

CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS FOR ACCREDITED WORKERS

Accredited workers that hold a Speaker, Medium and or Spiritual Healer certificate granted by the Star of Hope Spiritualist Church (SOH) are required to conduct themselves in a manner that appropriately and ethically represents the religion of Spiritualism and the Star of Hope Spiritualist Church as specified in this Code of Conduct and Ethics. Any contravention to this code constitutes cause for rescinding the certificate.

GENERAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS

Accredited workers certified by the are required to:

- Uphold the Seven Principles of Spiritualism
- Support and promote the work and aims of the SOH
- Have a positive and healthy attitude that contributes to the growth of Spiritualism
Demonstrate integrity, professionalism and courtesy when engaged in platform work or spiritual healing
- Respect the confidentiality of personal or privileged information
- Respect the right of other persons, Spiritualists or otherwise, to their own personal philosophy and beliefs
- Uphold Federal and Provincial laws (the SOH will not be held responsible for unlawful behaviour of certificate holders)
- Refrain from speech that is offensive, demeaning, racist, sexist, phobic, or in any way inappropriate

PLATFORM ETIQUETTE

Certified Speakers and Mediums of the SOH are required to observe platform etiquette when invited to work in a Spiritualist church, including their own.

- Dress appropriately (some churches have dress codes requirements)
- Before speaking or demonstrating mediumship:
 - greet the rostrum and the congregation
 - thank the rostrum for having invited you to serve
 - say something positive about the church
- If you are speaking, stick to the time limit you may have been given
- If you are the medium, do your work and stop when called to time
- When you have finished, thank congregation and thank the rostrum once again
- At all times behave in a professional and respectful manner
- Refrain from speech that is offensive, racist, sexist, phobic, or in any way inappropriate (this applies to jokes also)

SPEAKERS

You have a great opportunity to bring inspiration and knowledge to other Spiritualists.

- Adhere to the rules of the church in which you are working
- Attune to spirit so that your words come from the highest and best
- Choose a subject that is uplifting, edifying and that reflects the philosophy of Spiritualism and supports the aims of the SOH
- Ensure that your language is appropriate at all times
- Refrain from speech that is offensive, racist, sexist, phobic, or in any way inappropriate (this applies to jokes also)
- Respect the work of others, even if you disagree
- Keep on developing and improving your gift

MEDIUMSHIP

Mediumship is a sacred office and a privilege.

- Adhere to the rules of the church in which you are working
- Attune to spirit so that the messages you convey come from the highest and best
- Strive to demonstrate evidential mediumship, rather than psychic insights
- Never give messages that are offensive, demeaning or disrespectful (messages from a higher source are uplifting, healing and loving)
- Respect the work of others, even if you disagree
- When sharing a platform with other mediums, do not contradict or correct the messages they have given

SPIRITUAL HEALERS

Spiritual Healers represent the highest form of mediumship.

- Adhere to the rules of the church in which you are working
- Remember that the source of healing is God and not you
- Wear clean clothes, have clean hands
- Ask permission to touch before beginning a healing session
- Practice appropriate touch: one that honours the body of the recipient
- Avoid any kind of touching that may appear as massage or manipulation (the law prohibits this unless you are certified as a massage therapist)
- Never diagnose or prescribe, even if you think that the information comes from spirit
- Never promise a cure
- When giving healing to a child, ensure that you have the parent or guardian's permission
- Be aware of the Federal and Provincial laws that pertain to alternative healing
- Show consideration and care for persons receiving healing and respect any confidences shared
- Never be disrespectful

The Board of Directors of the Star of Hope Spiritualist Church is responsible for advising the certified worker of this policy and notifying them of any breaches that come to their attention. All reports will be addressed in an impartial and neutral manner to ensure that all matters are treated fairly.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand all the information in this document and I agree to conduct my activities in accordance with its contents.

Signature

Witness

Date

Date