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Hi to everyone,

As we look forward to the Fall and the changes it brings, we are reminded of new hopes and innovative ideas.

The quarterly in September on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be hosted jointly by

**The First Spiritualist Church of Prayer** South Bend, and the

**The Spiritualist First Church of Truth** at the

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**All are welcome**

I want to thank all of you who took the time to fill out the June survey. I believe I have spoken to all who have contributed. I want to share some of the more popular ideas with you:

1. There was positive feedback on Rev. Phillip Falcone's suggestion to change dates for our meetings and conventions, along with adding another date to establish a quarterly. His suggestions are shifting dates. He will have his ideas on a passout for you in September and we are looking for your input to formulate a plan.
2. Many of you expressed an interest in having more than one activity going on at the same time. Thomas and I chatted about this and we do feel this is an excellent point. We will start having activities throughout the time the ISA is together starting in September.
3. There has been a number of requests wanting outside speakers. Since Thomas is head of education, he will be responsible for the speakers. If you know of someone you would like to have speak, contact Thomas and let him know. We are always looking for ideas and help.

If you missed my survey you can find it on the ISA website. Your thoughts and viewpoints are always welcome.

This is the structure of the ISA.

In 1924, Amanda Flower felt the need of an organization that would promote Spiritualism and let churches group together for protection and strength yet still give the individual churches the freedom to worship in their way. With this thought in mind she became the founder of the "ISA" **Togetherness with Independence**

The ISA gatherings offer a place where students can develop experience in their mediumship, healing and speaking. It offers a student the opportunity to work with fresh faces and as a useful tool to aid in their growth.

I feel platform work and etiquette is important and can only be learned through experience. Healing, speaking and mediumship also need experiential time. I invite you to let us know if students are ready to expand their public work.

Your board members are: Rev. Mahala Bacon-President, Rev. Sandy Nelson-Vice President, Cathy Dorr, A.M.-Secretary, Rev. Donna Fischer-Treasurer, Rev. Thomas Janssen-Education, Pat Holms, A.M.- Booklet and Sheila Dean-Clerk. Each of us on the board have an open-door policy. Our phone numbers are available to you along with emails and addresses in the ISA booklet. Please feel free to contact us.

To be successful as an organization, we need a singleness of purpose to pull together as a community. We do that through co-operation. As we apply the spiritual principles, our growth will lead us to cohesion and this will be our principle step in attraction.

My hope is to visit each church throughout the year. I am available to travel Tuesdays through Saturdays. Please contact me with your available dates.

May God and the Angels Bless and Keep you,

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