

Watch Words

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A Message from the Manager

In reading one of Alfred Farlow's letters recently, the Manager's office was struck by the purity of love and sheer selflessness that motivated his corrective work:

"Having been greatly benefited myself and having witnessed the moral, mental and physical uplifting of many of my neighbors, I could not conscientiously stand by and witness the abuse of this Science, for I was anxious that all others should receive the same benefits which had come into my own life. I knew of the famishing conditions of the world at large; I knew they were watching and waiting for the universal panacea which this Science affords and it seemed to me almost criminal that it should be so stated publicly as to delay its universal acceptance." (Alfred Farlow, "*A Bit of History*," Boston Times, October 1, 1903)

We can't help but feel that only by this same depth of love in ourselves — the genuine desire to see this Science bless others as it has blessed us, uninhibited and without misrepresentation — will we truly lift the public's thought of Christian Science.

Perhaps we can all prioritize some extra time today to remember why we are here — to see and express a revitalized love for our fellow man, and for one another — and to let this spirit of Love animate and permeate more thoroughly every task we undertake as fellow Christian Scientists. The light of Truth cannot be hid. We are grateful to see the fruits of Love's work in various opportunities to correct false concepts about Christian Science imposed on public thought, some recent examples of which we have shared in this newsletter.

With gratitude,

Kevin E. Ness
Manager, Committees on Publication

Office Closure

*The office will be closed in observance of
Columbus Day, Monday, October 9.*

Reconstructed Website from former Website with Blogs

After 7 years of blogging about health and Christian Science — 4 days every week — we have changed. Our consistently changing blog site has undergone construction to become a more static, informative web site and our focus will be on healing impositions — impositions on the public about Christian Science, Christian Scientists, and Mary Baker Eddy

Along with the presentation of healing these impositions, it is also our intent to share fruitage from our prayers. One might say that we will be bringing the Christian part of Christian Science to bear in correcting impositions. Like a Wednesday evening testimony meeting, there may be many or few testimonies shared — but healing continues. This is an evolving process, and your help will be a vital part of the journey and the destination. Thank you in advance for your support!

-Don Ingwerson

ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Reports Continued*

“Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life...” (SH 249:6-7) This was the inspiration — as quoted in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy - that guided our September 9th Assistant Committee Conference. When this energy is felt, we can't help but shine with Christ's light in all aspects of our lives.

Susan Spears

Contractor for Social Media & the Website

Susan shared how the lesson for the week – *Substance* – directly related to the idea that Christian Science communication efforts are incapable of discord or decay. She then shared how the Committee on Publication blog site is going to be revamped to reflect the new focus of correcting impositions specifically as they occur instead of a broad effort to write a wide variety of blogs about different spiritual and health related impositions. She then quickly shared how to set up Google alerts for anyone interested in setting them up for incorrect statements on the Christian Science movement. Lastly, she touched on social media sharing through *Facebook* and *Twitter*.

Mike Ingram

Assistant Committee Ontario

Several Christian Scientists continue to actively participate on the Upland Interfaith Council. We have a solid and respectful relationship with other faith communities including B'Hai, Muslim, Jewish, LDS, and other mainstream Christian denominations. Over the past year, a Muslim Imam attended our Thanksgiving service, and during our lecture in May, a Muslim attendee took two *Science and Healths*.

Additionally in May of this year, we gave a talk on Christian Science at the Upland Public Library as part of our ongoing monthly presentations titled, “Conversations about God.”

Randal Craft

Assistant Committee Chula Vista

I found that reaching out can lead to other contacts and the possibility of meeting local needs in my community. At first I attended a San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative gathering that resulted in my attendance at a Point Loma Nazarene University interfaith luncheon. During my visit I was asked if I'd be willing to talk sometime about Christian Science in a University class. It was a special opportunity to share my experience as a Christian Scientist.

Anne Cooling

Assistant Committee Laguna Niguel

Over a decade, the opportunities to serve the community as Assistant Committee have been diverse and inspiring. The ways I engage with the community include prayer addressing error and affirming the Science of Christ as present, relevant and active in human consciousness to heal, meeting with legislators when requested, visiting local libraries to see how Christian Science literature is on display, writing for the local paper and Committee on Publication blog, working with interfaith and ecumenical groups, speaking on panels for these groups, sharing the Comforter on, and praying about, Facebook posts and reporting at business meeting within my church to help them see the broader picture Committee works brings.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publication to correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals or circulated literature of any sort. This Committee on Publication shall be responsible for correcting or having corrected a false newspaper article which has not been replied to by other Scientists, or which has been forwarded to this Committee for the purpose of having him reply to it.

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

TALK ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE *at the Scientology Church in Hollywood - Forum on Religious Tolerance and Diversity*

I was recently invited to give a talk about Christian Science at the North American Forum on Religious Tolerance and Diversity, where representatives from Scientology, Latter Day Saints (Mormonism), and Native American Religions also spoke. What a positive experience! One question each religious representative was given was to name one aspect where their religion was different than other religions. I indicated that in Christian Science, spiritual healing stands out, as Christian Science is based on the Bible and Christ Jesus' healings. The meeting was very productive and the attendees in the filled chapel (standing room only) expressed appreciation for the information I shared about Christian Science.



Guidance for ACOMs

Those who have been appointed by the Committee to serve as Assistant Committee for his/her branch church or society are to think of themselves as practitioners healing impositions on the public concerning Christian Science, Christian Scientists, and Mary Baker Eddy. Assistants are invited to share fruitage from this work with the office.

Blog Site Feedback

Thank you to ACOMs who submitted their responses to the questionnaire that was shared at the September 9th conference. We will continue with a monthly *WatchWords!*

Church Workshop

Twenty-eight Church Los Angeles
1018 Hilgard Avenue

Saturday, October 28th at 10:30 AM

PLEASE DUPLICATE WATCHWORDS AND SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERS