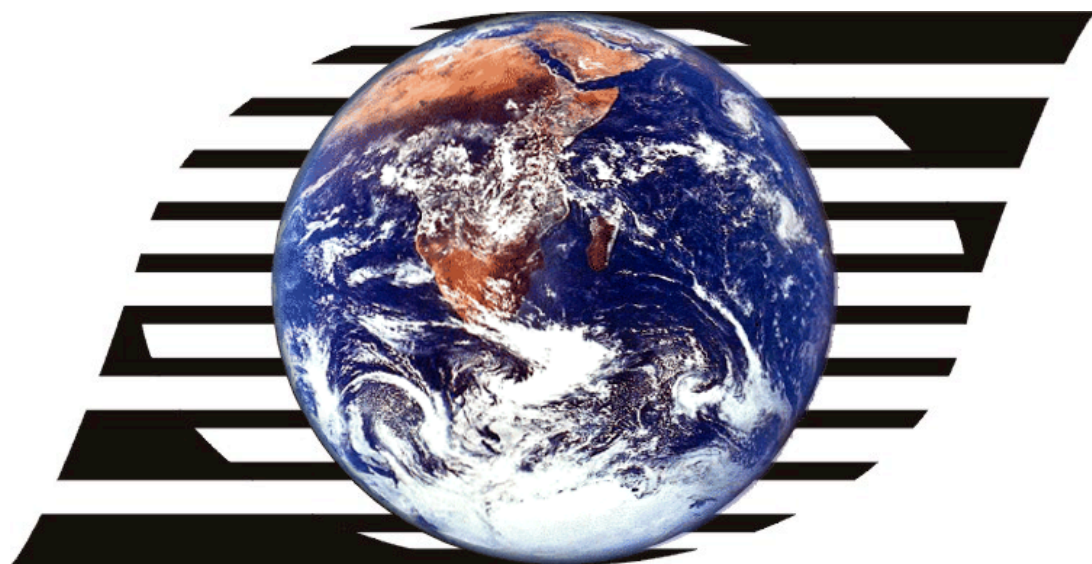




International Spiritist Council

Preparation of Workers for Spiritist Activities



*“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle?”*

Paul - (1 Cor. 14:8)

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PREPARATION OF
WORKERS FOR
SPIRITIST ACTIVITIES

CAMPAIGN FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF SPIRITISM

(SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIAL)

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***“The Gospel According to Spiritism”* – translated by J. A. Duncan, 1987**

***“The Spirits’ Book”* – translated by: Anna Blackwell**

***“The Holy Bible”* - New International Version**

“Blessed are those who have said to their fellow men:

***‘Let us work together uniting
our efforts,
so that when the Lord,
arrives He will find His
work finished,’***

seeing that the Lord will say to them:

***‘Come unto me,
you who have been good
servants, you who knew
how to silence your rivalries and
discords,
so that no harm should
come to the work!’”***

The Spirit of Truth

(“The Gospel According to Spiritism” - Ch. 20 -Item 5)

GUIDELINES FOR

MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

IN PREPARATION OF WORKERS

FOR SPIRITIST ACTIVITIES

PREPARATION OF WORKERS FOR SPIRITIST ACTIVITIES

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INTRODUCTION

The Campaign of Dissemination of Spiritism, discussed by the International Spiritist Council in its Ordinary Meetings of 1996 and 1997, and approved at the 1998 meeting, has the purpose of making the Spiritist Doctrine increasingly known, better understood, and better practiced.

With this intent, the International Spiritist Council approved two texts which are available to the International Spiritist Movement: one on the Spiritist Doctrine (*Get to Know Spiritism*), destined to anyone interested in knowing about Spiritism; and another on the Spiritist Movement itself (*Disseminate Spiritism*), destined to all individuals and institutions interested in placing the Spiritist Doctrine within reach and at the service of all humankind, thus promoting and conducting its study, dissemination, and practice.

The Campaign's Plan of Action (Subsection 7.2) proposes "the conducting of meetings and seminars destined for the enlightenment and preparation of Spiritist Workers participating in the execution of the Campaign. In this regard, if necessary, they can count on the assistance of the Executive Committee of the ISC."

Having this objective in mind, the texts transcribed below were gathered and are presented in a way that allow their presentation by overhead projector or computer projection, in order to facilitate the task for lecturers and coordinators of such events.

With these texts, we intend to collaborate with the efforts of all Spiritist Institutions and fellow Spiritists, especially those associated with the work of unification of the Spiritist Movement and in the preparation and integration of new participants in the noble activities related to the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine.

This work also has the purpose of collaborating in the efforts of making the work of unification of the Spiritist Movement better known and better understood, facilitating therefore the process of integration and union of the workers and of the Spiritist Institutions. This is crucial for a more adequate dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine, insomuch as providing a permanent support for the activities conducted by the Spiritist Groups, Centers, and Societies.

This compilation of texts, prepared with the purpose of assisting in the conducting of meetings and seminars destined for the preparation of Spiritist Workers, is neither conclusive nor definitive, remaining open to new suggestions and contributions, including those arising from the utilization of this material.

In conducting meetings and seminars on the Preparation of Workers for Spiritist Activities we will be accomplishing one of the purposes of the work of unification of the Spiritist Movement, which is to bring the Spiritist workers together so that, increasingly enlightened, strengthened, better organized and structured, they will be able to promote and carry out the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine in all its scope and for all Humanity.

ISC Executive Committee - Sept./99

THE SPIRITIST DOCTRINE and

THE SPIRITIST MOVEMENT:

OBSERVATIONS

OF ALLAN KARDEC and

THE SUPERIOR SPIRITS

IDENTITY OF THE SPIRITIST DOCTRINE

“Spiritist Doctrine” or “Spiritism”:

**name given by Allan Kardec to the Doctrine of the
contained in the works of the Codification.**

- ***“For new ideas new words are needed in order to secure clearness of language by avoiding the confusion inseparable from the employment of the same term for expressing different meanings. The words spiritual, spiritualist, spiritualism, have a definite acceptation; to give them a new one, would be to multiply the causes of amphibology, already so numerous.”***
- ***“Instead, therefore, of the words spiritual, spiritualism, we employ, to designate this latter belief, the words spiritist and spiritism to better designate the latter belief . . .”***
- ***“We say, then, that the fundamental principles of the spiritist theory or Spiritism, is the relationship of the material world with Spirits, or the beings of the invisible world; and we designate the adherents of the spiritist theory as spiritists.”***
- ***“In a special sense, The Spirits’ Book contains the doctrine or theory of spiritism; in a general sense, it appertains to the spiritualist school . . .”***

*Allan Kardec
("The Spirits' Book" - Introduction – I)*

ORIGIN, AUTHORSHIP, and OBJECTIVE of the SPIRITIST DOCTRINE

Observations of Allan Kardec and of the Superior Spirits:

- ***“Spirits assure us that the time appointed by Providence for a universal manifestation of their existence has now come; and that their mission, as the ministers of God and the instruments of His will, is to inaugurate, through the instructions they are charged to convey to us, a new era of regeneration for the human race.***
- ***This book is a compilation of their teachings. It has been written by the order and under the dictation of spirits of high degree, for the purpose of establishing the bases of a rational philosophy, free from the influence of prejudices and of preconceived opinions. It contains nothing that is not the expression of their thought; nothing that has not been submitted to their approbation. The method adopted in the arrangements of its contents, the comments upon these, and the form given to certain portions of the work, are all that has been contributed by him to whom the duty of publishing it has been entrusted.”***

*Allan Kardec
("The Spirits' Book" – Prolegomena)*

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- ***“Be zealous and persevering in the work you have undertaken in conjunction with us, for this work is ours. In the book you are to write, we shall lay the foundations of the new edifice which is destined to unite all men in a common sentiment of love and charity.”***

*The Superior Spirits
("The Spirits' Book" – Prolegomena)*

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- ***“Just as Christ said: “I am not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it,” so Spiritism says: “We have not come to destroy the Christian Law, but to carry it out . . . Spiritism has come at the predicted time to fulfill what Christ announced and to prepare for the achievement of future things. It is then, the work of Christ, Who, as He also announced, presides over the regeneration which is now taking place and which will prepare the reign of the Kingdom of God here on Earth.”***

*Allan Kardec
("The Gospel According to Spiritism" Ch. 1 - Item 7)*

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- ***“In a word, what characterizes the spiritist revelation is that while divine in its origin and of the initiative of the Spirits, its elaboration is fruit of man's work.”***

*Allan Kardec
("Genesis" Ch. 1 - Item 13)*

UNION and WORK

Observations of “The Spirit of Truth”:

- ***“The time approaches when those things which have been announced for the transformation of humanity will be accomplished. All those who have worked in the field of the Lord with disinterestedness and no other motive than charity, will be blessed! Their working days will be paid a hundred times more than was expected.”***
- ***“Blessed are those who have said to their fellow men: ‘Let us work together and unite our efforts, so that when the Lord arrives He will find His work finished’, seeing that, the Lord will say to them: ‘Come unto me, you who have been good servants, you who knew how to silence your rivalries and discords, so that no harm should come to the work! ’”***
- ***“But, woe to those who as a result of their dissensions have held back the time of the harvest, because the tempest will come and they will be taken away in the turbulence!”***
- ***“At this very moment God is preparing a census of His faithful servants, and has already taken note of those whose devotion is only appearance so that they may not usurp the wages of the courageous servants, because those who do not draw back from the task are the ones to whom He entrusted the most difficult positions in the great work of regeneration by means of Spiritism.”***

*(“The Gospel According to Spiritism”
- Ch. 20, Item 5 - The Workers of the Last Hour)*

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- ***“I have come, as I came on another occasion to those misguided sons and daughters of Israel, to bring the truth and to dissipate the darkness. Harken unto me! As my words in the past have done, so, must Spiritism remind the incredulous that above them reigns the immutable truth which is the existence of the good God, the great God, who causes the plants to germinate and the waves to rise up. As a reaper I have gathered in sheaves the scattered goodness in the breasts of humanity and said: « Come unto me, all you who suffer. »”***
- ***“Spiritists! Love one another, that is the first precept; educate yourselves is the second.
Within Christianity you will find all the truths. The errors in which Man has become enrooted are all of human origin. Here from beyond the grave, where you thought there was nothing voices clamor: «Brothers and sisters! Nothing perishes! Jesus-Christ is the victor over evil, you can be the victors over impiety.»”***

(“The Gospel According to Spiritism” - Ch. 6 - Item 5)

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- ***“I have come to instruct and console the poor disinherited. I have come to tell them to raise up their resignation to the level of their trials, and to weep, since pain was consecrated in the Garden of Olives. But wait, with patience, for the consoling angels will also come to them and dry their tears.”***
- ***“In truth I say unto you that those who bear their burdens and help their brothers and sisters are beloved by Me. Instruct yourselves in the precious doctrine which dissipates the error of revolt and shows the sublime object of human trials.”***

(“The Gospel According to Spiritism” – Ch. 6 - Item 6)

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- ***“I am the great Physician of souls and I have come to bring you the remedy that will cure. The weak, the suffering and the sick are My favorite children and I am come to save them. Come them unto me, you who suffer and find yourselves oppressed, and you will be alleviated and consoled. Do not search for strength and consolation elsewhere, as the world is impotent to offer them. God directs a supreme appeal to your hearts, by means of Spiritism. Listen to Him.”***
- ***“Thus, in the future, when you have become humble and submissive to the Creator, you will keep His divine law. Love, pray, be gentle to the Spirits of the Lord, and call unto them from the bottom of your hearts. Then He will send you His beloved son to instruct you and to say these goodly words: I am come because you called me.”***

(“The Gospel According to Spiritism” - Ch. 6 - Item 7)

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- ***“God consoles the humble gives strength to the afflicted when they ask. His might covers the Earth and in every place, with each tear shed, He places a consoling remedy. Abnegation and resignation are a continuous prayer and contain profound teaching. Human wisdom resides in these two words.”***
- ***“So, take these two words for your motto: devotion and abnegation – and you will be strong as they resume all the obligations which charity and humility impose.”***

(“The Gospel According to Spiritism” - Ch. 6 - Item 8)

DISSEMINATION OF SPIRITISM

Observations of Allan Kardec:

- *“One of the greatest obstacles capable of standing in the way of the dissemination of the Doctrine would be the lack of unity.”*
- *“Only Spiritism, well understood, can ... become, as the Spirits said, the propelling force in the transformation of Humanity.”*
- *“A regular course of Spiritism would be given in order to develop the principles of Science and to promote the fondness for serious studies. This course would have the advantage of laying the foundation for the unit of principles, of forming enlightened followers, capable of spreading the spiritist ideas, and developing a great number of mediums. I consider this course of a nature to exercise capital influence on the future of Spiritism and its consequences.”*
- *“Publicity on a large scale, in newspapers with a greatest circulation, would bring to the whole world, even the most remote places, the knowledge of the spiritist ideas, awakening the desire to learn about them in depth, and by multiplying the number of followers, it would impose silence to its discreditors, who would soon thereafter have to relent due to the majority of the general opinion.”*
- *“Two or three months of the year would be devoted to trips, in visits to the different centers, and to steer them in the right direction.”*

