

Peace Haven

INSPIRED TO SERVE

2022 Annual Report



"Fixing your gaze on the realities supernal, you will rise to the spiritual consciousness of being, even as the bird which has burst from the egg and preens its wings for a skyward flight."

—Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 261

Executive Director's Report

VALERIE HICKAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thank you all for coming to celebrate this *Manu-*al-based work, to share in the fruitage, and to express gratitude for the provision of Christian Science nursing. The common thread in all of these is the collective love we have for healing.

Isn't that, at its core, why all of us are here today—to celebrate the pearl of great price?

It is Peace Haven's mission to support Christian Science healing for those who call on us for care. I use the word "support" in the sense that Peace Haven provides the practical support and atmosphere conducive to healing—it buttresses the work of those who are engaged in the healing work—the Christian Science practitioner with their patient, along with the prayerful work of their family. I'd like to thank the Christian Science practitioners dedicated to this healing work and those practitioners who have served as Peace Haven's house practitioners.

And we are seeing healing at Peace Haven. You will hear examples in some of the reports today. Peace Haven is a light on an hill, holding "... the banner of Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life eternal," as we read in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 426.

We joyfully serve this large community of Christian Scientists as a beacon of Christian Science healing that is so aptly staffed by students of Christian Science who ded-

icate their lives to loving their neighbor as themselves. We read in the book of Nehemiah in the Bible that "...the people had a mind to work" (Neh 4:6), and that certainly describes all of the workers at Peace Haven. It is such a joy and so heartening to work with such an inspired and dedicated group of individuals whom God has brought together for this holy purpose—from the Christian Science nurses to those in administration tending to the varied business needs, our maintenance department who keep things running like clockwork, and our hospitality department that provides nutritious and delicious meals and keeps our inspiring home and grounds beautiful and well-maintained.

Some of these Christian Science nurses and staff members have been with Peace Haven for many years, while others have more recently joined us over the last year even at a time of extraordinary regulatory challenges. These selfless individuals have sacrificed personal needs, delayed vacations, given up time with family, and come in on days off to ensure that Peace Haven's patients are given the utmost practical care. They are former teachers, landscape designers, homemakers, business professionals, and college students.

We have many who could be retired now, but are impelled to serve because they recognize the value and worth of working together in God's vineyard for a holy purpose. And we have college students and young professionals who feel led to join our ranks.

Christian Science nursing, and the blessings one reaps from it, are immeasurable and incomparable. It

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Christian Science Nursing Report

CATHY FARRELL
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING



I would like to begin by expressing how truly grateful I am for our team of dedicated Christian Science nurses. One of the things I love most is that they show up! Not just physically, but more importantly, metaphysically. And they love! And they give! And they love! And they give! Each moment of every day. Unwavering in their steadfast devotion to this healing ministry. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. And please help me thank the ones who could not attend in-person because they are on duty at Peace Haven.

Our wonderful team of Christian Science nurses is committed to supporting those relying wholly on Christian Science for healing. Expectancy of healing is always paramount in thought. They actively express divine Love—meeting the human need by providing compassionate, skillful care.

We are privileged to be witnesses to healing every day. I'd like to share a few healings with you, but there are many, many more than these.

Recently, a fellow Christian Scientist traveling from the western part of the United States to the East Coast got as far as Missouri and was not able to continue the trip due to extreme discomfort. They called on Peace Haven, and we were able to admit them. Within two weeks, they were able to continue on their journey.

In their gratitude letter, they wrote: "Thank you for making room for me in this beautiful new facility. What a joy it has been to witness the camaraderie of your Christian Science nursing staff working in tandem with one another so beautifully. All of your staff, including house-

keeping, laundry, and the kitchen, have made my stay here extraordinary. I will always be grateful for the love I received while staying here at Peace Haven."

Another individual came to us with what they described as a serious physical challenge. They returned home within days, completely healed. They expressed gratitude for the tender love and patience expressed by the Christian Science nurses.

