



## Annual Meeting Press Release

Each year provides a fresh opportunity to think and pray together about how best to fulfill the spirit conveyed in the following sentence in our Committee on Publication bylaw, Article XXXIII, Section 2 of the *Church Manual*: “It shall also be the duty of the Committee on Publication to have published each year in a leading Boston newspaper the letter sent to the Pastor Emeritus by the Church members in annual meeting assembled.” (98:16)

Because the Committee’s mission is to *heal* — to lift from public thought — the prejudices, misconceptions, injustices, and resistance to Christian Science, our Leader, and our members, with which the carnal mind would try to obscure the beauty and power of the Comforter, the annual meeting news is intended to be fundamentally corrective in nature, with a genuine motive to bless humanity.



“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” (Proverbs 25:25) Healing impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, and sharing the “good news” that Church stands for, is a collective demonstration. It invites all of us to bear witness to the power of Truth and Love. This is the purpose behind the Committee on Publication duty relating to Annual Meeting. It isn’t to publicize Annual Meeting or our

church, but to attest together, honestly, humbly, and joyfully, the nearness and power of divine Love here, now, and for all of humanity.

Committees and Assistant Committees around the world have focused their prayers on the spiritual purpose of Annual Meeting news, and have been listening in prayer for opportunities to submit it for possible publication in local news media.

Annual Meeting news is posted on [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com): [At annual meeting, Christian Scientists consider what meaningful worship means in a time of crisis](#) and has been published so far in the *Boston Sun* as well as other news outlets in the U.S., Latin America, and Europe (in English, Spanish and Portuguese). A local online newspaper has received over 2000 views on the press release post. You can see for yourself at [www.alisolagunanews.com](http://www.alisolagunanews.com) (see “Religions” under the menu bar, “Category”)

**ACOM Diana Colarossi shares how she prayed after sending the Annual Meeting press release** to her local papers: “During this time, I decided to take up a more devoted daily study for a deeper understanding of what constitutes true man and true communication. I found that the illumination by Christ, Truth is the healer in Christian Science. In reality Christian Science reveals man rather than heals man. Each day, I endeavor to perceive that the editors exist only as a divine reflection of God. Each editor possesses the compassion, perfection, courtesy, and constancy of Divine Love. I see from the standpoint of Divine Mind that communication is based on the all-knowing Mind and that it would bring about the maximum of good for the community of God’s universe. I keep these truths in thought that the editor’s receptivity to CS is complete.”

### Committee Office Transition to Remote Locations

Since Mid-March the work of the Committee on Publication has been performed through remote locations for both Anne and Inge. We have found that this works very well and to our liking. Although we were happy in our previous location, the arrangement to work from our home offices will become permanent as of June 30, 2020. We are also grateful that this transition will have a positive impact on the office budget, specifically allowing us to reduce the ongoing use of investment dividend funds to meet Committee operating needs.

Here are some important aspects of this change for your information:

- Our mailing address is **PO Box 2217, Laguna Hills, CA 92654**
- Our telephone number remains the same: (949) 494-5071
- Information related to Zelle and Bill.com payments will not change (we are not changing our bank account information)
- The Committee email will continue to be [californias@compub.org](mailto:californias@compub.org)

The USPS will forward all mail to our new PO Box for 6 months, so please be sure your church records to be updated as soon as possible. Also, please be sure the envelope address reads **“Committee on Publication.”**

### Committee Website Updates

After a year of transition time, we have discontinued hosting our old website domain address. Therefore, [www.csinsocal](http://www.csinsocal) will no longer be active to point users to our current website. Our website is [www.christiansciencesocal.org](http://www.christiansciencesocal.org).

As always, we encourage you to check out our website and enroll as members for information about the Committee work and to remain up to date on how we are correcting impositions on public thought regarding Christian Science. The resources available are helpful for your own corrective prayer and opportunities.

**NEW WEBSITE PUBLIC RESOURCE ARTICLE!**  
[Click here to read the article “Do Christian Scientists take Communion?”](#)

In addition, the more the website is used, it increases our placement on the internet when someone searches for information about Christian Science.

### Message from Committee on Publication Southern California, Anne Cooling

In addition to our move this month, the Committee office was invited to a **local Zoom interfaith event** as one of the speakers; each invited to share a two minute prayer and quote from our own tradition. The event was prompted as a healing response to the race conflict and its effect on the community. The following was shared:

“I have enjoyed learning from interfaith conversations that all of us recognize in some way that we are all made in the image of the divine as our true selfhood. So, if we are going to really figure out how to embrace that higher true selfhood that St. Paul tells us in the New Testament to put on, we need to start with God. God has painstakingly shared in all our Scriptures the great love and relationship the divine is and has with us. From this healing standpoint, I have been praying for the world, and I offer the following helpful inspiration from the Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. SH 225:14-28 and SH 226:14-17 was shared with the following comment: Mary Baker Eddy certainly recognized that God’s Love lived would be needed to heal hearts to truly change things.”

### **Impositions on the public re: Christian Science in relation to the pandemic**

At this year’s Annual Meeting, Kevin Ness, the Manager of Committees on Publication, shared how Committees worldwide are watching how laws may evolve in the coming year relating to the coronavirus issues. He invited everyone’s continuing prayer in seeing clearly that God’s government is what truly governs, is the law in operation, and is always benign.

There are many opinions throughout the world regarding how best to address the public health situation and all of them, except one, are based on the fearful premise of a mortal life and matter conditions and solutions. Christian Science offers the only healing solution to this issue but is often associated in public thought as part of the problem.

Although the temptation knocks on our door to get caught up in the world’s rhetoric, to be clear about our role as Christian Scientists — in a world that God is transforming — is needed now more than ever. I have been praying to not prophesy erroneously about the future that hasn’t happened yet in this human scene, but stay in the now of the healing power and solution of God. Our Leader has told us to stop the contagion and wait on God. Our most effective response to a world that is waiting on or fearing a possible future vaccination and living with the belief of contagion as a reality is to heal the thought behind it and not rest in the camps of mortal mind and its fears and material premises. Our clarity on this can help the world gain clearer views about Christian Science. I invite you to join me in prayer along these lines. The citations below have been a part of my prayers:



**Citations:** Isa 9:6,7; Isa 28:10; John 19:7-11; SH 367:17-19np; SH 369:23-5; SH 371:5-32; SH 374:15; SH 411:18-5; SH 414:15; SH 415:24; SH 403:14; SH 379:28; SH 354:9, 20; SH 344:19; SH 340:15; SH 328:6-4; No 24:27-3; Hymn 394.

### **Report from The Field**

**Lauren Harte, Thousand Oaks ACOM** -- Lauren wrote an article as part of an ongoing Interfaith series in the local paper, *The Ventura Star*, entitled, “In times of crisis, Bible holds hope, inspiration” published, 6/20/20. Click and open the link: <http://venturacountystar.ca.newsmemory.com/?publink=0e331fe91>