



Desert View News - Spring 2016

Welcoming “The Commission”

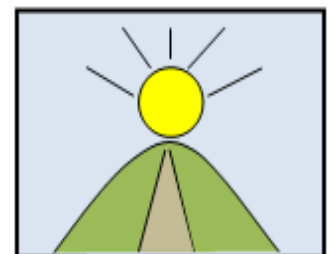
In February, representatives from The Commission for the Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities visited Desert View to conduct our accreditation inspection. This inspection takes place every three years and helps to ensure Desert View’s policies, procedures and practices are up-to-date and every bit in accord with standards set by The Commission. It’s a time for answering questions, listening to suggestions, and sitting down together to share. The staff, board, and patients are interviewed. Every nook and cranny is inspected, and procedure manuals thoroughly reviewed. The outcome - Desert View was awarded a three-year accreditation. Afterwards we received a lovely note of thanks from the inspection team saying they appreciate the “many good works in serving your community, which include helping to build a model of excellence of Christian Science nursing care given with heartfelt love. May Desert View continue to bless many folks in support of Scientific healing!”

“...Governed by a power benign”

By the time this newsletter is in the mail, Chris and Cindy will have returned from the AOCSN (The Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing) conference hosted this year by Christian Science nursing facility, Lynn House of the Potomac Valley, and held in Alexandria, VA. The theme is taken from Hymn 141, and the conference opens with a talk by Emily Byquist, C.S., “Our Christian Compact, Love the Brethren.” On the agenda is a Skype session with members of the Christian Science Board of Directors and a talk by Gary Jones, Manager Government Relations Division, Committee on Publication, among others. The conference provides the opportunity for representatives from facilities all over the US, Canada, England, and Europe to join together to “foster cooperation and mutual support.”

Launching a 10-Year Capital Plan

Seems hard to believe we have been in our new location for eight years now. Though the house underwent extensive renovation prior to our occupancy, it was built in 1974. It’s appropriate to get our arms around and start planning for the variety of systems and equipment that need to be addressed in the coming years. We will keep you informed about ways to help keep Desert View in shape, continuing to “fulfill our Father’s plan.” *Hymn 20*



Vision

From the Board President - *Joy Mee*

Our Most Important Task

In most organizations a Board chooses the top staff and oversees their work in accord with policies and legal documents. They are also expected to be visionary, thinking beyond the daily activities and foreseeing future needs and challenges. Your Desert View Board does these tasks from a spiritual basis. Our most important task is to pray for the sustainability of the organization now and in the future. Whether or not the challenge is finding nurses or supporting nursing care, directing improvements to the physical environment, or deciding on an investment strategy, we begin our work with prayer. We pray that God will reveal to us and our staff Mind's wisdom and direction.

Back in late 2012, the Board and staff at that time decided to deepen and lift their concept of benevolence. One person each month for the next 10 months took the lead in sharing his or her thoughts on benevolence. Since then we have continued the monthly metaphysical work, but let each person leading the effort pick the topic. Thus while the patients' individual practitioners work directly for them, and our rotating house practitioner works on specific challenges of the week at Desert View, the Board with Cindy and Chris pray about broader topics. The person in charge shares citations and articles on the topic, and the rest of us respond.

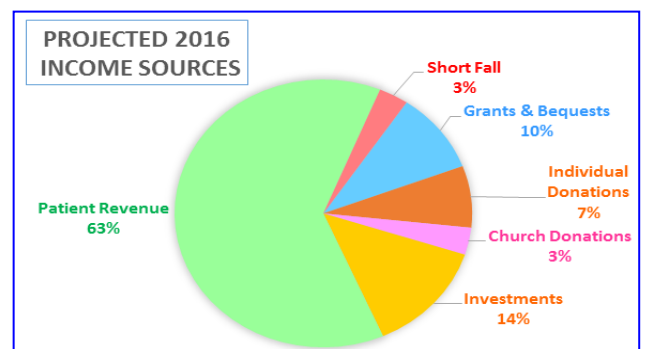
Topics addressed in the last six months include "Lift up a standard," "Spiritual strength in healing through God's care," "Food and nutrition," "Ask, receive, seek, find, knock, open," "Healing, the babe we are to cherish," and "Humble servant of the restful mind." Truly we have both blessed and received in this endeavor.



From the Board Treasurer - *Don Johnson*

The first quarter 2016 income and expenses for Desert View were in line with the budgeted amounts. Our financial goal is for the yearly income from all sources to cover the yearly expenses.

The chart to the right shows the forecasted sources of income to cover the budgeted 2016 expenses. We are most appreciative of the gracious individual and church donations which aid greatly in reducing our yearly shortfall and thus put Desert View on a firmer financial basis.



Director of Christian Science Nursing - *Cindy Snowden*

When receiving phone calls from individuals seeking support, I am often asked what questions one should ask a perspective Christian Science nurse who would be coming into their home to care for them or a loved one. I start them with these questions and direct them to our website which has a more comprehensive list. Although these are not the only questions to ask, it gets one started in the right direction.

Questions to ask a Christian Science nurse when interviewing for yourself or a loved one to be cared for at home:

Are they available immediately? How long are they willing to stay?

What are their rates? What do the rates include and exclude?

What training and experience have they had?

What references can be provided?

In addition the Christian Science nurse will ask you:

What are the care needs?

What family or friends are around to support patient care?

Do they have a Power of Attorney for health care and finances?

Every individual must take responsibility for their care by asking many questions of the potential support system to make sure that everyone understands what is expected from all parties involved. While the Christian Science nurse is independent when deciding to come to a private home to care for someone, there are certain questions that should be asked to determine a right fit for all.

Special thanks to a special friend

We are so pleased to have Barbara Schaffer come to Desert View to read and sing with patients. They feel so grateful for the joy and extra support she brings. Thank you Barbara!



Annual Meeting 2016

Saturday, November 12 at 2 pm

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Scottsdale

Guest Speaker, Dr. Laurance Doyle

Dr. Doyle has worked at the SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) since 1987 where he is a principal investigator and astrophysicist. In addition, he is now the Director of the Metaphysics of Physics Institute (MoPI) at Principia College.



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