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HISTORIC PASADENA CHURCH INSTALLS NEW MINISTER

Reverend Scott Olson will be installed as Senior Minister at Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living, on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm. He has served in this position since August, 2018. The installation formalizes the relationship between the new minister and the congregation. The service will be officiated by Rev. Sharon Hudson of San Diego with Ahiah's Assistant Minister, Rev. Michael Bernard Lattimore providing services as the Master of Ceremonies. The occasion is celebrated with a formal installation service, followed by reception. The Ahiah congregation will be hosting over 100 people, including more than twenty clergy representing churches from multiple counties throughout all of Southern California; and the City of Las Vegas.

Prior to joining Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living in Pasadena, Reverend Scott Olson was formerly a minister at Namaste Center for Spiritual Living in Long Beach and Center for Spiritual Living in Laguna Woods. Prior to his call to the ministry, Rev. Olson enjoyed a successful career in astrophysics. He trained at Caltech, and was an aerospace manager with Northrop Grumman for 30 years.

Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living Pasadena, was originally founded as the Pasadena Church of Religious Science and was chartered in June, 1942. The group initially met at a Shakespeare Theatre in Pasadena and also the Pasadena Women's Club. Ultimately, they raised funds to move into their church building at 277 N. El Molino Avenue in Pasadena. Founded by Rev. Pat Larson, the Pasadena Church of Religious Science became the 16th church ordained by the Institute of Religious Science and was presented with its charter by Science of Mind founder, Ernest Holmes in person as he offered the ordination message at the special occasion.

Pasadena Church of Religious Science served the community from our 277 N. El Molino location for over 74 years, was the first New Thought Church to offer metaphysical teachings in Pasadena. In 2014, the Church moved from its home of almost 70 years to their current location at 150 North El Molino Avenue which was the site of the former Self Realization Fellowship Center, which was founded by Parahamansa Yogananda and located merely 2 blocks from their original site. In 2015, to align with the merged Centers for Spiritual Living, our Church name was officially changed from "Pasadena Church of Religious Science" to "Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living Pasadena".

With the retirement announcement of former Senior Minister, Charles Rose, an extensive ministerial church was conducted by committee. With Rev. Rose's long tenure of over 28 years, it was important to the congregation that the incoming minister be able to continue the vision and beyond.

Reverend Scott Olson was hired during the summer of 2018 and began his service with Ahiah on August 1, 2018. Ahiah is an open, accepting spiritual center that welcomes all visitors. Regular Sunday services begin with Meditation at 10:30 and a Celebration Service at 11:00 am. Rev. Scott Olson specializes in providing Wisdom Talks to support spiritual growth and inspirations to enjoy living life to the fullest.

Ahiah is located at 150 N. El Molino, Pasadena. The center offers a variety of classes, workshops and Spiritual Interest Groups during the week. The Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living Pasadena is a member of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Greater Pasadena area.

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