



## **Desert View News - Fall 2022**

### **“Floodtides of Love”**

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through floodtides of Love" p. 201 17-18.

The Annual Meeting this November will be my last as a board member at Desert View. I have been on for nine years and my term is up. During these nine years I have watched those floodtides of Love flow out from every member of the board and staff. I have watched as the board and staff worked with flexibility, prayer for guidance to express more and more of those floodtides of love for each other and for every member of the community we serve.

In recent years, when Covid seemed to keep us from accepting patients in the house, we listened and learned to adapt and move in ways that would bless everyone. We have enlarged our capacity to serve. Our Desert View Christian Science nursing team works with churches and societies addressing how they might help their church community with simple care needs. We have expanded our ability to reach out further with our services and are working to expand even further so as to reach those at a distance.

We are pouring in floodtides of Love for all in our Christian Science community — all that our thoughts rest upon. We are welcoming new board members to the Desert View family as others are completing their terms, and we are looking for additional members to our board so as to be more able to bless our large Christian Science community.

This may also sound similar to my article in the Spring newsletter, where I spoke about opening the door to let the Christ in. But there is a difference. We can open the door and let the Christ in, and then just let it be there. However, in order to erase the error, we must put what we hear from the Christ into practice, and that involves the pouring in of floodtides of Love. Mrs. Eddy says we can only demonstrate that which we can understand, so we can pour in floodtides of Love but if we don't understand what that means, it might just sit there. This has not been the case in the activity of Desert View. The floodtides of Love have been poured in and have had positive results. And it is for the positive results that I am so very grateful.

I am grateful to be a part of this organization and to have served these past nine years. My hope is to continue the participation though in different ways.

I feel blessed to be part of this organization. To learn with others to pour in floodtides of love to meet every need of our Christian Science community. This is a blessing that I cherish.

***Derek Swire CS, Vice-President***

## **Desert View Attends the 2022 AOCSN Conference**

In May, Administrator Chris Radel and I attended the 2022 AOCSN in Columbus Ohio. AOCSN is the Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing, which is a trade organization that supports all Christian Science nursing worldwide, through the management teams of organizations, like Desert View. At this conference, we could all network with our colleagues that have similar difficulties and triumphs! We have professional training for management teams and organizations to work together in finding solutions for our mutual progress. We have used Zoom to stay connected for the last three years, so this in-person meeting was helpful to us all. Each time we have a conference, we support a facility in the United States by meeting in the city of their organization. You may remember in 2017 the AOCSN came to Scottsdale, as Desert View was the host that year. They stayed in old Scottsdale and loved the area shops during their free time. This year we were able to have the first ever hybrid meeting with Zoom for those who could not attend in person. This helped more board members of the organizations attend and participate in the networking and educational experiences.

***Cindy Snowden, Director of Christian Science Nursing***

As the newest member of our Desert View Board at the time of the conference, I was happy to attend my first AOCSN Conference in Dublin, Ohio via Zoom. I had learned a lot from the presentation on “Succession Planning.” There were a wide variety of topics covered that were of interest to all.

I also attended “Breakout Sessions by Role: “Trustees, Executive Directors, DCSN, and Educators” among which were on: 1) “Goals”; 2) “Trustee’s Governance Guide”; resulting in “How to make this ‘Guide’ a better tool; 3) “Staffing Christian Science nurses”; 4) “Working to establish accretion”; and “finding new Board members through dedicated prayer”.

It has been a rewarding experience serving on our Board and I am looking forward to our future in the field of Christian Science Nursing!

***Adrienne Skoczylas, Secretary***

This was my second AOCSN meeting, my first was attending the one that Desert View sponsored in Scottsdale in 2017. What I found particularly relevant as a board member, was John Cochran’s session on “Communities of Christian Caring.” (John is a current member of the Board of Directors at Desert View, and was a former Trustee of Lynn House in Virginia). John’s talk pointed out how we all as branch church members have a role to play in the support of Christian Science nursing and what we can do when none is available. I followed up with Franklin Harris’ “Succession Planning,” which was a continuation of a February Session on the importance of preparing for changing of key Trustee and Board positions. Franklin is Director of Human Resources and Operations at Arden Wood and also does private consulting. Our Board and Staff are following up on his suggestions. The Leadership and Management Session provided an opportunity to listen to the challenges and solutions of other Boards and to learn about a Resource Guide for Boards coming soon. I enjoyed learning about the “Christian Science Nursing Youth Service Corps” and hearing from several interns about the value of the experiences they had working at Christian Science nursing facilities, and how this experience might spark an interest in a career as a Christian Science nurse. It is good to feel unity and strength in the provision of Christian Science nursing.

***Joy Mee, Board President***

## From our Treasurer

Each month at Desert View we are faced with the aggressive suggestion that we have a shrinking pool of donors, and that the volatility of the financial markets makes us susceptible to the depletion of our core assets. “Do you not hear from all mankind of the imperfect model? The world is holding it before your gaze continually.”) *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 248:19-21)

So each month we prayerfully challenge those suggestions knowing that as Christian Science nursing is an activity called out in the *Manual of the Mother Church*, this activity is fully supported by the activity of the Christ and must be embraced by all members of this church. Our true core asset is Love which being and having its source in the All-in-all, is never depleted. Our only expectation can be that the healing love poured out from Desert View to our Christian Science community will be wholly reflected to continue to sustain this right activity.

We have witnessed so many examples of this right activity being blessed over the past few years through timely grants and donations from institutions, groups, and individuals that we know this prayer and loving outreach are effective.

“... Made strong with Thy goodness that meets every need, We gather the fruit of the Sower's good seed. Dear Father and Saviour, we thank Thee ..., For confident giving and giving's reward...” (*Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 150:2 Made, 3)

Thus, we are confident in our Christian Science community going forward and are ever grateful for your continued support.

*Ann Deputy, Treasurer*

## We are Grateful to Serve

*Our family is so grateful for the visiting Christian Science nurse service from Desert View. These individuals are so positive and upbeat, full of love and compassion, and firm in their declaration of Truth, which has lifted up our family member with the sharing of the Christ and singing hymns. Everything they do is filled with Love and has provided the kind of support that we need every day. These wonderful Christian Science nurses have been a blessing to all of those around the patient, too. This service is invaluable.*

*Our sincere appreciation*



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