“Feed My Sheep” was the theme of this year’s International Christian Science Nursing Conference (ICSNC) held at the glorious resort setting of Humphrey’s Half Moon Inn and Suites located on the Bay on Shelter Island in beautiful San Diego from October 19-23. “It was the perfect location” and “let’s go back” commented nurses in their critiques.

• An outdoor testimony meeting overlooking the Marina followed by cookies and punch, a gift from The Willows, opened the Conference.

• The sub-theme “Nurses as Healers” was illustrated the next morning by passing a golden thread, symbolic of a golden thread of healing, from nurse to nurse as “Feed My Sheep” by Mrs. Eddy was sung. In the following pages you will find bits about the various sessions, events and talks interwoven with that same golden thread.

• All were surprised by a visit from the Board of Directors of The Mother Church via video.

• After a wonderfully inspiring keynote talk by Marjorie Dagnall, laughter abounded as several “ethical hams”, in humorous skits, illustrated many breaches of ethics leaving all with the opportunity to prayerfully consider ethics individually in their own practice.

• Hard hats were figuratively donned in an attempt to build a model facility and define the model nurse all in one afternoon.

• Helen Mathis spoke about Peter finding his calling in regard to “Feed My Sheep”.

• Different methods of obtaining nursing education were shared by the Training and Mentoring Panel.

• Many boarded the Quiet Heart for a cruise on the San Diego Bay complete with box lunch and an entertaining guide. Jackets and scarves turned out to be most appreciated.

• Nurses found themselves sitting in breakout sessions about facility, private duty and visiting nursing, and wishing for more.

• Wrapped in a blankets, the incredible voice of Désirée Goyette was enjoyed by the water’s edge overlooking the Marina after a scrumptious buffet of hors d’oeuvres prior to the concert sponsored by Broadview and Sunland. Dessert followed, sponsored by the CSNCN Board.

• A presentation by Eva Boone Hussey was followed by Phil Davis. Both came to the Conference to hear and be heard.

• A report about the recent AOCSN meeting was read. PowerPoint presentations by Broadview and Sunland were made.

• Nurses from England, Australia, Germany and Canada presented a global view of Christian Science nursing practice.

• Excitement of working toward and obtaining Journal-listing was expressed by the Journal-listing Panel.

• A nurse appreciation talk presented by Ed Sage introduced the unforgettable Jack which brought tears to many in attendance.

• Another wonderful inspirational talk by Marjorie Dagnall closed the Conference.

It is hoped you will feel the golden thread of healing in this issue of Vision Now! as it moves from page to page, event to event. ENJOY! MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Much love to you,
CSNCN Board
Surprise at the Conference

Shortly after the Conference opened the nurses were able to view a short video message sent to the CSNCN Board by the Board of Directors of The Mother Church specifically for the Conference. It was kept as a surprise for those in attendance. The CSNCN Board had invited The Board to come to the Conference, but as they had prior commitments they were unable to be there in person. Instead greetings were sent via video.

Since the Conference we have been in touch with The Board and they have made the video available on the CSNCN website. Please contact us at csncn@csncn.org for the password if you wish to view what the Board of Directors shared with all the nurses.

Hats off to All Conference Volunteers

We couldn't have done it without you! What a great group! Special thanks to all speakers, facilitators, scribes, panelists, photographers and those who compiled notebooks, filled goodie bags and the tote bags, did a volume of important jobs behind the scene, served at the welcome table, ran errands and were just generally available at our beck and call. It's volunteers like you that made a difference and helped the Conference run like a well oiled clock. Volunteers are a wonderful reflection of God's love and everyone thanks you.

CSNCN Board

Désirée Goyette’s Concert

Friday night, we found ourselves being entertained by Desiree Goyette by the waters edge, overlooking the Marina. What a beautiful backdrop. Her rendition of Mrs. Eddy's poems was outstanding. I enjoyed her contemporary settings as she played the keyboard and sang. I've never experienced anything quite like it. Her voice resonates with sincerity and spiritual inspiration. It was very moving. I had to buy a CD. I would've bought more, but they sold out of the copy I wanted before I could get there. Now just thinking about it, I feel uplifted. She was funny and easy on the eyes. She expresses such a multi-faceted talent. What she does with her voice is incredible. I loved her singing. It's straight from the heart. I wouldn't have missed it.

Wow!

Ann Iverson
Do you know that the Christian Science Nursing Communication Network, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization. By this, we mean a nonprofit organization in which volunteers manage the organization and do all of the work. CSNCN has grown to the point that five board members can no longer do “all of the work” and we are looking for volunteers to share the work of the organization. Each volunteer will have a specific job which contributes to the whole and work under the supervision of a board member.

One new aspect is that the volunteers will not be required to be Journal-listed, but can be nurses working toward Journal-listing. This will open more possibilities for all to contribute!

