



Desert View News - Winter 2017

Annual Meeting, November 12, 2016

We gathered that day in support of Desert View, uniting in hymns of praise to our Maker. We acknowledged the promise of Christian healing still stands. We recorded the progress of the last year. We heard ideas that challenged all of us as scientific thinkers to stretch. And then we shared in the delicious treats lovingly prepared for the meeting. Gratitude and joy abounded...and still abound.



**Greeting friends,
old and new**



**Guest speaker,
Dr. Laurance Doyle**



A large group gathered



**Speaking with Dr. Doyle
afterward**



Yes, it was that good!

Standing on Holy Ground—Chris Radel, General Manager

The Golden Text (from the Bible Lesson) the week leading to Christmas, was a spot-on take away for me. In Acts, Stephen is quoting God speaking to Moses ... *the place where thou standest is holy ground.* I witnessed that many times during the week: in line at the grocery store, behind an extremely testy individual, as the clerk was so patient; driving in heavy traffic, as drivers were so thoughtful with one another; as my husband and I walked the dog each night, stopping to chat with neighbors as well as folks we did not even know. Just some pleasantries at Christmas time? **Cont.**

Holy Ground cont.

No ...Those instances spoke of the love and joy and peace, commonly associated with Christmas, but present at all times and all places. Then the following week, those words again in the Bible Lesson, taken directly from Exodus: *the place where thou standest is holy ground*. This time my thoughts focused on Desert View. Those words meant that at Desert View (and again, everywhere) as we recognize the Christ-presence, as we hold up the Christ-man; we (and everyone we encounter) are in a sacred place. God may have been speaking directly to Moses those many years ago, but He is speaking those same words to us today. We, too, need to look up, to turn aside to see...that we are standing on holy ground. What a way to end one year and start another...



From The Board President—Joy Mee

How reassuring to hear Dr. Laurance Doyle explain to us in his talk at Annual Meeting that divine Science which we utilize for healing and the discoveries of physics are becoming more compatible as the thoughts of the physical scientists evolve.

Your Board is grateful for accomplishments in 2016 including a successful accreditation visit, an increase in available Christian Science nurses, our Director of Christian Science Nursing relocating to Phoenix, our staff's continuing involvement in the Association of Organization of Christian Science Nursing (AOCSN), and the opportunity to work in tandem with another Christian Science nursing facility to train one of our nurses for her Journal listing.

We welcome Gini Gregg, our newest Board member, who served a three year term on the Board of El Dorado Vista from 2000 to 2003. She has been a long-time supporter of Christian Science nursing and active in Second Church, Scottsdale, for many years.

This May we look forward to hosting the AOCSN conference in Scottsdale and completing the first project of our 10 Yr. Capital Improvement Plan to be described in our next newsletter.

As we go forward in this New Year, we are grateful for the past lessons learned and patient healings; we live in the present with God's power and direction; and we welcome, not fear, the future for Desert View's fulfillment of its mission.



From Board Treasurer—Don Johnson

While there was much healing activity at Desert View in 2016, there were fewer patients during the last part of the year resulting in lower patient revenue. This was a major cause of a shortfall of income to expense of 21%. The shortfall, however, was lessened by an increase in individual contributions for which we are extremely grateful.

With your continuing spiritual and financial support, Desert View will provide the needed opportunity for Christian Science healing care in our area. The financial goal of Desert View continues to be income and expense balanced so shortfalls do not need to be taken from the reserve funds.

Working On The Desert View Board—Derek Swire, Board Member

I had driven down from Flagstaff to our board meeting. The drive was through fallen and still falling snow, through wind and rain, fog, and heavy traffic, until I arrived and entered our home.

Calm.

Quiet.

Peace.

I entered into the consciousness of Love.

At our meeting, in the Casita, the Board members and staff discussed each “practical” point from a basis of metaphysics, realizing that, to paraphrase Paul, our sufficiency is not in, nor of, ourselves, but our sufficiency in all things, is of God.

Afterward, I went back into the calm and peace of the main house, and it was as if I could hear an echo of the still, small voice of Christ, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Shared by a former patient...

With the aid and support of all who cared for me at Desert View, the healing has moved me beyond where I was before that episode started.

Love to all...

From the Director of Christian Science Nursing—Cindy Snowden

Desert View is not the last resort, it is the presence of the Christ. This was the message that I shared at our Annual Meeting. When we receive a call from someone who is struggling with a challenge, we are not impressed by the symptoms or the complaint. We are instead grateful that we are willing at every hour to take calls and respond in a healing way. We stand up for your divine rights as His beloved child to be whole and free! We support individuals over the phone, at their home, or as a patient in our facility. Jesus was positive that when the Father answers the call, He does not give a stone when bread is needed. The same holds true at Desert View. We answer the calls and support individuals to make their decision which will be comfortable and harmonious for them and their family, however that translates into the human experience. We can help find the solutions that meet the need. We encourage individuals to grasp the completeness of the Father’s care for each of His ideas, His children, whom He loves beyond measure. Our confidence in His provisions for each of us, helps us have the infinite resources that will provide for each need as it arises.

Can you picture yourself in the presence of the Christ? You are actually in it right where you are! However, if you ever feel that you need a little extra reassurance of His presence while you are working out a challenge, then come to Desert View with Christian Science nurses to support your demonstration. The atmosphere is a perfect place to pray and feel His abundant Love. We see you as He sees you, as His beloved child, perfect and complete! Walk out like the man at the pool of Bethesda, reassured of His presence!



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