*Allan Kardec
("Posthumous Works" – Project – 1868)*

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- *“The same will happen with organized Spiritism. Spiritists throughout the world will have common principles, which will link them to the great family through the sacred bond of fraternity, but whose applications will vary according to the regions, without the breaking up of the fundamental unit, and without forming dissident sects throwing stones and curses at each other, which would be absolutely anti-spiritist.”*
- *“That is what will happen to the Spiritist Centers in general: they will be the observatories of the invisible world, exchanging between themselves what they obtain of good and applicable to the customs of the countries where they operate, since the objective they aim for is for the good of humanity and not the satisfaction of personal ambitions.”*
- *“Spiritism is a question of depth; to be bound by form would be a folly unworthy of the magnitude of the subject. Therefore, those Centers which are faithful to true Spiritism ought to join hands fraternally and unite to combat their common enemies: incredulity and fanaticism.”*
- *“Ten men united by a common thought are stronger than a hundred that do not understand each other.”*

("Posthumous Works" - Constitution of Spiritism)

Observations of Paul of Tarsus:

- ***“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”***

Paul - (2 Cor. 3:17)

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- ***“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”***

Paul - (1 Cor. 14:8)

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Observations of Emmanuel:

- ***A Spiritist Center is a school where we can learn and teach, establish goodness and reap the benefits, improve ourselves and help improve others towards the eternal path.”***

Emmanuel (The Spiritist Center - Psychographed by F. C. Xavier – “Reformador” - Jan. /1951)

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- ***Dear Jesus! . . . Make us understand, for mercy’s sake, that God does not create us through a system of mass production, and for this reason each one of us sees life and the processes of evolution in a different way.”***

Emmanuel (The Spiritist Center - Psychographed by F. C. Xavier – “Reformador” - Feb. /1973)

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- ***“To work for the unification of the doctrinal departments of Spiritism . . . is to render relevant service to the cause of the Redeeming Gospel for all humanity. To gather the dispersed elements, to link them together and structure their plan of action according to the superior manner which guides our idealism is a service of unquestionable merit because it demands personal sacrifice, prayer, and vigilance in our faith, and above all, a high capacity of self-denial.”***

Emmanuel (The Spiritist Center - Psychographed by F. C. Xavier – “Reformador” - Oct. /1977)

THE WORK TOWARD THE UNIFICATION OF THE SPIRITIST MOVEMENT

Observations of Bezerra de Menezes:

- *“The work for the unification in our ranks is urgent, but not rushed. One assertion seems to contradict the other. But it is not so. It is urgent because it defines the goal that we should aim at; but not rushed, because it is not granted to us to violate anyone’s conscience.”*
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- *“Let us preserve the purpose of uniting, approaching, and understanding one another; and, if possible, let us establish at every site where the name Spiritism has been brought to light, a study group, however small, of the works of Kardec, in the light of the Christ of God.”*
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- *“The Spiritist Doctrine holds its essential aspects in triple configuration. Thus, no one should be restricted in their desire to work and produce. Let those inclined toward the Sciences to cultivate them in their dignity; those who devote themselves to Philosophy to ennoble its postulates; and those who consecrate themselves to Religion to turn divine its aspirations. Yet, above all, it is necessary that the basis of the Spiritist Doctrine remain in everyone and everything so that we do not lose the balance at the base over which the organization is raised.*
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- *“Neither reciprocal hostility, nor disregard toward anyone.”*
However, we have the necessity to preserve the spiritist principles, to honor and exalt them, or we will end up as strangers to one another, or frozen in regimentations which will cripple our best yearnings, turning the movement of liberation into a stagnant sect imprisoned in new interpretations and theologies which would place us conveniently at the mercy of the inferior planes and distance us from the Truth.
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- *“Let us follow Allan Kardec in our studies, aspirations, activities, and deeds so that our faith does not turn into hypnosis, whereby the power of darkness establishes its influence over the weaker minds, enchaining them to centuries of illusion and suffering.”*
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- *“To liberate the Divine word is to excise the teachings of Christ from all the prisons to which they have been shackled. At present time, without bestowing any privilege upon ourselves, only Spiritism retains sufficient moral strength so as not to tie itself to ulterior interests, and to effect the recovery of the Light which flows from the Master’s crystal-clear verb, satisfying the thirsty, and guiding the souls.”*
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- ***“Let Allan Kardec’s work not only be believed or felt, proclaimed or manifested in our convictions, but also be sufficiently lived, suffered, wept over, and put into practice in our own lives. Without this foundation, it is difficult to forge the Christian-Spiritist character which the troubled world awaits from us through unification.”***

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- ***“To teach, but also to put into practice; to believe, but also to study; to counsel, but also to exemplify; to unite, but also to nourish.”***

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- ***“We speak of trials and sufferings, yet we have no other ways to assure the victory of truth and of love on Earth. No one edifies without love, no one loves without tears.”***

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- ***“It is indispensable that Spiritism be maintained exactly as it was conveyed to Allan Kardec by the Divine Messengers, that is, without political compromises, without religious professionalism, without degrading personalisms, and without burning desires of conquest of fleeting earthly powers.”***

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- ***“Respect for all creatures, regard for all authorities, and devotion to the common good, as well as instruction for the people, in every direction, about the truths of the spirit, truths unalterable and eternal.”***

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- ***“Nothing that is reminiscent of castes, discriminations, unjustifiable individual prominence, privileges, immunities, or priorities.”***

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- ***“May the love of Jesus be upon all, and the truth of Kardec be for all.”***

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- ***“In each temple, the strongest should be a shield for the weakest, the most enlightened a light for the least knowledgeable, and the sufferer always the most protected and the most helped, as among those who suffer less be the greatest the one who puts himself at the service of all others, according to the words of the Divine Mentor.”***

(“Unification” – Psychographed by F. C. Xavier –
Reformador - Dec./1975)

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- ***“Let us remember, in the words of Jesus, that ‘if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand’; whereas no one can tear a bundle of twigs joined together in a union of forces.”***

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- ***“Jesus, my friends, is . . . the example whose life became a Gospel of facts calling out to us. It is, therefore, necessary to deepen our mind in the works of Allan Kardec in order to live Jesus in all plenitude.”***

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- ***“Unification indeed, and union as well. It is indispensable that we become unified under the Spiritist ideal, but above all, that we unite as brothers and sisters.”***

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- ***“The task of unification is gradual; and whereas the task of uniting is immediate, the work is incessant, because we will never complete the job since we are imperfect servants and perform only the portion that is entrusted to us.”***

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- ***“Let us unite, let us love one another earnestly, and let us eliminate our doubts, rectify our opinions, difficulties, and our points of view in light of the clear and sublime message of the Doctrine by which Allan Kardec enriches the new era, understanding that we are just simple apprentices. As apprentices, we cannot surpass the master.”***

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- ***“Let us join hands and be helpful to one another; let us forget conflicting opinions to remember the concepts of identification, trusting in time, the great drier of tears, which corrects everything.”***