Our Christian Science nurses often share what a healing experience it is when they come to work. They may be struggling with something before arriving, but error does not stand a chance with the healing atmosphere that is palpable at Peace Haven at every moment. I'd like to read what a Christian Science nurse shared with us recently:

"I had been struggling with the challenge of a sore hip for several weeks. I remembered that my mother had a hip replaced when she was about my age. Also, my son-in-law had just gotten a hip replacement. This seemed to be an aggressive thought presenting itself to me for attention. The discomfort was especially apparent when giving a patient care. I worked with a thought I found in the Bible. Paul says, "...God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7). I knew I could not be punished for helping my neighbor. Not knowing that I was dealing with a challenge, a fellow Christian Science nurse mentioned

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Board of Trustees' Report

ROB BALL
PRESIDENT



Peace Haven's mission is to be an active expression of divine Love meeting the human need by providing Christian Science nursing care for those wholly relying on Christian Science for healing. We're committed to reflecting this Christly

activity at every level of the organization—from those in our hospitality services to our Christian Science nurses, our administrative staff, and the Board. I'd like to take a moment to introduce all of our Board Members: Mark Anderson; Ted Bartelstone; Posie Clevenger, C.S.; Allison Eggers; Beverly Greenley; Andy Matthys-Pearce; Eleesa Perez; Keith Preston; Penny Swank, C.S.; Cushie Switzer; and Tom Wood. Let's give special recognition to Ted and Cushie, who will leave the Board in February after committing nine years (that's three terms!) to Peace Haven's Board. They will be missed.

One of the Peace Haven Board's main responsibilities is to formulate, with the Executive Director and input from the staff, a strategic plan that guides the organization. Each year, we gather to review and update our plan. In 2022, we agreed to consider four strategic goals. First, we committed to metaphysical work focusing on the efficacy of Christian Science healing. Second, we asked the Executive Director to focus on, and support training and mentoring for, new Christian Science nurses. Third, we prioritized leadership and management training as an integral

part of staff development. And finally, we are prioritizing hiring a manager for the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service to reinstate and rebuild the service to grow and support the wider field. We feel that these strategic goals will further Peace Haven's mission.

In the *Manual of the Mother Church* under the heading "Healing Better than Teaching" (*Church Manual*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 92), Mrs. Eddy instructs us, "Healing the sick and the sinner with Truth demonstrates what we affirm of Christian Science, and nothing can substitute this demonstration. I recommend that each member of this Church shall strive to demonstrate by his or her practice, that Christian Science heals the sick quickly and wholly, thus proving this Science to be all that we claim for it."

Peace Haven demonstrates this statement on a daily basis. The Board is constantly inspired by the monthly reports from the Executive Director and her Director team. We are so grateful for the dedication of everyone at Peace Haven. While staffing continues to be a challenge for many organizations, including Peace Haven, our entire staff has gone above and beyond to ensure that our patients get the care and nurturing they need to focus on their healing work.

This year has also seen much generosity from our donors, including those who left bequests for Peace Haven. This support is vital to the continuing operation of our beautiful facility. We have taken needed steps over the last several years to recognize the value of all our staff through wage and benefit increases, especially for our Christian Science nurses. We feel it's vital that our Chris-

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Treasurer's Report

ELEESA PEREZ
TREASURER



We are enormously grateful for all your financial and metaphysical support. As you know, Peace Haven finds its origin, relevance, support, and practice in the *Manual of The Mother Church* By-Laws under a section entitled "Guidance of Members." Mary Baker Eddy wrote in a letter to the Christian Science Board of Directors in 1903: "Never abandon the By-Laws..." and in an opening statement that we find in the *Church Manual* right before the Table of Contents, that the By-Laws sprang "...from the immediate demand for them as a help that must be supplied to maintain the dignity and defense of our Cause." All who work at Peace Haven strive to be transparencies for Spirit in following Jesus' example of complete reliance on God for every facet of this work, thereby heeding this *Manual* By-Law and upholding the office of the Christian Science nurse. Again, we are most deeply grateful for your support of this holy ministry of Christian Science nursing.

Our Christian Science nurses and Peace Haven staff have operated in our new building on its beautiful grounds for 20 months, making August 2022 the first full fiscal year of providing Christian Science nursing services in our new facility. Peace Haven had a balanced operating budget of approximately \$4.5 million, which was graciously funded through individual donors, foundations, bequests, and receipts for patient services. The size of this year's budget, including expectations for funding, is the same as last year.

In December 2021, the Board of Trustees established a Sustainability Endowment Fund for the dedicated pur-

pose of providing a source for funding future major expenses such as significant building and grounds repairs and maintaining competitive salaries and retirement plans. This fund is accepting contributions.

