

**Westlake Village, CA, June 17, 2008 – LOCAL SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY HAS A NEW NAME.** It was announced this week that the Westlake Church of Religious Science will henceforth be known as the Center for Spiritual Living. The church was chartered in 1963 by Religious Science International (RSI) and has been a presence in the Conejo Valley for 44 years.

The decision to change the name was based on a large-scale identity study conducted by the parent organization. The result of that process indicated that the name Center for Spiritual Living was more welcoming and caused less confusion than the previous name. Rev. Dr. James Lockard, Co-Pastor of the Center stated, “We found that many people who were attracted to our empowering and positive spiritual message were staying away because our name was confusing. We provide spiritual tools to transform personal lives and to make the world a better place.”

Rev. Dr. Sue Rubin, who has been a pastor at the Center for twelve years, said, “Despite the name change, we continue to teach spiritual principles that empower people to live lives with a personal relationship to God. We encourage community service and working to create harmony, peace, and greater understanding.”

The Center for Spiritual Living promotes a spiritual way of life that honors all paths to God. Religious Science, based on the philosophy called The Science of Mind, was developed in the United States in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century by Dr. Ernest Holmes, and has grown into an international presence since that time. California has the largest number of these spiritual communities.

The Center for Spiritual Living provides a range of activities, including Sunday services each week at 10:00 am, Wednesday Night Alive! a weekly contemporary service at 7:00 pm, and ongoing classes on spiritual living, psychological principles, and on sacred literature and practices. There is a youth program each Sunday and a Teen Group, as well as groups for men, women, and a soon-to-form group for couples called Conscious Couples. Compassion-in-Action provides a venue for local non-profits to make presentations to members of the community. The Enlightened Mind Bookstore features a variety of titles and other items and is open Monday through Friday during the day and on Sundays after services.

The Center for Spiritual Living, located in the WaterCourt complex at 880 Hampshire Road, teaches a spiritual way of life providing spiritual support and healing to connect and empower the spirit, mind, and body.

For more information, visit [www.WestlakeCRS.org](http://www.WestlakeCRS.org) or [www.CSLWestlake.org](http://www.CSLWestlake.org), or call 805-495-0105.