

# Noontide NEWS

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



Marjorie Brown, former Noontide board member Steve Rea, and current board member, Betty Carneal at Noontide's Second Christian Science nurse By-law workshop, October 26, 2019

## Nursing the world

Our prayers to embrace and nurse the world in challenging times bless all activities. The annual activities at **Noontide Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service of Michigan** (Noontide) are centered on nursing, an ever-present quality of Love, which always meets the need. We've seen evidence of this, here in Michigan, where relief Christian Sciences nurses have been available to fill the openings in our nursing schedule.

The source of unselfishness is all-powerful, divine Love. The world's immunity from contagion rests in the same sense of Love—"Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love receives directly the divine power" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p 192). This truth is a source of protection: for Christian Science nursing and for unselfish community workers everywhere—including grocery stores, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies.

We're especially grateful for our Supervising Christian Science Nurse, Jeanne Troutman, and for the relief Christian Science nurses—including Carol Towar, Patricia Brugioni, and Amanda DeNicholas—who have stepped in as we look for an additional full-time Christian Science nurse.

Your unselfish contributions have been so helpful. Financial contributions are essential and allow Noontide to respond to those who call. Won't you take a few moments to visit the PayPal link on our website ([www.noontidecs.org/support-us](http://www.noontidecs.org/support-us)) or use the enclosed envelope to send us what you can? We're grateful stewards of each donation, regardless of size.

We hope you will unite with us in knowing, for our state, surrounding areas, the U.S., and the world, that "Good thoughts are an impervious armor; clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourselves are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited" (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, Mary Baker Eddy, p 210). ***This is nursing our world!*** ■

## The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing (NFCSN)...

...is a benevolence fund to assist Christian Science nursing patients in the U.S. They can help in situations where a Christian Science nurse is needed, as well as to pay some costs associated with nursing including supplies, equipment, travel, and related Christian Science practitioner invoices. This is intended as an aid for those seeking healing through Christian Science. The NFCSN is administered by The Principle Foundation.

We asked Bruce Jeffrey, Executive Director of the Principle Foundation, "**Why go to NFCSN for aid?**" Here's his response:

"Seeking the help of a Christian Science nurse or a Christian Science practitioner is more of a matter of prayer than of paying. Let's call for help when we need it, and then expect to find healing. And let's include making the payment as part of the demonstration. Our Leader again teaches us, 'When we are willing to help and to be helped, divine

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## A Christian Science nurse... “Who, me?”

Have you ever considered a career as a Christian Science nurse? Have you had nudges towards it while helping someone? Do you find your present job not quite fulfilling and want to watch God work? Have you or someone you know needed nursing and while in that “sickroom” felt you were all on “holy ground”? An answer of “yes” to any or all of the above could lead you on a journey rich with glorious possibilities and great spiritual growth.

Going to God first in prayer with a sincere desire to bless is always the best starting point. With an open heart and on bended knees, ask God what to do, and how to do it follows. Remember Paul’s question: “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” and God’s answer, “...it shall be told thee what thou must do” (Acts 9:6).

Prayer may lead you to take a one-day Christian Science Home Helper Workshop given by Noontide [call Jeanne at **(517) 582-0575** for more information on this]. Or make a call to any of the Christian Science nurses training schools or Christian Science facilities that offer classes (see [csncommission.org](http://csncommission.org) for a list).

Christian Science nursing is a calling, a ministry. As someone once said, “It’s not very glamorous, but oh, the rewards are so great!”

If this idea of becoming a Christian Science nurse has stirred within you for a day or for many years, ask God what to do with this desire. Then rest assured—an answer full of great blessings will follow. ■



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## Fruitage

Having been supported by a Christian Science nurse during and after our child was born, I am more grateful than ever for Christian Science nursing. Although I’m a lifelong Christian Scientist, I can see better now how I had previously taken Christian Science nursing for granted. The unselfed care and spiritually-minded thought, “founded on the rock,” that was provided by the Christian Science nurse had a distinct and profoundly healing effect. I felt that healing touch in even the most routine tasks—when she prepared a meal, made a bed or changed the baby’s diaper. Knowing how these examples helped me, I have been inspired to commit to going about my own daily work in a more spiritually-minded and loving way.

I was also inspired to dig deeper into the By-law about Christian Science nursing and Christian Science nurses in *The Manual of the Mother Church* (p 49, Article VIII, Section 31). Perhaps I felt this way because I had never needed so much the care that Christian Science nursing provides. But from that study and my experiences I now understand better just how vital this work is to the cause of Christian Science, to Christian Scientists, to all mankind! All Christian Scientists can and should be endeavoring to express those important nursing qualities that nurses, including Noontide’s nurses, express so faithfully and generously. I am deeply grateful for the work of Christian Science nursing, for Noontide, and for all Christian Science nurses.

### From the Husband of the Patient:

The practical care my wife received during childbirth stood out to me as an expression of the Immanuel-presence of the Christ. The Christian Science nurse on the case was calm, professional, and humble. It is hard to overstate our gratitude for the care that Noontide provided for us. It made all the difference as we welcomed an expanding sense of family. ■

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aid is near’ (*Miscellany*, p 166:19–20). We have the right and the ability to demonstrate healing and gratitude, including payment, in every case. This is not theoretical, but practical; not just provable but proven.

“Besides making payment, we can show our gratitude in many ways, including seeking out how to help others or to ease their burdens. We often hear of progress being made when a patient seeks out ways to help others, such as always having a grateful heart for the work of the Christian Science nurse or practitioner.”

To contact them, visit [NFCSN.org](http://NFCSN.org) or call **(800)873-2843** or email [info@nfcsn.org](mailto:info@nfcsn.org)

## An attendee's account of Noontide's second Christian Science nurse By-law workshop

There were two primary insights that solidified for me during the Christian Science nursing workshop with Tina Bilhorn of Tenacre Foundation, based on *The Christian Science Nurse By-Law (The Manual of the Mother Church, Article VIII, Sec. 31)*.

The first came when we dug into the statement on page 395:17-20 from *Science and Health*, in an effort to understand what aids in healing: The qualities that help in bringing about healing are, "cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,—receptive to Truth and Love." Conversely, the qualities not conducive to healing are, "ill-tempered, complaining or deceitful."

The second came from exploring Bible characters who expressed nurturing qualities. For example: Ruth companioning and caring for her widowed mother-in-law, and Paul encouraging his fellow shipmates while a violent storm destroyed their ship, then how each made it to land and were provided for. I was able to see that every interaction with another is an opportunity to apply these comforting healing qualities and exclude the ones that are not conducive to healing. ■



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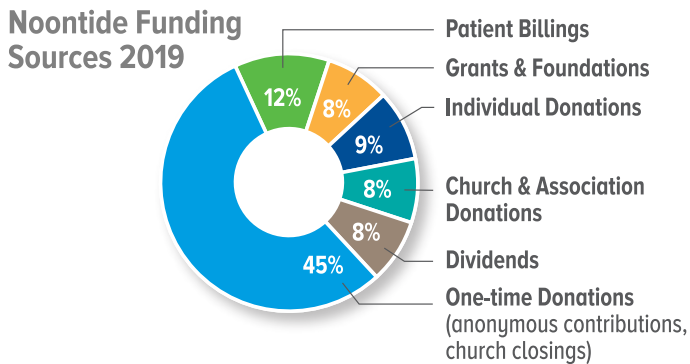
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## Treasurer's Report

Based on our 2019 Compiled Financial Statements by PSLZ LLP



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