We are also very grateful for your contributions to our General Fund, which provides for daily ongoing operational and Christian Science nurses training costs that support our healing ministry.

Peace Haven has no outstanding debt for the sixth consecutive year. All services offered, including Christian Science nurses training, were met through our collective prayer in the face of the world's clamor about pandemics, their impositions, and related financial challenges. Our entire staff was included in this demonstration. It is God, and the oneness of being, that holds all in harmonious relationship. God is One, and there are no opposing forces in oneness when we abide by the laws of divine Love.

"There is with us at this hour this great, great blessing; and may I say with the consciousness of Mind that the fulfillment of divine Love in our lives is the demand of this hour — the special demand."

-Mary Baker Eddy

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 131

Christian Science Nurses Training Report

BROOKE ENOCH

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING



There is no better way to begin this report than with heartfelt gratitude. Peace Haven is very blessed to be a part of the Christian Science Nursing Arts Training Program. The courses are grounded in our Pastor, the Bible and *Science and*

Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. Students in this training program develop spiritual readiness, enlarge their understanding and practice of the qualities of a Christian Science nurse, and learn the practical skills required for this holy work. The solid metaphysical basis for this healing ministry, and the pure understanding of Truth, is foundational and always precedes the doing.

This past year, we offered two Christian Science Nursing Arts I classes and one Christian Science Nursing Arts II class.

I'd like to share an example of how our summer class unfolded according to God's plan.

In early summer, we expected to teach a Christian Science Nursing Arts I class, but when one of the two prospective students withdrew we decided to wait to offer the class until we had at least two students. At first, I was disappointed we couldn't hold the class. But I quickly recognized that thought as personal sense. I prayed to realize more fully that individuals applying for training are never in conflict with one another. I turned my focus to the fact that when we listen, we hear God's call and respond

with love and conviction. We naturally find ourselves in our right place. After all, our Father-Mother God leads us at every moment.

A wonderful unfoldment occurred. A college student who was working at Peace Haven for the summer as a Christian Science Nursing Assistant inquired about the class, expressing interest in becoming a Christian Science nurse after her college graduation next May. We moved forward expecting to offer the CSNA I class in July to two individuals.

I spent extra time in prayer, specifically knowing that we are here to support our community and the entire Christian Science movement. Divine Mind directs this activity. The alignment of right ideas is in place and does not waver. In the time leading up to the class, I received calls from two other individuals who had been cherishing Christian Science nurses' training for quite some time and now felt impelled to go forward. In a matter of days, there was a class of four students—each one a sound metaphysician—brimming with the qualities of the Christian Science nurse. Seeing God bring this class together is still an inspiration to me.

I'm grateful to share some additional highlights from the past year:

- First, we welcomed two international students of Christian Science who were ready to serve our community as Christian Science nurses.
- Secondly, one student attended the Christian Science Nursing Arts III class at Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association in the Boston area.

- And, just last month, a student graduated from the Christian Science Nursing Arts training program. Currently, we are in the home stretch of a Christian Science Nursing Arts II class. This class is another example of God bringing four students together at just the right time and in just the right way. The Christian Science nursing department is blessed to have contract Christian Science nurses to help on the nursing floor while these students are in class. Next year, we plan to teach two Intro-

ductory I classes, one Basic II class, and of course, offer mentoring throughout the year. The class schedule will be available on our website.

We are here to support our local fellow church members, and those in the field who earnestly seek to embrace the right representation of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law found in the *Manual of The Mother Church*.

Thank you, all, for supporting Peace Haven's Christian Science Nurses Training School. We are deeply grateful.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING ARTS CLASSES

- Christian Science Nursing Arts I (CSNA I) - Introductory Christian Science Nursing Arts
- Christian Science Nursing Arts II (CSNA II) - Basic Christian Science Nursing Arts
- Christian Science Nursing Arts III (CSNA III) - Advanced Christian Science Nursing Arts
- Christian Science Nursing Arts IV (CSNA IV) - Supervisory Christian Science Nursing Arts

[Learn more at www.phcsn.org/csna-overview](http://www.phcsn.org/csna-overview)

Annual Meeting Readings

MARK ANDERSON - BOARD MEMBER

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee."
Proverbs 4:23, 25

"There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no other reality – to have no other consciousness of life – than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses."
Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 242:9

"When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible."
Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 180:25-27

A Complete List of the Citations: Pro 4:23, 25; Heb 4:16; Luke 4:33-37; II Tim 1:7 God; Psa 145:20 (to him.); Rom 12:2; II Cor 6:16-18.; *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* 238:6-9; 494:30-3 np; 582:1 (to Truth.); 225:5-6, 8; 167:22-26, 30-8 np; 3:4-7; 396:26; 242:9; 180:25-27





Fall Activities

A huge thank you to all who helped with the many activities at Peace Haven this fall! We are so grateful for each and every one of you and the joy you express.



