

# Noontide NEWS

Spring 2022

*Fresh information and fruition from*

*Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan*



## Building on a Successful Accreditation

Following our successful accreditation review in 2020 by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., the trustees have set goals to further our growth in these standards. The first goal is to be so thoroughly familiar with The Commission's recommendations that they are the natural procedures for Noontide's operations. Another goal is to conduct more of our board work through committees.

The accreditation, governance, human resources, and MIOSHA committees have been of particular focus. A foundational governance training session in 2021 was a metaphysical talk by one of our trustees, Kate Dearborn, C.S. The talk, "Ideas on Daily Defense" was an event on Zoom, hosted by Highridge House, a Christian Science Nursing facility in New York ([www.highridgehouse.org/news-and-events/inspiration-sharing/ideas-for-daily-defense](http://www.highridgehouse.org/news-and-events/inspiration-sharing/ideas-for-daily-defense)). The Human Resource committee created or updated job descriptions for all our employees. Self-appraisal reviews, based on the Christian Science nursing qualities found in Mary Baker Eddy's writings, were initiated for all staff and our board. A job search is underway to fill the Supervising Christian Science Nurse position by July 1, 2022. Our dedicated and treasured Christian Science nurse, Jeanne Troutman, may continue on in a part-time role after her retirement. A revised Christian Science nurse application form has been written, and employment ads have been placed on our website and in several Christian Science nursing organization publications.

A Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) plan of operation has been implemented and a trustee monitors any updates and keeps the staff and board informed of any relevant changes. Our board

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## A New Board Member's First Year

This was my first year as a Noontide board member, and a good deal of focus for me was on learning about Noontide's mission and goals,— how it's structured and operates, and the roles of its various employees, particularly its Christian Science nurse. I also learned about the responsibilities and duties required as a member of the board of trustees.

I participated in monthly board meetings, kept track of Christian Science nursing schedules and activities, and enjoyed attending an all day Christian Science nursing workshop given by Tina Bilhorn of Tenacre. I joined the financial review meeting, and participated in other discussions pertinent to Noontide business. Most importantly, I supported the work of Noontide metaphysically on a regular basis.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization, and to help support its healing ministry here in Michigan.

***"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."***

*Galatians 5:14*

## Fruitage from a Family Member of a Patient

First requested a visit from a Noontide Visiting Christian Science nurse at a time when certain aspects of a family member's care went beyond my capacity. The Christian Science nurse's visit met those needs quickly, efficiently, gently, and effectively. She thoughtfully left nursing equipment with us that proved to be necessary for the ongoing care of the patient, absent the presence of a Christian Science nurse.

That first visit was arranged, despite some uncertainty on the patient's part that it was a good idea or even necessary. The reservation on the patient's part was wholly dissipated by the time of the Christian Science nurse's departure, as reflected in the patient's comment: "That visit [from a Christian Science nurse] was a good thing to do."

From conversations with the Christian Science practitioner on the case, it was clear that they respected the quality of the Noontide Christian Science nurse's work, were glad to have a Christian Science nurse involved, and valued her participation. It was also helpful for me to know that the Christian Science nurse communicated with them about things that I might not have been able to capture or convey as well. ●



## Metaphysical Committee Work Continues

Early in 2021 the Noontide board of trustees made the decision to reflect upon the individual qualities of Mary Baker Eddy's admonition that "the nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,—receptive to Truth and Love." (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, 395:18)

We took each one of these spiritual qualities individually throughout the succeeding months to reflect upon and implement in our daily lives. Quotations from the Bible and the writings of Mrs. Eddy pertinent to that month's topic were sent out weekly to the board and staff of Noontide.

At our board meetings we shared inspiration and testimonies of truths that were revealed to each of us and the stirring experiences manifested in our lives. Many instances of blessings for ourselves and others resulted from this metaphysical activity.

In 2022 we've added new topics, such as The New Birth, along with inspiration from the study of our weekly Bible Lessons. The reflection on these various subjects has helped to elevate our thoughts and motives as we individually and collectively serve the mission of Noontide's Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. ●

## Treasurer's Report

Once again the 2021 financial condition of Noontide remains very stable, in spite of the market roller coaster we have been experiencing. The trustees had an online conference with our Edward Jones financial advisor, which lasted for over an hour. This gave the trustees an opportunity to review Noontide's investment goals and ask questions about specific investments.

Our day-to-day operations stayed on budget the past year. It's nice to not have any surprises! We received some very generous gifts this last year for which we are very grateful. Our year-end matching fund appeal brought in \$5,700. Even with these additional unexpected gifts we are still mainly dependent on individual donations.

2022 should be another productive year with many blessings for our patients as well as for Noontide. As always, we are most thankful for all your support, both spiritually as well as financially. Both are necessary for the continued success of Noontide in its mission to provide Christly healing in the most practical manner, where it's needed the most. ●

## Successful Accreditation *(from page 1)*

added a cover sheet of healing citations from the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's writings to this plan, which correlates with the following statement, "Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul" (*S&H*, 269:14).

In the fall of 2021 we began contracting relief Christian Science nurses to work four consecutive days a month, so our Supervising Christian Science Nurse would not have to be on call during her days off. ●



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EMPLOYMENT

### Visiting Christian Science Nurses – Michigan Needs You!

If you'd love to serve fellow Christian Scientists in beautiful Michigan and are looking for a **full-time position**, please consider applying with us. The position is **Supervising Christian Science Nurse** and is ideal for a Christian Science nurse who is *Journal-listed*.

Please give Jeanne Troutman a call at **(517) 582-0575**.



### 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!

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Noontide is in need of a reliable vehicle for our relief Christian Science nurses to drive when on duty. If you have a used vehicle you are ready to part with, please consider donating it to Noontide. It will bless our Christian Science nursing service, and can result in a tax deduction for you.

Please contact our business office at  
**(734) 459-5850.**



#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan is to provide to patients, under the guidance of divine Love, the proper practical services necessary to support healing as demonstrated through the teachings of Christian Science.

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