

Meeting Explores Higher Powers

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In one room the Rev. Carl Hewitt of Montville was explaining his experiences as a faith healer.

In another room Sahib Gurujohn Singh shalsa of Hartford was showing a group some of the principles of kundalini meditation.

In yet another room, the Rev. William S. Glazier, an Episcopal priest, encouraged his listeners to relate their experiences in meditation to action in the outside world.

And to a group seated in the pews of the sanctuary, Ray Pepin of the Association for Research and Enlightenment told his audience how to interpret their dreams.

Hewitt, Khalsa, Glazier and Pepin were just the tip of the iceberg at the New Age Symposium in Hartford's Unitarian Meeting House Saturday. More than 300 persons came together for an all-day exploration of alternative experiences for the body, the mind and the soul.

While pyramidologists and health food advocates displayed their wares in the hallway, young and old people circulated through workshops, panel discussions, lec-

tures and movies. A healing session with "laying on of hands" was planned for later Saturday night.

One of the better-known in-state healers at the conference was Hewitt, a preacher at the Gifts of the Spirit Church in Montville who explains he is "nothing but a channel" for gifts from a higher power.

Hewitt said he prepares himself for healing through meditation. "This way, we attune ourselves to that other dimension, that dimension I call God," he said.

Displaying the full range of gifts of the spirit, Hewitt psychometrized a woman's watch, telling her he saw a change of home for her in two weeks, two months or two years and some significance to the name Laura.

The woman said Hewitt's reading was "valid," but could not confirm any association with someone named Joseph, who Hewitt said was in the other world.

The event was sponsored by the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, a psychic research group, and all proceeds went to the Greater Hartford Emergency Food Bank.