We are looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

1. Press Agent (Writes and sends press releases regarding CSNCN activity)
2. Event Planner (Conference) (Coordinates all activity with the hotel before/during/after Conference)
3. Volunteer Coordinator (Conference) (Solicits and coordinates all volunteers at the Conference)
4. Mailing Coordinator (Stuffing/stamping/labeling/mailing of all CSNCN communications)
5. Corresponding Secretary (Writes and mails all individual CSNCN correspondence)
6. Database Manager (FileMaker Pro) (Maintains the CSNCN database)
7. Fund-raiser (Fund-raising for CSNCN)
8. Purchasing Agent (Research/purchasing of all CSNCN materials/equipment/supplies)
9. Audit/Budget Oversight (Works with Treasurer on annual audit and budget preparation)
10. Graphic Designer (Designs all materials for CSNCN and ICSNC)
11. Website Administrator (Maintains the CSNCN website)
12. Newsletter Designer (Designs the newsletter look and flow)
13. Newsletter Story Seeker (Takes the issue topics and finds CS nurses to write articles for the issue)
14. Newsletter Editor (Edits all articles as needed for content/length/focus)

Volunteers will not automatically “rotate” onto the board. A wide variety of individuals will have the opportunity to support the organization with their skills and talents in a less time consuming way and without the full responsibility of serving on the board.

Requirements for all volunteer positions include: being a good team player; have access to a computer and e-mail skills; sensitivity to and tolerance of differing views; a friendly, responsive, and patient approach; personal integrity; concern for CSNCN’s development; and a sense of humor.

If you would like to volunteer for an individual task, please e-mail us at csncn@csncn.org. We would love to talk with you as we move into this new way of supporting our mission.

From Humphrey's:

"Wow! What a great conference and a great group. It was a pleasure to have been the host this year. I thank you on behalf of our entire staff for allowing us to serve you! Be assured that we would like you to return to Humphrey's Half Moon Inn & Suites in 2007."
Ethics: what a subject!
I stand in awe before it!

After returning home from the conference, I was studying and doing church work when the article “Love” once again came to my attention. I paraphrased the first line as a title to this article, because I decided that ethics is just a demonstration of Love. Ethics express principles, standards, ideals, morals, and values of right conduct. Isn't that love?

The ethics group (Joye Broughton, Gloria Harrison, Venetta Abbott and Kim Thorndike) really enjoyed working and putting together the skits on the improprieties that occur when ethics have been breached. We all have experienced those improprieties at sometime in our nursing practice and have discovered it is how we handle them that is important, not that we have them. The skits were humorous and it was so good to hear the nurses laugh. (Even the sound man was laughing his head off at the side!)

The skits emphasized a breech of many ethical situations and brought to everyone’s attention some of the situations we all need to be alert to. The nurses in attendance were extremely good and quick in identifying those impositions.

Never before has this approach been taken at a nursing conference, to look at a subject with such humor as to bring out the ridiculous nature of it and to be able to identify it so readily. This was the intent of the group and the skits did their job.

The ethics group encourages each individual nurse to take the lessons from the skits and delve into the metaphysical fact through their prayerful work in their own individual practice and handle ethical breaches. Ethics is such an individual thing that each needs to work out what comes into their own experience. No one can do that for another! Ethics understood never deviates from blessing both patient and nurse. We all can benefit from a prayerful approach to ethics.

Joye Broughton

Visiting Nursing Breakout Session

Nurses in attendance were from across the country and from around the world.

Before accepting a case we agreed that proper assessment via phone was most important. Prayer and listening are vital in assessing that patient’s needs. Although the majority felt that a Journal-listed practitioner is needed, one VNS does allow their patients to use non-Journal-listed practitioners.

As a protection to the VNS it was unanimously felt there was a need for patients to sign forms during the initial visit setting forth some requisite conditions for receiving care.

A question asked was “Do we give maintenance care”? There was a resounding “No”. We are not “maintaining” a limited sense of anything, but supporting the patient’s complete healing with every visit no matter what type of practical care is needed.

Most of the Visiting Nurse Services (VNS) represented provide their nurses with cars and cell phones.

Communicating with the field was seen as one area of importance. Examples were given.

Several VNS mentioned that they have been unusually quiet, but when the call for help does come gratitude from the patient and practitioner supports the whole idea of the VNS, thus proving it’s utility to our Movement.

We need to keep abreast of new bandaging materials, along with new and improved nursing supplies. This is accomplished by visiting area medical supply stores and pharmacies, along with our area Christian Science nursing facility to see what new items they find helpful.

At the end of the session we all felt that we had only just skimmed the surface of what needed to be discussed and longed for more time together.

Laura Armstrong
Dynamic Workshop

During the second day of our conference we were invited to put “hard hats” on and become builders of a “model” facility as part of a two-part workshop that began with identifying the “model” nurse.

These dynamic workshops provided the opportunity to hear each other’s thoughts, consider familiar ideas from fresh perspectives, and wrestle with some of the tough questions that we face daily in our nursing practices. All of us felt impelled to stretch beyond our comfort zones—especially with the theme our CSNCN board gave us: Christian Science nurses are healers—ringing in our ears!

Each of us was given pages of questions, in our Conference notebooks, to jump-start our thinking and start discussion flowing. They were based on The Manual By-law for the nurse and themes from our conference and led us to go deeper in our queries, i.e.—How does [having a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice] help the model nurse in his/her nursing practice? Is the model nurse a healer? What kind of thinking should the model nurse express in the patient’s room? Does a nurse pray with/for/about the patient? What is the difference between prayer and treatment? Could the model nurse have a healing effect on the patient? Could a patient be healed from a nurse’s prayer or actions?

We were divided into three groups with facilitators leading us in discussion. One group started by recalling their most successful/most inspiring (model) nursing experience and sharing it with their neighbor. Then they identified what made it their most successful or inspiring experience. Naturally, most of these experiences included healing. They discussed what it would take to achieve this model of nursing more often.

These rousing discussions were a terrific foundation from which to launch into the next session: Building a Model Facility. Based on what the model nurse is—what does the model facility do/look like? What kind of facility would enable model nursing? Is its sole function to facilitate the By-law for the nurse (Art. VIII; Sect 31)? How can it do this most effectively? What principles would guide its functions/procedures/policies? A set of principles was identified from the Church Manual (Art. VIII; Sect 5): “God requires wisdom, economy and brother love to characterize all the proceedings of the members of The Mother Church…” as one of the guidelines for the activities in this facility.

One group began by considering Biblical examples of builders—they received their specifications directly from God: Noah, Solomon, Nehemiah, to name a few. These inspired builders were obedient, precise, steadfast, and trusted God through every challenge. They are wonderful models of builders.

Our Leader wrote: “The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. What is the model before mortal mind?” “We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives”. (S&H 248)

These brief sessions gave each of us the opportunity to consider the models we are holding in our thoughts and hopefully, we have begun carving them out wherever we are. Hopefully, as we continue thinking and asking ourselves questions like these it will inspire us to come closer and closer to identifying the model nurse…and the model facility.

Bonnie Castroman

Training & Mentoring Panel

The panel consisted of Carol Worley from Chestnut Hill, Sharon Strong from Fern Lodge and Pamela Gudger from Sunrise Haven. They each gave a brief overview and explanation of the training programs they are involved in. Carol explained briefly about the Nursing Arts training program. Sharon told about their new bi-lingual nursing course in Spanish and about providing nurses training for three young mothers in their homes in a remote area of California. Pam shared how they are meeting the need of training requests from third world individuals by offering training over the Internet. On a break, Carol also showed a PowerPoint presentation of the Nursing Arts training program. Anyone interested in more detailed information may contact Carol at cworley@cbenevolent.org; Sharon at Sharstrong@aol.com; and Pam at supsunrise@nwlink.com.

Pam Gudger
Facility Nursing Breakout Session

Supply
The Facility Nursing session started with a discussion on how nurses metaphysically demonstrate their sense of supply. Not surprisingly it centered on God. His ideas, listening, putting them into practice and then being open and obedient to them. Disparity, lack and limitation need to be approached from a metaphysical basis with expectation of good (reasonable wages and other proofs) and watching to be the best model of the nurse by expressing dedication, renewal, expectancy, communication, appreciation. Ideas are complete and all need is supplied.

Input on Admission of Patients into the Facility.
Some of the questions raised for further thought included: Do we have the nurse time for the patient needs? Is the DON alert to what is happening on the nursing floor? Is this the right place for the patient? Is it law abiding to admit this patient? Are the nurses willing to care for a patient with a suspected or diagnosed contagious condition? Ideas to counter the seemingly negative aspects the questions posed were also shared.

Scheduling
It was thought that any anomalies in shifts (splits, turn arounds, etc.) should be discussed directly with the nurse involved. Some creative scheduling such as 4 days on and 4 days off could lead to a private practice.

Field/Board Supportive of Facility Nursing
Administrators help greatly by working as a team with the nurses and the Board. If the Board seems cold we need to deal with it in our own thought. Recently, Resource Guide: Christian Science Nursing Care and Related Services Published by the Joint Committee on Christian Science Nursing in Southern California 2005, was published.

Contract Nurses
These individuals in the group expressed a desire to work at facilities that are welcoming and friendly with a metaphysical atmosphere where they work with the current staff as a team with a mutual feeling of support and gratitude. They realized that each nurse owns his/her own practice, demonstrates this through prayer and that there is one nurse who fulfills different roles, whether it is contract/facility/private duty/visiting nurse, etc.

Journal-listing Panel
The panel on Journal-listing consisted of three nurses with differing perspectives and experiences.

Rose Mudida, recently Journal-listed, is from Kenya. She moved away from home and family to Florida to pursue Christian Science nursing at, what she felt to be, the behest of God. From the start of her training, Rose focused on eventually becoming Journal-listed and worked and prayed toward this goal. Rose shared, on her first application for listing, she was not approved but did not give in to discouragement. She saw this as an opportunity to continue to pray and work more deeply towards her goal of Journal-listing. Rose seemed to have sacrificed much humanly to serve as a nurse, but she did not view it that way. She, her husband and children are blessing their communities in Africa and the USA with their commitment to Christian Science.

Linda Blaisdell trained and was Journal-listed as a nurse after her college days. She removed her name from The Christian Science Journal upon starting her family but accepted occasional private duty cases during those years. When her children entered high school she returned to nursing full time at The Leaves in Dallas. At that point she had an opportunity to take a Nursing Arts class at Chestnut Hill and shortly after, reapplied for Journal-listing. She is currently Director of Training at The Leaves. Linda strongly feels that Journal-listing is an invitation by Mrs. Eddy which blesses the nurse as well as blessing those the nurse supports.

Barbara Waite trained many years ago as a medical nurse but left that career shortly after graduating. She felt she was pushed into Christian Science nursing by God, certainly not by her own design. She had a steady nursing practice in her community and attended workshops and mentored with Journal-listed nurses to refresh some skills as needed. It was not her intention to stay in Christian Science nursing any longer than the present need demanded so she felt she had no reason to be Journal-listed! She only began to pray about the idea when individuals in her community began to ask why she was not pursuing Journal-listing. Through prayer, the importance of this step became clear and she works as an independent Journal-listed nurse in Ottawa, Canada. All three experiences are completely different, unique. All three would agree that there must be a letting go of personal sense to understand this deeper and more public commitment. Moreover, it demonstrates gratitude to Mrs. Eddy for all she
sacrificed to give us this wonderful Science. Mrs. Eddy must have felt this step was important, thus the provision in The Manual for nurse’s advertising. This step is not just for oneself but it also serves to uphold and work for, the Cause of Christian Science. Journal-listing illustrates one’s willingness to be publicly listed as a Christian Science nurse. And last, but not least, the revenue paid out for advertising aids in supporting The Christian Science Journal. To those considering Journal-listing, let Love guide you in this priceless step.

