



UPWARD WING

NEWS & EVENTS UPDATE

The Overlook House Board of Trustees met in January to discuss its metaphysical focus for 2017. As we came together in thought, we naturally expressed our love and gratitude for Christian Science nursing and the Upward Wing Christian Science nurses. The question arose as to how we can more fully cherish the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing; how we can love and support each other in this sacred activity. As our Master tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matt 6:21)

In May, Overlook House Treasurer Julianne Wright, Upward Wing Director of Christian Science Nursing Kimberly Thorndike, and Business Manager Vanessa Staskus traveled together to Scottsdale, Arizona to join with fellow organizations from the United States, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom at the 2017 AOCNS (Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing) Conference entitled **“A Day of Fresh Promise Breaks Over the Land”** (*Christian Science Hymnal*, 236).

As the umbrella organization for Christian Science nursing services and facilities, the AOCNS has made it its purpose in part to “support Christian Science nursing organizations in their dialogue, cooperation, and collaboration with each other” fostering professional development and communication with other organizations such as The Mother Church and the accrediting entity. (We are pleased to share that Kimberly just completed a three-year term on the AOCNS Executive Committee where she served as Secretary and Treasurer representing Upward Wing and its active membership in the AOCNS.)

The four-day conference focused on the theme of ‘fresh promise’. In her keynote address, **Elizabeth Trevithick, C.S.**, explored how **“God’s Promises are Kept”** as we remain faithful to our true understanding of God as illuminated by Mary Baker Eddy’s revelation. Throughout the conference, metaphysical talks were given to refresh our commitment to the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing. Trustees, Executive Directors and Directors of Christian Science Nursing shared the issues facing their organizations, and addressed these challenges by focusing together on Mrs. Eddy’s many directives for spiritual solutions.

During the conference, these “stewards of the manifold grace of God” (I Peter, 4:10) took part in a workshop developed and presented by **Christine Hein**, Director of Christian Science Nursing at Tenacre Foundation entitled **“Our Healing Ministry: A Sacred Trust,”** which spoke directly to our Board’s desire to gain a deeper understanding of the meaning of cherishing Love’s precious gift of Christian Science nursing. We are so pleased to be able to offer this workshop, the purpose of which is “to magnify and celebrate our sacred calling (both individually and collectively) and to more fully realize the vastness of this calling,” to you, our Field. We invite you to take part this November 4th when Christine will graciously present this workshop at our 2017 Annual Meeting.

In preparation for the workshop, please join us in a 3-part study initiative beginning this month with **Part 1: Cherish**. We will mail **Part 2: Foster** in August and **Part 3: Protect** will follow in September. In October, you will receive a message from Christine with more information about preparing for her workshop. Please watch your mailbox! We look forward to hearing your fruitage and insights.

The mission of *Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science Nursing* is **service** - to compassionately encourage and nurture those relying solely on Christian Science for healing, to provide excellence in skilled Christian Science nursing care, and to bear witness to the Christ in action, meeting the human need.



Part 1: Cherish



CHERISH

1. To treat with tenderness and affection; to give warmth, ease or comfort to.
We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children. (1 Th 2)
2. To hold as dear; to embrace with affection; to foster, and encourage.
3. To treat in a manner to encourage growth, by protection, aid, attendance, or supplying nourishment

(Webster’s 1828 Dictionary)

Synonyms: defend, nurse, nurture, value

Antonyms: disparage, ignore, neglect, forsake

(Roget’s 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition)

As you prepare for Annual Meeting, please consider the following by Mary Baker Eddy:

In different ages the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity’s needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing. This is the babe we are to cherish. This is the babe that twines its loving arms about the neck of omnipotence, and calls forth infinite care from His loving heart. (Mis 370:12)

Christian Science Nurse. Sect. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick. (Man 49:7)

What do you hold dear about Christian Science nursing and the many organizations, including Overlook House and Upward Wing, who provide care and support for those seeking spiritual healing? Please share your inspirations with us by visiting www.upwardwing.org/sharingcorner and www.upwardwing.org/survey. We will explore these ideas more fully at our Annual Meeting and Workshop on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

The mission of *Overlook House* is **support** - to provide metaphysical, financial, and physical resources necessary for Upward Wing Christian Science Nurses to provide home-based Christian Science nursing care at no charge to patients.