



*Making Christian Science nursing available to every child, man and woman seeking healing*

Board Report for 2015

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing at the heart of a vibrant, open community embracing an expansive idea of home.

We, as a board, want you to know that Wellsprings is a vibrant, active organization dedicated to the healing practice of Christian Science nursing. Each board member has a deep love for this precious practice and is dedicated to supporting it in every way we can, and appreciate beyond words all your support. This vision statement has come to life for us this year. We have been reaching out having open discussions with area supporters, seeking clarity from our nurses of their needs, listening, learning and rethinking better ways to support and embrace this need of care.

Here are some of the highlights:

- **Community meetings:** First one was in the Tampa Bay area, and from it a need was brought forward from the nurses for storage space to store a large donation of beds and equipment they received so that all the nurses could benefit from their use. The local churches agreed to donate to the rent, one was found, and the nurses can't thank them enough for their support. Next meeting was in Jacksonville where the group there was able to connect with a nurse in Gainesville, and it created a desire to reach out to all the area churches. Another one occurred in Orlando, where nurses and local members came together and many ideas were shared.
- **Mother Church meetings:** In the Fall the President of The Mother Church, Linda Kohler, and Manager of Christian Science Nursing Activities at The Mother Church, Caroleen Scholet, held meetings with church members, and separately with nurses, on how this spiritual foundation of The Manual's provision for nursing enables us to care for and nurture one another in our branch churches, societies, and community.
- **Community Coordinator:** We are blessed to announce that Sandy Palardy, who head up all nurses training at Wellsprings, has agreed to field all calls we receive from individuals searching for care from a Christian Science nurse. We compensate her for her time, and she knows the nurses so well it is a perfect fit for all.
- **Grant for local assistance training:** One of the area churches gave us a grant to provide training to local members to assist their members in times of need. From this we have hired JL Christian Science nurse, Jackie Rhodes, to set this program up and implement it, which will be highlighted today at this Annual Meeting. Churches can sign up to have a training session in their area.

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- **Principle Foundation:** Two board members were invited to attend a meeting, put on by the Principle Foundation, to bring together all 501c3 non-profit Christian Science organizations to network and look to the future of our organizations. From it we gained great access to many different CSN facilities and to talk to them about how they have reinvented themselves after their larger facilities closed. We have also established a closer working relationship with The Principle Foundation.
- **Benevolence Fund:** Our Benevolence Fund is growing every day through your donations. This Fund helps those relying on Christian Science to get the nursing care they need without undue financial hardship. It also helps ensure that the Christian Science nurses are properly compensated for their work, and the financial burden of providing care, for those who cannot fully afford it, must not fall on the nurse. Please spread the word about its availability. Applications are found on our website: [www.wellspringsflorida.org](http://www.wellspringsflorida.org).

Please make sure we have your correct email address so we can keep you up to date through our “eblasts” on future training meetings in your area. We are very excited about the future of Christian Science nursing. The challenges that all the facilities are having have given us the opportunity to rethink and listen for the direction God wants us to go in. One of the directions we are being led to look into is providing a possible home with two rooms being made available for acute care cases, supported by a nurse. Please stay in touch with us to find out more.

We cannot thank you enough for all your wonderful support, and love. Our Christian Science nurses are our inspiration, but you are the ones who motivate us to keep striving forward. Let us all work together to preserve this special right we have to demonstrate spiritual healing.

Lovingly submitted,

Chairman of the Board