gardner, Dot Voutiritsa, Jackie Alvine, Gary Goodhue and Bexx Biehl



Ranch-wide Sessions are held several times each year with all Sunrise Ranch employees and residents



Happy birthday, Jane Anetrini!



Attunement after Sunday service



Linda Moore admiring the pumpkins in the carving contest for Halloween

Special thanks to Heather Ryan for detailing the happenings at Sunrise Ranch and to the Sunrise Ranch photographers for capturing those moments