

Peace Haven

INSPIRED TO SERVE

December 2021 Annual Report



*Christian Science Nursing Today...
Communing with God. Serving Mankind.*

2021 Annual Meeting Report

LESLIE GERBER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Our 2021 metaphysical theme, "Rolling away the stone," amplifies the prayerful work and demonstrations that have taken place this past year - breaking through the beliefs of life in matter or time, and reducing to nothing any

obstructions in our path. Angel visitants were constant companions. How many times have we asked ourselves, "How did that get accomplished?" And then we would smile, fully recognizing the power of prayer and divine Love's leading hand. Much like the journey of Moses and the Israelites, the waters parted and we walked through.

We are also reminded of the disciple Peter seeing Jesus walking on the water, and stepping outside the boat to meet him. Though Peter's acceptance of the material picture started to sink him, the Comforter was there immediately supporting and nursing him, proving that substance is spiritual. The question, "wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matt 14:31) beckons each of us as we take our own steps to leave the tempest-tossed ships of today and feel the ever-present calm of the Christ, and to know we were never in a tempest-tossed ship to begin with.

Through it all, we continually asked this important question: "What laws of God are in place and what are we learning and understanding about the divine nature?" For example, "Divine Love always has met..." - the totality of this five-word law - operates to the complete exclusion

and obliteration of time, chance, space, chaotic lawless activity, division, and polarization.

So, while safely, practically, and lovingly caring for our patients - the real work for our Christian Science nurses and staff is to constantly commune with God, to learn more about these divine laws and then apply them to our daily work.

Mary Baker Eddy tells us to resolve things into thought, and the collective demonstration that is our new building is a good example of this. We have seen first-hand how all is thought - spiritual ideas that come forward manifesting themselves as expressions of divine symbols. As we were holding to the completeness of Christian Science nursing, founded within the *structure of Truth and Love*, these ideas naturally manifested themselves in a higher sense of place that came forward to meet the need perfectly.

The following are a few highlights:

- We continued to give heartfelt, loving, practical Christian Science nursing care while finalizing the last stages of the new building project, including permitting, inspections, and punch lists
- We coordinated all the training needed for the new building's systems, technology, emergency protocols, and space setup
- The Christian Science community jumped in and helped throughout the project
- We handled the beliefs of animal magnetism that tried to throw a few curveballs in our path. It only made us stronger, clearer metaphysicians, untouched

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Christian Science Nursing Report

CATHY FARRELL
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING



This has been a very special year at Peace Haven. We're treasuring the unfoldment of each moment with our most amazing team of Christian Science nurses.

Throughout the past few years, we planned and orchestrated two moves, helped design a new building, and made preparations for the smooth transition into our new home, all while working through state-mandated regulations and learning new technologies and systems, and how to navigate our new facility.

Through it all, our faithful team never wavered. Patients and staff remained untouched by anything that would distract from the divine consciousness. Days were filled with joy and love for one another. The dedicated love and support of each member of our team made this progress possible. Thank you, all!

As St. Paul writes, "In Him we live and move and have our being," and this describes the experience each of us at Peace Haven has had over the last year. The seamless event of our move from our temporary location to the welcoming embrace of our new Peace Haven facility is cause for great gratitude. How special to share this journey with family members, volunteers, and practitioners who gave of their "...heart's rich overflow..." (*Hymnal* 139:3) as each resident crossed the threshold into their new comfortable, joy-filled place.

A new guest who arrived shortly after the move shared that she felt spoiled during her brief stay at Peace Haven. She later wrote to us, "I will always treasure my time with you all. How generous is your living and giving - so unselfish, joyous, and insightful - blessing the hearts

and souls of your guests. Thank you all and God-speed in this unselfed work you are each doing!"

A patient's family member shared, "there is a wonderful thought standard with the Christian Science nurses. It is no surprise that a higher standard of place was demonstrated and unfolded."

All who come to work at, or visit, our new Peace Haven are here to receive the blessings that radiate from the love within its frame. Like the Good Samaritan, Peace Haven meets each individual where they are, supporting, nourishing, and loving them. Such continuity of care brings guaranteed blessings.

Here are a few demonstrations we have witnessed:

- One of our residents who hadn't yet demonstrated the ability to walk began taking steps again. Walking the distance of our long halls is no longer a challenge. There is a renewed sense of independence.
- Another guest was excited to show me her freedom in movement, joyously lifting her arms above her head. She rejoiced. There is extreme gratitude for the encouragement from the Christian Science nurses and our staff.
- A new guest brought her computer with her. There was the realization that focusing on it was not the best use of her time. She began being a part of the

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Board of Trustees Report

TED BARTELSTONE
PRESIDENT



Each Peace Haven Trustee is deeply grateful for our demonstration of supply, protection and care this past year. This is evident from the exceptional, dedicated service of our Christian Science nurses who - each day, all day and

night - watch and care, and promote healing, for those in their charge. It is evident from the devoted work of our administrative staff, including our Executive Director, who watch over the day-to-day operations, ensuring the constant presence of a healing environment. And, it is evident from every one of our employees who selflessly provide the services needed to make Peace Haven a haven for those in need of healing. Words alone are insufficient to express the extent of our gratitude.

We are, of course, grateful for the timely and cost-efficient completion of our new facility. Our gratitude for those who contributed to this, first prayerfully and then financially, is unbounded. We are reminded of Mary Baker Eddy's description of the original edifice of The Mother Church: "our prayer in stone." When applied to Peace Haven, with the sincere prayers of those supporting Christian Science nursing, this makes evident it is the promise of what is accomplished in our new structure that is most important, fulfilling our mission of "meeting the human need by providing Christian Science nursing care for those wholly relying on Christian Science for healing," not the

structure itself.

We are mindful that now is the time for fidelity to Mrs. Eddy's demand that we be awake and alert. She cautions us to be alert to our duty to "defend [ourselves] daily against aggressive mental suggestion . . ." (*Manual*, 42:5-7) The world, she reminds us, is constantly telling us of the things we ought to fear or be concerned about. But we have Mrs. Eddy's promise that, as "Christians," we "rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God" (*Science and Health* 15:25-26).

The work to be accomplished is right before us. Here, from a 1903 letter, Mrs. Eddy wrote to her "*Beloved Brethren*," something important for us to know about the "world," and how we ought to respond. She says:

"I have a secret to tell you and a question to ask. Do you know how much I love you and the nature of this love? No: then my sacred secret is incommunicable, and we live apart. But, yes: and this inmost something becomes articulate, and my book is not all you know of me . . . Difficulty, abnegation, constant battle against the world, the flesh, and evil, tell my long-kept secret - evidence a heart wholly in protest and unutterable in love."

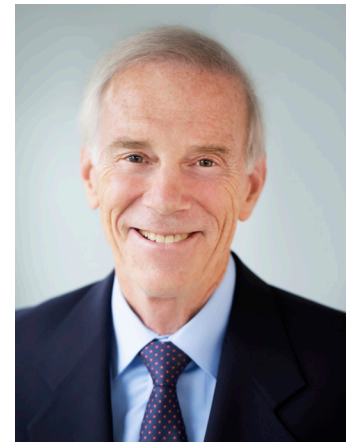
She continues with this promise:

"The unprecedented progress of Christian Science is proverbial, and we cannot be too grateful nor too humble for this, inasmuch as our daily lives serve to enhance or to stay its glory. To triumph in truth, to keep the faith individually and collectively, conflicting elements must be mastered. . . . Joy over good achievements and work well done should not be eclipsed by some lost opportunity,

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Treasurer's Report

BRUCE BUTTERFIELD
TREASURER



Mary Baker Eddy states in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* that "the chief cornerstone of all spiritual building is purity" (*Science and Health* 241: 24-27). She further declares that "Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on the spiritual foundation of Christ healing" (*Science and Health* 136:1-2).

So, it is with the cornerstone of purity (in thought and action) and the foundation of Christ healing, that Peace Haven has spent the past year moving forward, reflecting the Christ light, and experiencing the radiant glow of exact and permanent healing. It has been the focus on steadfast prayer and the Christian Science healing nursing ministry that has enabled Peace Haven to demonstrate the holy Good that has overcome the false images of financial challenges, pandemics, and human medical outlines and limitations that try to clamor for power and recognition.

When reading through the New Testament in the Bible, one is struck by the beautiful healings demonstrated by Christ Jesus and his disciples. The same is true in the Fruitage chapter of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy. In every case, the Christ presence of divine Love brought healing to all.

This healing Love is so evident in the atmosphere of Peace Haven and its practical and inspired Christian Science nursing ministry. As soon as one opens the door to this peaceful sanctuary, the "still, small voice" of Love warms the heart and shines forth in healing outreach - "Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light" (*Science and Health* 516: 12-13).

