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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,

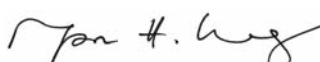
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