



## Desert View News - Fall 2016

### Annual Meeting 2016

“*Christian Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” is the title of the talk to be given by our guest speaker, Dr. Laurance Doyle. A familiar name to many, Dr. Doyle is an astrophysicist and Principal Investigator at SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute, and also the founding Director of Principia College’s Institute for the Metaphysics of Physics (IMOP.)



We look forward to seeing you at Annual Meeting on Saturday,  
**November 12** at 2 pm at Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale  
10180 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale

### Our Ten-Year Plan is Underway - From General Manager - *Chris Radel*

Our Spring newsletter mentioned launching a Ten - Year Plan to identify and address the needs of our facility. I have begun looking at the inside and outside of the building, examining equipment, and walking the grounds to make a comprehensive list. Then calling vendors for estimates. As I waited for a contractor one morning, I pondered the relevancy of the words in Hymn 269, “His infinite design.” Then I had the thought that God’s ten-year plan is already in operation, followed by Mind is the architect. What was the source of that last idea? Later on, I quickly found it in *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy on p. 41, “Mind is the architect that builds its own idea, and produces all harmony that appears.” As I proceeded to make more calls, I humbly acknowledged Desert View is God’s idea, Mind is the architect, and our ten-year plan is in His hands. I am grateful for that gentle reminder!



### A Farewell to Some Good Friends



When Christian Science nurse Lori Slack joined us periodically, her husband, Tim, came too, and we were happy to see both of them. Tim would roll up his sleeves and assist with various projects around the house. As they move out of state, we wanted to take this opportunity to send out a big, Big HUG!

## New insights about Christian Science care at Desert View

### From the Board President - *Joy Mee*

Over the last almost three years, I have learned that the mental attitude of Christian Science nurses is as important as their physical skills and training. The thought of the nurses about the patient, whether in the room providing care or reflecting on the case away from the patient, is critical to supporting the healing efforts of the patient and practitioner. At Desert View we don't manage pain or accept the inevitability of decline or death. We challenge the material evidence and see the unreality of the material picture. We expect to see progress and know that the patients are capable of praying effectively.

This mental effort is not easy and is something much greater than that expected of staff providing care in a medically based setting. Patients are not drugged to quiet them when suffering. Instead the Christian Science nurses support the prayers of the practitioner and patient to know that matter is not cause or effect. This watchful care requires love, strength, and conviction.

I have visited friends and family members in nursing facilities and hospitals and have seen the difference between spiritually based healing care and medically based care, focused primarily on administering of drugs and material procedures. While this latter care was sincere and skilled in most cases, it did not require the trust in God and mental stamina required in Christian Science nursing care. I am most grateful for our dedicated nursing staff.



### From the Board Treasurer - *Don Johnson*

It is our sincere desire to keep our daily patient rate as reasonable as possible, staying consistent with what other Christian Science facilities of our size and services charge and changes in our own expenses. With patient income not covering all of the expenses of Desert View's three bed facility, we greatly appreciate and need individual contributions to aid in covering the total expenses. Two of our contributors sent us the following messages:

*"The monthly donation is a small token of my appreciation for Desert View and its contribution to Christian Science in our community. Your presence in Scottsdale is essential to Christian Scientists. Thank you!" Paula Page*

*"In appreciation for all you do at Desert View Christian Science Care, I set up a monthly automatic donation to be sure I consistently give to something that really matters to me. If more people contributed even a small amount on a monthly basis, that would be like a kid starting a savings account and watching it grow and a great way to sustain the healing work being done there. Keep up the good work!" A new monthly donor*

For how to set up a monthly contribution, or other ways of giving your tax deductible contribution, visit our website at [www.desertview.us](http://www.desertview.us). Thank you all for your spiritual as well as your financial support of our healing mission.

## Director of Christian Science Nursing - *Cindy Snowden*

Why do I always use the full title of “Christian Science nurse” every time I want to talk about myself or Christian Science nursing? It is the correct and complete term which protects misunderstanding. It protects us from misrepresentation of who we are and what we do.

Why is this so vitally important in the context of practicing our religion? A RN or Registered Nurse is one who practices in the medical field with years of training in medical procedures. Most people don't know there is a huge difference between an RN and a Christian Science nurse. To not say the whole term is a subtle, but very important omission that would deny the Christ in the nurse's healing work.

The Mother Church gave us a wonderful letter in April 2011, called “Christian Science Nurse, Scope of Services”, which begins:

“Christian Science nursing is a practical, spiritual ministry that actively supports the patient's decision to rely on Christian Science healing. It is grounded in the Bible based theology of Christian Science, which includes Christ Jesus' commandment to love one another. (see John 15:12) This ministry is carried out with prayer, wisdom, compassion and skill.”

Part of obeying Mrs. Eddy's “Alertness to Duty” in *The Manual of The Mother Church*, for me is not to deny the Christ in my work or as Infinite Life. To nurse without the Christ is not to nurse at all.

A Christian Science nurse does not go to medical nursing school or base care on medical training. We are members of The Mother Church who have excellent training in providing personal hygiene, cleansing and bandaging of wounds, and helping with mobility. This care requires education but not medical classes. We base our proper care on the understanding of how Christian Science heals and on great love. This is what you would want if you had a Christian Science family member or friend whose care needs were beyond your skill level or physical ability.

Everyone who speaks of Christian Science nursing needs to be clear, precise, and legally appropriate as we cherish this beautiful provision of Love to nurture those relying exclusively on Christian Science for healing. Then everyone who hears “Christian Science nurse” knows that we are different and not giving medical advice or care, but that our nurturing (nursing) is based on the theology of Christian Science.



*From a family member of a recent patient*

*I can't express enough how grateful we are for the support! Thank you! Thank you!! Everyone at Desert View has been awesome to work with and in helping my mom. This means so much to us and I'm just so thankful for all the good that God has unfolded for us during this time!!*



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