

# The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston Massachusetts

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Dear members of Christian Science Associations throughout the world,

We always feel a special joy when we think of Christian Science student associations meeting throughout the year all over the world. We are enormously grateful for each of you. We understand something of what Paul was feeling when he wrote to the early Christian church in Philippi, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.” Paul clearly didn’t think of these dear members as a small, vulnerable group huddling together in isolation from the world. Quite the opposite. He wrote to them with a clear vision that they who had perceived the truth of Christ Jesus were the hope and light that would transform and heal the world. That’s why he made clear he was “confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:3, 6).

Our hope is that in coming together for your association meeting, you will pause to recognize the importance of what you’re contributing to the cause of Christian Science and the world. We all realize there’s nothing secretive about the teaching we received during class instruction. It’s all right there in the chapter “Recapitulation” in our textbook. But to a remarkable degree, doesn’t our ongoing involvement in our Christian Science associations express our commitment to demonstrating the truth of the content of that teaching?

Reading in our churches, teaching in Sunday School, serving in the Reading Room, committing to a public healing ministry as a Christian Science nurse or practitioner, contributing an article or testimony to our periodicals, quietly dedicating oneself to living what we glean during the study of the weekly Bible Lesson, and yes, attending our annual association meetings, are all tangible ways of saying, “Yes, God, I feel Your presence, I am understanding more of the truths of Your Comforter, divine Science, and I am yearning to love my neighbor better through Your healing power.”

Although the carnal mind may sometimes argue that these activities can become mere habits or duties, spiritual sense is always awakening us to the joy of serving good. These activities give us an opportunity to live our prayers. That’s really at the heart of this year’s Annual Meeting theme of The Mother Church-- “Our duty to God, to our Leader, and to mankind.” It’s all about deepening our relationship to God, to the teaching Mrs. Eddy has given us, and to our blossoming capacity to embrace humanity. We love you and the good you are doing, and as Paul concluded that same letter to the Philippians, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.”

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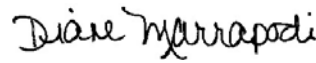
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