

Nursing Report, Sharon House AGM 2018

presented by Barb Waite

The GTA is blessed to have 4 experienced Christian Science nurses available to their Church communities. Ruth, Bev Maria and Peggy have collectively given many years of service to this bylaw provision.

These 4 nurses, together with one other, Nora Myers in Halifax, comprise the SH “24/7” team of nurses. Each of These individuals have made a full time commitment to CS healing...to the Comforter’s art. How blessed we are to have this Manual provision for anyone relying on divine Love for healing. As well as a nurturing presence, CS nurses bring competent care giving to a situation.

Our Manual outlines in the nursing bylaw that , together with this commitment to TMC and teachings of CS, is the requirement of a “demonstrable knowledge of CS practice.” This requirement is the foundation of the “office” of CS nurse . (Art V111 Sect 31)

The nurses in all our Church communities stand ready and willing to serve. In eastern Canada, there is a nursing presence in Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa as well as Halifax & GTA. There is more prayerful work for us to do however, to ensure the continued availability of CS nurses. Anyone interested in learning more about The CS nursing office, please don’t hesitate to be in contact with any Christian science nurse. We would be happy to share our experiences and to answer your questions about this ministry.

The SH Board of Directors, Sharon House and staff , all of you in the churches, support and are practitioners of CS nursing. This Manual bylaw includes all members of TMC and is Love’s reciprocal law of love in action - blessing one, blessing all. Our Pastor reminds us repeatedly that the practicing love is the key. Anyone who loves , studies and practices CS in their daily life should never resist calling a CS nurse. . I have seen at times, the tempter may try to pull us away from what we know of the Christ and it’s Comforter...away from CS. We can stand firm with each other; meeting one another where we are with love, never judging, reassuring one another that we are always worthy of Love’s outstretched arm.

As in the prodigal son parable in last Week’s lesson, our Father knew he never really left Home. We can do this too for each other.

Yet, he did have to repent - turn around or change his thinking (his mind) about Home.

The SH Board will be looking at the 24/7 program , nursing training , possible alternate uses of SH in the upcoming year , for further opportunities to serve the

field and Cause of spiritual healing.

Mind has infinite ideas with which to bless us in fact it is pouring forth more than we are willing to accept! We hope you will feel free to share your ideas with any Board member. Please join us prayerfully and practically to move forward , to nurse each other, our churches and our Movement.

Upcoming CCSN Conference Report

Presented by Ruth Matthews

Coming up this October 17-20 will be the second nursing Canadian Christian Science Nursing Conference, the first having been held in Victoria in 2016.

This year, it will be held here in Toronto at The Old Mill. Panelists and speakers are being assembled and we are very much looking forward to having everyone meet again.

The first day of the conference will take place at Sharon House with a day-long presentation from Le Verger of Switzerland on The Spiritual Dimension of Care.

Trust Canada has helped immensely with covering a substantial portion of the cost of the conference. We are most grateful to them.

The planning committee works hard to make these conferences happen. The conferences are open to present Christian Science nurses in Canada and to those expressing a genuine interest in following this ministry.