

DISCLAIMER

Due to public access to free internet blogs, it is very easy for anyone (for whatever reason – valid or not) to post a “blog” on the internet for or against any person or organization. Unfortunately, when an internet search is then undertaken by an inquirer from the public, many lies and misrepresentations can appear under a personal or organization name being searched.

In order to counter those who, for their own destructive reasons, have chosen in the past to present outright lies, half-truths and misrepresentations against The National Spiritist Church of Alberta, with this Disclaimer, we wish to present what is true and easily provable concerning our Church.

a) The Church was legally incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta on December 14, 1971.

b) On December 2, 1976, Alberta Department of Vital Statistics gave full recognition to The National Spiritist Church of Alberta as a religious denomination (registered as Church A145) with authority to appoint clergy and obtain Government-issued Certificates of Clergy for its officiants.

Therefore, since 1976, The National Spiritist Church of Alberta, has been authorized by Government of Alberta to appoint clergy and perform legal marriages – just the same as any other recognized religious denomination in Canada.

c) There are currently three Treaty Status, Cree-speaking Native Elders who are licensed Clergy with The National Spiritist Church of Alberta as well as two Métis pastors who have legal clergy licenses. Five of our Native Elders are First Nations-recognized Sacred Pipe Carriers and two are well-known Sweat Lodge Keepers.

d) All Church Directors have successfully passed Criminal Record Checks (performed through CPIC – Edmonton Police Services).

e) Currently, there are eight Spiritist Clergy licensed by the Province of Alberta with full authority to perform the same legal ceremonies as all other Alberta-licensed clergy from other denominations. These are the same licenses as are held by clergy of other denominations such as the Roman Catholic, Anglican, United Church, etc. Our Clergy are variously fluent in English, Plains Cree, Tagalog and Ilocano languages.

f) The National Spiritist Church of Alberta follows the Spiritual Teachings of both Allan Kardec and the Aboriginal Holy Man, Black Elk. We believe in the Prophecies of both Deganawida (Six Nations Confederacy) and the Teachings of the Prophetic Rock of the Hopituh Nation (Arizona). We, therefore, recognize the practices of both European Christianity and Aboriginal (Native) Spirituality.