



Desert View News - Spring 2022

“From Him is streaming Infinitesimal and boundless care...”

Chris Radel, Administrator

These words are from the poem, “Standpoint,” Christian Science Sentinel March 5, 1949. I love pondering our Father-Mother God, divine Love, as the source of boundless care. It prompted me, a few years ago now, to connect with a group that was just getting off the ground, Communities of Christian Caring (CoCC.) This group grew out of the ongoing prayers and discussion in the Christian Science nursing community.

I asked some CoCC members to share a few words about the committee’s mission. Tina Bilhorn, Director, Christian Science School of Nursing, Tenacre, and John Cochran II, CS.

John: In a nutshell, our mission is to work with individuals, small groups, and/or organizations who’re wanting to meet needs and contribute to healing in their Christian Science communities. These communities are often comprised of the members of one or more branch churches.

Tina: Simple needs can be beautifully met by a fellow church member; or there may be resources available within the larger community. So, we are dedicated to helping individuals or groups work together to identify resources and develop ways to assist one another...in support of progress and healing.

John: The key to this is to help form a group, if there isn’t one already, and encourage ongoing relationships within the community. Then we help this group explore and discover resources both within and outside the area.

Desert View has had the opportunity to participate in different ways. We joined arms with a branch church and a charitable organization to explore ways to identify, and meet the needs of, an individual in our community. We have also received calls from an organization with an interest in caring for Christian Scientists, asking about resources in our area and if we could connect their callers with potential resources, which we did.

The “boundless care” of our Father-Mother is pouring forth in the diversity of groups and individuals stepping up together to say, we are here, and can answer that call for assistance.

If you are interested in finding out more about CoCC, please email **info@cscocc.org**, or check out their website at: **<https://communitiesofchristiancaring.org>**.



Message from Board President, *Joy Mee*

Jesus told us that our two greatest duties are to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. How can we work with Desert View to fulfill those demands? While we aren't all *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurses or practitioners, we can support their work in several ways. Such as, a Desert View friend, a Board member, or contributor, metaphysically and financially. We can serve on a branch church Care Committee or as an individual volunteer willing to support a church members or attendee who doesn't need the skill of a Christian Science nurse but needs help. We can offer to fix a meal, run an errand, help with dressing or chores, provide transportation to a service or appointment, or read the Bible Lesson and periodicals to a person. Desert View Christian Science nurses can guide us in the best way to provide practical care if we are willing. Willingness to be a comforter and love another in the best way possible way blesses both the giver and the receiver. There is no more rewarding work than to support another praying to be healed.

“Behold, I stand at the door...”

Board Vice President, *Derek Swire CS*



Our March Prayer Watch was based on the statement made by the Christ in Revelation, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me” Revelation 3:20.

Our Christian Science nurses and administrative staff and the Board have been listening for that knock and answering the door daily. We have been listening to the messages brought to us by the Christ and applying them to every aspect of our work. We have seen many wonderful results.

We were led in many right directions in preparation for reopening our doors to have Christian Scientists in need of full-time nursing care to come to Desert View.

We have been praying to expand our Board of Directors to have representation from all areas of Arizona, and we have happily welcomed a new Board member from Prescott. You will meet her in this newsletter. We now have representation from Phoenix, Mesa, Flagstaff, and Prescott. We would still like to expand the Board to representation in the south, west, far north and east so that we can know and meet the needs of all areas.

We have been praying to see adequate Christian Science nurses available so that we could open to have guests here in our home, and those paths are opening, and we expect to be able to do that very soon.

During the time when we were not able to have guests in our home, we developed and expanded our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, and we continue to listen for new ways to share with our Christian Science Community so that in-home care can be available for all Christian Scientists who need it.

We are grateful for our Christian Science Bible Lessons which recently reminded us to listen for that knock at the door and open it welcoming in the Christ, Truth to sup with us.

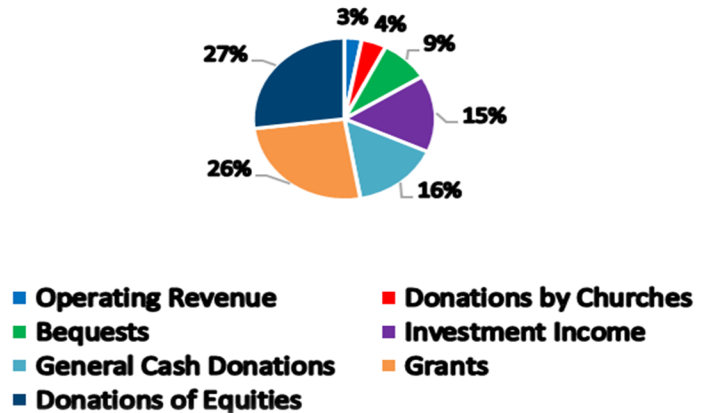
We are also very grateful for the metaphysical and financial support we receive from the Christian Science community. We recognize that the Love currency and prayerful support we have received from all of you who are reading this newsletter has been instrumental in keeping us going and on the right path. Thank you!

