

# Noontide NEWS

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Fresh information and fruition from  
Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan



## Annual Board of Trustees Report for Year ending December 2020

The Noontide Board of Trustees is so grateful for continued progress of moments and years—as described in *The New Birth*, by Mrs. Eddy:

*The new birth is not the work of a moment. It begins with moments, and goes on with years; moments of surrender to God, of childlike trust and joyful adoption of good; moments of self-abnegation, self-consecration, heaven-born hope, and spiritual love...Time may commence, but it cannot complete, the new birth: eternity does this; for progress is the law of infinity. (Miscellaneous Writings, Mary Baker Eddy, 15)*

2020 demanded that we all surrender to our Father-Mother—surrender plans, surrender all thoughts of how things “ought to be done”—and be open to our divine Parent’s leadings. Despite the challenges, Noontide continues to progress and serve our dear Michigan Christian Scientists.

### Noontide’s accomplishments for the year included:

- 1 A successful accreditation standards review by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organization/Facilities, Inc., resulting in another three year accreditation.\*
- 2 Increasing our Noontide Board of Trustees membership.\*
- 3 Uninterrupted Christian Science nursing services during the time of the COVID-related pandemic, preserving a Christ standard of care, while following the State guidelines.\*
- 4 Finances well stewarded.\*
- 5 Our Christian Science nurse continued to mentor Christian Science nursing students, thus supporting the future of Christian Science nursing.
- 6 A commitment to increase our Christian Science nurse’s salary to represent the value of Christian Science nursing, both for our current Christian Science nurse, and subsequent hires. ♣

\*See reports on following pages

## 1 Aiming for the Standard of Right

In October 2020, Noontide VCSNS-M had their second Accreditation Standards Review since joining The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organization/Facilities, Inc. in 2014. The accreditation is noted in our listing in *The Christian Science Journal*.

The process included having the Review Team meet with our Supervising Christian Science Nurse, our President, several Trustees, and our Business Manager. The Review Team’s findings indicated our organization was in compliance with each of the standards examined.

Their recommendation was evaluated by the Independent Accreditation Audit Committee (IAAC), and The Commission Board. That Board made the final accreditation decision, giving Noontide a full three year accreditation.

The spirit of this review process could best be summarized in Mary Baker Eddy’s article, “Christian Science:”

*This age is reaching out towards the perfect Principle of things;...It will never do to be behind the times in things most essential, which proceed from the standard of right that regulates human destiny (Misc., 232). ♣*

## Healing Assignment

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8). What a beautiful promise!

As a member of the Noontide Board of Trustees, I took part in an assignment given to the Board to compile quotes from our daily spiritual study in a prayerful response for the world regarding the pandemic.

This provided a focus as I read the weekly Bible Lesson and other works by Mary Baker Eddy. Toward the month’s end I spent a couple of hours compiling all the quotations, and rereading them. One quotation stood out:

*“Christian Science translates Mind, God, to mortals. It is the infinite calculus defining the line, plane, space, and fourth dimension of Spirit. It absolutely refutes the amalgamation, transmigration, absorption, or annihilation of individuality. It shows the impossibility of transmitting human ills, or evil, from one individual to another; that all true thoughts revolve in God’s orbits: they come from God and return to Him, — and untruths belong not to His creation, therefore these are null and void” (Misc., 22).*

When I finished, my mind was filled with these truths, my heart was singing, and my whole being was filled with beauty and joy. It was quite powerful and indescribable, even enraptured. Praying for the world is a command from Mrs. Eddy, and we are all blessed when we obey it.

“Only God can bring us gladness/Only God can give us peace” (*Christian Science Hymnal*, 263). ◆

## 2 New Board Member

Hello everyone! My name is Jan McCurties and I am the newest Noontide Board member, having joined the board last December. As 2020 progressed and the particular challenges of the year continued to evolve, I began praying more deeply for ways in which to be a blessing to my community and to the larger world as well. Mary Baker Eddy writes in her book, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, “Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be molded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds” (*SH*, 1).