Barbara Waite

Crusin’ on the Bay

The CSNCN Conference held in San Diego, CA was filled with opportunities; reconnecting with old friends, meeting and making new friends from around the world, listening to inspired speakers and a delightful concert by Désirée Goyette. Another highlight was the three hour harbor tour, (not on the Minnow) in the waters off Shelter Island.

Following a brisk walk to the tour boat, we enjoyed a box lunch as we chatted with friends and settled in for our afternoon on the water.

The weather being a little chilly, jackets, scarves and other warm items were most appreciated but we were not deterred in our enthusiasm as most of us roamed around the ship and stood on the deck to see as much as possible and soak up the atmosphere.

Our guide regaled us with bits of local color regarding the history of the area along the coast line. The Captain and the crew did their best to see to our every desire and answered many questions.

From the World War II aircraft carrier Midway docked in the harbor, the old sailing ships on display to a cruise liner, a couple of America’s Cup ships tacking in the mist and an assortment of other water craft, we were treated to a relaxing and pleasurable afternoon.

We also enjoyed the antics of the sea lions and water foul as they lounged on some pilings in the harbor.

All in all the tour became a treat for each of us who climbed aboard that day.

Valerie Truesdale

Dear Diary,

On Friday many of us went on a San Diego harbor cruise. A nicer group of people would be hard to find. Who knew that Christian Science nurses could be so much fun? We were smiling and laughing for hours. I was told that San Diego rarely gets rain, so I felt privileged to see the sights through the gray mist. Even though the weather was cold and drizzly, the warmth of friends is what I will always remember.

The sights were beautiful! I saw harbor seals, sea lions, pelicans, and whale watchers on another boat. Too bad we missed the whales, but heard that someone on our boat saw dolphins. For a mid-western girl, I even thought the palm trees were exciting to see.

The tour took us past aircraft carriers, a submarine base, the North Island Naval Air Station with helicopters and military aircraft. There were two boats practicing in the America’s Cup harbor as we cruised through. We saw the Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma. The Coronado Bay Bridge loomed large across the bay. The world famous Hotel Del Coronado was a lovely sight. Maybe our next conference will be held there. Can’t wait - wherever its at!

Kim Thorndike
When I was asked by The Board to speak on nurse appreciation, my thought went back to an experience I witnessed several years ago. A Christian Science nurse was caring for a dear family member at our home. Unfortunately, this family member was critical of the care that was being given to her. It seemed whatever the nurse did, it wasn’t quite right. The family member was getting ready to tell the nurse exactly what she thought about the care she was receiving, when an angel message came to her that God had a different view of the situation. His view was—"this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased"—except that the angel message came to her as God saying: "this is my beloved ‘nurse,’ in whom I am well pleased!" The family member realized that she needed to more fully appreciate the wonderful spiritual qualities that nurse expressed each day, and be grateful for them, since God Himself wasn’t just pleased with the nurse—He was well-pleased. With this realization, the relationship changed almost immediately between nurse and patient. The family member began to truly value the care being given, and the nurse responded to that appreciation: both were happy with the care True, spiritually-based appreciation for the nurse made all the difference. And she deserved it.

You, too, deserve this same appreciation, for all the wonderful nursing qualities that you express each day. Your Father-Mother is just as pleased with you. He dearly loves, and deeply cherishes you. He is rejoicing about you and your work, and He is also saying about you: “You are my beloved nurse, in whom I am well pleased.” God’s valuing and cherishing of you knows no bounds or limits; and isn’t this the highest expression of true appreciation anyone can want or receive?

Each of you deserves cherishing, for there really isn’t a group of individuals more dedicated to helping mankind than you are as Christian Science nurses. I am always awed by the long hours you put in without complaint; the sometimes difficult lifting; the special food preparation; the cleaning of the body; the bandaging; and perhaps most importantly, the spiritual inspiration shared. That you do all this at times when you too may be working out a physical challenge; and you still come up with joy in your hearts, and a ready smile on your face, is simply amazing. This unselfed expression of love for your fellow man, meets the human need in so many helpful, healing ways. Paul puts it this way in his letter to the Ephesians: “…I heard of this faith of yours…and the practical way in which you are expressing it toward fellow Christians.”

We owe so much gratitude to each of you, for your willingness to share of yourselves so unselfishly. You are clearly on the front lines of our movement’s mission of healing and salvation. It is not an overstatement to say that our movement wouldn’t be where it is today, without you. It is your loving, tender care for those who are radically relying on God for healing that supports their prayers and ultimately brings a clearer sense of God’s unconditional love for man.

Of course, we all love the quick healings we have witnessed in Christian Science. But, as you know, your work as a nurse is more often needed where healing seems delayed. That you keep on persisting in your support of the patient—never giving in to the evil lie that man is tragically something less than perfect, and therefore must suffer the consequences—is more than commendable, it is necessary for healing. You know that the patient is already at the standpoint of perfection, not working their way there, and your witnessing to this Truth, and standing firm, must and does help these dear ones who seem to be struggling. It is your practical caring; your loving kindness; your unfaltering consciousness of good; and your unreserved commitment to and radical reliance on the authority of Spirit, that so fully supports healing in every case. You are the Good Samaritans who don’t pass by on the other side, who take the time to help someone, perhaps even at what would seem to be their lowest moment, to encourage them to stand with what they know to be true, and to never give up.