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- ***“We do not call upon you proclaiming inertia, parasitism, or implicit acceptance without discussing or examining the information. We invite you to the true dynamics of love.”***

*(“Gradual Unification, Immediate Union, Incessant Work”
Message received by Divaldo P. Franco – Reformador - Feb. /1976)*

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- ***“Together, we will be a unity. Separated from one another, we will be points of view. Together, we will achieve our purposes. Distant from one another, we will continue to search for the work we have already been honored to receive from the Divine Providence.”***

*(Bezerra of Menezes – Psychographed by F. C. Xavier
Message of Union - “Unification” - Nov. - Dec. / 1980)*

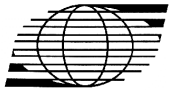
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CAMPAIGN FOR THE **DISSEMINATION OF SPIRITISM**

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PLAN OF ACTION
FOR THE CAMPAIGN

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INTERNATIONAL SPIRITIST COUNCIL

CAMPAIGN OF DISSEMINATION OF SPIRITISM

PLAN OF ACTION

1 - Objective of the Campaign:

- To make the Spiritist Doctrine increasingly better known and better understood by the public in general from everywhere.

2- Public to Whom It Is Destined:

- To individuals of all ages, races, and countries, from all economic, social, and cultural levels who are still unaware of the Spiritist Doctrine.

3 – Means for the Dissemination:

- 3.1 - Promote the dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine through all possible ways of communication, such as lectures, conferences, books, posters, pamphlets, videos, radio, TV, newspapers, decals, CD ROMs, Internet, etc.
- 3.2 - Readiness to attend all individuals who seek the Spiritist Groups, Centers, and Societies in search of enlightenment, orientation, and assistance, in a way increasingly more adequate and efficient, and in agreement with the doctrinal principles.

4 - Promotion of the Campaign:

- This Campaign is sponsored by the International Spiritist Council, with the participation of all its members, as much in the presentation of suggestions and proposals as in its execution.

5 - Stages of the Campaign:

5.1 - *Elaboration and Approval of the Basic Texts:*

- 5.1.1 - It is the responsibility of the International Spiritist Council to elaborate and approve a text destined to the public in general, explaining what the Spiritist Doctrine is, its practice, and its characteristics. This text will serve as the basis for the Campaign ("Get to Know Spiritism").
- 5.1.2 - The documents approved by the ISC are the guidelines for the Campaign. They can have their idiom, layout, and format adapted by the spiritist institutions, in accordance with the public to whom they are destined and the means of communication utilized.
- 5.1.3 - The Campaign will have its execution coordinated by the ISC Executive Committee, which, for this purpose, can count on an ongoing assistance and support.

5.2 - *Execution of the Campaign:*

- 5.2.1 - Initially, the texts and materials approved by the ISC will be put together and distributed by its Executive Committee, which can share the costs with the member organizations, proportionally to the amount requested by them. They could also be put together and distributed by other spiritist institutions.
- 5.2.2 - The operational costs of the Campaign will therefore be distributed between the ISC, its members, and other institutions interested in participating in this project. Each institution will be responsible only for the cost of the work it carries out.

5.3 - *Participation of the Spiritist Institutions:*

- 5.3.1 - Based on the text and materials distributed to the public in general, the ISC member organizations, as well as Publishers, Groups, Centers and other spiritist institutions can:

- 5.3.1.1 - obtain or duplicate this material and disseminate it widely, in public places and establishments, including the Spiritist Institutions themselves distributing them to their visitors;
 - 5.3.1.2 - elaborate under their responsibility, new texts and new materials, adapted to the cultural, economic, and social levels as well as to the age and interest of the public to whom they are intended;
 - 5.3.1.3 - utilize the radio, TV, video, and computer; newspapers, magazines, bulletins, and pamphlets; posters, and decals, adapting the text and the materials of the Campaign, and preparing the dissemination materials as to become adequate to each of these ways of communication;
 - 5.3.1.4 - take advantage of the dates of great importance to the Spiritist Movement, with the objective of intensifying and bringing vigor to the Campaign;
 - 5.3.1.5 - promote a wider dissemination of the Spiritist Codification's basic books, offering a reduction of their prices, whenever possible.
- 5.3.2 - The ISC underwriting in this Campaign should be applied exclusively to the materials approved by the ISC.
- 5.3.3 - The Institutions that duplicate and distribute the original ISC materials can print their name on the posters or covers next to the name of the International Spiritist Council, as long as they maintain fidelity to the original text.

6 - Structure and Organizing Support to the Campaign:

- 6.1 - The International Spiritist Council shall also approve a text destined to the spiritists in general: directors, workers, frequenters and sympathizers, with explanations about the Spiritist Movement; the activities of the Spiritist Groups, Centers, and Societies; and the work and federations and unification of the Spiritist Movement ("Disseminate Spiritism").
This text aims to offer the necessary explanations and orientation to the Spiritist in general, facilitating the process of their preparation, integration, and union in the execution of the Campaign.
- 6.2 - The Spiritist Groups, Centers, and Societies, due to the possibility of an increase in the number of individuals who will come to them, shall get organized for:
- 6.2.1 - the implantation, maintenance, or improvement of the programs designated to attend the individuals who go to the spiritist nucleuses in search of enlightenment, guidance, support and assistance, either spiritual, moral, or material;
 - 6.2.2 - the implantation, maintenance, or improvement of programs of methodical and systematic study of the Spiritist Doctrine, as well as programs of study, education, and practice of mediumship in the light of the Spiritist Doctrine;
 - 6.2.3 - the implantation, maintenance, or improvement of programs for the integration of new workers in the doctrinal, assistance, and administrative tasks of the Spiritist Groups, Centers, and Societies.

7 - Final Considerations:

- 7.1 - All Spiritists: directors, workers, frequenters, and sympathizers, as well as their Institutions, are naturally invited to participate in the Campaign, to employ their efforts in their field of action and within their relationships so enabling the Spiritist Doctrine to become more widely known and better understood by the public in general.
- 7.2 - The entities that integrate the ISC can promote the conducting of meetings and seminars destined to the enlightenment and preparation of Spiritist workers in order for them to participate in the execution of the Campaign. In this regard, if necessary, they can count on the assistance of the Executive Committee of the ISC.