Meet Acadia Vance

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING YOUTH SERVICE CORPS INTERN

The Christian Science Nursing Youth Service Corps (CSNYSC) is a program designed for participants to experience all of the different aspects of a Christian Science nursing facility. Individuals can choose a one- or two-semester internship program, during which they learn and work in the Christian Science nursing, hospitality, and administration departments at an approved facility. In September, Acadia Vance enrolled in a two-semester internship at Peace Haven. Her experience began with an online orientation that included three CSNYSC participants completing internships at other Christian Science facilities nationwide. Since then, she has had a hands-on experience at Peace Haven while attending college full-time. We recently caught up with Acadia and chatted about her experience thus far.



What inspired you to apply to the CSNYSC Program? My mom has been a Christian Science nurse for many years and she encouraged me to apply. I thought it would be a great opportunity to be more involved with Christian Science and be a great opportunity for growth. **What are you enjoying most so far?** I don't see myself as very social but I've most enjoyed working with both patients and staff. **What are you studying in college?** I'm mostly taking basics right

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY WHO HELPED US MEET OUR FALL/WINTER 2022 MATCHING FUNDRAISING GOAL.

WE ARE BLESSED AND SO THANKFUL!

now but I'm very interested in studying English and possibly becoming an author or journalist. **What is most meaningful to you about Christian Science?** Seeing the good in everything, in every situation or person I interact with. It's wonderful knowing that they are God's children and always expressing good. **What activities do you enjoy outside of work?** Taking walks, spending time outside, reading, painting, and drawing. I recently read *Life at 400 Beacon Street* by Heather Vogel Frederick, and I really liked it! **What are you most proud of?** My resilience, always bouncing back from challenges. Christian Science has been an invaluable tool to help with this. **What have you learned so far?** I value the lessons on patience, with others and myself. This has unfolded great growth for me. **What do you find especially beautiful?** I love nature in general, mountains, trees, animals. I love the sound of birds chirping and the rustling of leaves. **We heard you recently had a sweet experience with a bird at Peace Haven. Would you be willing to share it?** Sure! In October, I started questioning whether this program was a right fit for me. One day while working, a little bird flew into the enclosed porch on one of the patient wings. The bird landed on the table inside the enclosed area. I gently picked him up and took him outside. The bird continued to perch on my hand for about 15 minutes. He seemed very content and didn't want to leave, he even allowed me to pet him and it was a calming experience for both me and the little bird. This experience was a unique, answered prayer for me. At that moment, I realized I was on my right path.



Director of Christian Science Nursing Cathy Farrell shares, "Acadia has a sweet, gentle presence as she goes around ministering to the Christian Science nurses and patients. She lovingly supports wherever needed!"

PEACE HAVEN'S 2023 ANNUAL METAPHYSICAL THEME:
"TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED, LORD, TO THEE."
-Christian Science Hymnal, No. 324

Peace Haven's 2023 metaphysical theme from Hymn 324 is a beloved verse that captures the heart and soul of the Christian Science nurse. It summarizes our collective desire to more fully embody and demonstrate the words of this hymn while recognizing that Christian Science nurses consistently live and embody these words, moment by moment.

JOIN US THIS YEAR IN RENEWED AND CONTINUED CONSECRATION TO GOD.

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truly is such fulfilling work! If you love God and Christian Science and have ever had a desire to serve God, or your fellow man, think about these words from Jesus' parable, "... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," (Matt 25:40).

You can read about how some of our staff members answered the call to serve in the Christian Science nursing ministry in a booklet we published last spring, which is available at the tables in the lobby. (Note: please email hello@peacehavenassociation.org if you would like us to mail this booklet to you.) If anything you hear today stirs your heart to serve in a Christian Science nursing facility, or you think this might resonate with someone you know, reach out to me or anyone at Peace Haven any time. We are happy to talk with you about the varied opportunities to volunteer or work at Peace Haven.

