

The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston Massachusetts

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Dear class-taught students of Christian Science,

Each year we write to you in support of your commitment to class instruction and annual association meetings. We may focus on a specific point or two that we feel might be of particular interest, but we are struck by the fact that our primary reason for writing doesn't tend to change. We want you to know we are grateful for you, that you are greatly needed, and you are not alone in your work. We are feeling these points especially keenly this year, a time when the world seems to be at such important crossroads. What path will humanity take as it struggles to rise above challenges like a global pandemic, geopolitical tensions, and conflicting views of equity and freedom?

Christian Science enables us to see that, if the options are between one material solution and another, then even the best intentions will only go so far. The real crossroads humanity is facing is the choice between material thinking and living versus the path of a reawakened reliance on spiritual power and love. One approach assumes the world is little more than a series of conflicts to resolve. The other is about discovering the universe of Spirit is harmonious and present right now if we'll just allow the Christ to open our eyes to it.

This year's Annual Meeting theme is broad. In fact, it is hard to think of an issue the world is facing that isn't addressed in it: **“One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.”**



-Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, 340:23

Too much of the world seems preoccupied with talking itself into darkness. This is exactly why your efforts to demonstrate Christian Science matter so very much. Each healing and inspired idea reminds the world of the light of hope. Christian Scientists have not avoided the issues the world is facing any more than Daniel avoided the lion's den. But haven't we all been learning that when challenges arise in the form of sin or sickness, a Christianly scientific understanding knows better than to start by endorsing the problem, and then attempt to fix it with Spirit? We start with “one infinite God, good,” and prove the actuality of spiritual harmony through the healing and regeneration our work brings.

What better contribution can we make to our lives, our Church, and our world than to lift up these lessons of divine Love? Whether you are meeting this year in person, online, or making use of a hybrid approach to gathering, we want you to know you have our full support.

With love and gratitude,

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