From the bright and gracious surroundings and the wonderful, practical provision of meals, comfort, cleanliness, and compassion - to the healing thoughts of all toward each other and the guests - the Christian Science nursing, hospitality, administration, and facility/maintenance staffs reflect and provide this beautiful Soul-filled atmosphere that provides remarkable and demonstrable healing results - divine Love in action.

This past year - with the financing of the new building and an operating budget of nearly \$4 million - Peace Haven moved forward gracefully with a balanced budget (for our fifth consecutive year) and no outstanding debt. This was accomplished while providing our many varied services (from skilled nursing, light assistance, and sheltered care, to Christian Science nurses training through the Christian Science Nursing Arts program, including mentoring support) - all with harmony and gentleness of thought and action.

Here are a few additional very positive highlights:

- Our new building is now fully paid for. It was completed on-time, and we moved into it eight months ago.
- We serviced guests from Canada as well as from 10 states (West: CA AZ; East: ME, VT; Midwest: MO, IL, KS, CO, OK, AL).
- Our individual donor base grew by 8%.

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Christian Science Nurses Training

BROOKE ENOCH

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING



Without a doubt, one of the greatest highlights of the training department this year was teaching our first class in our new building. From where I sat at the head of the class, to the left is a kitchen with all the amenities for addressing

nourishment. To the right are a couple of beds and a patient room chair for practicing and refining skills needed for proper care, and there is a lavatory tucked around the corner. But, enough about the physical building. What I really was looking at, what I saw, were four Christian Science nurses, engaged and pondering spiritual views of caring for our fellow man.

And the thought just hit me, "This is what we have been building!"

Peace Haven, once again, has a designated training

area that is completely contained with all we need to share Christian Science nursing with those who have been called into this ministry. The stone has been rolled away. This is a space where we can gather together to seek a deeper understanding of the Christian Science Nurse By-Law found in the *Manual of The Mother Church*.

As I looked out the windows just beyond the students, the view is of our tree-lined neighborhood and a very active street. Peace Haven seems to sit higher now than before, much like a light sitting on the hill, a beacon of solitude, a sanctuary for healing. The qualities of Peace Haven ever continue to beam outward, radiating a healing atmosphere.

Through much prayer, we have been led to a broader outreach to welcome international members of The Mother Church desiring to serve as Christian Science nurses. Over the last few months, we have interviewed several international candidates who are ready to begin their Peace Haven divine adventure. We expect them to arrive over the next several months and we look forward to embracing the individuality of each newcomer and welcoming them to our Peace Haven family.

As we move forward, our goal as always, is to stay on the path of supporting our Christian Science movement and the entire Christian Science nursing field, by providing:

- Consistency in Christian Science nurses training.
- Consistency in proper patient care.
- Consistency in the expectancy of healing that is available to all mankind.

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

"Rolling Away The Stone"- Annual Meeting Readings

VALERIE HICKAM

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



"... behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: ...

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre," **Rev 3:8 behold (to 2nd)**

"What is it that seems a stone between us and the resurrection morning? It is the belief of mind in matter. We can only come into the spiritual resurrection by quitting the old consciousness of Soul in sense.

We must lay aside material consciousness, and then we can perceive Truth,"
... **Mis 179:19-29 (to 1st ,)**

A Complete List of the Citations: Rev 3:8 behold (to 2nd :); Luke 24:1 (to 3rd ,), 2-6 (to :); S&H 45:16; Mis 179:19-29 (to 1st ,); Mis 74:13-14 (to :), 15-17, 20-21, 28; Peo 5:10-17; My 148:24-25 (to ;), 28-30; Mis 179:13-15.

New Mural Features Young Pioneers in the Christian Science Movement



Courtesy of Longyear Museum

We are grateful to have worked with Longyear Museum (Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts) to design and display a mural in our new building featuring young pioneers in Christian Science. It is a very special tribute to these young workers who became Christian Science practitioners and inspire us all. Their contributions continue to build and strengthen our movement.

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in that holy stillness and Christ presence. Has it been challenging? Sure, but then we looked at the light shining from Mary Baker Eddy's example and moved forward with assurance. She is constantly nursing us through her writings.

- We are so grateful for the metaphysical support we received, including inspiration shared by Christian Science practitioners as well as three metaphysical talks. These were presented by Kristy Christian, Mark Sappenfield, and Carol Worley

So, what's coming up? We move forward in the joy of upholding the Christian Science Nurse *Manual* By-law, awakening thought to the presence of the healing Christ and the Truth of being. We continue to focus on strengthening the organization and its healing mission, especially Christian Science nurses training and mentoring.

The experience of Moses parting the water is a great analogy for the work of a Christian Science nurse - one who walks back through those seemingly troubled waters and supports alongside those reaching out for care, fully understanding they have never left the promised land, the heaven of divine consciousness, where ...no element of earth (can) cast out angels (that) lead you safely home.

We are so grateful to all who have been together with us on this remarkable spiritual journey, including the talented design team from Longyear Museum. The day our first exhibit was installed, Cathy Farrell and I were in the back row of the Chapel during a hymn sing. We were deeply moved by the demonstrations of 12 Christian Science workers who were sent by Mrs. Eddy to establish Christian Science healing work in the Midwest. It was a powerful moment of realization that we stand on the

shoulders of these workers, our extended family whose work laid the foundation of scientific proof of the efficacy of Christian Science healing now and forever. It is the same Christ presence, impossible to diminish, the same powerful truth right where we stand and always will be - meeting every human need.

Mrs. Eddy shares, "Weary pilgrim, unloose the latchet of thy sandals; for the place wheron thou standest is sacred (*Mis* 341:15)."



Mrs. Eddy writes in *Retrospection and Introspection*, "The spiritually minded meet on the stairs which lead up to spiritual love...This just affection serves to constitute the Mind-healer a wonder-worker, - as of old, on the Pentecost Day, when the disciples were of one accord" (*Ret* 76: 14-22).

We invite you to join us as we explore our 2022 metaphysical theme, "Of one accord." **A year-long study of the *Manual of the Mother Church*** will also support this work. We wish you much love and gratitude with many Pentecost moments in the new year.

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some imperative demand not yet met" (*My* 133:22-13).

We ask you, our dear friends, to join us, not just in the celebration of our new structure, but in a re-dedication to those principles of God's love and ever-present care that support and sustain us all, in the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing. Be not fearful to tell the world of this boundless resource and *Manual*-based activity.

We cherish those times when someone from outside our community visits Peace Haven. An unannounced visit to our original facility from a state inspector comes to thought. After reviewing the facility most favorably, the inspector asked: "Can I have my mother come here for care?" The staff member lovingly asked whether his mother was a Christian Scientist, to which the response was: "No, but we can work on that." Undoubtedly, it was the mental atmosphere that made a very favorable impression on our visitor. As Hymn 144 reminds us, it is the "atmosphere of Love divine" in which we "live, and move, and breathe."

Let's all continue to live and move and breathe in that atmosphere of Love divine and, as we do, Peace Haven's future will be secure, and we will demonstrate the unfailing healing power of Truth and Love.

Thank you to the Christian Science practitioners whose inspired, monthly metaphysical support and uplifting talks bless our staff and guests.

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group Bible lesson reading sessions and availed herself of other spiritual resources. She soon found relief from a longstanding challenge. She was grateful for the Christian Science nurse helping her to turn her thought to the divine.

Although we are unable to fully support the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service due to the current global health challenge, we have found other ways to continue supporting the Christian Science community. When we receive a Visiting Christian Science Nurse call, we strive to meet the need with available resources. We have shared equipment and provided hard-to-find supplies. We have also helped families with care ideas and locating qualified Christian Science nurses or caregivers. Please continue to call with any needs or questions.

I love this phrase from the "New Birth" in *Miscellaneous Writings*, from our dear leader Mary Baker Eddy. "The spiritual sense of life and its grand pursuits is of itself a bliss, health-giving and joy-inspiring. This sense of Life illumines our pathway with the radiance of divine Love..." (*Mis* 19:30).

As Christian Science nurses, it is important to have this spiritual sense of life as we minister to those at Peace Haven. Recently, a patient shared how she felt she was being ministered to by the Christ. She said she felt the pure thought as gentle care was being provided by Christian Science nurses as they walked into the room, made the bed, or tended to personal care, she could feel the Christ presence.

If you have been touched in any way by what you have heard today, please consider joining this team of dedicated Christian Scientists. Thank you!

Thank You For Your Service

OUR HEARTS ARE FULL

We thank our dedicated Peace Haven Board members, past and present, who serve so selflessly and whose prayerful support is deeply felt. A special thank you goes to **Bruce Butterfield**, who just completed a nine-year term on our Board. We are so grateful for Bruce's dedicated service. We also express heartfelt thanks to **Ted Bartelstone** for his steadfast service as the 2021 Board President and for seeing us through the new building project. We are grateful to **Rob Ball** for serving as the 2022 Board President.