Twenty months ago, we moved into our new building. This was the outgrowth and continuing unfoldment of the demonstration of Christian Science nursing that began in this community over 70 years ago. This new building that we are blessed to inhabit is the outward expression of your love and commitment to your fellow man. It serves as a springboard to provide a healing refuge, a renewed sense of Life, and opportunities for continual spiritual growth. It represents refreshment, renewal, regeneration, joy, vitality, the "beauty, grandeur [and] order" of Life and Soul—all of which are essential elements of healing.

As you know, this building was built through some challenging times, and we have been operating under regulatory constraints since it opened. And all the while we have been "maintaining the facts of Christian Science"

as taught by our Leader in *Science and Health*, knowing God is with us and caring for His dear children.

We continually endeavor to meet the Christian Science nursing needs of our community and the wider field. When we were not able to take a patient or go to a patient's home, our Christian Science nursing department shared care ideas over the phone, offered other available Christian Science nursing resources, and loaned equipment to use in the home. As you heard in the Board President's report, it is also our desire to support this community with an active Visiting Christian Science Nurse service.

We are grateful for the progress and are looking forward to more, including opening up our facility more to visitors and volunteers.

And now, let's talk about some of the progress we have witnessed and progress that is to come:

- We have begun to gradually hold in-person church services again for patients in our lovely Chapel, as well as other activities with in-person volunteers.
- We are grateful for a group of students from The Principia School who volunteered to share in some activities with the patients.
- A group of volunteers recently spent a Saturday stringing Christmas lights in the trees that grace our beautiful grounds in preparation for the holidays.
- In addition to having several high school and college interns last summer, we welcomed our first Christian Science Nursing Youth Service Corps Intern who is working with us for the next nine months and learning about all aspects of a Christian Science care facility and the variety of roles that support this holy work. (Meet our intern on page 10 of this newsletter!)

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- We will be initiating an awareness campaign for Christian Science Sunday School students to acquaint them with Christian Science nursing and opportunities to serve.
- We have begun to open up gradually for Rest and Study. (For more information, please email: RestandStudy@peacehavenassociation.org.)
- An organization serving the Christian Science community recently held its Board meeting at Peace Haven.
- We have three beautiful Longyear Museum exhibits on display that honor the roots of Christian Science healing in this community.

We are grateful for the volunteers who support Peace Haven and the progress that has been made. We look forward to more!

We are excited to have this opportunity to share with you today how we are fulfilling our mission and to convey the loving spirit of Peace Haven and Christian Science nursing. It's a privilege and joy to be a part of this community and partner with you in caring for one another. We are grateful for each of you!

*The reports in this newsletter
reflect what was shared at
Peace Haven's Annual Meeting on
November 12, 2022.
Thank you to all who attended
in person and online!*

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that she works with the fact that man's true substance is weightless. How uplifting! After diligently applying these ideas, the healing quickly followed."

Each patient has a lovely, unique way of contributing to the healing environment at Peace Haven. For example, one talented patient plays the piano for our hymn sings. She explains that all the hymns are her favorite, but she loves some more! Hymn number 414, which starts with "I love to tell the story," is one of them. She says, "I get goosebumps, spiritual goosebumps. I love to tell the story, but I love to *feel* the story." She says of the hymns: "Every one of them you can use in your prayers. The hymns are full of healing messages!" She beams when she is playing the hymns! Then, after every hymn sing, she goes to each patient to thank them for coming.

All of our activities are infused with the activity of the Christ. The patients enjoy daily group Christian Science Bible Lesson reading and frequent hymn sings. We have a wonderful group of patients we call our Community of Healers. They meet weekly to share inspiration on topics they are praying about. Recently, they have been reading together *Life at 400 Beacon Street* by Heather Vogel Frederick. They find it is inspiring to read about life in Mary Baker Eddy's home and to prayerfully consider how they can express some of these qualities in their own lives.

Healing is at the center of all we do. We strive for it, we expect it, and we continue to see evidence of it each day! I am very grateful for the embracing love of our Christian Science nurses. We couldn't do what we do without them. I am grateful to our larger community—to you—for your love and support of Peace Haven. Thank you.