From the Board Treasurer, *Ann Deputy*

While we consistently acknowledge that all our needs are abundantly met by God, the fount of all, Desert View received significant financial support from a wide variety of springs in 2021 and expenses were only 77% of our total income.

We are so very grateful for the generous outreach from the community that has sustained Desert View's Christian Science nursing operations through a difficult time in which we could not accept patients in the house but allowed Christian Science nursing activity to flow out into our communities.

Sources of Income 2021



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

In *Science and Health with key the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, we are blessed to have the spiritual sense of the 23rd Psalm on page 578. We are all very familiar with the feeling of divine Love comforting us and providing the details of home, nourishment, protection, and guidance. I have this beautiful Psalm in a convenient place on my desk at Desert View where I can see it, while I go about my office work or charting my daily activities with patients. It reminds me of His angels who keep calm watch, day and night, with every detail, wonderfully cared for, and protected. It holds my thought in line with Spirit, no matter what the symptoms are, or the suggestions might be for discord. I know this, because He told us. He is the one and only Life, Truth, Mind, Soul, Principle, Spirit, and Love! This is significant for a Christian Science nurse to recognize and reaffirm moment by moment in the face of any Goliath, famine, sickness, or storm which might be raging in our midst. Join us in this peaceful knowing that His presence is a calm watch, and genuine, gentle presence for our community and the world.

Introducing our new Board Member

Please welcome new Board member, Adrienne Skoczylas. As soon as she joined the Desert View team, she got to work as the new Board Secretary. An active Christian Scientist and branch church member for many years, Adrienne currently lives in Prescott Valley and is a member of the Prescott Society. Adrienne adds, "I am looking forward to fulfilling a need to support the present and future of Christian Science nursing, recognizing the importance of maintaining a healing spiritual thought and atmosphere to all who are relying on Christian Science for healing."



Desert View Annual Meeting 2022

Saturday, November 12 - 2 pm

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale,
and online

Guest Speaker - Madelon Maupin, Bible Speaker



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Desert View is here to serve
thank you for letting us know how we are doing

“I am so grateful for the assistance I have received at Desert View over the last year.”

“At different times I have needed help as an outpatient in the facility with a bandage and was cared for lovingly. Another time, I needed help at home and the visiting Christian Science nurse cared for me very well.”

“It is sincerely a blessing to have Desert View.”



“So infinitely grateful you guys could provide us with a Christian Science nurse just at the right time. She filled the bill beautifully and was able to meet all our needs. She was able to care for my needs as well as being a great cook and cleaner and left us in great shape. Really, so so grateful she was able to come to our home, and on her free time she went above and beyond and got a walker for us to use at a thrift shop. Really, we can’t thank you all enough for providing this care. And of course, having her here eased the concern of family members and neighbors.”



“It is with such genuine gratitude, I share my families experience with Desert View, and their caring outreach. The wisdom, practicality and healing they share with the community has had a healing effect for my family. When wheelchairs or walkers were needed for temporary means, they guided us on best practices so we could care for loved ones in our home. This past year, Desert View was especially needed with the care of my mother, a lifelong Christian Scientist. She had been having some challenges and was working with a practitioner. I was called, by the practitioner at my work, when she became aware my mother, who lived alone, had not eaten in two days. We also dispatched a Desert View nurse to her home, to bring food and assist if anything else was needed. My siblings, not “Christian Scientists”, were also in contact with me, some local, and some out of state. Because of my mom’s stand for Christian Science treatment instead of medical treatment, my siblings found great comfort in the practical, wise, caring expertise the Christian Science nurse expressed. She gave us helpful insight and resources, and it was an easy decision for us all, to have this help when it was so clear we did not have the knowledge to handle the situation. My mother was so grateful of how quickly and efficiently the Christian Science nurse helped, as it did not cause pain or discomfort, as some of our efforts had done. It enabled us to keep her in her home where she wanted to be. Because we had all been through a very difficult time of hospitals, doctors, etc. for my father, the contrast of this thoughtful, practical care, so close at hand, was such a relief. I cannot say enough about the quality of effort that goes into their services, and how fortunate we are to have them available so close at hand.”