



*Christian Science Committee*  
**FOR INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**  
IN THE STATE OF OREGON

*Bringing light and healing within the setting of Oregon's penal institutions*

Greetings Fellow Branch Members:

The following includes our meeting schedule, fruitage from our Chaplain reports, current needs, and our financial report.

### **AN INVITATION**

Are you looking to expand your practice of Christian Science? Bring more healing to your community? Touch others with Christ healing? Then we invite you to consider becoming a volunteer Christian Science Chaplain. Many hungering hearts are waiting for this healing touch.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Salem church. All branch members are welcome.

### **FINANCIALS**

We are reviewing our procedures and have created a baseline budget to evaluate our expenses. A detailed accounting review of financial records for the period October 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was completed. Everything was found to be complete and in good order. Financial reports are attached.

### **FRUITAGE**

#### **APPRECIATION FOR TEXTBOOK**

“One of the guys who received a S&H wanted to express his appreciation and he sent a money order for \$25 to the Institutional Service Committee.”

## **GETTING READY FOR RELEASE**

“The young man I visit is mentally preparing for being released next year after a couple-month stay in an adult facility. Several ideas on places to live and work and ‘be’ have come and gone over the summer. His best friend was released last month, and he would like permission to receive phone calls from his friend. The parole officer said no, but letters are OK. I encouraged my mentee to write encouraging things to his friend and not to ‘dump’ on him. I reminded him that being released is a huge change, and the parole officer needs to be sure his friend is safe and focused on safe housing and a job and staying out. Every communication comes from God. Every visit is a blessing to all.”

## **GROWTH IN ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES**

Two of our volunteer Chaplains have requested more full-text Quarterlies because there have been increases in attendance.

## **CHALLENGES NEEDING YOUR METAPHYSICAL SUPPORT**

### **COMPETITION FROM MOVIES AND CHAPLAIN BURN-OUT**

“We have Sunday services about one month out of four at our facility. August wasn’t a very good month for us. I was able to go one Sunday but I’m not sure that any of our other workers were able to make it. The facility recently made all volunteers go thru training, including fingerprints, and it’s proven to be that extra effort that some of our small crew has not been willing to spend time on. We seem to be running out of steam for this work.

“We don’t get nearly the turn out for services that we used to. Lately, the institution shows a movie, we come in halfway through the movie, and the kids are given the choice of finishing the movie or coming to church. Only one has chosen to come to church the last couple of times. But, at least they want to be there.”

### **NEED FOR ANOTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

We are so grateful for the progress over the last several months that has seen our Executive Committee grow from two to four members. Thank you, everyone, for your dedicated prayerful work on this issue. While we can operate quite well with just four members, it’s important to have five.