

HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE, INC.



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From the Board of Directors

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all the good that God has given to each of us.

Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, wrote: "I love to observe Christmas in quietude, humility, benevolence, charity, letting good will towards man, eloquent silence, prayer, and praise express my conception of Truth's appearing."

The splendor of this nativity of Christ reveals infinite meanings and gives manifold blessings" ("What Christmas Means to Me," My 262:27-32).

We are deeply grateful for the many blessings that have been evident in providing Christian Science nursing care for Houston and surrounding communities. Comfort and practical help are readily available, and we are here to cherish and support you. Our Christian Science visiting nurse, Mary Roadman, actively expresses the Christly qualities of Christian Science nursing. We have been blessed to have additional assistance, when needed, from Susie Peterson, who, like Mary, is a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse. It is our privilege to support Christian Science nursing for those who are relying on Christian Science for healing and are receiving treatment from a Christian Science practitioner. Christian Science nurses can assist family members in maintaining a spiritual atmosphere conducive to immediate, complete, and permanent healing. Membership in a Christian Science church is not required for individuals receiving Christian Science nursing care. Donations of any size make it possible for HVCSNS to provide care without charge, and we are indeed grateful for our loving contributors. Our heartfelt thanks go to our local branch churches and to those individuals who generously support HVCSNS metaphysically and financially. Your love of God and your giving reflect the charity and good will of Christian care for one another.

We rejoice in knowing God is blessing each of you with His manifold blessings!

*The HVCSNS office is closed on Sundays.
We ask for your prayers and donations to enable
us to adequately provide help seven days a week.*



From Mary Roadman, Christian Science Nurse

"Ye are the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13). Just as salt cannot lose its saltiness, so we cannot lose our God-given purpose and place, nor can God's healing word become diluted or disappear. Our mission and opportunity to heal, to be healed and to witness healing is meant to be lived and fulfilled now! The loving provision of the By-Law for the Christian Science Nurse in the Manual of The Mother Church protects our privilege to rely on Christian Science treatment when practical care might be needed, or when a healing isn't instantaneous.

The disciples went back to fishing when events didn't unfold as they expected, but Christ Jesus guided them, encouraged them, and then gently commanded, "Feed my sheep." So, don't give up! As one of Christ's flock, you can feed on God's healing Word. You can call upon the tender care that Christian Science nursing gives and that our Christian Science Church wisely offers.

A Christian Science nurse comes to your home to provide care consistent with your reliance on Christian Science. This is not medical care. It is spiritual support. We can help in a variety of ways. Feel free to call us. We would love to visit with you and explain how our service helps our Christian Science families. All calls and visits are confidential.

There is no charge to you. We serve the greater Houston area, a region that stretches about 90 miles in each direction from downtown Houston!

When you need quiet shelter from the storm, a way out of the wilderness, an extra pair of hands to help care for you or your loved one, please remember that this service is here to support your progress and complete healing.

"WILDERNESS... the vestibule in which a material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence." (Science and Health, p. 597)



SAVE THE DATE!

HVCSNS ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 24 at 10:30 AM
GUEST SPEAKER: KEITH WOMMACK,
State Committee on Publication for Texas
Watch for more details!





Fall Meeting Highlights



The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service sponsored a presentation on October 22 at Seventh Church on "Life and Estate Planning Documents." This very informative talk was given by local Christian Scientist and attorney Michael S. Holmes.

Mike discussed the importance of documents that individuals can prepare should they become unable to make financial decisions, health care decisions, and other kinds of decisions for themselves. These documents include durable power of attorney (DPA), medical power of attorney (MPOA), directive to physicians, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) authorization, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) instructions, and the appointment of a guardian. Prayerful attention to these documents can help individuals decide how to best meet their own needs and the needs of their families.

Mike explained situations Christian Scientists may face when family members resist Christian Science treatment for their loved one. He emphasized the benefits of preparing documents in advance of a challenging situation. Also, he shared information on key estate planning documents, such as wills and trusts, and defined some of the legal terms found in these documents. At the conclusion of his talk, Mike shared information on helpful resources.

HVCSNS is extremely grateful to Mike for generously providing this interesting and valuable information to our Christian Science community. We appreciate, too, that he graciously agreed to make his PowerPoint slides available.

For a printout of his presentation, visit our website link,

<https://christianscienceheals.com/healing-and-health/find-care/christian-science-nursing>.


We welcome your ideas for other workshops that support Christian Scientists and our branch churches.




Friends of the Christian Science Nurse

The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service is establishing a new opportunity for Christian Scientists to support fellow Christian Scientists in the greater Houston area. The purpose of our new committee, Friends of the Christian Science Nurse, is to assist those who may or may not be church members—especially individuals not currently receiving assistance from a branch church care committee. HVCSNS will act as a resource for you if you feel called to help others in brotherly ways, ranging from delivering meals to reading the Bible Lesson aloud, from driving someone to the grocery store to writing an encouraging note. You choose the kind of giving you are able to supply, and we will find the family that needs your friendly aid. We hope to have Friends in communities all around the Houston area. Our Christian Science nurse will help with initial visits and introductions. After that, she will be available to answer questions and assist with needed support. The loving outreach of Friends of the Christian Science Nurse is a wonderful opportunity to practice expressing Christian compassion and fellowship. It is the Good Samaritan work that blesses us all. For more information, please call 713-304-8384. We look forward to hearing from you!

A Gift for You



Enclosed is a new emergency contact card that identifies you as a Christian Scientist. You can provide the names and phone numbers of family members, a Christian Science practitioner, and MPOA and HIPAA contacts.



Donations

"Divine Love is the substance of Christian Science, the basis of its demonstration, yea, its foundation and superstructure. Love impels good works" (Mis 357:31-1). The good works of HVCSNS reflect the love expressed by our Christian Science nurse; by our local Christian Science practitioners, who metaphysically support the service; by our area branch churches, which provide prayerful support and financial assistance; and by individuals, who also donate directly to HVCSNS. Your donations are truly needed and appreciated. The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible. They can be made online at <https://christianscienceheals.com/healing-and-health/find-care/christian-science-nursing> or mailed to HVCSNS. A donation envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.




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We provide care in the comfort and privacy of your own home.

Our office is your home.



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"Our mission is to heal through practical, operative Christian Science."