Your very special expression and demonstration as a nurse is of course individual and unique—God wouldn’t have it any other way! But what you do as a Christian Science nurse, and how you do it, has impact far beyond what you may see in your day-to-day work. Your work reaches out beyond the patient, to family, to concerned friends, and, to many others. Your own outreach to the world through your individual nursing ministries may bring you to a camp, to assisting people through your private duty work, through working as a visiting nurse or to even nursing at a facility. In every case, wherever you find yourself, you are (by the grace of God), fully appreciated in your work, completely cherished and loved. You can’t do anything to bring appreciation or increase it; your Father-Mother God freely gives it to you, throughout your eternal life.

Let me share with you an example of how a nurse felt cherished quite unexpectedly, at a time when she felt she wasn’t being appreciated. This took place at a nursing facility. A patient, well along in years, was dearly loved by all the nurses. But the patient had a son, named Jack, who liked to be a troublemaker! Every day he would roar up to the facility on his motorcycle, fling open the door and tromp down the hall to her room, as noisily as possible, to announce his entrance. He came at unpredictable hours, just so he could see if he could catch someone not taking proper care of his mother. In addition, he was a large, tough, burly man with long hair, scraggily
beard, and tattoos all over his arms. No matter how cold it was, he always wore a tank-top shirt to show off his tattoos of a dragon and a snake. His loud and gruff manner terrified the nurses and staff, and most went to do something else whenever he showed up to visit his mother. Even so, this big man loved his tiny mother, and his gentleness with her was amazing.

One evening, three nurses called at the last minute and, for a variety of reasons, couldn't come in to work. No one else was available to come help out, leaving just one nurse to do everything by herself—feed, assist and nurse, as best she could, all the patients they had there. In addition, the food carts came late that night, and the food was cold. The patients were not happy! Fortunately, Jack had left earlier—so the nurse didn’t have to worry about him. Overwhelmed and near tears, tired from all her work, the nurse on duty finally had a moment to herself. She collapsed in her chair at the nurses’ station, put her head in her hands, and prayed—trying not to fall apart from being overwhelmed and unappreciated by the patients.

At least her biggest worry, Jack, had left, so she could rest assured now that there would be no further problems. Right at that moment, the front doors to the facility flung open, and, guess who came in: Jack! This, of course, was the last person the nurse wanted to see. Jack strode directly up to the desk and confronted the nurse. However, instead of his usual complaints, he brought from behind his back a pickle jar with some flimsy colored yarn around the neck of it. In the jar was a long-stemmed red rose. Jack handed it to the nurse and said, “I seen what a bad time you were having tonight. This is for you, from me and my mom.” With that, he turned around, marched back out the door, jumped on his motorcycle and roared off.

The nurse said after that experience: “I have received gifts and cards from many grateful patients and their families, but never one that touched me more than the red rose in the pickle jar given to me that night by Jack.”

Our Leader tells us: “…the heaving surf of life’s troubled sea foams itself away, and underneath is a deep-settled calm.” In that one moment of appreciation expressed by Jack, the heaving surf of the problems at the facility simply foamed themselves away for that nurse, and what was left was a deep settled calm. The nurse had given all that she could, as best she could; and as a result of seeing the good she was doing, Jack returned expressing gratitude.

Isn’t what happened with Jack and that nurse what Mrs. Eddy means about “heart meeting heart,” and both being blessed? She says: “Beloved students… Press patiently on; God is good, and good is the reward of all who diligently seek God…As you journey, and betimes sigh for rest "beside the still waters," ponder this lesson of love. Learn its purpose; and in hope and faith, where heart meets heart reciprocally blest, drink with me the living waters of the spirit of my life-purpose,—to impress humanity with the genuine recognition of practical, operative Christian Science.” Your work as a nurse exemplifies how practical and healing Christian Science really is, and you can’t help but be blessed in this “heart to heart” ministry of Love.

Those of us who support you in your work, are so grateful that your thought is always filled with light, with a spiritually-based love and joy for your patients, their family and friends, and your coworkers. You are an example for the rest of us! You are like a walking testimony of good, there for all to see. Paul puts it this way: “You yourselves are our testimonial, written in our hearts, and yet open for anyone to inspect and read. You are an open letter about Christ delivered by us and written not with pen and ink but with the Spirit of the living God, engraved not on stone, but on human hearts.” The good you do is engraved in your heart—it is the good news of the Gospel message, and all you come in contact with see it in your daily work.

Our movement so needs you! You are making a difference. There is such deep and abiding gratitude for each and every one of you, and that is all that you can ever know and feel. Only good is going on in your experience, because only God has given you your experience, and there is no other. He dearly loves, cherishes and appreciates the precious work you do. And, He is saying right now, about each and every one of you: “This is my beloved nurse, in whom I am well pleased.”
What did you like best about the Conference?

Each set of quotations marks the reply by an attendee.

“How perfect to begin the conference with a testimony meeting out on the lawn gazing out into the lighted bay in the chill of the night with delicious hors d’oeuvres and fellowship following thanks to....”