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The SPIRITIST DOCTRINE

(GET TO KNOW SPIRITISM)

*(Approved by the International Spiritist Council
in its Ordinary Meeting of October 1998)*

Get To Know

SPIRITISM,

A NEW ERA

FOR HUMANITY

GOD,

*THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE,
FIRST CAUSE OF ALL THINGS*

JESUS,

OUR GUIDE AND MODEL

KARDEC,

THE FUNDAMENTAL BASE



- *THE SPIRITS' BOOK*
- *THE MEDIUMS' BOOK*
- *THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SPIRITISM*
- *HEAVEN AND HELL*
- *THE GENESIS*

"WITHOUT CHARITY THERE IS NO SALVATION"

*Charity: benevolence for every one, indulgence for the
imperfections of others, forgiveness of injuries. (SB, 886)*



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THE SPIRITIST DOCTRINE OR SPIRITISM

What it is

- It is the set of laws and principles, as revealed by the Superior Spirits, contained in the works of Allan Kardec, which constitute the Spiritist Codification: *The Spirits' Book*, *The Mediums' Book*, *The Gospel According to Spiritism*, *Heaven and Hell*, and *The Genesis*.
- "Spiritism is a science which deals with the nature, origin and destiny of Spirits, as well as their relationship with the corporeal world."
Allan Kardec
(*Qu'est-ce que le Spiritisme?* - Préambule)
- "Spiritism realises what Jesus said of the promised Consoler, by bringing knowledge of those things which allow Man to know where he came from, where he is going and why he is on Earth; so attracting mankind towards the true principles of God's law and offering consolation through faith and hope."
Allan Kardec
(*The Gospel According to Spiritism* - Ch. 6 - Item 4)

What it reveals

- It reveals new and more profound concepts with respect to God, the Universe, Human Beings, the Spirits, and the Laws which govern life itself.
- Furthermore, it reveals what we are; where we came from; where we are going; what is the objective of our existence; and what is the reason for pain and suffering.

What it comprises

- By bringing new concepts about Human Beings and everything that surrounds them, Spiritism touches on all areas of knowledge, human activities and behavior, thus opening a new era for the regeneration of Humanity.
- Spiritism can and should be studied, analyzed, and practiced in all the fundamental aspects of life, such as: scientific, philosophical, religious, ethical, moral, educational, and social.

Its fundamental teachings

- God is the Supreme Intelligence, first cause of all things. God is eternal, immutable, immaterial, unique, omnipotent, supremely just and good.
- The Universe is God's creation. It encompasses all rational and non-rational beings, both animate and inanimate, material and immaterial.
- In addition to the corporeal world inhabited by incarnate Spirits, which are Human Beings, there exists the spiritual world, inhabited by discarnate Spirits.
- Within the Universe there are other inhabited worlds, with beings at different degrees of evolution: some equal, others more or less evolved than Human Beings.

- All the Laws of Nature are Divine Laws because God is their author. They cover both the physical and moral laws.
- A Human Being is a Spirit incarnated in a material body. The perispirit is the semi-material body which unites the Spirit to the physical body.
- The Spirits are the intelligent beings of creation. They constitute the world of the Spirits, which pre-exists and outlives everything.
- Spirits are created simple and ignorant. They evolve intellectually and morally, passing from a lower order to a higher one, until they attain perfection, where they will enjoy unalterable bliss.
- Spirits preserve their individuality before, during, and after each incarnation.
- Spirits reincarnate as many times as is necessary for their spiritual advancement.
- Spirits are always progressing. In their multiple physical existences, they may sometimes become stationary but they never regress. The speed of their intellectual and moral progress depends on the efforts they make to attain perfection.
- Spirits belong to different orders according to the degree of perfection they have attained: Pure Spirits, who have attained maximum perfection; Good Spirits, whose predominant desire is towards goodness; and Imperfect Spirits, characterized by their ignorance, their tendency towards evil, and by their lower passions.
- The Spirits' relations with Human Beings are constant and have always existed. The Good Spirits attract us towards goodness, sustain us in life's trials, and help us bear them with courage and resignation. The Imperfect Spirits induce us towards error.
- Jesus is the Guide and Model for all Humankind. The Doctrine He taught and exemplified is the most pure expression of God's Law.
- The morality of Christ, as contained in the Gospels, is the pathway for the secure progress of all Human Beings. Its practice is the solution for all human problems and the objective to be attained by Humankind.
- Human Beings are given the free will to act, but they must answer for the consequences of their actions.
- Future life reserves for Human Beings penalties and pleasures according to the respect they do or do not show for God's laws.
- Prayer is an act of adoration for God. It is found in the natural law and is the result of an innate sentiment in every Human Being, just as the idea of the existence of the Creator is innate.
- Prayer makes Human Beings better. Whoever prays with fervor and confidence grows stronger against evil temptations, and God sends the Good Spirits to assist them. This type of assistance will never be denied when requested with sincerity.

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THE SPIRITIST PRACTICE

- All Spiritist practices are gratuitous, following the orientation of the moral principle found in the Gospel: "Give for free what you receive for free."
- Spiritism is practiced with simplicity, without any external forms of worship, within the Christian principle that God should be worshipped in spirit and in truth.
- Spiritism has no clergy, nor does it adopt or use at any of its meetings or during its practices the following: altars, images, candles, processions, sacraments, concession of indulgences, paraments, alcoholic or hallucinogenic beverages, incense, tobacco, talismans, amulets, horoscopes, cartomancy, pyramids, crystals, or any other objects, rituals or external forms of worship.
- Spiritism does not impose its principles. It invites those interested in knowing it to submit its teachings to the test of reason before accepting them.
- Mediumship, which allows the Spirits to communicate with Human Beings, is a faculty which many individuals bring with them at birth, independent of whatever religion or beliefs they may come to adopt.
- Spiritist mediumship practice is solely that which is exercised based on the principles of the Spiritist Doctrine and within the Christian morality.
- Spiritism respects all religions and doctrines; values all efforts towards the practice of goodness; works towards peace and fellowship between all nations and all peoples, regardless of race, color, nationality, creed, cultural or social standing. It also recognizes that the truly good person is one who complies with the laws of justice, love, and charity in their highest degree of purity.

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"To be born, to die, to be reborn yet again, and constantly progress, that is the Law."

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***"Unshakable faith is only that which can meet reason
face to face in every Human epoch."***

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*The study of the works of Allan Kardec is fundamental
for the correct knowledge of the Spiritist Doctrine*

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(DISSEMINATE SPIRITISM)

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SPIRITISM,

A NEW ERA

FOR HUMANITY

GOD,

*THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE,
FIRST CAUSE OF ALL THINGS*

JESUS,

OUR GUIDE AND MODEL

KARDEC,

THE FUNDAMENTAL BASE



- *THE SPIRITS' BOOK*
- *THE MEDIUMS' BOOK*
- *THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SPIRITISM*
- *HEAVEN AND HELL*
- *THE GENESIS*

"WITHOUT CHARITY THERE IS NO SALVATION"

*Charity: benevolence for every one, indulgence for the
imperfections of others, forgiveness of injuries. (SB, 886)*



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THE SPIRITIST MOVEMENT

“Spirits assure us that the time appointed by Providence for a universal manifestation of their existence has now come; and that their mission, as the ministers of God and the instruments of His will, is to inaugurate, through the instructions they are charged to convey to us, a new era of regeneration for the human race.”

