



Institute for Spiritual Development Treasure Coast Summer Newsletter 2019

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ABOUT US

The **Institute for Spiritual Development Treasure Coast (ISDTC)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting each person with spiritual and personal development. We warmly welcome you to the newly chartered Institute for Spiritual Development for the Treasure Coast (ISDTC)! We encourage seekers to search for knowledge and understanding with an open and loving mind, with the abundance of love and support of like-minded people who are ready to adapt to change. Our education program incorporates various platforms for learning: the popular study groups, classes and workshops, experiential learning, seminars and interactive Sunday services. In addition, we provide you with the opportunities to participate in the ISDTC community through our Healing Program and as a Volunteer using your unique gifts and talents. We invite you join ISDTC and begin your special journey for intellectual and spiritual growth right here on the Treasure Coast! Together, We Create a Better Tomorrow.

SUNDAY SERVICES

You are invited to join us Sunday morning at 10:30 am in a Service of Celebration. The services are centered on God's most precious gifts to us and our greatest gifts to one another – Love and Understanding. Services are held twice a month.

JULY 2019

July 7, 2019 10:30 am
July 21, 2019 10:30 am

AUGUST 2019

August 4, 2019 10:30 am
August 18, 2019 10:30 am

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1, 2019 10:30 am
September 15, 2019 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Dessert and Dialogue - Meet the ISDTC Team!
July 18 from 7 to 8:30 pm

The Institute for Spiritual Development Treasure Coast (ISDTC) invites you to our OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, July 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Come join us for dessert and learn more about the Institute from members and the Ministerial Staff.



STUDY GROUPS

The Institute for Spiritual Development (ISD) Study Group platform combines individual home study with collective group study, discussions and exercises. Study Group topics include: Principles of Metaphysics, Process of Self-Awakening, and You are on a Journey.

You Are On A Journey – Self-Study and Study Group. Materials to be email out in July to members. Guest may sign up by contacting isdtreasure@gmail.com.

ISDTC Course “**You are On a Journey**” is a combined self-study / Study Group that explores the basics of the Institute’s foundation and principles. The course explores metaphysics, spiritualism, the history of the Institute and the philosophy behind the Principles. As a federally registered nonprofit, we include ISDTC Constitution and By-laws, to understand the integrity and governance of the Institute.

The first study group covers Chapter 1-3 on **Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 7-9 pm** at Spark of the Divine. Study Group for Chapters 4-6 will meet **August 15th from 7-9 pm**, at Spark of the Divine.

The course is free to all ISDTC Members. Materials will be emailed to all Members mid-July, check your emails. The course is also opened to non-members; the cost for the course is \$35. All materials are via email. Please contact Rev. Melinda at isdtreasure@gmail.com for more information.

HISTORY AND MILESTONES OF ISDTC

The Institute for Spiritual Development (ISD) was established over 40 years ago in Sparta, New Jersey. Since then, charters are established in Washington, DC, Madison, NJ, Oneonta, NY, Lebanon, TN, Sarasota, FL and now, on the Treasure Coast of Florida. The Institute for Spiritual Development Treasure Coast (ISDTC) is a registered non-profit organization 501c3 in the State of Florida.

The Institute for Spiritual Development serving the Treasure Coast of Florida began with two feasibility orientations in January 2018 and again in March 2018. With the overwhelming positive response, ISDTC formed the Executive Board of Directors and started the Ministerial Program including Study Groups. ISDTC officially registered as a non-profit organization 501c3 with the State of Florida in August 2018, and received federal status in February 2019.



Our first public services began January 2019 and ISDTC was officially chartered by Rev. James E. De Biasio, ISD Spiritual Advisor and Founder on February 3, 2019.