“Especially after hearing of the benevolence given to all who stayed here, I’m so grateful for your far reaching giving/unselfishness. Really felt the embracing love to all.” “Liked the generosity of donors to provide benevolence. The place! It was really fun and comfortable.”

“Thought it was wonderful that...and...sponsored the delicious buffet before the concert and that...gave us all those cookies and gorgeous fruit displays and drinks. Enjoyed the high table set up for stand up eating and talking among fellow nurses. What a night to remember. A bit cool, but we wrapped up. Désirée was worth it! I also enjoyed the 2 PowerPoints by the facilities.” “I loved the concert because of it’s incredibly sweet expression of spirit.” “The concert was healing and uplifting.”

“Liked most the ideas of the Christian Science nurse as a healer and the clarification to the field” “Hard choice to make what I liked most. Every speaker was perfect. The sharing of the nurses in the break out sessions was very informative. Hearing from The Mother Church was very inspiring and so very supportive.”

“You allowed for hearing about all aspects of nursing – good discussions.” “Controversial and challenging issues were given lots of opportunity to be honestly aired, discussed, thought through and corrected if needed.” “So many thoughtful specialties – liked the Model Nurse.” “liked the workshops on building a model facility and the VN workshop.” “What was there not to like? Especially enjoyed the PDN duty workshop.” “I liked the opportunity to meet others and hear what all are doing.” “Liked meeting nurses from around the world, metaphysical talks, workshops, the concert and harbor cruise.”

“Where to begin! I got much information that I can use now and down the road. Made new contacts that hopefully become friends forever. Our speakers warmed my heart and the concert filled me with joy. The workshops helped so much and the skits were priceless.” “Liked all the topics covered and all the speakers, the hotel, city, rooms and everything, the nurses and the love that we showed and shared with each other.” “Lavished with love by the surroundings, goody bags, breaks, workshops, sharing of different ideas and perspectives.”

“It was nice having long lunch breaks and free evenings to enjoy with others. The pool, the hot tub and the walking paths on Shelter Island were a treat.” “Would love to have it in the same location please.” “Humphrey’s again.” “Please continue to be out in the public at a resort like setting.” “Enjoyed being out in the public. It’s where we belong.” “The accommodations were lovely.” “Location, location, location! Days were full, but ample quiet time between AM and PM and some recreational activity available.” “I thought the meeting room facilities were excellent – the flexibility of being able to move around/divide room etc. easily was just great. I appreciated having a table for notes, ice water, etc. Lovely order with the notebook and bag and name tags etc. Everything came together so well.”

“The feeling of complete preparation and support. There were no obvious glitches or oops.” “The Board did a great job. Well organized – nice surroundings. Water, coffee, snacks available.” “Liked the unity; the care expressed by those who arranged the conference; the care and friendliness expressed by the hotel staff; fresh squeezed OJ; all speakers.”

“The website was great! Thank you for being so thorough with all the information.” “Web most helpful to the field and public as to Christian Science nursing as a viable professional field.” “Love having the CSON website to touch base with.”

“It was nice that there were so many attending their first conference.” “This is my first conference and I enjoyed it. Liked meeting all the nurses and the talks.” “At the next Conference share the fruits of our labors after feeding the sheep.”
Web Access of Vision Now!

This issue of Vision Now! will be sent to all the nurses we have on our mailing list via electronic delivery as a test. Everyone will also receive a print copy regardless of whether they have computer access or not. We hope and expect to continue sending Vision Now! via electronic delivery to all who have sent us e-mail addresses, as we are trying to be good stewards of the funds received for the purpose of publishing Vision Now! As things stand now the majority of our budgeted costs for Vision Now! go to the postage, printing and paper for its publication. The fewer copies we need to print and snail mail, the longer the funds will allow us to deliver Vision Now! to our entire mailing list free of charge. A dream come true!

Needless to say, we will need YOUR help in keeping our e-mail data base current. If you do not help in this regard, by letting us know your current e-mail address or sending us a permanent e-mail address, you will no longer be receiving an e-mail notifying you when the newest edition of Vision Now! is available on the web.

How will it work you ask? We will send you an e-mail as each new issue of Vision Now is posted on our web site and give you a link to it within the e-mail. Also included will be a password to allow you to access the actual page on which Vision Now! is located. Dependent on your computer you will be able to read it on line right at your computer and, if you wish, download it for printing. If you have any questions about how to do either of these, please contact Pam Whitney -- our computer guru.

Visit our website
www.csncn.org

Rejoice! 2005 Conference Talks Available

We have been given the wonderful privilege of providing the full text or excerpts of the five speakers’ talks given at the 2005 Conference. For those who attended the Conference they will receive the Conference Materials either via regular mail or e-mail (at no cost) dependent on if we have an e-mail address on record. For anyone who did not attend the Conference the talks will be made available for a small fee (our printing and mailing costs) through February 1. Please see the ad elsewhere in Vision Now! for all pertinent information.

Finally, the speakers who are providing copies of their talks are permitting us to post them on our web site. In order to access these talks you will need a password different from Vision Now’s! It will be provided when requested via e-mail at csncn@csncn.org. At that time you will have until January 15, 2006 to go online and read or download and print the specific talk.

