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Dear Friends:

All of us have moments when we feel we need to be rescued or helped in the midst of a challenge. As children, most of us went straight to mom for such comfort which seemed the most immediate and tangible way to feel God's healing love. And now, as adults, one of the best and most practical forms of God's mothering love in times of great need is Christian Science nursing care. Mrs. Eddy's *Manual* provision for Christian Science nurses continues to bless our church community with always-ready spiritual workers who stand with us side-by-side on the front lines of our seeming earth-battles. Through their practical, patient, prompt service, they gently lead us forward to realize healing and accept God's goodness already at hand. For that, their services are priceless.

Recently, The Mother Church sent to all the branch churches a DVD on Christian Science Nursing which answers the questions: "What, exactly, do Christian Science nurses do?" and "Why is there a bylaw in the *Church Manual* for Christian Science nursing?" In the video, nurses from around the world share their thoughts on how their services form an integral part of church work and the healing ministry. Included are comments from nurses and practitioners that reveal the great value of Christian Science nursing care, such as:

"[Nursing] is the nurturing side of church. It's the nurturing side of the mission, and it is the motherhood of God brought forward." Robin Hoagland, CSB, Hyannis, MA.

"It is love at work. Love—a very active love that is working. And if I'm the patient...I see love preparing my meals. I see love changing my bandages. I see love helping me to stand up. I see love helping me to take a bath, and it's just such a wonderful feeling." Agnes Nicanor-Cailer, CSN, Martinez, CA.

"The way that I like to look at a Christian Science nursing organization or facility is really to take that word "facility" and define it. It means to make easier, to make possible. It facilitates the provision for the bylaw for the Christian Science nurse. It's there to support that bylaw. It provides equipment, it provides structure, it provides the beds, it provides room, and it provides the mental atmosphere. It hires the nurses and provides the staff, and holds up a standard for that staff—so it's really there to facilitate all the good that comes from that bylaw." Bonnie Castroman, CSN, Elsau, IL.

"A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in The Christian Science Journal under rules established by the publishers."

*Manual of The Mother Church*  
(Article VIII, Section 31)

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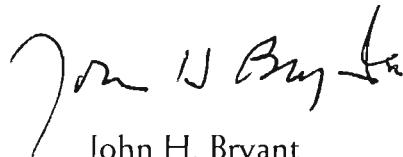
Aren't we all so grateful for that provision! But what about affordability? Often people may be concerned about the cost associated with paying for Christian Science nursing services or care at a facility. The Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment exists to help those living in Southern California, with little or no financial means, to pay for such care. The Endowment has provided to date \$898,423 in funds toward nursing care bills since its inception in 1997. Today the Endowment principal stands at \$2,490,036, and only earnings from the fund are distributed to those in need—so the principal always remains untouched.

The almost \$900,000 provided to date has helped with only a portion of Christian Science nursing care costs. Our goal is to grow the Endowment principal to someday be able to fully fund the nursing care need.

We invite you to support this worthy goal with a contribution to the Endowment. For convenience, donations to the Endowment can be made online at [www.csnce.org](http://www.csnce.org) and, upon request, CSNCE can provide churches, individuals, and associations with contribution envelopes. As a one-time gift through 2009, for a contribution of \$100 or more we will send you the booklet entitled "To Be a Christian Science Nurse." For a contribution of \$500 or more you will receive the musical CD *Inhabiting Eternity* by Kathy Glover and Char Beck.

Above all, your metaphysical support of the loving efforts of Christian Science nurses and the care facilities that bless all of us is most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "B".

John H. Bryant  
President