In the fall I received a newsletter from Noontide, in which it said they were looking for some new board members. I didn’t know any of the board members listed in the newsletter, but felt this might be an opportunity to serve. Over the previous several decades of raising a family there had been several occasions in which we had called on the services of Noontide Christian Science nurses. At that time the organization was called the Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service for Michigan. The nurses always expressed such compassion, wisdom, and professionalism.

So I sent an email to the address listed on the newsletter, indicating my interest. Shortly thereafter a board member contacted me, and we had a lovely conversation about what the board work entailed. It sounded like the right step. I filled out an application, interviewed with the Board, and was asked to join them in their work. As with any new activity, there is much to learn and understand, but it is a joy and a privilege to serve the Christian Science community in this way!

Christian Science nursing is a blessed activity which our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, made provision for in the *Manual of The Mother Church*. All of us have the opportunity to gratefully and joyfully support the wonderful expression of this provision right here in Michigan—through our prayers and financial contributions to Noontide. And of course, should the need for practical Christian Science nursing services or consultation arise in our own experience or that of a loved one, help is just a phone call away. Noontide services are available 24-hours-a-day, every day of the year. What a blessing for all of us! ◆

## 3 Laws of the Land

“Christian Scientists abide by the laws of God and the laws of the land. Following the command of the Master, they go into all the world, preaching the gospel and healing the sick” (*Miscellany*, Mary Baker Eddy, 128).

Over the past year Noontide, along with all other Michigan employers, has been required to abide by various COVID-19 regulations established by the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration (MIOSHA). These requirements include taking steps such as increasing the use of personal protection equipment, special cleaning of all equipment, etc.

This “abiding” has brought with it the special opportunity to deepen our understanding of our Father-Mother God’s ever-presence and unfailing protection for all of His beloved children.

We continue to be grateful for the many instances of divine Love’s ongoing guidance and care for our Christian Science nurses as they “go into all the world” in support of the healing ministry of Christian Science. ◆



## ④ February 2021 TREASURER'S COMMENTS

**O**ur financial situation for 2020 continues to remain solid. The actual expenditures this year were 8.5% below budget for the year. Good management and planning has its rewards. Our investment portfolio continues to grow, as the stock market remains bullish. As we continue to withdraw from our portfolio to meet current expenses, the strong market and dividend flow have kept our finances in a stable position.

In 2020 a dollar-for-dollar Donation Challenge was launched to raise an additional \$10,000. The result was that we raised \$4,700. Look for another matching challenge in the future!

For the year 2021, we will see a 30% increase in payroll costs. This is the result of the Board's decision to increase salary and benefits for our full-time Christian Science nurse position. This is considered necessary in order to bring the financials of the position in line with current market conditions.

Thus we will be able to offer a very attractive package to a new full-time Christian Science nurse, as well as enhancing the finances of our current Christian Science nurse. As we move into 2021, we are looking forward to continued growth and prosperity. We are most grateful for all your support, both financially and spiritually. ♣

## Donations

Our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service continues to need your generous donations.

Ways to donate include bequests, corporate matching gifts, or using Smile.Amazon.com when making purchases. (Smile.Amazon allows buyers to select a preferred charity and donates a percentage of the purchase to that charity.)



You can also make a direct donation through our website at <https://www.noontidecs.org/ways-to-donate> or use the enclosed donation envelope. Michigan Christian Scientists are so blessed to have a Visiting Christian Science Nurse service! *We could not provide this service without your help.*

## FRIENDS, we need your help!

We are currently updating our newsletter mailing/emailing list. Would you please mail us your current contact information using the form below and enclosed envelope? Or send us an email at [office@noontidecs.org](mailto:office@noontidecs.org). *Please cut and send to:* Noontide, P.O. Box 702072, Plymouth, MI 48170-9998.

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