Talks provided will include the following:
- Marjorie Dagnall, C.S. - Keynote talk - “How Shall We Feed Them?”
- Helen Mathis - Bible Speaker - “Feed My Sheep—How Peter Finds His Calling”
- EXCERPTS from - “The Great Shepherd”: Our Pastor, The Bible and Science and Health (Mis. 322) a presentation by Eva Boone Hussey, Manager, Christian Science Practitioner and Nurse Directory Services
- EXCERPTS from - “Committee on Publication Work Today with Special Focus on How the Legislative Activity Impacts Christian Science Nursing” a presentation by Phil Davis, C.S.B., Manager, Committees on Publication
- Edward N. Sage, Executive Director of Arden Wood, Inc. - “This is my beloved ‘nurse’, in whom I am well-pleased.”
- Marjorie Dagnall, C.S. - Closing talk - “Seeing Their Own Image”

2005 International Christian Science Nursing Conference “Feed My Sheep”
Conference Talks Available In Print
Your request must reach us no later than Feb 1st.

These are now available on our website:
www.csncn.org

If you would like a print copy, we are making them available AT COST (printing and postage) for $7.95 to make sure that everyone who would like to have a print copy may do so.

Please send a check or money order (in US funds payable to CSNCN/Schwab) to:
CSNCN, Inc.
Conference Materials Request
7109 South Memorial, #109
Tulsa OK 74133-2934
Private Duty Breakout Session

What a privilege to have been able to attend the International Christian Science Nursing Conference (ICSNC) in October and have an active role in the breakout session on Private-Duty Nursing. To meet and hear from nurses with their expansive experience gave me a wealth of knowledge to take home, make my own, and put into practice. The importance of The Manual provision for the Christian Science nurse was key in dealing with all aspects of home nursing. A spiritual sense of listening combined with a strong sense of ethics, prayer and obedience were key to every situation that the private duty nurse encountered. The outpouring of heartfelt concerns for the practice of nursing and meeting the needs of the patients was very evident.

Some of the various points covered in our breakout session included the knowledge that as Christian Science nurses we rely on the Truth, the Christ presence and expect healing. We are not in the role of caregiver nor do we provide hospice care. There must be radical reliance on God/Truth/Love by both nurse and patient. Some of the practical ideas shared included having a written contract because it can be important in presenting the Christian Science nurse as businesslike as well as skilled/experienced. It also gives a clear picture to patient and family of what they can expect. Other ideas included the importance of being aware of your own skill and experience level, using practical wisdom in each case. We also covered the ethics of letting the patients communicate their needs if more than one nurse is engaged at a time to insure the privacy of the patient and to cherish your own practice by being alert to taking breaks and the various ways to insure that breaks can be had.

The sharing was educational and inspiring.

Kirsten Olsen
Nursing Around the World

Christian Science nursing is a universal and international ministry and this was reflected in the diversity of those attending the San Diego conference. Five nurses attended from the UK, three from Canada, and one each from Australia and Switzerland.

Four nurses gave short presentations on their respective fields. Barbara Menier spoke about nursing activity within Australia presently being considered mainly Private Duty. Nurses serve on an hourly basis or extended basis within residents own homes. The Nursing Services in most states, support their nurses metaphysically and financially. A thumb sketch of a morning’s activity at her home at Bolwarra Road - amid bushland and feathered friends - whilst caring for a family member was given, with the opportunities and lessons this presents.

Jutta Hudson spoke about the challenges and opportunities of working in a multi-lingual nation in the heart of Europe. Jutta works at Le Verger, a nursing facility in Rolle, Switzerland. Jutta shared what she has learned about true communication and how divine Love shows us how to nurse, how to communicate—even when we are caring for someone whose language we don’t speak.

Barbara Waite from Ottawa spoke about nursing in Canada. There are two facilities in Canada – Wayside House in Victoria, BC, and Sharon House in Toronto. Sharon House is currently seeking to balance home-care with facility nursing. A number of Visiting Nurse Services are active in cities across Canada.

There are currently three nursing facilities in the United Kingdom: Lime Tree House (near Manchester), Whitehaven (near Bath) and Charton Manor (near London). Alistair Budd spoke about the challenges posed by the Care Standards Act of 2000 and the new regulations that apply to Christian Science facilities. Nursing Managers are required to hold an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) diploma in management. Facilities and Visiting Nurse Services are inspected at least once a year by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI).

Nurses training in the UK is based at Charton Manor. During the last year the training centre at Charton Manor has received students from around the world (Europe, Africa, Australia, North America) and all are working steadily toward listing in The Christian Science Journal.

ICSNC Benevolence

2005 was a great year! The Christian Science Nursing Communication Network took our Conference out into a public setting and it had an unexpectedly wonderful side-effect—we received several grants specifically designated for benevolence!

For ICSNC 2005 we were able to give 38 instances of benevolence to the Christian Science nurses who attended: 9 travel, 16 Conference fees, and 11 housing for a total of $11,004.

Also, CSNCN was able to give $132 in benevolence toward the hotel bill of every Christian Science nurse who attended for a total of $14,728.

Overall, CSNCN, through generous grants from the field, was able to provide benevolence in the amount of $25,732. See below for actual list of foundations and sponsors. How grateful we are—our hearts overflow with gratitude!

2005 ICSNC Sponsors

$5000 Arden Wood
$3500 Anonymous donor
$2000 Winifred Stuart Mankowski Foundation
$1000 Anonymous donor
Asher House
Eleanor M. Marchant
The Willows

$850 Broadview
Sunland Home

$500 Glenmont
The Great Plains VNS

$350 Le Verger

$300 Victorian CSN Support Service, Inc.