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tian Science nurses are compensated appropriately for the work.

In February 2022, Leslie Gerber retired after more than five years of leading Peace Haven as an accomplished Executive Director. Following a national search, the Board was delighted to welcome Valerie Hickam as Peace Haven's new Executive Director in April 2022. We remain so grateful for her dedication to this work. Valerie has over two decades of experience at Peace Haven and has worn many hats in the field of Christian Science nursing. She recognizes that her main responsibility is to prepare metaphysically to be "about her Father's business." We all know that Peace Haven's future is dependent on our commitment to listening and following the Father's direction, and that's what will sustain it.



"Where God is we can meet, and where God is we can never part."

-Mary Baker Eddy

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 131

Gratitude for Leslie Gerber

The Board recognizes the substantial contributions of our dear friend and former Executive Director Leslie Gerber, who passed away this summer. Her shepherding proved essential to the demonstration of our new building and to keeping our staff focused on our mission throughout the process.

-Rob Ball, Board President

Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members
CUSHIE SWITZER AND TED BARTELSTONE

We express our heartfelt thanks to Cushie Switzer and Ted Bartelstone, who have served on Peace Haven's Board for the last nine years and will complete their respective terms in February 2023.

In addition to each serving as president, both Cushie and Ted were instrumental in the planning and construction process of our new building, which was completed in early 2021.

They have a deep love of their fellow man and Christian Science nursing, which they have consistently expressed throughout their tenure and through their metaphysical support of our Christian Science nursing activities and staff.

Cushie and Ted have reflected the Father-Mother Love qualities of joy, warmth, spiritual strength, intelligence, wisdom, steadiness, foresight, and prayerful decision-making, plus the Christian Science nursing qualities of demonstrable knowledge and practical wisdom. It is important to them to support Peace Haven's mission and our focus on healing and providing a place for Christian Scientists to rely on Christian Science for healing.

We are grateful for Cushie and Ted's dedicated, selfless Board service! Their individual and collective expressions of good continue to greatly bless this healing work.

Love Notes



"Our family has deep gratitude for the love and care my mother received during her stay at Peace Haven. I know she felt the truly healing atmosphere of Peace Haven through the gentle nursing care and pure metaphysical support that always accompanied that care. I am in awe of the tender attention and reassurance of the Christian Science nursing staff. We certainly saw Christian Science nursing at its best firsthand—the full expression of Father-Mother Love through motherly nurturing, as well as true fatherliness conveying assurance that she was safe within her true Father's mighty, protective care. She definitely felt cherished and protected during this experience." **-Family Member**

"I was praying about the Peace Haven's staff and patients and all, being planted along the river of Love, rooted and grounded in Love, drawing strength, joy, inspiration, healing from that fountain (see the definition of RIVER: 'channel of thought;' in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 593). 'Their leaves stay green and they never stop producing fruit' (Jer 17:8 New Living Translation)." **-Board Member**

"Recently when I was reading an article from the periodicals, faces and voices and love of Peace Haven nurses who have cared for [my wife] since she joined you came into my thought. Our family is so grateful this Christmas season to have the gift of Peace Haven's Christian Science nurses under our tree." **-Family Member**



"God requires our whole heart..."

Manual of The Mother Church, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 44:26

A STAFF MEMBER'S TAKEAWAYS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE TALK

Peace Haven's 2022 Annual Meeting speaker, Laurie Richardson, C.S.B., shared inspiration and examples of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law* in action.

"Christian Science Nurse. SECT. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a **demonstrable knowledge** of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the **practical wisdom** necessary in a sick room, and who can take **proper care** of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers."

**Manual of The Mother Church, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 49:7-16*

PRACTICAL WISDOM

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*Spiritual sensitivity—
becoming more and more
sensitive to the right
ideas of God will manifest
as "practical wisdom" of
the highest sort.*

DEMONSTRABLE KNOWLEDGE

1
*Man has "demonstrable
knowledge." We each need to
claim this fact for ourselves.
It will cement and carry
us forward in our practice
of Christian Science.*

PROPER CARE

3
*"Proper care" begins and ends
with daily defense, as our
Leader so lovingly reminds us:*

"It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind."

Manual of The Mother Church, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 42:4-8

THANK YOU TO OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER!