



## Desert View News

### Annual Meeting February 22, 2020

#### Notes from the Administrator, Chris Radel

**As preparations** for this year's meeting moved forward, we chose persistence as our theme. Our focus was our Leader's counsel that constancy of thought and action are necessary. "Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being." *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* p. 261. We trust you will see evidence of persistence in to-



Guest speaker, Janet Horton

Day is our collective demonstration; those directly involved on a day-to-day, as well as all of you, whose good will, prayer, and financial gifts support Desert View and those served. And there's a wider group we want to acknowledge: individuals everywhere are actively participating in Christian Science nursing. Those at other Christian Science nursing facilities, those in the field, active in home and visiting nursing, and all others who of their own accord just naturally express the qualities of a Christian Science nurse wherever they see a need.

As we all go forward together, persistent in purpose, we can strive to live our Leader's admonition, "Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your

minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them." *First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*. p.210.

#### President's Message, Joy Mee

**Persistence** in facing challenges for Desert View characterizes the Board's approach to prayer. These challenges are not unique to us but are faced by other Christian Science nursing facilities, also, and the Movement in general. Our persistence is driven by our commitment to Desert View's mission. We are united in prayer and our desire to support spiritual healing through applying the teachings of Christian Science in a caring environment. However, it is not a one-time event, but a continuous need. We are grateful for each challenge met whether adequate staffing, supply, or care for patients, and for the support of the Christian Science community.

This year staff visited with Christian Scientists in the Tucson area to assess their needs and reached out to Care Committees in other locations beyond the Phoenix Metro area to see how we can serve them, whether through visiting nursing or phone assistance. At this time we do not envision establishing any new physical facilities or expanding the present one given demand and resources. However, Chris and Cindy are in regular communication with other facilities around the country to see how nursing services are provided and what we might learn from them. And we are always interested in hearing your ideas about needs and ways of meeting them.

**Board Vice President, Derek Swire CS,**

**There is a much-loved quote** by Mrs. Eddy S&H p. 494, “Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.”

God doesn't work in time. He works in eternity. There is no past or future. There is always only the ever-present Now. Divine Love always meets the human need now. Those needs were provided for and met before man ever needed anything. We can see this by a careful perusal of Genesis 1 in the Bible.

At Desert View, we see this divine Love in action every day. We see the human need for protection, shelter, and proper care provided by divine Love when we welcome in a fellow Christian Scientist in need. We see proper upkeep and supplies for our work provided by divine Love expressed in Love's currency received through donations, payments from gratitude, grants, and proper investments.



Cindy, Derek, Ann & Joy

We see this need met daily due to persistent prayer in recognition that Desert View is God's creation as an expression of His meeting of the human need. If there is a challenge, staff notifies the Board, and we joyously go to work in prayer and are often rewarded by a quick response that all is well. This makes us happy.

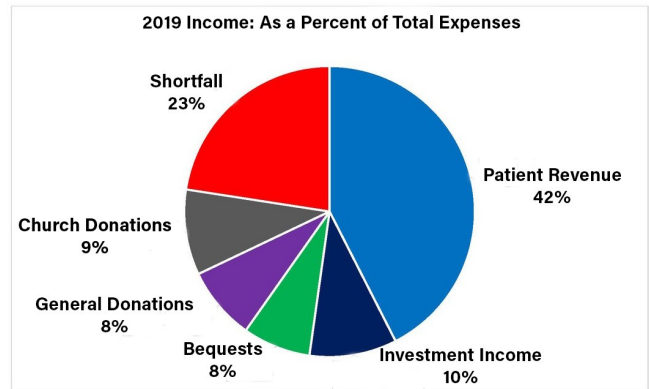
When a communication comes to Desert View from someone in our Arizona Christian Science community, we are happy to hear from you. These experiences bring us joy.

The whole Board is grateful for the opportunity to serve and see divine Love meeting the human need.

**Board Treasurer, Ann Deputy**

**Here is a high-level summary** of Desert View's 2019 expenses and income as a percentage of those expenses. The spending percentages are consistent with previous years. Expenses to

provide Christian Science nursing care are the largest category at 63%. The percentage of building expenses, 14%, was a little lower this year compared to administrative expenses of 19% because Desert View had fewer large improvement projects. The remaining expenses were in the categories of diet and housekeeping at 3%, and non- operational activities at 1%.



The pie chart shows Desert View's 2019 income as a percentage of expenses. Patient revenue, the largest source of income, was 42%. This is a 23% decline from the patient revenue percentage (of 65%) from 2018. Our shortfall of income as a percent of expenses actually matches this 23% decline in patient revenue. The Christian Science community support remained steady compared to the previous year: 25% of income came from church donations, general donations, and bequests. The remaining 10% of income was from investments. We are grateful for this result because throughout the year it seemed we were severely below our donation expectations, but persistent prayer and acknowledgment of needs being met saw those expectations reached at year end. Our 23% shortfall was slightly lower than forecasted, and we reduced our investment resources to meet our obligations.

Clearly, we need to remain vigilant in supporting Desert View in all ways so that our expenses don't regularly and significantly exceed our income as they did this year, but we will continue to realize that our needs are met. We are ever grateful for the financial and prayerful support you give to sustain Desert View's continuing operation in our community.

## Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden

**Desert View Christian Science Care**, is a daily demonstration of prayer and listening, persistence and dedication, and “Spiritual Reasoning versus Material Reasoning.” The results of prayer are not always as predicted, but are effective, bringing progress with the law of Principle and Love governing every step. It truly is divinity embracing humanity.

Here are two beautiful recent examples of the results of prayer. We have been able to meet many calls with confidence and sweet assurance that “All, all is well,” in the most challenging times and circumstances.

Healings included extreme disruption of one’s physical structure, caused by an accident which appeared to limit the ability to breathe correctly, move normally or work. Huge improvement occurred in the first week and was complete by the third week. To human eyes, it could have required surgery with months of recovery. However, when the continuity of Love and Life was persistently affirmed by the individual, everyone saw the reflection of perfect structure renewed, and health, peace, joy, and power regained.

Another beautiful healing was of extreme inability to eat and function normally. Family members were very concerned, but they were assured that we had seen many healings and that we knew their family member was included in God’s provision of Life as healthy and completely functioning properly. There was a complete healing and a return to home and work.

We have provided more outpatient services, visiting Christian Science nurse cases, and workshops that support Christian Science Church Care Committees throughout Arizona.



Desert View friends

We have workshops scheduled for Christian Science churches around the state that will allow Care Committee members to serve their fellow church members with more confidence and skill. Please contact your Care Committee if you would like your church to sponsor one for the



A full house gathered

local Christian Science community. We will adjust the workshops to fit your requests.

### Gratitude from a recent patient

*I have been thinking and thinking, and I have finally concluded that there are no words that can truly express the gratitude I feel for the atmosphere and care I received when I came for a stay at Desert View.*

*From the moment I stepped out of the car bringing me to this holy place for healing, I felt that which is expressed in the opening of hymn 144 in our Christian Science Hymnal; “In atmosphere of Love divine/We live and move and breathe.” And I was not even out of the car before God’s nursing angels were by my side with loving care and support.*

*That strong, but oh, so gentle, nurturing support continued throughout my stay along with the whole staff’s refusal to accept any reality or to be impressed with the material picture. This was especially felt by me on one night when mortal mind was just screaming for attention and to be believed. I was wrestling as did Jacob, and could feel the strength of the support I was getting from the Christian Science nursing staff throughout the night until dawn broke and the error was overcome never to return.*

*Even now, when I think of the wonderful support I received in every aspect and need during my stay at Desert View, tears of gratitude are flowing down my face.*



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