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*Church Manual*

Dear Friends:

Being raised in Christian Science, early on I developed a deep appreciation for the healing power of the Christ, Truth.

Wanting to be a part of that same healing activity of the Christ led me, 20-plus years ago, to leave the business world in order to work in Christian Science nursing facilities as an Executive Director. This has given me the opportunity to witness Christian Science healing on a daily basis.

*“There was no doubt in my mind that through Christian Science and the wonderful care facility I would be okay.”*

*(From A Record of Healing)*

When individuals experience healing, they are inspired to share their joy and gratitude to God with others. And, what better time to share that gratitude with you than at this holiday season, as a small token of thanks to you for your prayerful and financial support of the BA.

Our enclosed CD, entitled **A Record of Healing**, contains five testimonies—significant healings—beautifully told and very inspiring, recorded at the BA to be shared with you, your family, and friends. Additionally, each of the testimonies can be downloaded from your computer as an Adobe PDF-formatted printout that you can share with those who don't own a CD player.

This first-in-a-series CD of healings is being made available by the BA in the spirit of Mary Baker Eddy's *Church Manual* By-Law (Art. VIII, Sect. 24) “Testimonials.”

“...Testimony in regard to the healing of the sick is highly important. More than a mere rehearsal of blessings, it scales the pinnacle of praise and illustrates the demonstration of Christ, ‘who healeth all thy diseases’ (Psalm 103:3)....”

The testimonies shared in this CD illustrate “the demonstration of Christ.” You may find an excerpt of each of these testimonies on the following page.

Your love and support have meant so much to us in the past. And now, this year you have an opportunity to have an even greater impact on helping those calling upon Christian Science for healing.

A number of close friends have joined together to offer a matching challenge which will be used for Christian Science nursing and nurses training. Every gift you make by December 31, 2009 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$200,000.

If this challenge is met, we expect to end the year with a balanced budget. For an update on the progress made in expanding our services and the status of our finances, please read the enclosed letter from the BA’s trustees.

As the wonderful testimonies of healing on the CD attest, Christian Science nursing is blessing mankind—and your support helps to make that possible. All you need to do is fill out the enclosed form with the amount you want matched and return it to us with your gift by the end of this year.

Please join us in continuing to make this healing activity available to all mankind.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janiva Toler".

Janiva Toler  
Executive Director

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## An Update From the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends:

Healing touches us in so many different ways. It may leave us with a feeling of uncontainable joy, like the lame man in the book of Acts who bounds into the temple healed, “walking, and leaping, and praising God.” It may wash us clean, and what remains with us is a sense of redemption and regeneration. Or it may just leave us with quiet reverence, in awe of how tenderly our Father-Mother cares for us. However healing comes, whether quickly or with continued steadfast prayer, it transforms us.

Listen to the enclosed CD of testimonies of healing from five people who have called on the BA’s services, and you’ll hear all of these things—steadfastness, reverence, regeneration, joyous gratitude. And we hope you’ll find in them what we did—a deep conviction of God’s ever-presence and of the healing efficacy of Christian Science. These testimonies are a wonderful gift to all of us.

This beautiful collection of healings also underscores for us why the BA is so needed, showing just how important its refuge and services are. Testifiers speak of the BA as “a safe haven” full of light and warmth, a place where expectancy of healing is the norm and human needs are met unobtrusively. As we listen to these testimonies, we have a stronger conviction than ever that the challenges facing the BA *must* be solved. The BA must be safeguarded for the present and the future—not just for those seeking this refuge and care today, but for those who will call on it in decades to come, including those who may not yet know of Christian Science.

We are grateful to report that much progress has been made since we last wrote to you. In our May letter, we noted that we had made significant reductions of \$1.7 million in the BA’s operating budget for 2009, which allowed us to forecast a balanced budget. Now, late in our fiscal year, donations for the year are on target, thanks to the Field’s very generous support. Expenses are in line with projections, due to the careful stewardship of all BA departments. Revenues are within 5% of our goal—with much of the difference accounted for by fluctuating needs on the Christian Science nursing floor (for example, if cases require more benevolence than expected or if more nurses than usual are needed to properly and compassionately support a case).

We are currently projecting a balanced budget for the year, but only with your help. With this letter, we are announcing a new matching challenge. **Thanks to the generosity of a number of friends of the BA, every contribution you make before December 31, 2009, will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$200,000.** If that challenge is met, we expect that the 2009 budget will be balanced.

There has also been progress with expansion of our programs. Our Christian Science nursing floor has been very active, with more calls for in-patient care than last year. The new Light Christian Science Nursing program has made a modest but steady start. We have been able to minister to needs in 6 states with our Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service; our outpatient room continues to actively serve our community and those visiting the Boston area; and we are witnessing lovely healings in all areas of nursing. Our Christian Science Nursing Arts classes have been full, and we are grateful to

be supporting Christian Science nurses in this precious ministry from around the globe. In the original building, the Interim Housing program has been active with Mother Church and Longyear employees, Christian Scientists moving to the Boston area, and even a couple who are Christian Science chaplains.

As we wrote in our May letter, paying off the \$15 million loan against the BA property by 2013 remains one of the Trustees' highest priorities. Doing so will release the \$1.1 million currently dedicated to debt service each year for other uses; this will have a significant positive impact on our finances. We also know that the metaphysical lessons that will be learned as we work toward this goal—recognizing more of God's abundant provision and His law of supply invariably meeting demand—will do much to set the BA on a firm foundation for future generations. We have already made some very significant first steps in this effort to pay off the debt.

At this season of Thanksgiving, we have so much to thank God for: the many healings witnessed, the steady guidance through challenges, the generous gifts of love from the Field. Day by day, we have seen proof of Mrs. Eddy's words in *Miscellaneous Writings*, ". . . it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment" (p. 307). There is still much to accomplish, however, and as we go forward, we ask for your continued support in making this demonstration. There are many ways you can help:

1. **Join us in prayer** to see the completeness of Love's provision of care for man—and for the BA.
2. **Help us share information** about the BA's services and healing refuge—so that all in need will know about the assistance and support we can provide and will feel free to call.
3. **Share the testimonies of healings** you've experienced while calling on the BA's services. We plan to produce other collections of fruitage for the Field.
4. **Continue to provide financial support** by participating in our new \$200,000 matching challenge by December 31, 2009.

Thank you for all the ways you have shown love and support for the BA over this last year.

With much gratitude,

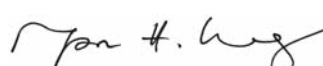
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