Allan Kardec

(The Spirits' Book – Prolegomena)

What It Is

- The Spiritist Movement is the cluster of activities whose objective is the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine, as contained in the basic works of Allan Kardec, placing it within the reach and at the service of all Humanity.
- The activities which compose the Spiritist Movement are carried out by individuals, jointly or on their own, and by Spiritist Institutions.
- The Spiritist Institutions consist of:
 - ◆ Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies, which develop general activities related to the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine. They may be small, medium, or large in size;
 - ◆ Federations, which develop activities aimed at the union of the Spiritist Institutions and the unification of the Spiritist Movement;
 - ◆ Specialized Entities, which develop specific Spiritist activities, such as those devoted to social assistance and doctrinal dissemination; and
 - ◆ Study Groups of Spiritism, basically concentrating on the initial study of the Spiritist Doctrine.

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The Influence of Spiritism on Progress

798. *Will Spiritism become the general belief, or will its acceptance remain confined to the few?*

“It will certainly become the general belief, and will mark a new era in the history of the human race, because it belongs to the natural order of things, and because the time has come for it to be ranked among the branches of human knowledge. It will nevertheless have to withstand a good many violent attacks — attacks that will be prompted rather by interest than by conviction, for you must not lose sight of the fact that there are persons whose interest is to combat this belief, some from self-conceit, others from worldly considerations; but its opponents, finding themselves in a decreasing minority, will at length be obliged to rally to the general opinion, on pain of rendering themselves ridiculous.”

(The Spirits' Book – Ch. XXIII - Part 3)

SPIRITIST GROUPS, CENTERS, OR SOCIETIES

“These Groups, corresponding together, visiting each other, and transmitting to one another the results arrived at by each, may, even now, form the nucleus of the great spiritist family which will one day rally to itself all opinions, and unite all men in the common brotherhood of Christian charity.”

Allan Kardec
(*The Mediums' Book* – Ch. XXIX – Item 334)

What They Are

The Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies are:

- Nucleuses of study, fraternity, prayer, and activities practiced within the Spiritist principles;
- Schools of spiritual and moral education, operating according to the Spiritist Doctrine;
- Posts of fraternal assistance open to everyone in search for guidance, enlightenment, help, or consolation;
- Workshops which provide participants opportunities to exercise their inner growth through the practice of the Gospel in their activities;
- Places where the children, the youth, the adults, and the elderly have the opportunity to socialize, study, and perform activities together to unite the family under the guidance of Spiritism;
- Retreats of peace that offer participants opportunities for spiritual renewal and fraternal union through the practice of the maxim “Love one another”;
- Nucleuses characterized by the simplicity typical of the first congregations of the nascent Christianity; by the practice of charity; and by the total absence of images, symbols, rituals, or other exterior manifestations; and
- Institutions that represent the fundamental units of the Spiritist Movement.

Their Objectives

The objectives of the Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies are:

- To promote the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine, while tending to individuals who:
 - seek enlightenment, guidance, and help for their spiritual, moral, and material problems;
 - wish to get acquainted with and study the Spiritist Doctrine;
 - wish to work, collaborate, and serve in any field of action the Spiritist practice has to offer.

Its Basic Activities

The basic activities of the Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies are:

- To conduct meetings for the study of the Spiritist Doctrine, in a programmed, methodical, and systematic form, open to individuals of all ages and every cultural and social standing, and aimed at enabling a deep and wide-ranging knowledge of Spiritism in all of its aspects.
- To conduct meetings for the explanation of the Gospel according to the Spiritist Doctrine, the practice of passes (laying on of hands), and to extend fraternal assistance through dialogue to those who approach the Spiritist Centers in search of enlightenment, guidance, help, and spiritual and moral assistance.
- To conduct meetings for the study, education, and practice of mediumship based on Spiritist principles and objectives, thereby enlightening, guiding, and preparing individuals for mediumship activities.
- To conduct meetings for the Spiritist evangelization of children and the youth, in a programmed, methodical, and systematic form, thereby assisting, enlightening, and guiding them within the teachings of the Spiritist Doctrine.
- To carry out the work of dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine through all modes of social communication compatible with the Spiritist principles, such as lectures, conferences, books, newspapers, magazines, bulletins, pamphlets, hand-outs, radio, TV, posters, audio and video tapes.
- To carry out Spiritist assistance activities for the needy by helping them with their most pressing needs, and by enlightening them with the moral teachings of the Gospel according to the Spiritist Doctrine.
- To encourage and offer guidelines to individuals who attend their meetings toward implanting and maintaining the “Gospel at Home” practice, as sustenance for the spiritual harmonization of their families.
- To participate in activities aimed at the union of Spiritists and Spiritist Institutions as well as the unification of the Spiritist Movement by joining their efforts together; summing up their experiences; providing mutual help and support; improving Spiritist activities in general; and strengthening the actions of the Spiritists.
- To perform the administrative tasks necessary to their regular operation in accordance with their organizational structure and in compliance with all applicable local legislation.

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WORK OF THE FEDERATIONS AND OF UNIFICATION OF THE SPIRITIST MOVEMENT

"Spiritism is a question of depth; to be bound by form would be a folly unworthy of the magnitude of the subject. Therefore, Centers which believe they fully understand true Spiritism should extend a helping hand to others, in fraternity, and so unite in order to combat the common enemies: incredulity and fanaticism." Allan Kardec
(Posthumous Works - The Constitution of Spiritism - Item VI)

What It Is

- The work of the Federations and of unification of the Spiritist Movement serves to strengthen, facilitate, expand, and improve the efforts of the Spiritist Movement in its ultimate goal of promoting the study, dissemination, and practice of the Spiritist Doctrine.
- It derives from the fraternal, voluntary, conscientious, and operational union of Spiritists and Spiritist Institutions through the exchange of information and experiences, mutual help, and joint activities.
- It is fundamental to the strengthening, improvement, and growth of Spiritist Institutions, and for the correction of eventual deviations from proper doctrinal and administrative practices.

What It Does

- It promotes a continuous contact with the Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies, thereby promoting their union and integration while placing at their disposal suggestions, expertise, and supporting programs and materials needed for their activities.
- It conducts meetings, courses, fellowship gatherings, and other events directed at administrators and workers of Spiritist organizations to refresh and update doctrinal knowledge and administrative procedures aimed at improving and expanding the Spiritist Institutions' activities, and to open up new areas of action and work.
- It organizes events directed at the general public for the dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine, thus enabling Spiritism to be better known and better practiced.

