

# The Sower

## Bulletin & Voice of

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## Some Important Developments

After taking many factors into consideration, the Trustees of the First Spiritual Temple have decided that the Church's location on Jacob's Meadow Road is not suitable for the furtherance of our mission and ministry. As some of you commented, the Jacob's Meadow Chapel was certainly a place of peace and spiritual tranquility, and we fully agree with this. Rev. Simeon worked tirelessly to create a space which was conducive and in harmony with both the original Boston and Brookline Temples. However, other factors had to be taken into consideration.

The Trustees and governing Board of the Church had to look at our long-range goals and plans; not simply what felt right at the moment. Therefore, we have made the following decisions:

◆ The Trustees recently purchased a small parsonage and office space for the Church. The parsonage and office are now located in a lovely section of Sandwich, Massachusetts: **56 John Ewer Road.**

◆ As noted in the last issue of *The Sower*, we have decided to postpone purchasing a new Temple facility until such time that just the right property comes our way; furthermore, we have every intention of remaining on Cape Cod. We are even considering purchasing land and having a new Temple built, specifically suited to our current and long-range plans. We know that God and Spirit will guide us in this endeavor.

◆ In the meantime, we are looking to rent space for the religious, spiritual, healing, and educational ministries of the Church. Until we find the right place, all public events for the Church have been suspended. Obviously, we are saddened by this, but the Trustees are ac-

tively and rigorously checking out locations that will be suitable for our work. Our internet ministry will continue to expand and serve the needs of the global community. Our hope is to resume public events in the early part of 2018.

◆ In order to reach out to you, our readers, and offer you what we can, under these circumstances, *The Sower* will be used as the religious and spiritual "voice" of the First Spiritual Temple. Rather than news items, *The Sower* will focus on matters that pertain to the common good. We will also be sending out fliers and material pertinent to various religious holidays. Our plan here is simple: to keep you connected with the spirit of the Temple and the Temple connected with you. At around Thanksgiving, you will receive a very special mailing from the Church.

◆ This September, Rev. Simeon inaugurated a monthly "Pastoral Message" on the Church's website. October's message is online and he is working on creating an archival page for all such messages. These monthly messages will continue even after we resume public events.

We hope you will continue to support our work in whatever way(s) you can. If you prefer to be removed from our mailing list, simply send an e-mail to Rev. Simeon, notifying him of this. His e-mail address is: [revsimeon@fst.org](mailto:revsimeon@fst.org).

Thank you and God Bless.

Trustees and Church Board,  
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## When the Times Get Tough The Faithful Pray

Not one of us can deny that times are tough. Between the often-unpleasant tone of the current political scene; war and rumors of war; hurricanes and earthquakes; genocide and political upheavals in various parts of the world; and hunger upon a planet that, in truth, produces sufficient for all, one must ask: "What's going on, and what can we do?"

Then, there is the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas. After so many such tragedies, not only in our own country, but in other democracies, I, like many others, feel as if the Human Family is headed for a massive collision course with itself.

We can come up with all sorts of answers to "what's going on?" and the answers can be political, socio-economic, and spiritual. As far as "what can we do?", so many lift their arms up in frustration and echo a resounding "Nothing; it is all beyond my capacity to do anything."

During these troubling times, let us never forget the singularly most powerful tool of the Spirit: **prayer**. For many, prayer is an elusive act of faith that may or may not have the impact we wish, and this is true. Prayer always does what it is supposed to do, not necessarily what we want it to do.

Having said this, let us remember: **Prayer always works!** Through prayerful engagement of

the Spirit, we can help bring about change, not only amidst the world arena, but within our own lives. Prayer works, if only to give us a bit of added strength and encouragement to take yet another step along our journey. So, let us pray unceasingly, not only during challenging times, but during good times.

I once saw on a Church Bulletin Board the following: **God: First Call, or Last Resort?** Think about this and let us pray.

~ Rev. Simeon



*"God is my story: that means you are telling it. That means there is something there for you to share. That means there's a part of you which is the storyteller. There is experience, in one form or another. God is my story; God is my song. That implies that you are singing. That implies that we are singing. That implies that we are doing things together, knowing that if we stand together and we stand by God, we will find that assistance, no matter what goes wrong. Let prayer be your song to God and to your fellow brothers and sisters, in body and in Spirit."*

~ Spirit **John**

Rev. Stephen Fulton, Medium  
Sunday Morning, May 20, 1984

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