



Emissaries of Divine Light

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Blessings to us all as we see our way through this chapter in the unfolding destiny of humankind. I know there are hardships for many of us, and challenges to face. I wish, for us all, that we find our way through whatever arises to the greatest possible victory and fulfillment. May peace come to our soul, and may we bring the empowerment and activation of Cosmic Love to the world.

This time has made us vividly aware of our role as Emissaries of Divine Light. We are in the middle of this global pandemic that is affecting people around the world, and we are having our human experience, just like everybody else. At the same time, as the world is rocked by this coronavirus, we know the rock of Reality. We have the assurance of what is eternal:

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

Emissaries around the globe are facing many of the same factors that are being faced by the rest of the world. At our headquarters community, Sunrise Ranch, we have done all we reasonably can to keep everyone safe. So it has been strange to live together as a spiritual community and to rely on Zoom live-streaming video to see everyone.



More recently, we have begun a morning time of Prayer, Meditation and Attunement. We meet in the garden and start our day together for fifteen minutes, led by community members.

Like everyone else, there is so much that we can't do. The full 2020 schedule we had planned is evaporating, with event leaders canceling as their events draw near. This has meant that we could no longer support all our staff, and some have gone to find opportunities elsewhere.

We have learned to focus our efforts on what we can do. We are enjoying the most prolific harvest in the history of Sunrise Ranch. Raspberries, tomatoes and salad greens abound! And so do lambs, cows and eggs!

We have people joining us for services online from across the globe. It is certainly not the same as having services in the Dome. And yet there is an unprecedented spiritual intimacy. Fabulous artists are

performing: Alex Bootzin from Santa Barbara, California; Michael Gaeta from Boulder, Colorado, and many more. Our own Roshana Ariel has lifted her musical performances to new levels.

Like Sunrise Ranch, our other Emissary communities have had to limit their in-person events and have taken their services online. We can enjoy participating with our communities around the world: Edenvale in British Columbia, Canada; Gate House in Cape Town, South Africa; Riverdell in South Australia; and the Northeast U.S. You can find the connection information at <https://emissaries.org/sunday-service/>

Our communities are all opening up as local conditions allow.

We are continuing to develop our online platform for spiritual regeneration and regenerative culture: Global Emergence. We had our pilot launch on April 29. We are looking forward to hosting learning communities and creating social synergy. Most of all, we are excited to bring our own programming to you. We have found a talented developer in Melbourne, Australia, who is helping us complete the project. It is exciting to create this opportunity to reach out to the world and invite people to co-create with us online. We look forward to having an official launch date to announce later this year.

David Karchere



Alex Bootzin, Santa Barbara, California, on piano



Sunrise Ranch Pavilion under a beautiful summer sky

2020—Who Knew It Would Look Like This?!

by Ellinor B. Shepherd

South Africa continues to be in severe lockdown. While Sunday services, Evolutionary Dialogues and other EDL meetings and gatherings have gone online, Gate House venue hire activity has come to a complete halt! Our regular clients are, however, standing in the wings, all eager to return.

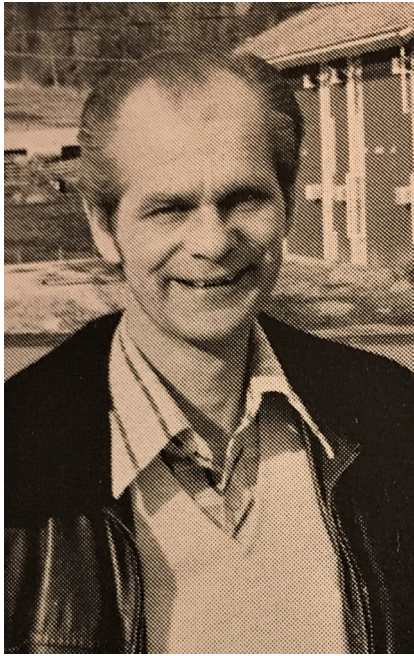
Gate House Sunday services via Zoom are attracting international response and participation, which in turn infuses an increase of radiant enthusiasm to bring the blessings of Spirit to the world. Another energetic impulse is the Evolutionary Dialogue Series—conscious leadership to birth an emerging world. We initiated the series with David Karchere in April last year. Since then we have enjoyed hosting a number of leaders spearheading transformational themes relevant to our times.

On May 18th, Reverend Nima Taylor spoke about a world caught in what Tibetan Buddhism names a "bardo" state, the space between death and new birth—something we're all having to meet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are sad to bid farewell to our dear friend and Wellness therapist, Pauline Close. We are grateful for her generous financial donation to the Centre, an expression of her support and continuing love. Working closely with Howard Goodman, we have adjusted rental agreements for our therapists. Our aim is to restore the Centre to full operational health as soon as possible.