How It Is Structured

- It is structured through the union of the Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies which, while preserving their autonomy and freedom of action, join forces and sum up experiences aimed at the continuous improvement and strengthening of their activities and the Spiritist Movement in general.
- By joining together, the Spiritist Groups, Centers, or Societies constitute the Federations and Entities of Unification of the Spiritist Movement at local, regional, state, or national level.
- The Federations and Entities of Unification of the Spiritist Movement at the national level constitute in turn the Entity of Unification of the Spiritist Movement at the international level: the International Spiritist Council.

Guidelines for the work of the federations and of unification of the Spiritist Movement

- The work of the Federations and of unification of the Spiritist Movement, as well as that of the union of the Spiritists and the Spiritist Institutions, is based upon the principles of fraternity, solidarity, freedom, and responsibility as prescribed by the Spiritist Doctrine.
- It is characterized by offering assistance without demanding compensation; by helping without creating conditions; by instructing without imposing results; and by uniting without inhibiting initiatives, thereby preserving the values and distinctive characteristics of both individuals and institutions.
- The integration and participation of Spiritist Institutions in this work, which shall always be voluntary and conscientious, are carried out on the basis of equality without subordination, thus respecting and preserving the institutions' independence, autonomy, and freedom of action.
- The programs and supporting materials made available to the Spiritist Institutions are not obligatory. It is left to their own discretion to adopt them or not, partially or in their entirety, or to adapt them to their own needs and conveniences.
- In all activities the methodical, deep, and constant study of the works of Allan Kardec, which constitute the Spiritist Codification, should be always encouraged while underscoring the basis on which the Doctrine is established.
- All work and activities have as their highest objective the placing with simplicity and clarity of the Spiritist Doctrine's consoling and guiding message within the reach and at the service of everyone through study, prayer, and other joint activities.
- Work of federations as well as activities of unification of the Spiritist Movement must always preserve the participants' inherent right to think, create, and act, as professed and praised by the Spiritist Doctrine, with the understanding, however, that each and every activity must be in accord with the works of the Codification by Allan Kardec.

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The Mission of Spiritists

“Go forth then and take the Divine Word: to the great who will be despising; to the learned who will demand proof; to the humble and simple ones who will accept; because it is principally among the martyrs to work, this terrestrial probation, that you will encounter fervour and faith.

Fortify your phalanx with decision and courage! Hands to work! The plough is ready! The land awaits; plough!

Go forth and thank God for the glorious task which He has entrusted to you; but pay attention! Amongst those called to Spiritism many will go astray; so then, mark well your pathway and follow the truth.

Erastus

(The Gospel According to Spiritism - Ch. XX - Item 4)

OBSERVATIONS

1. The Regulations of the International Spiritist Council state that:
 - The International Spiritist Council (ISC) is an organization resulting from the union, on a worldwide level, of the organizations representing national Spiritist Movements.
 - The main purposes and objectives of the ISC are:
 - I - To promote the fraternal union of the Spiritist Institutions of all countries and the Unification of the International Spiritist Movement.
 - II - To promote the study and dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine in its three basic aspects: scientific, philosophical, and religious.
 - III - To promote the practice of spiritual, moral, and material charity according to the Spiritist Doctrine.
 - The purposes and objectives of the ISC are founded upon the Spiritist Doctrine codified by Allan Kardec, and on the works which, by following its guidelines, become complementary and subsidiary to the Codification.
 - The programs and supporting materials offered by the ISC shall not be obligatory. It shall be left to the discretion of the Spiritist organizations of each country the decision to adopt them or not, partially or in their entirety, or to adapt them to their own needs or conveniences.
 - The organizations affiliated to the ISC shall maintain their autonomy, independence, and freedom of action. Their affiliation with the ISC shall be based upon, and have as its objective, solidarity and fraternal union.
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2. The activities related in this document are proposed as suggestions. The Spiritist Institutions, at their discretion, may adopt them as their growth and development create the appropriate conditions, and at such a time as their administrators consider suitable.
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3. Spiritist activities shall always be carried out in a manner compatible with the social environment characteristics and in full compliance with local legislation.

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The Workers of the Lord

- *“The time approaches when those things which have been announced for the transformation of humanity will be accomplished. All those who have worked in the field of the Lord with disinterestedness and no other motive than charity, will be blessed! Their working days will be paid a hundred times more than was expected.”*
- *“Blessed are those who have said to their fellow men: ‘Let us work together and unite our efforts so that when the Lord arrives He will find His work finished,’ seeing that the Lord will say to them: ‘Come unto me, you who have been good servants, you who knew how to silence your rivalries and discords so that no harm should come to the work’.”*

The Spirit of Truth

(The Gospel According to Spiritism - Ch. XX - Item 5)

Spiritism

“Just as Christ said: ‘I am not come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it,’ so Spiritism says: We have not come to destroy the Christian Law but to carry it out. It teaches nothing contrary to what was taught by Christ. Rather it develops it, explains it in a manner that can be understood by all and completes that which had previously been known only in its allegoric form. Spiritism has come at the predicted time to fulfill what Christ announced and to prepare for the achievement of future things. It is then, the work of Christ Who, as He also announced, presides over the regeneration which is now taking place and which will prepare the reign of the Kingdom of God here on Earth.”

Allan Kardec

(The Gospel According to Spiritism - Ch. I - Item 7)

In the Work of Unification

- ***The work for the unification in our ranks is urgent, but not rushed. One assertion seems to contradict the other. But it is not so. It is urgent because it defines the goal that we should aim at; but not rushed because it is not granted to us to violate anyone’s conscience.***
- ***Let us preserve the purpose of uniting, approaching, and understanding one another; and, if possible, let us establish at every site where the name of Spiritism has been brought to light, a study group, however small, of the works of Kardec, in the light of the Christ of God.***
- ***The Spiritist Doctrine holds its essential aspects in triple configuration. Thus, no one should be restricted in their desire to work and produce. Let those inclined toward the sciences to cultivate them in their dignity; those who devote themselves to philosophy to ennoble its postulates; and those who consecrate themselves to religion to turn divine its aspirations. Yet, above all, it is necessary that the basis of the Spiritist Doctrine remain in everyone and everything so that we don’t lose the balance at the base over which the organization is raised.***
- ***To teach, but also to put into practice; to believe, but also to study; to counsel, but also to exemplify; to unite, but also to nourish.***
- ***It is indispensable that Spiritism be maintained exactly as it was conveyed to Allan Kardec by the Divine Messengers, that is, without political compromises, without religious professionalism, without degrading personalisms, and without burning desires of conquest of fleeting earthly powers.***
- ***Let us follow Allan Kardec in our studies, aspirations, activities, and deeds so that our faith does not turn into hypnosis, whereby the power of darkness establishes its influence over the weaker minds, enchaining them to centuries of illusion and suffering.***
- ***Let Allan Kardec’s work not only be believed or felt proclaimed or manifested in our convictions, but also be sufficiently lived, suffered, wept over, and put into practice in our own lives. Without this foundation, it is difficult to forge the Christian-Spiritist character which the troubled world awaits from us through unification.***
- ***May the love of Jesus be upon all, and the truth of Kardec be for all.***

Bezerra de Menezes

(Excerpts from the message “Unification,” psychographed by Francisco Candido Xavier - Reformador, Dec./1975)

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

During the International Spiritist Congress held in Liège, Belgium, from October 3-5, 1990, an Interim Committee was created whose mission was the organizing or creation of the preliminary activities aimed toward the formation of a representative institution of the International Spiritist Movement, based on Allan Kardec's works. The Committee was formed as follows: Coordinator - Rafael González Molina, President of the Spanish Spiritist Federation; Secretary for Europe - Roger Perez, President of the French Spiritist Union and other French-speaking Countries; Secretary for the Americas - Nestor João Masotti, Representative of the Spiritist Brazilian Federation.

