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HOW TO REPLACE STOLEN OR LOST VITAL DOCUMENTS

All of us have had the experience of misplacing important papers dealing with both legal and financial matters from time to time. Maybe we never found them. Further, some of us may have had the misfortune of having these things stolen. When this happens, we become stressed until we are able to put things back in order. What follows are suggestions for what to do when, and if, you lose such things as Social Security and Medicare cards, birth certificates, your marriage license and/or passports. Once again, your Editor found information for dealing with the problem of stolen, or lost, vital documents through the publication, "Savvy Living," written by Jim Miller. He's a regular contributor to the NBC *Today Show* and the author of "The Savvy Living" book.

"Replacing important documents that are lost, stolen or damaged is pretty easy if you know where to turn. Here are the replacement resources for each document listed above along with some tips to protect you from identity theft, which can happen if your documents end up in the wrong hands.

Birth Certificate. If you were born in the United States, contact the vital records office in the state in which you were born. This office will explain what you need to do to order a certified copy of your birth certificate and how much it will cost you. Birth certificate fees typically range between \$9 and \$30.

Social Security Card. You can replace a lost or stolen Social Security card for free. Residents of certain states may request a replacement card online at ssa.gov/ssnumber.

If you live in a state that does not permit you to apply for a new card online, you will need to fill out Form SS-5 and bring it to your local Social Security office, along with your driver's license, state-issued non-drive ID card, or US passport. Photo copies are NOT ACCEPTED. You may also submit these documents to your local Social Security office by mail. Any documents you mail will be returned to you. To find the Social Security office that serves your area, call 800-772-1213, or visit ssa.gov/locator.

Be aware that losing your Social Security card puts you at risk for identity theft. If you find that someone has used your Social Security number to obtain credit, loans, telephone accounts or other goods and services, report it immediately to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at IdentityTheft.gov, or call 877-438-4338. The FTC will also give you the specific steps you'll need to take to handle this problem.

Medicare Card. To replace your Medicare card for free, you can call the Social Security Administrations at 800-772-1213, or contact your Social Security office. You can also request a new
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one online at ssa.gov/myaccount. Your replacement card should arrive in the mail in about 30 days.

If you lose your Medicare card, you need to watch out for Medicare fraud. Check your Medicare Summary Notice for services you did not receive and, if you spot any, call the Inspector General's fraud hotline at 800-447-8477 to report them.

Marriage Certificate. Contact the vital records office in the state where you were married to order a copy. You will need to provide full names for you and your spouse, the date of your wedding and the city or town where the wedding was performed. Fees may range from \$10 to \$30.

Divorce Certificates can also be ordered from states' vital records offices. Fees may range from \$5 to \$30. Divorce decree documents can be obtained from the County Clerk's office for the city or county in which the divorce was granted.

Passport. A lost passport also puts you at risk for identity theft, so you will need to report this as soon as possible to the U.S. State Department. Go to travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/lost-stolen.html and fill out Form DS-64. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging that your report was received. Within a couple of days, you will receive another e-mail, or letter if, you request one, confirming that your passport has been entered into the Consular Lost or Stolen Database.

You can apply for a replacement passport at a Passport Application Facility. Many post offices, public libraries and local government offices serve as such facilities. You can search for the nearest authorized facility at lafdb.travel.state.gov. The fee for a replacement passport is \$135."

A SECOND NOTICE ABOUT TRAINING IN SPIRITUALITY AND AGING

The New Theological Seminary of the West recently announced the dates for the 2018 Course that leads participants to receiving the Spirituality and Aging Certificate. This program begins with a Retreat that is followed by four monthly sessions. Here's the schedule for later this year and early 2019.

Orientation Retreat, Saturday, September 8, 2018

Course 1: "Aging Defined," Saturday, October 13, 2018

Course 2: "Spirituality and Aging," Saturday, November 10, 2018

Course 3: "Aging in Context," Saturday, January 12, 2019

Course 4: "Spirituality & Organizational Theory, Saturday, February 9, 2019

The location for these sessions will be determined by the registrations that are received. This information will be announced to those who register, as well as to the general public in August.

For more information about this course and/or to register for it, contact the New Theological Seminary of the West. The phone number is: 626-765-9500. Their website is: www.ntswest.org. Their e-mail address is: info@ntswest.org.

FEATURED HYMN

A HYMN YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, OR DURING THE SEASON OF PENTECOST IS "SHAPING SPIRIT, MOVE AMONG US."

"SHAPING SPIRIT MOVE AMONG US, LIVING LEADER, BE OUR FRIEND; SOURCE OF OUR MYSTERIOUS BEING, GREET US AT OUR JOURNEY'S END.

ENERGY OF NEW CREATION, WORK LIKE YEAST WITHIN THE SOUL; HUMAN SAVIOR, HEAV'NLY ARTIST, IN YOUR SERVICE MAKE US WHOLE.

MANY ARE THE WAYS YOU SEEK US, GREAT THE JOY WHEN EACH IS FOUND. ONCE YOUR GIFT OF FAITH IGNITES IT ALL THE WORLD IS HOLY GROUND."

THE WORDS AND MUSIC OF THIS HYMN, IN CONTRAST TO THE ONE SHARED LAST MONTH THAT DATED TO THE 5TH CENTURY-- ONE OF THE OLDEST HYMNS IN THE CHALICE HYMNAL-- THIS HYMN WAS WRITTEN IN 1992, MAKING IT ONE OF THE NEWEST HYMNS AVAILABLE TO US. IT IS #242. IN 1992 ELIZABETH COSNETT WROTE THE WORDS AND IAN SHARP COMPOSED THE TUNE.

You can also learn more about this program by visiting webpage at: <http://sccasa.ntswest.org>. Or Call Doug Edwards, Church Outreach, at 626-756-7170.