



Desert View News - Winter 2019

Highlighting Annual Meeting Feb. 23, 2019

Administrator, Chris Radel



“Nourished by God...” is our focus, and we are going to be alive to the good news of that message today. As God’s children, made in His image and likeness, each of us is nourished spiritually and continuously by our Divine Parent, and we’ll hear more on this from our Board and staff, as well as our guest speaker, Dr. Barry Huff, As-

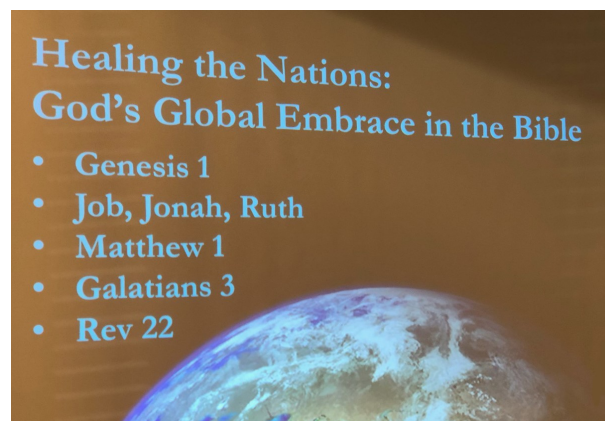
sistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Chair of the Religious Studies and Philosophy Department at Principia College.

Desert View is committed to continually improving services, and that includes asking ourselves what more can we do to be available to meet the needs of the Christian Science community. This is our on-going metaphysical focus. We acknowledge and give gratitude to all of you for your support standing with us to fulfill this purpose.

In his talk, “Nourished by God to Heal the Nations: Biblical Models of Caring with Divine Authority,” Barry walked us through the Bible, allowing Job, Paul and Peter to speak directly to us, thus enabling us to hear how they were called



and given divine authority to complete their God-impelled tasks. A summary of Barry’s talk is included as an insert to this newsletter.



The Healing Power of Collective Prayer

Board President, Joy Mee, asked attendees, Ever think that you ought to be spending more time praying for yourself instead of praying for church and its various activities and Christian Science related organizations like Desert View and other groups? That question could be especially true if you have a physical problem that needs a quick healing if you are to perform your duties at one or more events in the next day or so. I was challenged with this thought this past December when I found myself unable to walk normally because of pain in one heel. At first I was fearful that I wouldn’t be able to carry out my responsibilities at four events. I and fellow Board members had been working with a Christian Science practitioner in support of the event that could have the greatest physical challenge for me.

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The Healing Power cont.

I knew that it was a right activity that would bless many, and that the power of collective prayer was supporting all of those involved in its execution. The event practitioner shared daily inspiration the week before, which I reviewed again.



Joy Mee (left) and Ann Deputy (right rear)

I also read “A Century of Healing,” a pamphlet from Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association, from cover to cover. I cherished the expectation of healing that the six patients exhibited and the support they received from the dedicated Christian Science nurses and staff there. Their accounts, two of which are excerpts from published articles in the *Christian Science Sentinel* and *Journal*, stressed radical reliance, expectancy of healing, and progress with each challenge. I also thought of the quote from Mary Baker Eddy in *The First Church of Christ,*

Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 210:

Good thoughts are an impervious armor; clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourselves are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited.

I thought of all the good, prayerful thoughts supporting Christian Science-related events and institutions and those working in and for them. I knew that collective prayer was powerful, immediate, and effective. I rose up able to complete my activities without discomfort. Know that the work you do for church and Desert View blesses abundantly.

Board Vice President, Derek Swire CS, shared that a family of devout Christian Scientists, mother, father and young daughter, had traveled to see their son play in a high school football game. After the game, the son

left with friends. While driving home, the family passed an accident. Medical ambulance attendants were putting someone on a stretcher to load into the ambulance. The mother cried out, “Stop the car! That’s our son.” The family ran to the scene and found their son who appeared to be badly injured. In the midst of the turmoil and agitation, the young daughter said, “Don’t worry. He is all right. He is in a bubble of love.” This innocent statement of truth broke the mesmerism affecting the parents, and the healing work began. The son was soon fully recovered.

I like to recognize Desert View as the expression of a bubble of love, a force field, if you will, of love protecting everyone who enters with God’s perfect nurturing and revelation of His truth about His children. I picture, inside that bubble, our Desert View house built on a rock, enabling everyone that enters to sing along with Mrs. Eddy, “Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock, Upon Life’s shore, ‘Gainst which the winds and waves can shock, Oh, nevermore!” (Hymn 253).