$250 Peninsula Visiting Nurse Service

$100 Anonymous donor
Carolina Haven Foundation
Mega Tours, Inc.
Mt. Helix Gardens, Inc.
Wayside House

$50 Clifton House
High Ridge House
SCS

Foundation/Grants
C.S. Assoc. of the Pupils of Martin Broones, CSB
The Isabel Foundation
The Joseph & Mary Cacioppo Foundation
Powell Crown Foundation
**Director of Nursing**

Sunland Home Foundation, in San Diego, California, seeks experienced Journal-listed nurse to join our staff as Director of Nursing. This management team member will help:

- Inspire and lead nursing staff
- Establish and monitor nursing policies
- Mentor and evaluate nursing skills
- Expand Sunland's nursing programs to meet the community's needs

We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package.

All inquiries are confidential.

Please submit to:
Pam Ludwig, Administrator
691 Sparta Drive
Encinitas, California 92024
(800) 965-9060

---

**Advertising Rates: Vision Now!**

Advertising rates are set by the CSNCN Board and are subject to change. Ads must follow the advertising guidelines in order to be printed in Vision Now!

1. Quarter page (4.25" high by 3.5" wide), $65 per issue.
2. Half page (4.25" high by 7" wide), $115 per issue.
3. Full page (9" high by 7" wide), $190 per issue.
4. If you wish us to design your ad, the cost for a simple text ad will be an additional 50% of the ad cost. The cost for a complex ad is negotiable.
5. Advertising in Vision Now! implies no endorsement or recommendation of any advertiser's products or services.

For advertising guidelines and more information, call or write Vision Now! Coordinator, Pamela M. Whitney at (907) 868-8069
2409 Leary Bay Circle
Anchorage, AK 99515-2735
Fax (907) 868-9069
Pamhwhit@principia.edu

---

**Broadview, Inc.**

Los Angeles, California

**NURSING POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**Staff Nurses - Full and Part-time**

Work with a supportive team of nurses and staff who foster an environment conducive to Christian healing.

And while working here, enjoy Southern California’s
- Beaches
- Sports
- Shopping
- Cultural Events
- Mountains
- National Parks
- Spectacular Weather

“In atmosphere of Love divine, we live, and move, and breathe;”

Hymn 144

Contact Cindy Corbett, Director of Nursing
Broadview, Inc.
4570 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031
E-mail: cindyc@csbroadview.org
or call 323-221-9174

---

**Christian Science Nurses**

Sunland Home in sunny Southern California has current openings for Christian Science Nurses who have demonstrated a sound and in-depth nursing practice, and can bring their practice into concert with others to ensure nursing care representative of The Manual By-law.

There is opportunity for advancement for talented nurses who show a standard of nursing practice that is an example to others, and are committed to the mission and vision of Sunland.

Sunland offers competitive wages, a generous benefits package, and a team-oriented work environment. Sunland also offers opportunity for training in the nursing arts.

For information or to request an application, contact:
Pamela Ludwig, Sunland Home,
691 Sparta Drive,
Encinitas, CA 92024.
pam@sunland.org or (800) 965-9060.
All inquiries are confidential.
The Albert Baker Fund is pleased to announce a new Christian Science Nurses Training Grant Fund. This new grant fund is for members of The Mother Church who desire to take Christian Science nurses training in preparing to advertise in The Christian Science Journal. The grant is also offered to Journal-listed nurses who are interested in taking courses to refine their nursing skills.

For information and an application, contact—
The Albert Baker Fund
PO Box 179, Amador City, CA 95601-0179

Helping Christian Scientists prepare for service to mankind.

For Those Who Wish “… not to be ministered unto, but to minister …”

AN INVITATION TO ENROLL IN OUR NEXT

Introduction to the Nursing Arts
3 Weeks of Classroom Instruction
Followed By 7 Weeks of On-the-Job-Training
April 24th - June 30th, 2006

Please contact Linda Blaisdell, Director of Nurses Training
1-800-880-4864, ext. 3502 lblaisdell@theleaves.org

THE LEAVES
A Sanctuary for Healing

THE LEAVES: An Accredited Christian Science Nursing Facility
1230 West Spring Valley Road, Richardson (Dallas), Texas 75080
Are you a “Journal-listed” Christian Science nurse?
Are you planning for your retirement or semi-retirement?
Does your own home in an independent community with very economical rental rates sound good?
Then read on!

As a Christian Science nurse who has advertised in The Christian Science Journal for at least 10 years prior to retirement, you may be eligible to retire or semi-retire at Mankowski Homes. We’re located in Southern California on six lush acres in the foothills of the San Gabriel mountain range, near cultural and educational activities. This park-like, active community, with semi-detached cottages, offers independent living in an atmosphere of comfort and quiet dignity conducive to proving physical and mental freedom during retirement.

The Winifred Stuart Mankowski Foundation provides homes at reduced rental rates ($125 per month for a single; $160 for a couple). Rent includes utilities, periodic cleaning, maintenance and gardening. Residents enjoy a comfortable standard of living, a convenient location, and an independent life-style amid friendly neighbors.

We invite you (and your spouse) to visit us for up to a week at no charge. Live in one of our cottages. Even if you’re not ready to retire, you’re welcome to visit us. Learn first-hand what Mankowski Homes offers, and enjoy our beautiful facility and Southern California weather and activities.

Call the Manager, Melissa Talbot, at 800.962.6298 to make reservations.

Winifred Stuart Mankowski Homes
819 N. Citrus Ave. Azusa, CA 91702
A Retirement Community for Christian Science Practitioners and Nurses