



Greetings Fellow Branch Members!

July 2020

A postcard from an Adult-in-custody:

Thank you again for the letters and the Sentinels. It helps so much not only me but others here. Much need it in times like this. Right on point. Very grateful and thankful and the lessons [are] great. Stand with God.

Clarification, this person received copies of articles from the *Sentinel* as part of our mailings. One of the articles he received was from April 13, 2020 *Sentinel* "Start, Stick, Stay and Stand with God" by Judith Hardy Olson. As of this moment, each known state institution in Oregon has a gift subscription to the *Christian Science Sentinel* and the *Christian Science Monitor*.

We thought we would get no one new requesting Bible Lessons in institutions during this "shutdown". WE WERE WRONG! And we are happy about it!

- A Christian Science Practitioner received a call from an AIC to please send a copy of *Science and Health* and the Bible Lessons. He had heard of Christian Science from a former AIC. The volunteer that usually goes to the facility has sent *Sentinel* Radio editions and a video of a lecture to the facility chaplain who aired them on the in-house programming. Which item was the impetus for the call? We believe both since the former AIC has been released for awhile and the request was within a week of the airing.
- A grandparent called to ask for ideas and help with her loved one who is in an institution and opening up to Christian Science.

When the lockdown at Oregon Department of Corrections occurred, adults-in-custody let us know they were not allowed to work and could we send in more information. So, we put together 30 page packets (15 sheets can fit in a 6x9 envelope, ¼" thick, 85 cents

per package) and sent them in to all those formerly receiving myBibleLesson. The information available on Digital Bible Lesson (replaced myBibleLesson) changed a couple times and our secretary and volunteer that prints collaborated for what worked best. Today the Digital Bible Lesson, Bible Lens, articles and testimonies from Sentinel and Journal. Enough information to fill 30 pages each week. Sometimes we use Evan Mehlenbacher's blog or even suggestions from the PNW practitioner group. The secretary puts together the file and one week she prints, the next week a volunteer prints on a printer owned by the committee.

Our secretary is mentoring a high school student in Discovery Bound's National Leadership Council (DB NLC). Due to the pandemic restrictions the scheduled internships were cancelled. So the IS committee has an intern for the summer helping with editing, printing and stuffing the weekly mailings. The high school student is also interning with a local church learning what it takes to run a Christian Science church. All focused on how metaphysical work and support make a difference.

Financial Summary – details sent in same email or available upon request.

As of March 30, 2020

Balance in checking = \$6478.79 and dropping

Balance in Money Market and CDs = \$46,411.18

Income for Q2 (Jan-Mar 20) = \$1957.95

Expense for Q2 (Jan-Mar 20) = \$6696.94

In May we moved \$5000 from the MoneyMarket to checking. We were considering asking churches to make an effort to pay more than the formerly requested \$1 per member per month. Within the last couple weeks we received a significant donation from a church and we are VERY grateful. It is meant to keep us going for the next five years without changing what we are doing or asking for more from churches who may be struggling.

Other Changes

THANK YOU to Joan Rietz of Medford (now California) for serving on the Executive Committee for two years prior to moving permanently to California.

WELCOME Judith Hillend of Gresham to the Executive Committee!

We now have four Executive Committee members, but **need five** and one will automatically “roll off” in October and is unable to be reappointed according to our ByLaws.

The **phone system** in ODOC used to be “Telmate” to cover telephone/video and messaging. Now ICSolutions for telephone/video calls, CorrLink for messaging and AccessCorrections for AIC cash accounts. A great reason we have a statewide committee, to keep up with changes in ODOC. The Christian Science Practitioners who volunteer their services to AICs are changing over.

Congratulations to James Shepard, CS, a new member of the Board of Lectureship! Due to his new responsibilities, we are looking for another Christian Science Practitioner willing to work pro-bono with adults-in-custody. The committee pays the out-of-pocket expenses. We would especially appreciate a male practitioner since most of our adults-in-custody are male and “there are just things” one AIC told us 😊 that they would like to talk to a man about.

Informational video/phone calls via Zoom

Any interested individual can join us on the volunteer and representative calls via Zoom. There is always time to ask questions. The next one is **August 23, 2:15-4:00pm**. Link is usually live at 2pm.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [Zoom meeting link](#)

OR call in +1 646 558 8656 OR 253 215 8782 (there more if needed)

Meeting ID: 556 965 2476; password 123

A separate communication to churches, volunteers, and known representatives will be sent with the agenda about August 1. Contact Barb at 503-320-1915 or csiscoregon@gmail.com with questions, concerns, items you would like to hear about.

Individual donations requested

This committee is a church activity and we receive regular donations from branch churches and societies all over the state of Oregon. The number of AICs we are reaching is expanding, the number of volunteers we are supporting is expanding. THANK YOU for your metaphysical and financial support for this important work! Contributions should be sent to

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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

ODOC = Oregon Department of Corrections

OYA = Oregon Youth Authority