



# *Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service* for Michigan

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## *Changes Abound*

Here are some changes to your Christian Science nursing service.

The first is that you will notice that we have changed our name from Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service for Michigan to Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for Michigan. This change was prompted because we wanted everyone to know that our service has Christian Science nurses who visit and not a visiting nurse who happens to be a Christian Scientist. We hope that this will clear up any confusion that the public might have about the service.

The second change is our 800-phone number. We will be phasing out the 800 service in the next few months. The 800 number was free for people to contact our CS nurses at a time when people had to pay for long distance. Now most people have free long distance plans with their service provider whether they are using cell and/or landline phones. Going forward please call 517-582-0575 or 248-904-6350 to contact a Christian Science nurse or 734-459-5850 to contact the business office.

## *Gifts of Gratitude*

The Christian Science nurses of Michigan, including those of our service, continue their dedicated mission of being available to care for the needs of all Christian Scientists throughout the state. When they come to our aid, they bring with them the Christ activity of the divine embracing the human. They know as our Leader says on page 62 of our textbook, "The divine Mind, which forms the bud and the blossom, will care for the human body, even as it clothes the lily;....". This Manual based activity supports the healing mission of the church and is both practical and effective.

As members of the Board for the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for Michigan, we appreciate the continued metaphysical work and financial generosity of the Christian Science community of Michigan. Thank you all for your support.

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# Church Visits

We welcome and encourage branch churches to get acquainted with the VCSNS-M. One way is through scheduling a meeting (734-459-5850) with a Christian Science nurse and Board member. In the past year, we visited churches in Battle Creek, Traverse City, and, recently, Midland. We can arrange to meet with your church, too---- before or after a business meeting, in a private home, or any other appropriate time and place. Discussion topics will center on our purpose, goals, current news, and fruitage as well as answering your questions. In addition to learning how our organization is serving the Field in Michigan, you will also be learning how you may help us in this work. Your prayerful thought will unfold just the right way for us to conveniently get together. We look forward to serving you and having an inspiring sharing time.

One of our CS nurses met with individuals in a Birmingham church member's home. Below is her fruitage from those meetings.

How amazing to know that , "He leadeth me, oh blessed thought..... " (C.S. Hymnal p.95) In these meetings, I experienced such love and the need for knowledge and understanding of the beautiful Manual By-law, Art. VIII, Sect. 31, by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, referring to Christian Science nurses. It brought joy to my heart to see faces glow when a question was asked and answered. I later realized the question had been troubling an individual for a long time. What a provision--- the opportunity of coming together to share the basics of CS nursing! The love that binds us all together was so selflessly shared with me. When I thought I was doing something for them, it turned out blessing me more than I ever could imagine. "The harvest truly is plenteous".

## *Fruitage from a Patient of the VCSNS-M*

The VCSNS-M provided immediate assistance while I was experiencing an urgent need. This enabled me to keep relying on Christian Science instead of getting it medically diagnosed and treated. I had injured an ankle during a fall and the wound needed dressing. I was extremely grateful for all the services that the VCSNS-M provided including learning how to dress the wound and providing the necessary supplies. This was done while working in conjunction with a CS Practitioner to bring about the healing. The service provided a required letter requested by my employer stating the care given. How comforting it was to get additional questions answered by phone and to experience the healing balm of their love and care which conquers fear. Gratefully submitted.

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# Good-bye and Thank-you

Over the summer three members of the CS nursing Board left after serving faithfully. Maude Sutherland Rea, CS, served since October 2012, Jan Trathen since 2008, and Joan Beringer since 2006. We thank them all for their years of service. Each of them has enriched the service with their dedication to maintaining a viable CS nursing service for all who rely on Christian Science for healing in Michigan.

In September we said good-bye to Louise Kleinsmith, who has served on the Board for nine years and has been our President since 2011. She has shepherded the service faithfully with "wisdom, economy and brotherly love." Our gratitude is boundless.

The fact is that you will not be able to find a nurse who has served our state and Christian Science Nursing Service for Michigan for so long. Louise Kleinsmith, our former President, has served for 9 years. The change was made because we wanted everyone to know that our service has a Christian Science nursing service who is not a "nurse" but a "nurse" who is a Christian Science nurse. We hope that this will be a good thing for you and the state of Michigan.

Thank you for your service to the state of Michigan and to Christian Science Nursing Service.

For more information, please contact the Michigan Christian Science Nursing Service at 248-904-0000. Our office is located at 248-904-0000. Our website is [www.cs-nursing.com](http://www.cs-nursing.com). Our email is [info@cs-nursing.com](mailto:info@cs-nursing.com). Our fax is 248-904-0000.

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The Christian Science Nursing Service of Michigan, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides nursing services to the state of Michigan. We are grateful for the support and contributions of our members and the public. We hope that this information will be helpful to you and the state of Michigan.

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