ISDTC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

Study Groups:

1. You are on a Journey
2. Fundamentals and Principles of Metaphysics
3. The Process of Self-Awakening
4. A History of the Modern Spiritual Movement / Apologetics
5. Survey of the Esoteric Sciences
6. History of the Christian Era

Workshops

1. Ethics (hosted by Spark of the Divine)
2. Platform Preparation and Homiletics
3. The Laws of the Universe (The Kybalion)
4. The Esoteric Nature of Humanity (The Chakras) (hosted by Spark of the Divine)

UPCOMING SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

1. You are on a Journey Study Group (August)
2. Comparative Religion Basics - Independent Study
3. Metaphysical Interpretation of the Bible (Two-part course) September/October
4. Inspired Speech Series, August / September
5. Discover Your Soul's Purpose, October/ November
6. Prayer and Meditation – November / December

**** Requires computer skills, email, access to video such as YouTube, etc. and disciplined self-discovery exercises and writing.**

INTERFAITH & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Institute for Spiritual Development is a strong supporter of interfaith and spiritually based community cohesion. ISDTC is a member of the Interfaith Community of Indian River County, also known as the Interfaith Lunch Bunch.

The Interfaith Community of Indian River gathers once a month for Interfaith Service the last Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am in the Post Chapel, Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital, Vero Beach.



Interfaith Community of Indian River



ISDTC Board of Directors Trustees, Julie and Bruce greet people at Family Day.

ISDTC participated in Vero Beach Centennial Celebration, on May 26th at the Family and Faith Day at Riverside Theater. Children's activities, music and faith based organizations participated. ISDTC was there to meet and greet with offerings of special painted rocks based on love, brotherhood and peace.



FROM THE MINISTERIAL CORNER

We were honored to have special guests share their homilies for services. In February, ISD's Spiritual Founder, Rev. James E. De Biasio, led a very special service that included the official chartering of ISDTC, the appointment of Rev. Z. Melinda Witter as Director and Pastor and the Ordination of Rev.

Elizabeth Franks as ISDTC Reverend. It was a triple play!

In March, Dr. Suzette Lefebvre delivered a beautiful, insightful homily. Also in March, we were honored to host Rev. Norma Victor and her husband Bob to ISDTC. In addition to giving a wonderful homily, Rev. Norma guided us with a Platform Prep course and Bob gave an inspirational session on Science of Mind prayer and treatment.

In April, Rev. Melinda Witter, Rev. Beth and other ministerial students headed up to Lancaster, PA for the national Institute for Spiritual Development Ministerial Conference. This three-day event was full of workshops, teambuilding with other ISD Ministers from all charters and services. Two of our students, Constance Wilson and Serina Halverson were uplifted to the Order of the Cleric by Rev. James E. De Biasio.



Serina Halverson and Constance Wilson with Rev. James E. De Biasio at ISD's April Conference.

To date, we have five ministerial students, at different levels, in the rigorous Ministerial program. The Institute for Spiritual Development (ISD) Ministerial Program is a four (4) level spiritual track to becoming an ordain minister.

Please contact Rev. Z. Melinda Witter if you are interested in the Institute's Ministerial program at ISDTreasure@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Although you do not have to be a member to participate in ISDTC Services, Educational Courses Retreats and Events, by becoming a member, you support your growing Spiritual Home on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Members receive discounts on education units and special events.

Membership is open to all who aspire to the path of self-realization and wish to share their spiritual progress with the company of supportive and like-minded individuals. Please discuss your interest in becoming a part of our vital spiritual community with a member of the Ministerial Staff. The yearly membership fee is \$45 per individual and \$60 per family. *Membership includes free, the self-study course, "You are on a Journey."*

ISDTC MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Z. Melinda Witter, Director and Pastor
Rev. Beth Franks
Constance Wilson, Order of the Cleric
Serina Halverson, Order of the Cleric

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

Beth Franks, President.
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Serina Halverson, Treasurer.

TRUSTEES*

Bruce Knipper, Trustee
Julie Hetherwick, Trustee
Rev. Z. Melinda Witter, ex-officio member
*Two Vacancies

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