

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL WORK IN TEXAS



Amplifying the message of the Christ and Christian Science in OUR COMMUNITIES - in juvenile, state, federal, county, substance abuse, and nursing facilities.

## What you should know about January – June 2020

- ❖ We have a bulk subscription for 600 copies of the Quarterly Bible Lesson digital edition currently being mailed into 76 different facilities
- ❖ 51 new names were added to the mailing list for the Bible lesson mailing; 48 were removed
- ❖ We have 197 *Christian Science Sentinel* subscriptions and adding weekly
- ❖ We have 267 individual subscriptions to *The Christian Science Monitor* and adding weekly
- ❖ This office distributed 75 *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*; 36 Bibles; 159 items from the Reading Room including Concordances and Bible reference material; 15 Prose Works; 28 biographies; 7 Hymnals; 11 Manuals
- ❖ Spanish material distributed: 10 *Science and Health*; 0 Bibles; 230 *El Heraldo*; 214 Spanish Full Text; 3 Spanish translated biographies or other writings by Mary Baker Eddy
- ❖ 77 donated periodicals were mailed to individuals
- ❖ Lectures by – Phillip Hockley, CS and Patricia Woodard, CS
- ❖ Three new applications for membership in The Mother Church
- ❖ Austin Zone has four volunteers serving at Gardner Betts Juvenile facility and one “mentor through mail” volunteer
- ❖ DFW Zone volunteers provide services at two federal, two state, and one county jail; provide one on one chaplain visits; have four “mentor through mail” volunteers
- ❖ Houston Zone volunteers provide services at four state facilities; provide one on one chaplain visits to multiple state facilities and are very active writing letters
- ❖ San Antonio Zone volunteers provide classes in one county jail, one treatment center and occasionally at a juvenile detention center, and “mentor through mail”
- ❖ Individuals in Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, College Station, Georgetown, Lubbock, Midland, and Tyler are providing one on one chaplain visits, writing letters, visiting county jails, and starting new services at state facilities

## NEWS TO REPORT

1. Currently all facilities are closed to the public, but not to the healing message of the Christ, Truth as given in Christian Science. We are so grateful for the dedicated volunteers that have transitioned from in person services and meetings to corresponding through letters. Volunteers throughout the state have written from 5 to over 50 letters per month. Likewise, this office has mailed 1366 letters so far this year. That's more letters than all of 2018!
2. Requests for material come daily due to the wonderful foundation in place with the men sharing with one another. We receive requests for material to be sent to family members at home so the men can discuss what they're reading during calls home. Some offenders use their 10 minute call to reach out to the volunteers!
3. A dedicated group of newly released men phone in on Saturdays with two volunteers to read the Bible Lesson together!
4. Third Church Dallas hosts a men's night that includes parolee and homeless men at their Reading Room (currently via Zoom). The men meet once a month to support each other and the community by praying about and discussing today's current topics like unity, equity, employment, security. Currently four local branches have men participating. You are welcome to join too!
5. The Principle Foundation is offering support for Christian Scientists incarcerated. Funds are available for basic needs like fans, clothing, shoes or hygiene items. For the citizens newly released, funding for housing, bus transportation, and food allowances will be made on a case by case basis. Contact – Jeff Harbin

**GRATITUDE FROM INSIDE** James at the Michael Unit wrote, "...my wife relayed to me, 'we are in the Ark; not the Titanic.' Instantly, I related to the Ark of Spirit and the Titanic to mortal mind and naturally this brought a smile to my face. Speaking of the Ark, especially in a spiritual light, thank you and please thank all others involved for keeping all of us afloat with Bible Lessons, Sentinel, and the Monitor weekly. The Bible Lesson is always great. It's my life line and never fails to nourish me. The Bible Lens in the Sentinel is something I look forward to. I always get new information and insight from it."



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How you can support this  
Christian Science healing ministry

- Write letters
- Attend training to be a volunteer chaplain
- Make a donation
- Read the weekly Bible Lesson with a seeker

## Board Members and 2020 Annual Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup> in Irving

### Board Members

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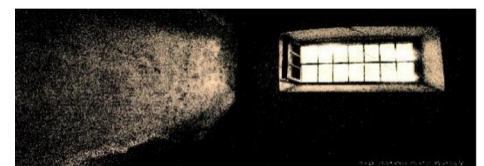
Carolyn Rook – At Large East

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2020 State Committee  
Annual Meeting in the  
DFW Zone at First Church  
of Christ, Scientist, Irving at  
2250 W. Pioneer Dr., 75061  
on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Be a light shining in the darkness!

If you would like to read more of the gratitude from the men and women we serve and/or volunteer chaplain reports, please email the Executive Secretary Elizabeth Arnett at [elizarnett@att.net](mailto:elizarnett@att.net) to sign up for quarterly updates.