Giving course to its proposed objective, the Interim Committee invited the representatives of the Spiritist Movement in the countries of Europe and the Americas to meet in São Paulo to continue working on the project started in Liège. Spiritist Institutions from sixteen countries participated in the memorable meeting of October 19, 1991, in which they 1) signed the Declaration in which they agreed to the creation of an International Spiritist Organization; 2) proposed to name it International Spiritist Council; and 3) assigned the Interim Committee to take the necessary steps for the accomplishment of the next meeting of the Entities of the Unification of the Spiritist Movement, in the month of November 1992, during the Madrid International Spiritist Congress.

In the preparatory phase, the Interim Committee undertook the development of the draft into final form of the Bylaws, which had been reviewed in São Paulo, and the preparations of the meeting in Madrid.

FOUNDATION OF ISC

Preceded by a few informal preparatory reunions between the representatives of various countries during the International Spiritist Congress, the meeting called by the Interim Committee took place on November 28, 1992, at 8:30 PM, at the headquarters of the Spanish Spiritist Federation and under the direction of its President, Rafael González Molina (Coordinator of the Interim Committee). He counted on the assistance of the representative of Brazil, Nestor João Masotti, and acting as Secretary for the meeting, the representative of Argentina, Juan Antonio Durante.

The following issues were part of the order of business discussed: 1) receipt of documents corroborating the legal status of the represented organizations, as well as the name of their representatives; 2) review of the final language of the draft of the Bylaws of the International Spiritist Council and its subsequent approval; 3) election of the Executive Committee of the ISC; 4) definition of the periodicity of the meetings; 5) determining the rotating criteria for the chairing of the meetings; 6) definition of place, date, and main topic of next or future meetings; 7) setting up the amount of membership fee for the ISC member organizations; 8) a study for the creation of a set of collaborators who would be willing to contribute financially to the ISC; 9) definition of the date, place, and main topic of the next International Spiritist Congress, as well as the mode of its administration; 10) discussion of other proposals, suggestions, and issues, if presented.

Upon delivering a moving prayer, the President of the meeting requested that the accredited representatives manifest their opinion on the creation of the ISC. Approvals from the delegates of all countries present were heard, to wit: Argentina, the United States of America, Spain, Brazil, Portugal, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Guatemala. In a climate of profound emotion, involving all accredited representatives and other members of the national delegations present as advisers and observers, the creation of the International Spiritist Council was unanimously and officially approved.

Proceeding with the meeting, the Draft of the Bylaws was reviewed, with the proposed changes presented to the Interim Committee. The Bylaws were subsequently approved unanimously. Immediately after, the Executive Committee of the ISC was elected as follows: Secretary-General: Rafael González Molina; First-Secretary: Nestor João Masotti; Second Secretary: Roger Perez; Treasurer: Benjamin Rodríguez Barrera.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITIST COUNCIL

Part of its Constitution

- **THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITIST COUNCIL (ISC) is an organization resulting from the union, on a worldwide level, of entities representing the national Spiritist Movements.**
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- **The headquarters of the ISC shall be, on a rotation basis, the same as the head office of the National Unification Entity to which the incumbent Secretary-General is affiliated.**
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- **The essential purposes and objectives of the ISC are:**
 - I - To promote the fraternal union of Spiritist Institutions in the world and the unification of the International Spiritist Movement.**
 - II - To promote the study and dissemination of the Spiritist Doctrine throughout the world in its three basic aspects: scientific, philosophical and religious.**
 - III - To promote the practice of spiritual, moral, and material charity according to the Spiritist Doctrine.**
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- **The purpose and objectives of ISC are founded upon the Spiritist Doctrine codified by Allan Kardec, and the works, which, by following its guidelines, become complimentary and subsidiary to the Codification.**
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- **In order to fulfil its purpose the following shall be the responsibility of the ISC:**
 - I - To promote periodic meetings of the National Organizations members of the ISC, for the purpose of exchanging information and experiences.**
 - II - To coordinate and promote the realization of courses, meetings, symposia, and congresses.**
 - III - To cooperate when solicited, with its national member organizations, in the structure of its doctrinal, welfare assistance, administrative, unification, and other activities.**
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- No congress, course, symposium, or other event promoted by the ISC shall offer final conclusions, which imply in the modification, even under the guise of bringing up to date, of the principles and postulates of the Spiritist Doctrine as codified by Allan Kardec.
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- Any and all programmes and supporting materials offered by the ISC shall not be obligatory. It shall be left to the discretion of the National Organizations the decision to adopt them or not, partially or in their entirety, or to adapt them to their own needs and conveniences.
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- The *ISC* is composed of the National Entities of Unification of the Spiritist Movement (Confederations, Federations, Councils, etc.) duly organized and lawfully incorporated.
 - Each country shall have only one National Entity representing it at the ISC.
 - It is the decision of the Spiritist Movement of each country to choose and designate the Entity of Unification, which will be its representative at the ISC.
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- In order to be admitted as a member of the *ISC* the National Entities shall:
 - I - Outline their activities and orientation in accordance with the purposes and objectives established in the ISC Bylaws.
 - II - Have their organization duly registered and incorporated according to the laws of their countries.
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- Spiritist Organizations duly registered and incorporated but not representative of any national movement and situated in countries not represented at the ISC, as long as in accord with the ISC's Bylaws shall be allowed to participate in its meetings, with a right to speak up, but no voting rights.
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- The organizations affiliated to the ISC shall maintain their autonomy, independence, and freedom of action. Their affiliation shall be based upon, and have as its objective, solidarity and fraternal union.
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- The ISC shall be administered by an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, composed of a SECRETARY-GENERAL, FIRST and SECOND SECRETARIES, and a TREASURER, to be elected every three years.
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- The ISC shall alternate the location, date, issues, and Chair of its meetings, which will take place annually. The International Spiritist Congresses promoted by the ISC shall be held every three years.

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