



Dear CSLDallas Community,

I am once again grateful to participate in the launch of our annual Adventures in Spirit campaign “Expanding to Infinite Heights” at CSLDallas. As I write this letter, the concepts of ‘exercise’ and ‘practice’ are inspiring and energizing me. I am inspired by the excellence and achievement that is reached by great artists and musicians, who unceasingly practice their respective crafts, hone their skills and exercise their creativity. I am inspired by the brilliance of Olympic athletes who train for years, exercising muscles and repeatedly practicing; always chasing perfection –always expanding. I am also reminded that faith is a practice.

The past year has been both an exciting and challenging one for the community, lay leadership, staff, and ministers at CSLDallas. Most notably, our physical space expansion has provided many opportunities for practice. Collaboration, creativity, persistence, and of course, patience are just a few of the virtues that I have witnessed in abundance at CSLDallas and have been granted the opportunity to exercise myself.

The Science of Mind as a faith tradition emphasizes five modalities of practice: affirmative prayer, meditation, sacred service, tithing, and visioning. Learning about each of these modalities has been interesting and uplifting for me. The disciplined practice of all of them has been positively life changing. Although I am still a bit challenged by my visioning practice, tithing (the sharing of prosperity) was the most difficult for me to actually begin practicing. In retrospect, my barriers were my false beliefs about my separation from the greater Whole. I know the subjects of tithing, pledging, and money in general are very sensitive to many people. I have also learned through experience that faith grows through practice and exercise. There were times in the beginning of my prosperity practice when I, at least momentarily, had a second thought about my pledged tithe. I reflect on these moments as having been opportunities to exercise my practice and strengthen my faith. It always works, it remains a repeatable experiment. I remain grounded in my faith that I am an integral part of the greater whole. As I choose prosperity and generosity, and act accordingly and consistently, I am rewarded individually, and the greater whole is nudged ever so slightly in the same direction.

In closing, I want to tell you how grateful I am to participate in such an inclusive and progressive community. I am certain that CSLDallas as an institution has contributed to, and continues to influence sanity, integrity, and peaceful interaction in our world. Please join me in pledging generous financial support for CSLDallas’ 2017 operational budget and priorities. Together, we expand to Infinite heights!

In service and gratitude,

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