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New *Afterlife Communication* Book Features Red Bank Author

Rev. Karen Herrick, PhD is among prestigious contributors

Red Bank, NJ – In anticipation of the upcoming 2014 ASCS (The Academy for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies, Inc.) conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, author R. Craig Hogan, PhD has compiled a collection of essays detailing remarkable accounts of afterlife communication. His new book, aptly titled *Afterlife Communication*, is filled with uplifting stories from esteemed presenters scheduled to speak at the conference in July. Rev, Karen Herrick, PhD of Red Bank ranks among the prestigious panel of speakers at the event and contributors to the *Afterlife Communication* publication.

Professionals including doctors, psychologists, a mechanical engineer, attorneys and more provided stories for *Afterlife Communication* validating a category that has previously been dismissed or reserved for the mentally unstable. With multiple voices contributing uplifting and moving events, *Afterlife Communication* is designed as a page-turner full of actual accounts of individuals who have had spiritual experiences with loved ones in the afterlife. The book is available on Amazon.com and Kindle.

Herrick's chapter "Understanding After life and Angel Contacts," encapsulates her private practice work and research she completed on her thesis entitled, *Naming Spiritual Experiences*. Of the 133 mental health professionals she researched, 75% stated that they believed further education about spiritual experiences, near-death experiences (NDEs) and/or after-life experiences would be beneficial to them personally and professionally.

She describes the differences between someone who is having a spiritual experience and someone who is mentally ill. She calls for the profession of psychology to again use the 1880's term *sane hallucination* created by colleagues of W. James sometimes called the Father of American Psychology. An angel story described in *The Two River Times*, August 2000, edition is reported from the Red Bank column of Tara Collins, a reporter at that time. Karen's You Tube video of an interview done at Seabrook Senior Living Facility in Tinton Falls, NJ, entitled *Is There a Heaven?* can be watched at <http://youtu.be/FX9BV3pn7MU>

Rev. Karen E. Herrick, PhD, specializes in Spiritual Psychology. She has shared her clinical expertise for almost thirty years in her private practice by lecturing throughout the United States on dysfunctional homes, dissociation, grief and loss. Karen was ordained in New York City in The cathedral of St. John The Divine in 1995. Her ministry is to be actively involved in Spiritual Psychology. She is the first female President (in thirty-seven years) of the Academy of Spirituality & Consciousness Studies. The Academy's mission is to discern, develop and disseminate knowledge of how phenomena may relate to and enhance the development of the human spirit. She may be reached at karen@karenherrick.com and [732 530-8513](tel:7325308513).

R. Craig Hogan, Ph.D., is the author of *Your Eternal Self* (Greater Reality Publications, 2008), co-author of *Induced After-Death Communication: A New Therapy for Healing Grief and Trauma* with Allan Botkin, Psy.D. (Hampton Roads 2005), and co-author of *Guided Afterlife Connections: They Come to Change Lives* (Greater Reality Publications, 2011) with Rochelle Wright. He is the director of the Center for Spiritual Understanding and is on the boards of The Academy for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies, Inc., Association for Evaluation and Communication of Evidence for Survival and American Society for Standards in Mediumship and Psychical Investigation. He is a business writing professor with his own online business writing school at businesswriting.com.

The topic of the Academy for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies 38th annual conference is New Developments in Afterlife Communications. The conference will be held July 10-13, 2014 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Information may be found on <http://ascsi.org>.

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