

# Watch Words

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## QUARTERLY UPDATE

### A Message from the Manager

Pierce thou the dark with Truth's undaunted ray,  
Send out its light of joy to help and save,  
That more and more shines to the perfect day.  
[Hymn 172]

## ACTIVITY

### Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12

### Travel

Traveled to San Francisco for a meeting  
with Committees Manager, Rich Evans.

The last stanza of hymn 172 reminds us what the work is all about: Sending out Truth's undaunted ray... the light of joy to help and save. There are restless tides from earthbound thought that would limit, distort or even hate Christian Science. But that shall pass while we hold to "...Truth's undaunted ray."

Taken altogether, 2016 was quite a year and I am immensely grateful. Meeting with Committees from all over the world and seeing many needs met with sincere charity and compassion has been inspiring. We've been expanding our thought in regard to the Manual duty to correct "in a Christian manner," in a way which fits our true Christianity. Also, we've been deepening our understanding of how to drain impositions of their illusory power, and grasp that the responses to them are an expression of church and not personality. Discerning and responding with tender care for others as well as the truth of Truth is one of the ways we send out that light of joy to help and save "more and more...to the perfect day."

It isn't always easy. Sometimes it has the feel of a cloud, which Mrs. Eddy spoke of as mental miasma that seemed to result from a claim of hatred against Christian Science. I'm sure there are times that each of us has felt the need to simply put away the email and pray. By the end of the day, on one occasion in particular here in the Boston office, the pallor was gone and new opportunities for clarifying Christian Science began to emerge. This abiding in Truth gave us shelter in its "deathless star"...infinite light.

We've shown and we've seen, there is enough collective love for Christian Science in this organization to blow off the darkest cloud. Our hope and our aim is to serve Love's purpose and, in turn, humanity, and "mutually to aid one another" [Mis. 98:11] in doing so.

With gratitude,

Rich Evans  
Manager, Committees on Publication

**PLEASE DUPLICATE WATCHWORDS AND SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS**

## REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

*In the December 2016 Watch Words I listed ways to assist assistant committees in supporting the Committee's office and in turn to help their community in reaching out in the following areas: materials available in libraries, interfaith activities, and introductions to local editors and legislators. Here are examples of reports that I have received:*

### **Thousand Oaks – Assistant Committee Anne Stearns Condon**

Our local interfaith association has been very active politically of late, taking a turn in a new direction. I wanted to share with you how I've handled my part as an individual and in representing the Christian Science faith.

With the proposed ban on travel from several middle eastern locations announced in January, there has been a big uproar in our community. Members of our interfaith group have organized public rallies in protest, urging everyone to participate and carry signs of opposition. I've not been comfortable with this activity. Instead, I've used the time of dissent to pray specifically for the situation. It has brought me peace and calm and I hope a measure of relief to my fellow members.

Desiring to be supportive, I prayed with verse 5 from Philippians 2 in last week's Bible Lesson. Just the right words came when I suggested to a concerned interfaith member the wisdom of removing an inflammatory sentence in a letter he was writing. He was immediately amenable to it and also to a few changes mentioned by other members. It was a completely harmonious effort.

I was grateful for the opportunity to offer this needed correction in a "Christian manner."

### **Ontario – Assistant Committee Mike Ingram**

The Chairperson of the Upland Interfaith Council surprised me with a visit to our church one recent Sunday morning. After the service, he told me in the little he had read about Mrs. Eddy, she was definitely "ahead of her time. This is the second time he has visited our church and he attended one of our lectures a couple of years ago.

I shared a statement by Mary Baker Eddy recently at a dinner sponsored by the B'Hai Faith. The dinner was held to recognize the Upland Police Department. The Chief is a kind, compassionate man and a God-loving individual. I was asked to say a few words about our Interfaith Council, also taking the time to recognize my brothers and sisters who also wear the badge. I referenced that precious reference from the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." I also shared this: "Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you." I used this as a recognition that God protects these officers so they return home after every shift.



## PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION REACHING OUT

Dear Friends,

We have heard of the flooding in Southern California recently, and our prayers are with you all! As your communities begin to stabilize from any damage done, we want active Christian Scientists in the affected areas, who need some assistance because of the effects of the storms, to know that The Principle Foundation has some disaster relief funds available.

The office number is 800-826-7756, and the website is [www.principlefoundation.org](http://www.principlefoundation.org).

## CHURCH WORKSHOPS

These workshops for our Bible-based religion are a great way to practice our communication skills, exchange ideas, and support each other in our ongoing quest to be better communicators. The workshop covers correcting impositions in regard to Christian Science in the topics of health, theology, and from matter-based science.

Have your assistant committee contact me if your branch church or society would like to host a workshop in 2017.

*Check with the church for time before attending.*

First Church, Palos Verdes Peninsula  
4010 Palos Verdes Drive N  
**Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m.**

First Church, Manhattan Beach  
1130 Manhattan Beach Blvd  
**TBD**

Twenty-eighth Church, Los Angeles  
1018 Hilgard Avenue  
**Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m.**

Second Church, Newport Beach  
3100 Pacific View Dr., Corona del Mar  
**TBD**



### ***Recently published Committee articles from around the world:***

These corrective articles were prepared with the purpose of bringing a clearer understanding of Christian Science to the public.

[Christian Science: The spirit of unselfish love empowers prayer](#)

Keith Wommack, Texas  
*Houston Chronicle*

[A Spiritual Vision for 2017](#)

Debra Chew, Tennessee  
*The Chattanooga.com*

[Jesus' life: inspired and scientific](#)

Steven Salt, Ohio  
*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

[Espiritualidade e Saúde](#) (Spirituality and Health)

Ana Carla Vicencio, Brasil  
*O Debate*

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Article XXXIII, Section 2, Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist