

# HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE, INC.

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## From the Board of Directors



Our beloved leader, Mary Baker Eddy, writes in her Christmas message of 1900, "Again loved Christmas is here, full of divine benedictions and crowned with the dearest memories in human history – the earthly advent and nativity of our Lord and Master. At this happy season the veil of time springs aside at the touch of Love. We count our blessings and see whence they came and whither they tend." (My. 256:17-22)

The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service has many blessings to count. We are deeply grateful for the dedicated work and tender support provided by our Christian Science nurse, Mary Roadman. We gratefully acknowledge the love and support we receive through the prayers and financial donations from individuals and branch churches. The annual meeting this past year, "Meeting Mental Needs with Christly Confidence," was filled with healing messages. HVCSNS provided two meetings this fall to bless our Christian Science community: "The Spiritual Dimension of Christian Science Nursing" in September and "Emerge – and See Care" in October. Highlights from these fall meetings are included in this newsletter. We look forward to offering more workshops and seminars in the future, and we welcome your ideas.

We are also blessed by those who work on behalf of this service so that we may continue to offer practical help to those needing assistance. Our thanks to Jake Lowe, Yadira Machado, and Emily Mitchell for the time given to serve on the HVCSNS board, and we welcome Dave Daniels as our newest board member.

The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service is here to support and cherish each of you as the beloved child of God - happy, healthy, whole, and free. May each of you feel the touch of Love, and know how blessed you are!



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

## From Mary Roadman, Christian Science Nurse



Merry Christmas Dear Friends,

I am wrapping up a year of happy service to the greater Houston field, having gone many thousands of miles for hundreds of home visits, all over the greater Houston area. Some of you may see me just once, while I visit others a few times a month. Whether clients need our help with bathing and dressing, or just a friendly visit and loving support, our service is available to area Christian Scientists, still without charge.

Mrs. Eddy instructs us on page 264 of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, "Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being." Working with clients, we are not going to talk about what the body feels, but how Spirit feels about us. We are not walking with limitations and measured decrees but in strength of Him. Our clients do act with power from Him, and we thank Him for each thing we can do. God is our first aid, and we will support your stand for His unfailing goodness.

Our September workshop, "*The Spiritual Dimension of Christian Science Nursing*," was for those interested in training as Christian Science nurses and those wanting to explore this precious Manual By-law. It was facilitated by Debbie Stucker, Caroleen Scholet, Griff Henninger, and Mary Roadman. Everyone who attend shared from their hearts and experience. As Debbie said, "Christian Science nurses are truly expecting complete and instantaneous healing based on knowledge that God only made good."

Nurse can be defined: to cherish; nurture; promote the growth or progress of; to hold in one's heart or mind." We discussed the Manual By-law Christian Science Nurse (Article VIII. Sect. 31) in detail along with considering Jesus's example. Mrs. Eddy says, "The method of his religion was not too simple to be sublime, nor was his power so exalted as to be unavailable for the needs of suffering mortals, whose wounds he healed by Truth and Love." We rejoiced that this is our church's ministry to all mankind, and it is very holy work and takes consecration, dedication, and a great love for God and mankind.

## FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Debbie Stucker and Caroleen Scholet reviewed education opportunities, and Mary Roadman discussed the Scope of Services, which explains in detail what Christian Science nursing includes and does not include. If you would like to have a copy of this list of services, please call.

We had five individuals discuss training options. There are many ways in which one could go about training. If you feel God leading you to this special calling and would like information, please call our service. It is joyous church work!

Our October workshop, "Emerge – and See Care," was held at Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist and was attended by members from most of the area churches. We know that prevention and preparation begin each morning in establishing in our thought our oneness with God. Daily prayerful work for ourselves and mankind bring our actions in line with Mind's ordered response in emergencies. The thoroughness of this work is seen in the practical experience. We discussed situations and how to respond metaphysically as well as practically. We considered healings of emergencies from our published testimonies. I am available to share the "Emerge – and See Care" workshop with your branch church if you want to take part in this inspiring 90-minute group discussion.

## ANNUAL MEETING COMING APRIL 8, 2016, 10:30 AM - SAVE THE DATE!

Griff Henninger from the National Christian Science Nursing Philanthropy Forum will be the keynote speaker at our annual meeting in April. His talk, "1875-1908: Tracing the Origins of The Manual of The Mother Church By-Law, Discipline: Article VIII, Guidance of Members, Sect 31, Christian Science Nurse," includes fascinating information on the history of nursing care and Mrs. Eddy's recognition of the need to care for others from a spiritual basis. Watch for more information and plan to attend.

## DONATIONS

Donations can be made with credit cards on our website page. Please visit us at <http://christianscienceheals.com/healing-and-health/find-care/christian-science-nursing/>  
Donations can also be mailed to the HVCSNS address at 1834 Columbia Street, Houston, TX 77008  
Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

*We are hopeful more Christian Science nurses will be available in our area at some time, but for now, our office is closed on Sundays. Your prayerful support for HVCSNS is needed to adequately provide help 7days a week for our large area.*



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## From Richard Baum, Treasurer

"Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." (SH 494:10-11) Christian Science practitioners lovingly provide prayerful support to our service work each month, and we are very grateful. We are also so grateful for the loving service that our full time Christian Science nurse gives each month to our greater Houston Christian Science community. Mary receives a monthly salary from HVCSNS, and all service expenses are covered. And we are SO grateful for all the prayerful, spiritual, and financial support our area Christian Science churches and all of you generously give to the service. Love is indeed reflected in love.

## PROTECTION by Paul Stark Seeley

*In reflection is protection;  
This is God's decree.  
There's no danger, harm, or stranger  
When I walk with Thee.*

*In reflection is protection,  
Timeless, constant, kind.  
Love's bright armor shields me ever.  
Mighty fortress, all-embracing Mind.*

*In reflection is protection;  
This is God's decree.  
Truth's own safety man is sharing,  
Fearless, joyous, free.*

*The Christian Science Journal, November 1942*

## Hymn 170

*The outward symbols disappear  
From him whose inward sight is clear,  
And small must be the choice of days  
For him who fills them all with praise.  
~ John Greenleaf Whittier*

*"...He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear." (Science and Health 506:20)*