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# UPWARD WING

## NEWS & EVENTS UPDATE

### Part 3: Protect

This summer we introduced a progressive-study initiative preparing for our **Annual Meeting on November 4th**. So far we have invited you to consider how all of us can truly cherish and foster the Christian Science nursing ministry and our Upward Wing Visiting Christian Science nursing service. Working with these ideas has brought to light Love's gentle presence within our organization as we considered how to better **cherish** Christian Science nursing. We have become more aware of our duty to be faithful to Truth's laws as we considered how we can better **foster** this precious care. Now we will continue with Part 3 and consider how we can better **protect** Christian Science nursing and Christian healing.

An Overlook House board member once shared, "One way Overlook House protects the babe is through its conscientious and consecrated prayerful support. Christian healing needs to be at the forefront of all our thoughts."

As Christian Scientists, we learn that when we pray, we abide by God's healing laws – gaining understanding and purifying our thought – which in turn protect the sacred gift with which we have been entrusted. This protection is God's power proving itself to the world. Turning to prayer as a first line of defense, following the *Manual* bylaw, Alertness to Duty (Man. 42:4), is the most effective means to ensuring individual and collective safety. To this end, Overlook House engages a Christian Science Practitioner on a quarterly retainer to help the Board address directorial decisions and the Upward Wing Christian Science nurses to handle service challenges. The work of the practitioner supports the Christly activity of Christian Science nursing as we pray for the inspirational insight to make a lasting difference in our world today – working reciprocally to be nurturers, peacemakers, and healers.

In the Bible, David chose "five smooth stones" (I Sam 17:40) out of the clear, flowing brook as his weapons against Goliath, or error. This act demonstrates he was receptive to Truth and free of all materiality. He was able to confidently say to the Philistine, "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." (I Sam 17:46) He knew his protection lay in drawing near to God and in the work he was doing in God's name.

Expressions of protection as David proved are continually evidenced in our organization's practice. Upward Wing and Overlook House strongly believe in upholding the standards of Christian Science nursing and have established protections for both patient and organization. One form is in our support of **Advance Directives**, which are written instructions, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, to guide care when an individual is unable to communicate his or her desires.

Another protection for both the patient and the service is receiving **Accreditation** from The Commission for the Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., which "encourages Christian Science nursing organizations to identify and implement policies and procedures for improving the Christian Science nursing they provide." The accrediting agency's standards are intended to "uphold expectation of Christian Science healing, loving and appropriate Christian Science nursing care, accommodation of individuals, and respect for individual dignity."



#### PROTECT

To cover or shield from danger or injury; to defend; to guard; to preserve in safety  
(*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*)

Synonyms: shelter, guard, defend, secure, shield

Antonyms: assail, assault

(*Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition*)

Please continue with us in preparing for our Annual Meeting on November 4th. Christine Hein's Workshop entitled "**Our Healing Ministry: A Sacred Trust**" will address how we can magnify and celebrate our sacred calling (individual and collective) and how we can more fully realize the vastness of this calling. In our final newsletter mailed next month she will include the workshop theme, purpose, and pre-assignment.

*"We should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is revealed; and the cornerstone of all spiritual building is purity. The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its demonstration."* (S&H 241:24-30)

#### How can we protect Christian Science nursing and Christian healing?

Please share your inspirations from your study with us at [www.upwardwing.org/sharingcorner](http://www.upwardwing.org/sharingcorner) or anonymously at [www.upwardwing.org/survey](http://www.upwardwing.org/survey).

For more information about the importance of Advance Directives visit: [www.upwardwing.org/FAQmeetingplace](http://www.upwardwing.org/FAQmeetingplace).

#### Consider these hymns from our Christian Science Hymnal:

*Christian Science Hymnal*, 10

*Christian Science Hymnal*, 216

#### For further study, from Mrs. Eddy's writings:

*Manual of The Mother Church* 42:4-8 (Alertness to Duty)

*Miscellany* 41:16-18

*Pulpit and Press* 2:16 – 4:17

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.

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 in Ohio and surrounding areas at no charge to patients.