Rob Ball

As this year draws to a close, we recognize with great gratitude the **New Building "Core Ops" team: Karen Davis, Brooke Enoch, Cathy Farrell, Leslie Gerber, Valerie Hickam, and Barry Rosen.** Each of these individuals took on our building project these past few years while continuing to serve in their full-time roles at Peace Haven. Everyone's dedication to Peace Haven's healing mission is inspiring.



Congratulations!

CATHY FARRELL FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO PEACE HAVEN

Thank You, Ruth and Karen

RUTH WHEELER - COOK EXTRAORDINAIRE
Thank you, Ruth, for 38 years of delicious meals and dedicated service to Peace Haven and its guests! You will be greatly missed but we know your retirement will be sweet.



KAREN DAVIS - MANAGER OF FACILITY SERVICES
Thank you, Karen, for 40+ years of helping to keep Peace Haven running smoothly! We miss seeing you around the halls but know you are enjoying retirement.

Thank You To All Our 2021 Speakers!

Peace Haven hosted several talks this year. We are thankful for our speakers, whose inspiration continues to bless.



Kristy Christian



Mark Sappenfield



Beverly Greenley



Lisa McGaughlin



Carol Worley

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- Our sources of income included patient revenue, individual donors, foundations, bequests, grants, and investments.
- 81% of every dollar donated went directly to Christian Science nursing care efforts.

Peace Haven is a Christly community effort - servicing, supporting, and reaching everyone through all our efforts - near and far. Your support - financial, volunteer, and most importantly metaphysical - is so very much appreciated, cherished, and loved. Please continue your daily support of Peace Haven and its healing gift and services. Our common effort and reliance on the healing Truth is what maintains our focus and uplifts thought....as Hymn 293 reminds us:

"Christ, the Truth, foundation sure, On this rock we are secure;
Peace is there our life to fill, Cure is there for every ill, Rock of Ages, Truth divine, Be Thy strength forever mine."

Employment Opportunities

Hospitality (housekeeping/laundry) Team Members
Christian Science Nursing Assistants
Christian Science Nurses
Christian Science Nurse Mentors
Manager of Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service

To learn more, visit www.phcsn.org/employment

Fall Appeal \$75,000 MATCHING GIFT
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Today, you are invited to support Peace Haven's daily operations and the work of our Christian Science nurses' healing ministry.

With grateful hearts, we thank you!

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What Are We Really Giving?

BRIAN WEBSTER

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



At Peace Haven, when we invite friends to consider making a financial contribution in support of this healing ministry, our invitation stems from a recognition that each one of us gives of our "...heart's rich overflow..." (*Hymnal* 139: 3).

When you've been invited to give, have either of these thoughts ever come to you? "I don't have enough to give," or "When I have more, I'll be able to give."

The world tries to convincingly argue that we can only give from our material abundance. Jesus suggested just the opposite. When the poor widow placed her two mites in the treasury, he said, "... this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living," (Mark 12:43, 44).

The widow to whom Elisha spoke claimed she had nothing to give to keep the creditors away "...save a pot of oil," (II Kings 4). She did not realize that her abundance did not come from the oil, but came from her thought about the oil she had.

In both instances, it came down to thought. Limited thinking suggests that it is the material experience that determines our mental state. Christian Science affirms it is thought that determines our experience. When we understand this, we see more and more that the pool from which we draw our abundance is not material, but spiritual, and therefore limitless. Thus, we demonstrate that the pot we have for giving is literally bottomless, and how true it is that "...freely [we] have received, freely [we can] give," (Matt. 10:8).

Giving is not just pouring out good. It is always a two-way proposition. Jesus' counsel includes this promise: "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back," (Luke 6:38, NLT).

Giving without any thought to receiving is best of all. This spiritual state is so consciously aware of God's boundless provision that it entertains no element of need or limitation. Free of these, the giver is liberated to be the pure reflection of God, who is all-abundance. This is why giving is so fulfilling. It is the fulfilling of the law.

Gratitude For Our Community

We remain deeply grateful for the inspired prayerful work and activities of Peace Haven's staff, Board, and volunteers, and the prayerful support and generosity of friends nationwide. Each one blesses this healing ministry, strengthening this holy work while making our facility and dedicated Christian Science nursing staff available to all who seek an uplifting atmosphere for Christian Science healing.