In the interim, I enjoy being kept busy managing accounts, communicating with consultants and EDL clients, home schooling, and taking on various jobs previously allocated to our domestic cleaning and garden staff, who are on pandemic paid leave. Needless to say, there is plenty to do, which really helps working with lifting the tide of heavy feelings for what is going on in our country and the world. I am holding a clear vision for a thriving and prosperous Centre, glad to engage with the connections we have established with our larger global community that helps to sustain a positive frame of mind while we all endure a dark phase for an old-world passing, holding a clear internal womb space for birthing a new world.



CARL RICHMOND SEPTEMBER 12, 1937 – FEBRUARY 27, 2020

We gathered on May 3rd in a huge space of love for Carl Richmond. Even though we were about seventy stations on Zoom from numerous locations, there was no separation between us. Hugh Duff welcomed all to the celebration. Joyce Karchere sang the song *Place of Worship*, Ervin Atchison read the poem *Prayer of Being* and the space further opened. A slideshow flashed images of Carl from over the decades, always with his trademark focus and eagerness to serve. Friends, whether for two or sixty years, each took a few minutes to touch on Carl's impact in their lives and to describe his adventures in Toronto, Ontario; Riverbend Orchard in Kamloops; 100 Mile House; Edenvale; his Speed Scene business in Abbotsford, and most recently in a care home in Kamloops. David Karchere described Carl as a man of passion and kindness, whose powerful, conscious service you would want to emulate. We completed the time by singing the song *A Door Is Opened in Heaven*, and it surely was.

~ Barb Duff

Tribute by Marilyn Manderson

On Feb. 27, 2020, a prince of a man, an Emissary of Divine Light in the truest sense, and a friend to many over decades, was set free to serve in realms of cosmic endeavor. His interest in the cosmos and stars were close to his heart. An eternal perspective was a large part of Carl's everyday life and considerations.

Carl had resided in a care facility in Kamloops, BC, over the past two years. His wife, Anne, lived close by and they visited together often. Family was always vitally important to Carl. He spoke often of daughter Anyssa, son Eric, grandchildren Hannah and Garret, and two great-grandsons. He was aware of the pending birth of another grandchild prior to his departure.

His love for the Emissary ministry was particularly strong. Passion to serve Life/God and anyone he met was uppermost for Carl. His connection with David Karchere, the EDL Spiritual Director, was a special one. He was always keen to listen to the weekly *Pulse of Spirit*, usually David's words being read, along with an Attunement to follow. He was also on the telephone line for both Sunrise and Edenvale services.

Spending time with friends whose passion it is to be conscious of the power and purity of the Spirit they bring to this Life is such a privilege. Carl Richmond was such a friend. I give thanks for the immensity of what he brought and his dedication to Emissaries of Divine Light. I can feel that he is cheering us on every moment of every day as we allow Love and Truth to reign supreme in our living on this planet now.



SPIRIT RISING

Can Spirit rise up in the midst of a global pandemic? It certainly did as 40 people gathered at Edenvale on July 25, 2020, for a four-hour, mid-day event called "Spirit Rising." This was our first outdoor event.

For decades, our charming heritage barn (at the site of our Community Gardens) has been patiently waiting for just the right time to welcome that rising Spirit and to fill hearts and minds with four hours of peace, calmness, fresh air, and the long-awaited joy of being together again with others. With a month to prepare our charmer with a much-needed facelift, and to COVID micro-measure and mark every safe distancing step of the areas where people would gather, the stage was finally set. As an extra, the Home Society crew built us a stage in the riding ring of the barn.

Four wonderful speakers covered topics such as the pristine environment of Edenvale; Indigenous wisdom; the love, care and rescue of animals; and the awakening of our inner power.



Phyllis Kotyk welcomes guests to Spirit Rising

Spirit rises naturally when we come together. In hindsight, it started to rise the minute the first nail went into a loose board. A team of volunteers grew by the day, and the Spirit of vision and passion filled us all as we worked together. By July 25, the atmosphere of the buildings and the land were filled with the essences of peace, tranquility and welcome.

We all learned that much can be done when challenges are at the forefront. We learned that many miracles happen just at the right time when the only direction seen is the one straight ahead. And although many had not met each other, new relationships were born as we clearly embraced the joy of creation together.



Heartfelt thank yous to all who assisted in preparing for the event—the mosaic of their individual talents created magic. And thank you to our speakers for their wisdom and inspiration. As I write, new visions are forming for the days ahead. We are in this together!

God bless us all,
Jeannie Martin

RIVERDELL, AUSTRALIA

There is a regular rhythm at Riverdell. Our Sunday service is now taking place online. Maggie Cope continues to focus our monthly Attunement meetings online. There are also several Creative Field groups that meet monthly. Christine Spencer and Ruth French host a *Becoming a Sun* book discussion group. With COVID-19 social distancing, we are holding this group on Zoom with success.

With the impact of COVID-19, our staff members Jasmine, Lauren and Karl have been very creative and now have several online programs, particularly yoga and meditation classes. Justin Martin and our new employee, Karl, have a plan to set up the Sanctuary for livestreaming and video recording, making this more appealing and available for current teachers to access.

