

SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE

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May God be with us all!



In these difficult moments that we are going through, the Spiritist Society of Baltimore (SSB) wishes to extend an invitation to continue to embrace the main tenants of Spiritism: Love, Solidarity, and Compassion, to name a few.

2020 has been full of new “normals” and invites us to self-reflect. First, the pandemic, that still brings many worries and uncertainties about the future. Second, the division our nation is going through caused by the political disputes is unprecedented and is causing division amongst humanity.

Due to these tumultuous times, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that the SSB is an educational non-profit organization that promotes the study and practice of Spiritism based on Allan Kardec’s codified works that serve as a support for moments like these.

The work of the SSB is performed in an inclusive environment without distinction as to **gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, nationality**, and we also add, **political affiliation or choice**. We know that these moments of transition on our planet have been very challenging for everyone. However, it is important to take into consideration that one of the main ideas of Spiritism: free will. The Higher Minds, answering question 843 of *The Spirits’ Book*, tell us that we all have freedom of thought and that without free will we would be mere machines.

In this case, we are free to make choices, make decisions, to act this or that way. Moreover, the Spirit Lazare, in the *Gospel According to Spiritism*, reminds us that duty, our moral obligation towards one another, begins at the point we *threaten the happiness of our neighbor and it ends where we would not want it to go beyond our limits*.

So, we invite everyone to respect others, as we want to be respected. Listen to others, as we want to be listened to. Embrace diversity and inclusion so that we can become stronger and to establish a solid foundation to usher us into a new era promised by Jesus.

Moreover, never forget that we are all marching on this long road of progress and although none of us are perfect spirits, we still have the duty to respect, support, and love one another. We believe that if we stay connected in the teachings of our Master Jesus and through charity, the only means of salvation, we will prevail individually and collectively.

Let’s pray for one another and works towards staying healthy and happy.

- SSB directors