

New Thought Community

Awakening to the Divine Presence Within Each of Us



Guidelines for Sunday Celebration

Service Assignments

All Service Assignments should be made by the Speaker. Your Practitioner can help you determine appropriate and willing community members for the various assignments, as well as help reach out to them. Any minister can help connect you to folks as well.

Meditation Prior to Service:

This is the new person's initial experience of us; the intention is to make it an open, accessible, and welcoming community-focused guided meditation. Meditation should begin promptly at 9:30 and last about 15-20 minutes max.

Connect with sound person for specific background music or other sound needs.

Facilitator:

While we have several folks who usually perform this service, there is room for new people! If someone expresses interest, or you would like to include someone, speak to Carol Ann for more info. See also the Guidelines for Facilitator.

Opening Treatment/Circle of Light/Welcome Guests:

These ceremonial pieces can be done by one person, or divided up between different people. Choose someone who is familiar with Science of Mind, the steps of treatment, and the workings of our Sunday Celebrations.

- The Opening Treatment is a benediction, bringing the community together.
- Then move into the Circle of Light, leading us into the ceremonial circle reminding us all of our divine perfection. This is a treatment circle, leading the practitioners of our extended community. Invite all practitioners, practitioner interns, ministers, minister interns, of Religious Science or other, of NTC or other, to circle the Community.
- Acknowledge newcomers with welcome and acceptance ceremony, seeing their divine spark and expressing gratitude that they chose to be here with us when they could've been anywhere this morning.

Vision, Purpose, and Mission:

Unite intention of NTC, lead recitation of Vision, Purpose and Mission.

Be prepared to come to the podium directly after the announcements; there will be a copy of the Vision, Purpose and Mission on the podium for your use.

Reading and Treatment:

The Practitioner should be chosen at the Speaker's earliest convenience, and the Speaker should communicate to them the topic so that they can prepare a reading and treatment in support of the chosen topic. The reading and treatment should last about 2-3 minutes total. You will be introduced by the facilitator after the Vision, Purpose, and Mission. Work with the Facilitator to decide ahead of time who will introduce the Speaker.

Message:

Choose Topic

Have your topic tie into a Science of Mind principle or metaphysical message that exemplifies a Science of Mind principle. Your talk should be 10 – 15 minutes.

Be mindful of the sacred space created here and be aware of your language at the podium.

Support and Feedback on Message

There are a number of ministers who will make themselves available for support and feedback in advance of your talk, and it is encouraged that you run your talk past an experienced speaker, regardless of your own experience, either in written or verbal format. The idea is to support your message to come through as intended, and give one another feedback to further that end. Reach out to any minister to see who is available for support and feedback!

*See the Overview for Speaker for more info!

Ushers:

Be prepared to come forward after the message to facilitate the collection of the offering.

Offertory Prayer and Moment of Thanks:

Prepare a brief prayer of abundance.

This kind of Sacred Service is the life-blood of what we do at NTC, and your service is honored and celebrated! Thank you!