

HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE

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Peace of Mind

“Quiet minds can not be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.”

– Robert Louis Stevenson

It is comforting to picture quiet minds moving calmly onward despite external storms, but true calm comes from our steadfast spiritual understanding that one Mind governs all.

In these particularly trying times, we are daily faced with the mental imposition of many groups of human minds trying to influence, coerce, or control others. Sometimes we may feel bombarded by fear and doubt as these not-so-quiet human minds — be they healthcare industry officials or government leaders — give oft-changing recommendations of actions to take or not to take.

How can we rise above the turmoil swirling around us? Better yet, how can we help the world be free of the grip of fear and confusion?

The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy writes: “Growth is governed by intelligence; by the active, all-wise, law-creating, law-disciplining, law-abiding Principle, God. The real Christian Scientist is constantly accentuating harmony in word and deed, mentally and orally, perpetually repeating this diapason of heaven: ‘Good is my God, and my God is good. Love is my God, and God is Love’” (*Miscellaneous Writings* 206:17).

When we rely on God, Mind, our thought is calmed, quieted. Our consciousness is uplifted by our sure knowing that we can never be outside of infinite Mind. Like a clock during a thunderstorm, we can live and move in perfect peace.



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For Your Info:

We thought you'd like to be reminded that there are several national and international organizations that nurture Christian Science nursing. They are, in no particular order:

1. The Principle Foundation

The mission of The Principle Foundation (TPF) is to provide inspired benevolence in accordance with the teachings of Christian Science. This benevolence can range from short-term grants that cover temporary needs, including practitioner bills, to disaster relief to assistance for inmates being released from prison. Any Christian Scientist may apply for financial assistance at www.principlefoundation.org.



2. The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing

This benevolence fund assists Christian Scientists in the United States and its territories when they require the help of a Christian Science nurse, whether for home care or in a Christian Science care facility. The Principle Foundation administers this fund in collaboration with the AOCSN, CSNN, and CSNC/Philanthropy Forum. www.NFCSN.org



3. Association of Organizations for Christian Science Nursing

The AOCSN fosters communication and mutual support among Christian Science nursing organizations. Its members disseminate valuable information about Christian Science nursing standards, Christian Science nursing education, Christian Science nursing management, and organizational administration and governance. The Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, Inc. is a member of the AOCSN. www.AOCSN.org



4. Christian Science Nursing Network, Inc.

The CSNN is a not-for-profit corporation committed to supporting the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing worldwide by providing, to Christian Science nurses, opportunities for communication, inspiration and continuing education. Susie Petersen, our *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse, is a member of CSNN. www.csnnetwork.org



5. The Christian Science Nursing Collaborative

The CSNC is a community comprised of Christian Science nurses, Christian Science nursing facilities, Christian Science visiting nurse services, Christian Science nurse professional associations, The Mother Church, and other supporting



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organizations (i.e., Philanthropy Forum). It is dedicated to the spiritually vital activity and ministry of Christian Science nursing (see *Church Manual*, p. 49, Sect. 31), and its purpose is to ensure that "Every Christian Scientist has access to Christian Science nursing if they need it."

www.csncollaborative.org

Has this been sitting, unused, in your closet or garage?

Have you been storing but no longer need a mobility walker that's in good-to-mint condition? If you are ready to part with it, please call our *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse, Susie Petersen, at 713-304-8384 or susiepetersen3@gmail.com.

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