



Greetings Fellow Branch Members!

April 2022

**How many new people have YOU introduced to Christian Science this year?**

In 2020 we started finding ways to follow/ be with people once they were released and those “inside” spread the news of Christian Science. Here is a summary:

In 2020 sent Christian Science Bible Lessons to 43 individually named adults-in-custody where 19 were new. We sent materials to up to seven returning community members (RCMs) in a given month.

In 2021 there were 7 new adults-in-custody. Lowest number of Bible Lessons printed in a week was 17, highest was 41. This includes a copy to each facility and copies that the facility chaplain made for requesters. We transitioned RCMs to email delivery of Bible Lens and articles and always include a notice about how to get the Bible Lesson directly from Christian Science Publishing Society at a reduced price.

As of 3/17/22, one new AIC was added to our list. (AICs are removed as they are released. Some become RCMs on our list, some simply drop off).

Week of 3/17/2022 we sent 15 Bible Lessons, Bible Lens and articles (30 pages each) to specifically named adults-in-custody (AICs). We sent the Bible Lesson and an article to 16 facility chaplains. We also sent the Bible Lens and articles to seven returning community members.

In addition, some facility chaplains put the Christian Science Bible Lesson on their religious carts for anyone to pick up.. They report the number of copies used/taken to this committee’s secretary/treasurer as requested in a letter sent each week with the Bible Lesson to the chaplain. The week of 3/17/22 the facility chaplain made **eight** additional copies.

## Annual Meeting by Zoom – TBD 2022

Agenda will be sent to churches and will include a financial report, reports from volunteers and perhaps some reports from returning community members. We are inviting a facility chaplain to talk to us about how religious services work in their facility. Let us know by emailing [csiscoregon@gmail.com](mailto:csiscoregon@gmail.com) what topics you would like covered or questions you would like answered.

### Are volunteers visiting prison facilities?

Not like before because of state guidelines. There are two facilities in Salem, Oregon that have a number of AICs we send Bible Lessons to and have no volunteer available to visit.

The facility chaplain at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras (Bend) is requesting volunteers and two have recently been approved by this committee to further pursue restarting Bible Study at the facility.

Columbia River Correctional Institute has been reluctant to allow our designated volunteers to visit. No reason is known.

The state youth facilities are receiving the *Christian Science Monitor* and *Christian Science Sentinel*, but there is no other contact known by this committee.

One volunteer reported that her request for religious exemption for vaccination was accepted.

### EmbracedFully.org

Would you like to help someone integrate into their community better? EmbracedFully has ideas and an online community ready to help. They are entity under The Principle Foundation (TPF) working with Christian Scientists across the nation to help those previously incarcerated that are interested in Christian Science. There is an application for an adult-in-custody to fill out to have help upon release. If you would like to listen in or participate in their meetings, visit their website [EmbracedFully.org](http://EmbracedFully.org) or email our secretary at [csiscoregon@gmail.com](mailto:csiscoregon@gmail.com). One Thursday a month there is a speaker or interview and one Thursday a month is the “angel teams” giving updates/encouragement. An angel team is a group of volunteers helping a previously incarcerated person aka “returning community member” (RCM) get reconnected with community in a “pro-social” way.

## Interested in helping?

We have volunteers in several different roles. There are guidelines and mentors for every position. It is very rewarding and enlightening work.

- write letters
- serve on the Executive Committee
- serve inside a prison, jail, transition center, or other institution
- help those just released (1<sup>st</sup> 48hours, 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks, ongoing as Christian Science mentor – could be by phone, finding transportation, finding/keeping job, creating/updating resume, finding 2nd housing, whatever)

## Financial Summary – details sent in same email

### ANNUAL October 2020 – September 2021

Balance in checking \$12,628.46

Balance in Money Market \$98,092.14

Income \$14,450.47 including \$4,899.50 in special donations

Expenses \$26,631.72 includes 12 new subscriptions to *Christian Science Monitor* and *Christian Science Sentinel* requested by a facility.

Net income \$-12,181.25 (budgeted \$-15K)

### October 2021 - February 2022

Balance in checking = \$7819.94

Balance in Money Market and CDs = \$98,096.56

Income Oct 2021 – Feb 2022 = \$4007.90 incl \$140.50 in special donations

Expenses Oct 2021 – Feb 2022 = \$8816.42

Net income \$-4804.10 (budgeted \$-6,000)

**Church memberships**, please consider increasing your contributions to this committee to **\$2.75 per capita**.

## Individual donations requested

THANK YOU for your metaphysical and financial support for this important work!

Please consider donating funds to this committee. There is a “donate now” button to allow donations via PayPal or debit/credit card at <https://csisoregon.com/>.

OR send contributions to:

Christian Science Committee for Institutional Service in the State of Oregon  
PO Box 1233  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Abbreviation legend:

AIC = Adult-in-custody – does not imply guilt or innocence

CSCIS in OR = Christian Science Committee for Institutional Service in the State of Oregon

CSPS = Christian Science Publishing Society

DOC = Oregon Department of Corrections

RCM = Returning Community Member