

# PEACE HAVEN'S 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

As you know, Peace Haven focused this year on Nehemiah building the wall, but our primary focus was not on physical wall-building, but on building up the spiritual ministry of Christian Science nursing.

When Mary Baker Eddy was building the original Mother Church, she reminded the Directors to "take...responsibility [for] seeing that God's order is carried out" in a timely manner, and she urged them to "remember that our time is not ours, but in His hands, and He appoints the periods..." (L03296, Oct.1894).

Today, we are pleased to announce that our time is at hand. We have successfully raised enough of the funds needed to begin building an up-to-date Peace Haven facility that will meet the needs of Christian Scientists in our community and the surrounding region for years to come. It will support the spiritual ministry which defines Christian Science nursing.

In *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy says, "The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking" (*S&H* 225:14). We feel that the history of Peace Haven is an embodiment of right thinking.

In the 1940s, a sincere group of Christian Scientists saw the need to build a Christian Science nursing home here in the St. Louis area. Practical steps were taken, but it was not until 1951 that they found and purchased a beautiful piece of land with an existing home built in 1908. That home was purchased through the generosity of donors, and a year later Peace Haven opened its doors debt-free and fully ready to serve the Christian Science community, providing a healing atmosphere where all can come for Christian Science nursing care and healing.

Over the next three decades the original Peace Haven went through many renovations and expansions to meet current needs. Now, nearly 70 years after opening our doors to serve the Christian Science community, the time has come when buildings and equipment must either be replaced or go through major renovations.

## Board of Trustees President's Report

by Cushie Switzer



For many years, Peace Haven's Board has considered every option, praying for new vision that would support our mission effectively and efficiently.

The Board and Executive Director have worked closely with engineers and architects to consider what a new Peace Haven facility might look like.

We have received input from staff, Christian Science nurses, volunteers, and our donors. We have thought about how we can best support Christian Science nursing in meeting patients' needs. Many designs have been considered. Many revisions have been made. Now, as we near the end of this process, we can announce that late spring we will begin

new construction, along with a major renovation of some existing space, creating a new Peace Haven facility. We are so thankful to the anonymous donors who have made this possible, thankful to all of you — our staff, volunteers, patients, families — to everyone who has prayed to support Christian Science nursing in St. Louis. Of course, Peace Haven still needs your active support, metaphysically and financially, to complete this

project and to continue funding our annual operations budget. There are plans to share more details on the building project with the community early next year.

Peace Haven has never really been a building. Peace Haven is founded on qualities, on love, purity, wisdom, peace, joy, beauty, order. It is our hope that our facility, grounds, and ministry will continue to reflect these caring, harmonious, Christ-filled qualities.

Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need" (*S&H* 494:10). Divine Love is certainly meeting Peace Haven's needs today. It is with our deepest gratitude and joy that we announce this new era for Peace Haven. This would not be possible without all of you and your support. Our hearts are filled by your overflowing love.

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