A particularly unique program was held recently. Titled "Pushing Up Daisies," this was a thought-provoking, intimate workshop showing how to develop a toolkit to create an End-of-Life plan.



Art class at Riverdell before COVID-19. Sarah Martin, Justin's wife, is sitting on the right with a blue shirt and a beautiful smile!



A retirement dinner was held to honor Lyell Horwood



Yoga class at Riverdell before COVID-19 necessitated offering online classes

The first quarter of 2020 was a remarkable time, with both challenges and opportunities. The whole world changed at once with the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated freeze to the majority of business and social activities. Sunrise Ranch met this challenge with grace and ingenuity by quickly implementing virtual audio/video facilities for Sunday and Wednesday night services, service consideration and expansion, men's and women's meetings, all work-related meetings, and Director Reports to the community. We even enjoy social gatherings online!



Chef Barrett Barth orchestrates meal preparation and delivery to the community during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders.

In addition, our amazing kitchen staff continued to prepare excellent meals and grocery orders, which community volunteers delivered to each resident on a daily basis through June. In July, we implemented a new system for enjoying meals together, under a tent behind the Pavilion. Sunrise Ranch residents continue to maintain strict social distancing measures. We consider ourselves fortunate since we are relatively isolated and have the added bonus of thousands of acres of beautiful wilderness in which to play, walk and meditate. No one can foresee how this will end but we do know that we will meet any eventuality with grace and aplomb together.



Preparing for food deliveries March - June



Our new meal tent behind the Pavilion

EVENTS

Our internal event activities started out the year strong with David Karchere's *Becoming a Sun* book-signing event on January 18, at Book Haven and Loveland Coffee Company. A second book-signing/meet-the-author event took place on February 8, at Herbs & Arts in Denver, that was equally rewarding and fun.



David Karchere at book signings

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of most events scheduled since mid-March. In response to the requirement for social distancing, we have offered several free online webinars via Zoom.



Jane Anetrini demonstrating Attunement at the Loveland Healers Symposium

GLOBAL OUTREACH

In January, several members of the Sunrise Ranch community participated in the Loveland Healers Symposium.

Sunrise Ranch began participating in the Global Days of Unity project by broadcasting our Sunday service as an invitation to celebrate together and infuse the unifying field with unity, peace and love. This project began on March 22, 2020, and takes place every third Sunday of the month.

EDUCATION

We had a fantastic opportunity in February to learn how best to promote our educational offerings with the marketing funnel training presented by Micah McLaughlin. This led to a primary focus on marketing our Attunement program and we applied the new marketing techniques we learned when we offered a free Introduction to Attunement in late February, prior to the COVID-19 restrictions, which was well attended.

We've also been developing a new website, Global Emergence, which will have an online learning platform.



The participants in the Introduction to Attunement on February 29, 2020



David Karchere presenting at the Introduction to Attunement event

FARM AND GARDEN

Sunrise Ranch and a fantastic team of dedicated staff from the Farm, Garden, IT, and Global Community Building departments brought a significant product to life this winter! [Barn2Door](#), our beef and produce storefront, went live in February and has significantly expanded our farm and garden product reach and sales. Buying Sunrise Ranch beef and produce has never been easier, with online shopping and purchase, as well as local non-contact pickup and delivery. Business has been excellent and we've received a lot of positive feedback from customers!



The first quarter of 2020 at Sunrise Ranch was cold and snowy, but full of new life! Our prolific flock of sheep gave us 37 new and extremely adorable lambs, protected by our 3 guardian-uncle alpacas. Our herd of 24 mama ewes, protected by Mama Llama, will expand to 30 before next lambing season.

The Sunrise Ranch cattle have spent the winter and early spring rotating from pasture to pasture. Our horses, Scotch and Sammy, have been busy moving cows and chasing the yearlings when they are naughty and escape. Our awesome farm team continues to heroically deliver hay to both the cows and the now-weaned calves twice a day through all kinds of weather. Our herd grew from 29 to 46 after last year's calving season. Our 100 baby chicks are now laying their own eggs!

We had a prolific amount of snow in April and early May, so we are very thankful that we are able to grow produce in our greenhouses!



LeAnn Hertz harvesting tomatoes



COMMUNITY

The Sunrise Ranch community continues to thrive. In February, before stay-at-home orders were in place, we held a Valentine's Day semi-formal lunch, which was big fun for all involved and doubled as a source of future marketing with all the beautiful photos and videos captured.



Valentine's Day beauties, left to right: Diana de Winton, Sece Foster, Kimberly Foster and Jane Anetrini



Tables set up for the Valentine's Day Lunch



Heather Johnson and Jim Gray were married in a beautiful ceremony at Sunrise Ranch on February 2, 2020, officiated by Rev. Jane Anetrini. Jim and Heather both play significant roles in the community. Pictured here with Heather's son, Ryder, and Jim's sons, AJ and Pierce. Congratulations to you all!



In August, the community began meeting four days a week for a morning prayer



A new family joined us after the winter thaw!



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