

CSNA(UK)

Christian Science Nursing Association UK

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As the year closes, we may be thinking about this past year as one of challenges but also opportunities, where we have so needed to see the light of the Christ going before us in our activities. We do thank you, so much, dear Christian Science nurses, for all the 'extra miles' you have gone in caring for loved ones, in so many and often unprecedented ways. As we sing carols let us remember:

Star of being, still thy light
Shines before us in the night,
By those radiant beams we find
Christ, the Truth, for all mankind,
Still the tidings angels bring
With their joyful caroling,
Telling that the dawn has come,
God and man fore'er at one.

(The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 11:2)

THANK YOU AOCSN for updates on Continuing Education for Christian Science nursing and other related activities

Alistair Budd writes for our Newsletter: 'From September to November 2020, the AOCSN (Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing, based in the USA (<https://aocsn.org>)) organized a series of online meetings for Christian Science nurses. Four webinars took place, all excellent and well attended. Susan Holzerblein CS, and Eric Nelson CSB, gave inspiring talks. There was a panel discussion on Continuing Education for Christian Science nurses, in which Bonnie Castroman (Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities at The Mother Church) participated. (Christian Science nurses interested in a workshop on Continuing Education will find a schedule of upcoming workshops on the CSNN website.) The final meeting provided an opportunity for Christian Science nurses to share ideas on how they have responded to this year's challenges.

'I found it helpful to connect with fellow Christian Science nurses through these webinars, which affirmed the continuing vitality of Christian Science nursing as a ministry of our Church. I'm grateful to the Board of AOCSN for organizing these meetings and grateful to all those who contributed to them.'



SPECIAL INTERACTIVE SEMINAR – AND NOT JUST FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES!

Lime Tree House and Le Verger are presenting a one-day event on Zoom entitled 'The Spiritual Dimension of Care'. This event is being offered to all Christian Scientists who would like to know more about Christian Science nursing. Christian Science nurses are encouraged to invite fellow church members and members of Christian Science organizations to participate. The seminar will be presented on Saturday 30 January 2021 starting at 9.00. This is a daylong interactive event and will not be recorded. Registration will be required. Contact limetreehouse@btconnect.com for details

2021 IS CONFERENCE YEAR!

CSNN February event

The CSNN are hosting a free international Christian Science Nursing Conference on Thursday 25 February 2021. This virtual one-day event is open to Christian Science nurses of all levels with a current Christian Science nursing practice. 'Thine is the call and thine the care' is being gifted with no conference charges. Visit <https://csnnetwork.org> for more information. Pre-registration will be required, and will open in mid January.

CSNA(UK) October Event

Our own conference for UK and European Christian Science nurses, which we postponed from 2020, will be taking place in Manchester in October. At the AGM we asked if people would like to have a three- or five-day conference with two identical days that can be devoted to workshops. The overall consensus was to extend the time so we will be planning for five days of 'A fearless wing and firm foundation', which is our conference theme. Ideas for sessions are always welcomed.

OCTOBER 2020 AGMT

Thank you to those who joined us by Zoom for our AGM in October. The meeting went well and also the voting. We do thank Audrey for being our hard-working Zoom master for this 'first'.

Bonnie Castroman (Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities at The Mother Church), gave an inspirational talk entitled "Ever-present Love", which we hope to put up on our website.

<https://csnauk.org.uk>.



We have now welcomed Laura Huxford onto our committee and have sadly said farewell and thank you to Alison Hughes who has served us so well as committee member and trustee. The annual subscription will be £20.00 and this can now be paid easily via the website on the membership page. Do note that our website also has PayPal buttons for donations. Sally presented her report and introduced our new secretary, Elizabeth Richards, who is doing sterling work and also feels that a need has been met for her by doing so. We reported on the information pack idea originally initiated by the Aid Fund. The pack

will provide comprehensive information and contact details on resources available from Christian Science nursing facilities, funds and Christian Science Nursing support groups. It will be of value to Christian Science nurses and Christian Scientists, and will be distributed to all UK churches, as well as Christian Science nurses and practitioners. A designer/writer is helping us in the production. Both the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports will go up on the website.

LOOKING AHEAD

If you have something you would like to write for the newsletter that other Christian Science nurses might enjoy or like to know about, please tell us. Perhaps you can share a relevant testimony or how you have prayed during the pandemic regarding your Christian Science nursing ministry. You can also contribute to our Facebook group. We know you are out there working so diligently in the Christian Science Houses, for the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Services and independently in the field. Thank you. Dates and events come and go but it is the same powerful, unchanging Christ, Truth, always on hand, guarding and guiding.

So we conclude with a poem and a quote from Mary Baker Eddy as we think ahead to the New Year.

I
O blessings infinite!
O glad New Year!
Sweet sign and substance
Of God's presence here.

II
Give us not only angels' songs,
But Science vast, to which belongs,
The tongues of angels,
And the song of songs.

Mary Baker Eddy

[The above lines were written extemporaneously by Mrs. Eddy on New Year's morning {1910} The members of her household were with her at the time, and it was gratifying to them, as it will be to the field, to see in her spiritualized thought and mental vigor a symbol of the glad New Year on which we have just entered. — Editor Sentinel] (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, Mary Baker Eddy, pp. 354:15-4)

'Beloved brethren, another Christmas has come and gone. Has it enabled us to know more of the healing Christ that saves from sickness and sin? Are we still searching diligently to find where the young child lies, and are we satisfied to know that our sense of Truth is not demoralized, finitized, cribbed, or cradled, but has risen to grasp the spiritual idea unenviored by materiality?'
(My, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 122:16-22)

We wish you a very happy Christmas and all that is good in the New Year .



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