



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE *joint* INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE *of missouri*

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Dear Friends-

As the new CSJIC Chairperson, it's a privilege to report all the good going on with the committee! At our annual meeting in February, Gary Duke, C.S., gave an inspirational talk, "Serving Time or Eternity?" in which he identified how vital this healing committee work is in helping those incarcerated to awaken to their true identity for *all* time. In Gary's remarks, he noted that our country has the highest incarceration rate in the world, along with the highest recidivism rate. Our CSJIC work is crucial in offering healing solutions to our neighbors and community.

"One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends war; fulfils the Scripture, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself;' annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, -- whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed." (*Science and Health*, 340:23)

Our dedicated, inspired volunteers from many local branch churches are weekly bearing witness to the unique healing light that Christian Science brings to awaken thought and bring hope and encouragement to those in institutions. We invite you to read the attached Fruitage Report for excerpts from their first hand accounts.

We currently serve two men's jails (MSI - Medium Security at Hall St. and CJC - Clayton Justice Center), weekly, providing 3 Church services, along with two conference periods (like Sunday School). Many of the men attend regularly and are earnestly studying and seeking. Between the two institutions we serve approximately 1,400 attendees a year, with 8 volunteers needed weekly. The program coordinators at both institutions are always pleased to see our volunteers and happily report that the attendance at our sessions exceeds the combined attendance of the other church organizations. We can trust that the leaven of Truth is doing the work!

How can I help?

Branch Churches:

- * Please consider appointing a CSJIC Rep from your membership if you have not already done so.
- * Budget a monthly contribution to CSJIC to help cover costs of distributing copies of *Science & Health*,
- * Christian Science Periodicals and the weekly MBL study guide. (TMC grants 40% of these expenses.)
- * Consider hosting a Christian Science lecture.
- * Donate new *Science & Healths*, or *Quarterlies*,
- * Collect newer used periodicals for distribution - preferably less than 1 month old.

Individual members:

- * Purchase *Science and Health* & donate to our committee through your branch church Rep
- * Prayerfully support our work, and check out our website: www.ChristianScienceMissouri.com
- * Talk to your branch Rep and consider serving as a volunteer! (Once a month helps fill our current commitments; and we want to reach out further to other Institutions - both Youth and Women)

With love and heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support,

Pamela Greiner-Moulton
Chair