

Remembering the Flame of the Spirit Study **Consent to Participate in Research**

Identification of Investigator and Purpose of Study

You are invited to participate in a research study, entitled *Remembering the Flame of the Spirit in the United Methodist Church through a Virtual Experience*. The study is being conducted by Angela Galanis Price under the supervision of Dr. Karen Dalton of Claremont School of Theology, 1325 N. College Ave; Claremont, CA 91711, kdalton@cst.edu.

Your participation in the study will contribute to a better understanding of how the Spirit works in our lives to extend grace described by John Wesley. The purpose of this research study is to utilize contemporary spirit-led worship to observe 1) impassioned faith, 2) emotional healing, and 3) signs of the Spirit (*Charisma*).

You are free to contact Angela Galanis Price, using the information below, to discuss the study. 13751 Philadelphia St. Whittier Ca 90601, 626.512.8054, PastorAngelaGP@gmail.com

You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

If you agree to participate:

- The Worship experience will be held on the virtual platform *Zoom.us* (which is free for those signing in to an event).
- The worship experience will consist of contemporary music, graphic animation and art, guided contemplative prayers (adapted from the *Compassion Practice*), interactive participation and a progressive teaching.
- This will consist of 6 events and approximately an hour each time.
- Your participation is intended to help grow impassioned faith, emotional healing and signs of the Spirit (*Charisma*): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness (trusting) and self-control.
- Your participation will consist in optional singing, meditating, participating in worship of God through a Christian perspective.
- You will be emailed a survey to link to *SurveyMonkey.com* before and after the worship. At the end of the 6 events, you will be asked to interview for a more in-depth understanding.
- For those concerned with online safety, both *Zoom* and *Survey Monkey* protects the anonymity of people responding. In addition, every participant will have the option of changing their name, turning off their video and microphone at any time. All of this is technically possible and controlled by the host or the convener of the zoom meeting.
- You will be asked to use your own email account for both *Zoom* and *Survey Monkey*.
- You will not be compensated.

The purpose of this study is to gain insight into practical theology, pastoral care and/or spiritual care. Participation in this study should not be regarded as—or substituted for—therapy by a licensed professional.

Risks and Confidentiality of Data

Worship can invoke many emotions. The survey and interview will ask about your ability and willingness to address emotional pain. But it will not ask you to relay that pain. Hence, there might be minimal risk or discomfort which could cause you to feel sad or uncomfortable, etc. There will be no costs for participating. Your name, email address and other personally identifiable information will be kept during the data collection phase. No personally identifiable information will be publicly released. Your personal information will be used solely for tracking purposes. I will be the only one accessing the information. When the results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your identity. If photographs, videos, or audio recordings of your participation are used for educational purposes, your identity will be protected or disguised. Your information will be stored until July 2021 and then destroyed. At that time, all digital information and recording will be discarded.

Participation or Withdrawal

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any question and you have the right to withdraw from participation at any time. Withdrawal will not affect your relationship with Whittier First UMC or Claremont School of Theology in any way. If you do not want to participate, you may simply stop participating.

Contacts

If you have any questions about the study or need to update your email address contact the primary investigator Angela Galanis Price at 626.512.8054 or send an email to PastorAngelaGP@gmail.com. This study has been reviewed by Claremont School of Theology Institutional Review Board and the study number is 2020-0403.

Thank you.

❖ SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANT

I have read the information provided above. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have been given a copy of this form.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

Address

Phone

Email

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR

Signature of Investigator

Date

A copy of this document will be supplied for your records.