



Christian Science Nursing Collaborative

Information or pre-conference questions from some of the CSN Working Groups with ideas to prayerfully consider in preparation for the afternoon CSN Collaborative Workshops

Communities of Christian Caring Working Group

1. How well is the branch church or churches in your area meeting needs and supporting healing in the Christian Science community?
2. As a branch church member, how involved are you in this type of Christian or “church” activity?
3. As a Christian Science nurse, how much of your ministry involves simple Christian caring versus Christian Science nursing care?
4. Are you able to fulfill all the demands made upon you as a Christian Science nurse by the field?
5. If not, can you envision or have you developed ways to help meet these demands, here and now?
6. In what ways would you like to be more effective in helping your Christian Science community meet needs and support healing?

Training Access & Affordability Working Group

1. Consider with us alternate sources of training and funding for Christian Science nurses.
2. Share ideas on how to identify and communicate the training access and affordability issues with the broader Christian Science community.
3. Do you have ideas that would help us identify creative solutions?

This working group will be focusing their efforts on Christian Scientists who feel called to the ministry, live somewhere in the world where training is not available or affordable and may end up serving in facilities or private duty after they receive qualified training.

Continuing Education Working Group

1. Please bring any questions or ideas you'd like to share about continuing education for Christian Science nurses.
2. What is important to you when considering continuing education?
3. Are you enjoying the courses that have been made available over the last year?
4. How might we support each other more with continuing education?

Fundraising for Christian Science Nursing Working Group

1. Consider why you have opted to participate in this session?
2. Why do you think we need fundraising?
3. Consider how you can support this initiative through your relationships with branch churches, societies, and individuals?

Leadership & Management Working Group

1. What would a development plan that provided helpful tools regarding leadership and management for AOCSN member organizations – embracing the needs of DCSNs, Eds, and Trustees – look like?
2. What type of leadership/management plan would be most beneficial: document/checklist; specific training modules for online usage; other formats or ideas?
3. What has been a proven successful program or document checklist from your organizational experience?

Valuing Christian Science Nursing: Retirement & Benefits

VALUE, *verb transitive* val'u.

3. To esteem; to hold in respect and estimation; as, to *value* one for his works or virtues.
from <http://webstersdictionary1828.com/>

The Valuing CS Nurses Working Group was initially established in April of 2019 to find new ways to tangibly value CS nurses. It has since split into two areas. This session will focus on Retirement and Benefits and is an opportunity to explore ideas together.

We look forward to sharing and learning with you at the conference!

Valuing Christian Science Nursing: Compensation and Housing

Vision Statement

To be united in the purpose, actions and initiatives which support the calling and livelihood of the Christian Science nurse whose dedication and practice brings inherent value to our movement and the world in any setting where Christian Science nursing is offered.

Mission Statement

To develop a salary/wage and housing model where Christian Science nurses are professionally compensated and valued.

Value Statements

- Valuing the church *Manual* By-law establishing the role of the Christian Science nurse, a dedicated, holy and essential ministry that preserves the “dignity and defense” of the cause of Christian Science
- Valuing the healing role of the Christian Science nurse and all those associated with this work.
- Valuing a shared expression of stewardship to support the ministry of the Christian Science nurse throughout his/her career, as well as all those associated with this work.
- Valuing responsible ways to strengthen compensation commensurate with nursing as a profession.
- Valuing responsible ways to strengthen practical housing programs including home ownership and/or housing subsidies.

Youth Action Committee

1. What are some ideas for reaching our Youth to interest them in Christian Science nursing?
2. For those of you who are in your late teens, twenties and thirties, what do you see as the challenges facing youth that Christian Science nurses can meet and how?
3. How can youth be engaged to create new platforms for reaching out to youth and young families who would benefit from or need Christian Science nursing but are unaware or reluctant?