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Happy New Year to all our Dear Friends of CIS;

**“Goodbye to 2021 & Hello 2022” by Rev. Dr. Christine**

January was named after the Roman God Janus who had two heads; one looking forward and the other backward. This is symbolic for us that we take the time to first look back, and see the changes in our lives. We are always progressing in some fashion. We may find ourselves a bit more patient and understanding. We may have more appreciation for our family and friends, or our home and workplace. It really is the simple things that bring us joy and peace of mind. Look for the good, then release and forgive all else.

As I look back to 2021, at times it felt like we were standing still in indecision, and then in a whirlwind of activity. As we began last year there were so many unknowns. The biggest unknown was where we shall call our new home and church office. Happily, that got resolved by summer. In the meantime, we were educated about investments, and learning new technologies for getting our message out to the world. Then the move; we released so much more while packing. Then the unpacking and getting the church office and home organized. The fall flew by with our focus on social media, spiritual writings and Podcasts. Here we are a year later with all the unknowns of last year answered. Our new skills have thousands of people reading our inspirational postings on Facebook and Instagram, and hundreds listening to each of our services. Last Sunday's service, Jan. 9, 2022, had a guided exercise to review 2021 to find its gifts. This can be found on our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Our Board of Directors are volunteers who are the governance and stewardship of this church. 2021 was a year of much work in supporting change for the church and ministry. This Board took us through working with a Church Law Attorney, Social Media Consultant, Human Resource Consultant, relocation, budgets, food and clothing drives. We are most grateful that all Board members are staying on for 2022, as we continue on this journey together.

A New Year tradition is to give your best wishes to family and friends. Then what happens? We leave it to them to work it out. Everyone is given challenges for that is how we grow into spiritually mature people. People can wallow in self-pity, or start looking for what steps they can take to move forward. First seek inner guidance, and then its putting one foot in front of the other, and keep on moving. “Treat (pray) and move your feet.” If the task seems too big, then break it down to smaller steps, and eventually it is successfully completed.

As we move into this new year what shall we carryover? We bring with us our consciousness; our hopes and dreams, and fears. Our fear of something happening, or not happening, can draw it to us like a magnet. It's all about matching energy. We have a choice to shift our energy. One way is to take a few deep breaths, and allow yourself to feel being immersed in the light of God – of pure love. Speak or sing affirming words of Truth. Singing lifts your energy even faster. Soon joy has replaced all that fear. Your new elevated energy is now drawing to you all those hopes and dreams.

“This is the Year” by Russell Kemp  
“Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you, this is the year that your dreams come true!  
This is the year that your ships come in; this is the year you find Christ within.  
This is the year you are glad to live; this is the year you have much to give.  
This is the year when you know the Truth; this is the year when you find new youth.  
This is the year that brings happiness; this is the year you will live to bless.  
Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you, this is the year that your dreams come true!”

### **“Ringing in 2022” by Rev. Mark Stuefloten**

Our world is shaped and colored by the thoughts and imagines we hold in our minds. The thoughts and images that have emotional feeling attached will manifest in your life in some way or other. The kind of car you drive, the work you do, the people you meet and associate with; all are created in your mind and manifested into your life. Knowing this, how can we set sail in this new year free of past mistakes, release regrets and create the life we want to live?

My Aunt Dorthy and Uncle Bye have lived long lives together. Lots of water has gone under the bridge when we have lived into our nineties. They had this advice for my wife Teresa and I, “No more could’a, would’a, or should’a.” Begin the new year by deciding this is the only year, no past years. No more could’a, would’a, or should’a. Sounds silly but what we are saying is we are intentionally forgetting the past and living fully in the present moment.

God is in the present moment. God is not tossing and turning over the past. God is in the here and now, rejoicing, creating, communing with creation. There is nothing in the past. God is a God of the living. Everyone that has left their human body and gone to the other side is in this present moment, alive and in the here and now.

First, create your intentions for the new year. Second, pray about it. Meditate and contemplate your intentions. Ask yourself, “Is what I want for myself good for those I influence? Does it harm anyone?” If you still feel that your list of intentions are the right ones, then move ahead with them. Stay focused on your goals, maybe fine-tuning them as you find the need to. Stay in the present moment; it’s really the only true moment. And expect only the best and highest good for you and everyone. Happy New Year!

### **“We Honor Rev. Hildegard Pfendt” by Rev. Christine**



It is with sadness that I share with you of Rev. Hildegard Pfendt’s transition on 1/2/2022. She served as Assistant Minister from 2008-2014 at Community of Infinite Spirit, San Jose, CA. Rev. Hilde found our church in 1995, and began taking classes. She served as a Licensed Divine Science Practitioner from 2000, and 2007 became head of the Prayer Ministry. Rev. Hilde was ordained July of 2008. She served our church in so many wonderful ways. We celebrate the light she was in this world, and the light she continues to carry forth.

### **Ways to Feed Your Soul**

Join us every Sunday at 11am PT by calling in at 518-418-1389. We have music, meditation, prayer, and inspirational message for living a fulfilled and spiritual life. Then on Wednesdays at 6pm we have a call-in Chakra Meditation at 518-418-1389. We also stay on afterwards to greet each other.

Go to our website, [www.CommunityofInfiniteSpirit.org](http://www.CommunityofInfiniteSpirit.org) and click on “Healing Words.” For your reading pleasure we have inspirational writings, talks, and meditations. For your listening pleasure, we have full audio Podcasts of our Sunday Services and Meditations. You may also sign-up for our e-newsletters and announcements. Visit our Facebook page to listen to our

Sunday Service Podcasts, read inspirational writings and announcements. Like us, and share with your friends. Now on Instagram "infinitespirit.ca." Call in for an inspirational message at 408-286-6969.

**Daily Affirm the Divine Science Statement of Being:** "God is all, both invisible and visible. One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all. This One that is all, is perfect life, perfect love, and perfect substance. I am the individualized expression of God, and am ever one with this perfect life, perfect love and, perfect substance."

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In Service with Love and Joy,  
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Our Creed is Love  
Our Path is Service  
Our Goal is God Awareness

Our Vision  
We are a Light unto the World  
for Individual and Global Peace,  
Spiritual Understanding and Abundant Life.

Our Mission  
Is to be aware of the Infinite Presence that is All; both invisible and visible.  
To live a God inspired and fulfilling life in peace, love and joy.  
To teach Universal Principle of "Omnipresence."  
To respect all world religions, all people, and all life.  
To be a supportive spiritual community for the good of all.