

# Board of Trustees Treasurer's Report

by Bruce Butterfield



**We are joyously grateful for the ever-increasing spiritual treasury provided by the transformation occurring through “radical reliance on Truth” (*Science and Health* 167:29) that continues to unfold through our Father-Mother God.**

A recent talk hosted by The Mother Church emphasized the need for not just “uplift” in thought (which can be fleeting) but for “transformation” in thought (which moves consciousness permanently into a higher plane.) This idea of transformation has been a crucial element in Peace Haven’s growth and activities this past year.

“Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.” (*Science and Health* 451:14)

This statement by Mary Baker Eddy is transformational in thought. It moves us out of human issues such as finances, costs, fundraising, and the like, and into a new level of consciousness. Our treasury, or treasures, at Peace Haven are the elements of healing, the daily practice of Christian Science, the Christ unfolding in daily life through the support of the *Manual*-based activities of Christian Science nursing. These are the activities of divine Life expressed and made manifest through the infinite resources of Soul.

In an article entitled “The New Birth” in the April 1886 *Christian Science Journal*, Mrs. Eddy states, “Nothing aside from the spiritualization, yea, the highest Christianization of thought and desire, can give the true perception of Divine Science, and its results in health, happiness, and holiness.” **This is transformation of thought at the highest level.**

Peace Haven has gone through such a transformation. Just a few years ago, Peace Haven was at the point of considering closing its doors and was evaluating what funds would be needed to do so. Then the Board and Executive Director, along with our Christian Science nurses, staff, and supportive community and branch church members, decided to spend more of their time—hourly, daily, weekly—meta-

physically praying, listening, and expressing gratitude...affirming Christian Science nursing as a divine revelation with God as its Principle, Mind as its guide, and Love (through healing) as its base. What a treasury to turn to! This spiritualization and Christianization of thought was a huge transformation, and the result in healing and supply has been unlimited, harmonious, natural, and joyously inspiring.

This past year, our transformational, ongoing demonstration has been expressed in numerous ways. All needs were met through service rate adjustments, increased individual and institutional donations, and new Christian Science funding sources being made available (such as the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing). Indeed, Peace Haven finished the year near break-even.

This unlimited approach to spiritually principled best practices—acknowledging divine Mind as the guide and Spirit, Love as the supplier—has unfolded further as we look towards a new building that best serves our guests, allows our Christian Science nurses to work unencumbered by human limitations and decaying structures, and expresses the “atmosphere of Soul” so vital to healing work. We are joyously grateful for the ever-in-

creasing spiritual treasury provided by the transformation occurring through “radical reliance on Truth” (*S&H* 167:30) that continues to unfold through our Father-Mother God.

We thank you all for your continued daily participation in Peace Haven’s mission. Going forward into this new year, we invite you to again join us and lend your metaphysical and financial support to the Christian Science nursing healing ministry of Peace Haven.

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Additional practical appreciation for our devoted and selfless Christian Science nurses with salary benchmarking bringing wages more in line with their professional peers.

We improved staff benefits, including matching employees’ contributions to a 403-B retirement plan. Despite the human arguments that would delay or limit such steps, we stood with Principle and moved forward.

Peace Haven served Christian Scientists from 17 states this year with a 94% occupancy rate and an average of 28-29 patients per day

Inspirational Program's Bible study weekly average is 450+ participants (call ins and those coming to Peace Haven) and are from 37 states and three countries

Peace Haven shared 34 church presentations over the past two years