

# WatchWords

*"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..." Church Manual, Article XXXIII, Section 2*



## From Southern California Committee on Publication, Anne Cooling

What a joy to touch base with Assistant Committees. If your church does not currently have an Assistant Committee, I would like to share Committee news with your clerk. Please call for an appointment at your earliest convenience.

In response to **last month's** healing opportunity to pray together to support the public imposition regarding religion in decline, my prayers led me to cherish that the Comforter could not be separated from or misrepresented to one of God's children. By taking up this prayerful support, we are cherishing the value of church in society at large and countering the serpent's suggestion that church is losing its appeal. This is only a claim, not the reality, and we meet the claim with Truth as the reality to counter the lie imposing itself on public thought. The presence of Christ is attractive, wanted, as it unveils what humanity longs for in finding true selfhood. We are meeting, lifting, healing thought, and bearing witness to Truth right in the midst of what appears as its opposite.

**Fruitage from this prayerful work:** One church has been praying about this imposition specifically for awhile. The fruitage has been the addition of six new members. Another member prayed that "every pew was filled with Love, Spirit, Truth. A picture of a giant water hole appeared in my thought like the water holes in the desert where animals and man drink. So those that attend the service are the keepers of the water hole. Our responsibility is to keep the water hole clean and the water pure. We must drag out any brush, rocks or debris that have fallen into this oasis. I was so struck by the thought that the pews were not empty and that the love, the spirit, and the peace filled them completely."

**This month**, in support of Annual Meeting and the receptivity to its news release, let's take up the good news Christian Science brings to the world: Christian Science heals and prayer effective. This month's prayer is to specifically counter world thought suggesting it doesn't heal, and that prayer equates to doing nothing. This imposition in public thought cannot try and repetitively speak from human fear or ignorance because Christ is speaking to consciousness its emancipating message which must fulfill its purpose. "Error is a coward before Truth," our Leader tell us, so our prayer denouncing error and affirming Truth's omnipresence and omnipotence is at work in world thought and heals us too.

Here are some citations to join together our prayers: Acts 10:38, SH 337:29, SH 344:11-24, Man 17:14, Mis 81:4, Mis 193:7, Mis 336:20-30, My 147:14, My 219:11-222:32.

## Church Workshops

### "Healing Impositions: Healing the Way the Public Sees our Churches"

- Saturday, July 20th, 12 - 1:30. 3rd Church, Los Angeles
- Sunday, July 21st, 12:30 - 2:00. 1st Church, San Luis Obispo
- Sunday August 25th, 12:15 - 1:45. 1st Church, Redlands
- Sunday September 8th, 12 - 1:30. 5th Church, Long Beach
- Sunday, October 6th, 2 - 3:30. 4th Church, San Diego (La Jolla)
- Sunday, October 27th, 1-2:30pm, 1st Church, Pasadena

Please contact the office if you are interested in hosting a church workshop for you and your neighboring Christian Science Churches. Workshops are for church members.

## Field Reports

### Presentation to the Teen Confirmation Class at the Upland Methodist Church by Mike and Suzy Ingram:

We were joined by representatives of the Muslim, Unity, LDS, Jewish and Baha'i Faith Communities. We had 10-15 minutes to discuss principle beliefs, how we live our faith, if we have been discriminated because of our faith, traditions we hold dear and misconceptions of our faith.

Since the time was short, Suzy gave a brief history of Mrs. Eddy and the events leading to her discovery. Mike discussed our impersonal Pastors, the church, Mrs. Eddy's "discrimination" by others in the clergy in her early days, how the same sermon is delivered in all CS churches around the world, and that we not Scientology and not a cult. We started with a 2010 TMC Youth Video which was only 90 seconds long which gave a youth oriented start to our presentation.

The confirmation class had about 12 teens and their adult mentors and two female Methodist Ministers. Several CS Monitors were offered and taken and several CS Sentinels were taken as well. Off to the side, I gave the one Methodist Minister (who I know from the Interfaith Council) a textbook for her library. She appeared appreciative. The other young Minister told me this was the most direct description of

Christian Science she has heard. They are thinking of making this an annual event.



## Intern Announcement

We engaged two Principia College students as our summer interns. Katie Cunningham is working on various projects including updating our monthly newsletter and putting together a **youth/young adult event with the Committee on Publication** on how to answer questions on Christian Science. Please contact this office if interested in hearing more about this fun event **this summer**. Michael Upton is working on updating our website, so be sure to periodically visit the website to see the new changes.

## Mark Your Calendars

### Annual Assistant Committee on Publication Meeting on Saturday, September 14th from 9am-3pm at the Holiday Inn in La Mirada.

The Annual ACOM Meeting this year is open to Assistant Committees and a guest who is a member of their church. It is also open to Christian Science practitioners and teachers in Southern California and members of the Committee on Publication Financial Support Committee. Informational letters with RSVP requests will be sent mid-summer.