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Subject: Our earlier discussion

Hello Sgt (b)(6)

I wanted to clarify the question of advertisement with regard to the ECS community at USAFA. I have served as the DFGL at USAFA for AY 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, and have not ever utilized any kind of advertising. There are two reasons for this:

1. The work I do with the SPIRE program is designed for the cadets, who can receive SPIRE group information from the chaplains upon request. It has always been my understanding that religious groups which fall under the purview of the chapel are not allowed to "advertise" to the cadets, so I have not engaged in such behavior. In addition, I do not hold services which are open to the general public. I try to coordinate any rituals/services with our designated SPIRE time on Monday nights, so as not to press cadets to commit extra time outside of their already busy schedules. I refer any inquiries for ECS information from the chaplains to the appropriate resources. There are a variety of ECS organizations suited to the needs of both active military and civilians in Colorado Springs.
2. The second reason I do not advertise ECS services at USAFA is because the Earth-Centered path does NOT proselytize. It is not a part of our spiritual tradition to recruit or convert in order to increase the size of our community, making advertisement of our group counter to Earth-Centered tenets. ECS is generally a self-driven practice with such a diverse multiplicity of traditions (i.e. Wicca, Heathenism, Druidism, Witchcraft, Native American Medicine) that it would be nearly impossible for any one individual to provide adequate guidance to all. Such multiplicity lends itself to a unique individual experience, centered around individual goals and desires. While I have discussed the existence and learning objectives of Falcon Circle, I have not advertised in order to encourage increased attendance. In fact, I try very hard to communicate that Falcon Circle is for cadets, not the general public.

I hope this answers any questions you may have, but please let me know if there is anything else I can do to clarify. Have a wonderful day and Blessed Be,

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"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, she became a butterfly"
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