Desert View is part of a family of Christian Science care facilities. The winds and waves of world thought are beating upon all of them as it did that Christian Science family. However, Mrs. Eddy assures us in our textbook that while “wicked minds will endeavor to find means by



2nd Scottsdale member, Debbie Munch with Cindy Snowden & Derek Swire CS

which to accomplish more evil...those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check” (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 96).

The crime is the world thought trying to steal our sense of abundance and replace it with the sense of lack: of Christian Science nurses, rooms for patients, funding, interest. Mrs. Eddy did not say that we would be capable of holding crime in check. She said we would hold crime in check.

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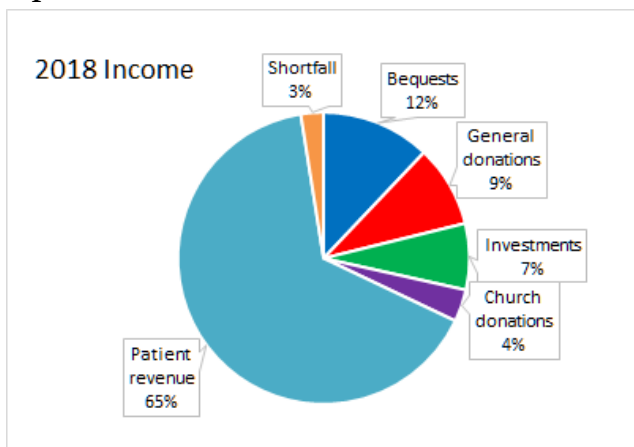
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We ask that you act as that young girl did; know and declare all Christian Science care facilities are awake to God's blessing and dwell in a bubble of love which nothing can burst.

Board Treasurer, Ann Deputy

I want to convey our gratitude for the demonstration of abundant supply from our generous Desert View friends who helped us meet our needs through an increased percentage of bequests and individual donations. We are also grateful for the consistent support of our Arizona churches and societies. You all are integral to the firm foundation on which Desert View stands.

In 2018, Desert View's income was just 3% less than its expenses. Desert View, a three bed/three patient room facility, had an average utilization rate for the year of 2.2 beds. The generous funds received allowed Desert View to complete significant building and grounds projects this year including much needed backyard perimeter lighting, replacement of the old garage door with a new insulated one, replacement of a front gate, replacement of the old cracked driveway and front walkway with pavers, and replacement of the pool fence.



This positive financial condition corresponds to the metaphysical support Desert View receives from our Christian Science practitioners, Christian Science nurses, administrator, and all of you.

Director of Christian Science Nursing, Cindy Snowden

"Nourished by God" summarizes our work at Desert View every year. We have seen phenomenal demonstrations that continue to bless us all, while the ripples expand into the community. A generous, loving community of Christian Scientists throughout Arizona support Christian Science nursing and their fellow church members through dedicated prayers, involvement in church work, and financial contributions. Individuals, hesitant to come to Desert View or uncomfortable about asking for help from fellow members, can feel divine Love letting them be willing to ask for support and feel the Christ through practical wisdom, proper care and the all-embracing demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice.

In the spirit of this Love, Desert View offered Care Committees guidelines for church committees to use when they want to help, but don't know where to start. The guidelines were sent to each Christian Science church and society in Arizona with a few essential suggestions about practical wisdom and proper care in the home, in the spirit of the *Manual*-based care given by Christian Science nurses. We hope that they will help your members feel more comfortable in joining the Care Committee and reaching out to those who are hesitant or uncomfortable asking for help.

Consider sharing your joy and expectancy of healing with a friend as a church Care Committee member. Our members need each other to tenderly, compassionately, and sincerely make a difference in each other's lives. Christian Science nurses are so grateful for church Care Committees, because our members need friends who care.

Desert View had the most active year to date, with admissions and departures, Visiting Christian Science nurse cases, and outpatient bandaging. Stepping out of our comfort zone to ask for help or reaching out to others to give help supports your spiritual growth. Please call me when you would like a Care Committee meeting workshop to support your efforts towards this good work. Whether you are one who says, "Here I am, Lord. Choose me!" or "Who am I, Lord? ... to join the Care Committee?"; we are all going about this good work with divine authority.



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