

# Watch Words

Committee on Publication  
for Southern California

*"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*

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE COMMITTEE OFFICE

Beautiful ideas are unfolding at the Committee Office to share with the field. January was a month of prayer, training, reading to become acquainted with the work, moving forward with preparation of a church workshop, the daily tasks of the Committee Office and assessing next steps. February is also so blessed, and included two trips to Sacramento to meet regarding two new legislative bill proposals!

We are excited to report plans for improvements to our website, [www.csinsocal.com](http://www.csinsocal.com). The goal is to make the website a dynamic, educational tool for the public to find current and correct information about Christian Science. The website will also include specific resource information via links to a Member section and an Assistant Committee on Publication section. Articles written by Christian Scientists, providing examples from the international field on how they have been led to respond to impositions on public thought regarding Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy, will be posted weekly/bi-weekly. In order to better meet the work of the Committee office, the need to have a local Technology and Communications Assistant part time became clear. We are happy to announce our new hire for this position, Inge Hardi. Welcome Inge! We would like to thank our long-time friend of the Committee Office, Susan Spears, who assisted Don even after moving to the Mid-west. We are so grateful for her work supporting this office!

The office will also be moving its location to Aliso Viejo **effective March 18**. The new address is:

6B Liberty Ave., Suite 140

Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

(NOTE: Phone number and email address remain the same.)

Leslie, Inge and I look forward to the new digs! The new location is closer to all of our home bases and features better rent, furnishings and amenities. With this change, we have several items that are looking for a new home. These include metal black file and storage cabinets, small refrigerator, wood tables and accessories and an antique safe. (Want pictures? Just call the office and we'll email you a list). If you have need for any of these items, please contact the Committee Office. We will donate them free for the good of the Cause if your organization supports Christian Science; donations are requested for items being offered to individuals.

## CHURCH WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

If your church would like to hold a church workshop with the Committee on Publication, please contact the Committee Office. This year's workshop is titled, "Healing Impositions: Healing the Way the Public Sees our Churches."

## FOLLOW-UP ON JANUARY PRAYER WATCH

Last month's WatchWords included an invitation to join together in prayer to address the imposition of the impersonal belief of burden in an organization. Here is some feedback from the field.

**"I loved** the citations you included --short but powerful. I'll enjoy working with them in connection with this work." ... **"Thank you** for what you shared regarding addressing the belief of burden, just what I needed serving on the board of my church." ... "Your first **WatchWords spoke** right to my heart, and coincidentally, I had just finished preparing readings for our next church board meeting on the same topic—lifting up a burdened sense of church—when it arrived. Hymn 124 offers needed encouragement in this regard, and I love the closing promise: "I drop my burden at His feet,/ And bear a song away."

The belief of burden arises from the standpoint of material sense, not enough. From that basis, there will never be enough. Yet, Jesus' prayer for laborers into his plentiful harvest is still in effect today (Matt. 9:37,38). He told us to look up and see the fields already white with harvest (John 4:35). From this standpoint, it is of God's all-righteousness that we will have what we need every moment and for it to be manifested from the Principle of supply versus the lie of lack.

## COMMITTEE AND CHURCH MEMBERS JOINING TOGETHER IN PRAYER TO HEAL IMPOSITIONS

This next month, the invitation is again extended to pray together to address the impersonal imposition that there is a distrust in organization. Be alert to how this subtle suggestion creeps into the thoughts of those within the organization too. Organization is designed to counter organized error that would confront good. Organization is a protection that serves the mission it has been organized to serve. Of course, mortal mind would turn that around to have the mission serve the organization; so keeping hearts alive with God's purpose helps the organization be alive with inspired ideas and new energy, always in service to, and focused on, the Cause. Sometimes what is behind distrust of organizations is observing the hypocrisy, lack of authenticity, exclusivity and inward thinking of those within organizations. This challenges organizations to continually grow in reflecting God's love and be alert to animal magnetism. Here are some citations to support our prayers:

Man 17:1-18:2; Hymn 291; My 201:27-18; Mis 32:25-6; Mis 98:9-100:16; Mis 137:14-2;  
Mis 138: 14-30; Mis 144:29-7; Mis 145:26-3; Mis 176: 23- 20; Mis 358:14-26 np, SH 231:20-25

## ASSISTANTS' CORRECTIVE WORK

Arcadia Church Clerk, Hilary Barner, participated in a National Congregation Survey sponsored by Duke University. The surveyor commented he learned a lot about Christian Science that he did not know.

Patricia Cummings, 1st Church San Diego, reported her and others' participation with a booth on Mary Baker Eddy at the National Women's History Alliance Conference. There were many opportunities to distribute literature and S&Hs and engage in a series of conversations about Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science.

Randal Craft, Chula Vista Church, met with Representative Vargas' staff to thank them for their sponsorship of the new exemption in the EACH act.

Church member, Judy Woodson wrote an article titled, "Judge not according to the Appearance but Judge Righteous Judgement" for an interfaith column in the Desert Sun newspaper. Judy participates in this column four times a year. In recounting her story of healing, Judy shared how she prayed with a Bible passage and quoted a hymn from the Christian Science Hymnal.