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If you have a birthday this month but your name isn't here, please call the office and let us know.

We want to wish you a Happy Birthday, too!



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Merry Christmas

I suppose it's human nature that causes sensitivities to rise as populations increase and mass media drown us in information that points up cultural, racial, ethnic and religious differences.

Frank
Talk



Rev. Frank White

Case in point, last year's decision by a major retailer to ban the use of "Merry Christmas" as a greeting in its stores lest it offend non-Christian shoppers. This decision offended many Christians and created quite a furor in the season devoted to Peace and Love. The decision was dropped this year and the same retailer is once again in the "Merry Christmas" camp – not without some objections, one may note.

Manger displays draw fire in some communities. Angels and carols raise hackles in others. "The reason for the season" tends to get lost in the back and forth bickering.

Part of the problem is caused by people who are nominal Christians at best who seem oblivious to the fact that a lot of people aren't Christians, know that they're not, and like themselves that way. Almost equally responsible are those non-Christian individuals who seem incapable of respecting and celebrating diversity without feeling threatened about it in any way. Sweating away in the middle are those sweet souls doing their best not to offend anyone while bending over backwards to be politically correct.

It's all very interesting for an objective observer, don't you agree? As for us, let's know with Meister Eckhart that "God never begot but one Son, but the Eternal is forever begetting the only begotten" and greet and treat everyone in that spirit.

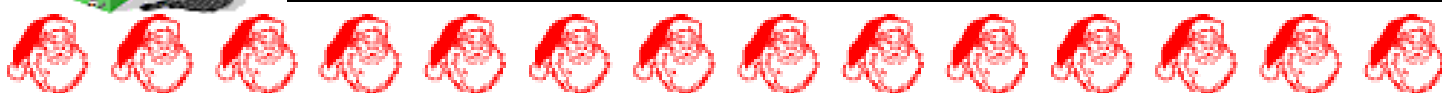
Your Board of Trustees and I know a wondrous holiday season for each and every one of you and a New Year replete with every good that you can accept.

You are Love!

Rev. Frank



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From Our Board Room

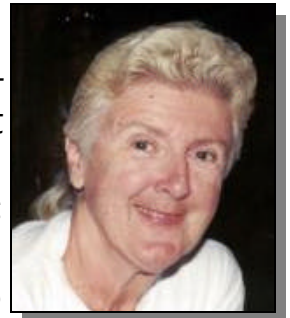


GOD! HOW GREAT THOU ART!

As members of the Religious Science Church of Honolulu, we are recipients and beneficiaries of one of the greatest teachings on earth.

Every Sunday, we are given tools for our greater works of life, both personal and for the planet.

Through our connections with this church, we learn to align with God to create a life in which we choose the health, wealth, and happiness which is always ready to manifest for us.



Bonnie Prebula
File Photo

This is the time of year to recognize and renew our individual commitment to sharing in these works, with our annual membership renewal poll now taking place and needing to be completed by the end of the month. You should have received your poll card by now, either in the mail or at church. Please complete both sides of the card and get it back to us before Christmas.

Remember that membership must be renewed annually and that there is no membership fee. I invite you to join with me again in making the commitment for a new year. We're now completing our 25th year as a chartered church of Religious Science International. Your Board of Trustees has chosen "Movin' On" as our slogan and theme for 2007. Move on with us into our next quarter of a century to increase your personal good and bless your personal experiences by participating with us as a full fledged member.

Bonnie Prebula




ONE BOARD PORTFOLIO VACANT IN JANUARY

Only the Financial Portfolio will be up for election at our Annual Membership Meeting in January. Our current Treasurer, Jerry Kohn, has already indicated that he will run for reelection. Of course, that does not preclude other candidates.

Candidates must have completed at least one year of accredited classes in Science of Mind and have been a member of this church for at least one year. Complete information about qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the offices involved are included with application forms in the Board of Trustees Candidate Packets available now in our office.

If you are qualified and desire to serve our church in this way, please pick up a Candidate Packet, complete the application forms, and return them to our office no later than December 21.



DECEMBER 2006				Office: (808) 947-0690 Dial an Inspiration: (808) 949-1269				Sunday Celebration of Life			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT					
31 Bring a First-time					1	2					
3	4	5 "The Nature of Effective Prayer" #5 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.	6	7 SOM 300 #26 6:30 - 9:30	8	9 Center Work Party 9 - 3					
10	11	12 "The Nature of Effective Prayer" #6 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.	13	14 SOM 300 #27 6:30 - 9:30	15	16					
17	18	19 "The Nature of Effective Prayer" #7 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.	20	21 SOM 300 #28 6:30 - 9:30	22	23					
Board Meeting 11:45											
24 Brunch following Celebration of Life JJ French Pastry	25 	26 Class Holiday Church Office Closed	27	28 Class Holiday	29	30					



Looking ahead

January 7: Annual Membership Meeting following Celebration of Life.

Place: Our Center
Catered Chinese Brunch to follow.

What classes and social activities would you like to see us offer in 2007?
Let a Board Member know!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BUS INFORMATION TO OUR CENTER

For more info, see www.thebus.org or call 848-5555

<i>Bus</i>	<i>Starting Point</i>	<i>Bus Stop to Get Off</i>
1	Kalihi (East)	King & Kalakaua
1	Hawaii Kai (West)	Beretania & Kalakaua
2	Kalihi (East)	King & Kalakaua
2	Wakiki (Kuhio)	Beretania & Kalakaua
5	Ala Moana Ctr	King & Kaheka
5	Manoa	Beretania & Kalakaua
6	Town & Ala Moana	King & Kalakaua
6	Manoa	Beretania & Kalakaua
13	Kalihi (East)	King & Kalakaua
13	Waikiki (Kuhio)	Beretania & Kalakaua

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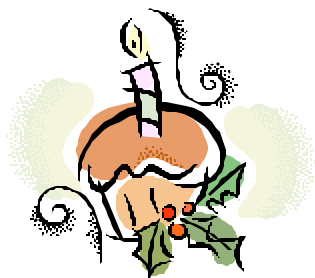


BRUNCH AT JJ'S ON CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

Our customary December Holiday Party has been cancelled and so has our traditional Candlelighting Service, so the only social event for our church `ohana this month will be the Brunch following our Celebration of Life on December 24.

Our reservations are for Noon at JJ French Pastry, 3447 Waialae Avenue in Kaimuki. Seating is limited at JJ's at any time, so if you're planning to be with us for this special morning you need to sign up no later than Thursday, December 21, or call the church office before then and let us know you're coming.

If you've been to JJ's with us before, or if you've gone there on your own, you know that their desserts are extraordinary. However, they have a nice array of pizza and pasta dishes, sandwiches and salads as well at quite reasonable prices.



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MAHALO NUI LOA !



We end the year blessing our Stewards for their committed financial support of our church. These wonderful people have together provided the vast majority of the income that has enabled us to function this year.

Our Stewardship 2007 campaign will begin in January. If you have been a Steward in 2006, we invite you to become a Steward in 2007. If you were not a Steward this year, we certainly encourage



AN URGENT REQUEST

If you haven't yet returned your Membership Poll for 2007 form, please do that this week. We must make our report to Religious Science International and have it in Spokane by the end of this month and we want it to be accurate and timely.

You can drop it in the mail or leave it at the Hospitality Desk on Sunday, but please do it no later than December 18.



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

If you itemize deductions on your State or Federal tax returns, you may be able to realize some definite benefits by making a special donation to our church before this year comes to a close.

Whether or not you plan to take advantage of this opportunity presented by the tax codes, we invite you to consider making a special financial gift to RSCH as the year ends. Perhaps you got a bit behind on your planned giving. This would be a wonderful time to "catch up."



Sundays at our Center Corner of King and Kalakaua

Sunday Celebrations of Life
10:00 A.M.

1521 South King Street, Suite #301

December 3

"How Can It Be December?"

December 10

"Worry and Other Wasted Effort"

December 17

"Just Ask"

December 24

"Clear for Takeoff?"

December 31

"Cleaning House"



This Month's Topics

"How Can It Be December?"

You know darn well Easter was just a few weeks ago. How can it be December?

"Worry and Other Wasted Effort"

Worry has never accomplished any constructive thing in the history of humanity.
So why do we do it – and how can we stop doing it?

"Just Ask"

You ask the questions this morning and Rev. Frank will do his best to answer them.

"Clear for Takeoff?"

Are you ready for Christmas?

"Cleaning House"

Don't carry a lot of stuff into the new year that you don't want.





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To the One-derful



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I EXPECT NOTHING BUT GOOD

In this season of Love and Light, I remember that God is Love and the Source of all light. Everywhere I look, everywhere I go, I am reminded again and again of these eternal truths.

I AM that Love. I move in that Light. The more I remember this, the more light and the more love are drawn into my experience and the more love flows through me and from me into my world. The more I become the light to my world.

I bless this year as it draws to a close and give thanks for all that it has brought me. I bless the year that is on its way and expect from it nothing but good. I give thanks for the Science of Mind, for Religious Science International, for the Religious Science Church of Honolulu, and for everyone connected with it.

And so it is!

Rev. Frank White

