

# UPDATE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN OTTAWA

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## CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2006 - 2007

### Executive Board

Stewart Walker	President
Phyllis Hodge	Secretary
Bob Atchison	Treasurer
Gwen McClean	Director
Anne Price	Director

### Chairman of Meetings:

Martha Connolley

### Auditors:

Paul Berry and Rick Robson

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 13th. It welcomes your input in attending to the affairs of our church.

## APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

It was reported that a new furnace has been installed, repairs to the organ are complete and that we will be getting a new roof in the near future.

The following motion was moved and carried by unanimous vote: Moved that this Church hold at least one public Lecture in the coming year.

## FIELD MEETING WITH THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A good number of Christian Scientists from Ottawa attended this meeting in Toronto on April 29 and found it very interesting and inspiring. They are willing to share their insights from the meeting with those who weren't there: if interested, attend an informal meeting after Church on June 25, in the Sunday School. Everyone is welcome.

## DOORS OPEN, JUNE 3 & 4

As always a very successful event: we had over a hundred visitors both days. Some asked questions about the Church and Christian Science. Many came to hear the organ and loved it.

## WEBCAST OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

The Internet broadcast was presented on the large screen in the Sunday School at the Church. It was also viewed on the computer in the Reading Room.

A replay of this webcast and two other sessions held at Annual Meeting time about (1) youth and (2) Christian Science nursing and practice are available on the church website at [www.churchofchristscientist.org](http://www.churchofchristscientist.org) and can be viewed on the Reading Room computer.

## LECTURE ON APRIL 22

Everyone who attended the Lecture enjoyed it enormously. If anyone wishes to report fruitage from the Lecture, please forward it to Susan Annis, Committee Chairman.

## BOOKS AND LITERATURE FOR AFRICA

Used Christian Science Literature is desperately needed and being quickly made use of in Africa. This includes periodicals, textbooks, and hymnbooks. This Church has a large collection of surplus books to send. Donations are invited to pay for postage and to generally support this activity. They may be included in the Gratitude

*Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Ps. 107:21*

Comment on a letter from First Church of Christ, Scientist, Ottawa, circa 1909, by Mary Baker Eddy

*God will abundantly bless this willing and obedient church with the rich reward of those that seek and serve Him. No greater hope have we than in right thinking and right acting, and faith in the blessing of fidelity, courage, patience, and grace.* (from Miscellany, p.209)

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Envelopes along with your other donation(s) and marked "AFRICA". The cost of postage is about \$160.00 for a box of literature 18" x 12" x 10". Everyone, please bring in used periodicals. They will be promptly put to use.

#### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We would like to encourage anyone who is thinking of joining this Church. Applications for membership in this Church and The Mother Church are available from the Ushers. Members have the privilege of working on committees and otherwise furthering the growth of our movement. The members and Board of the church invite your questions and participation.

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Anyone who is having difficulty hearing in Church services is invited to sit up closer to the front or to ask an Usher about the listening devices available.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church services sometimes finish early, before the hour is up. Regardless, Sunday School will continue every Sunday until 11:00 A.M.

#### PARKING

We have confirmed that parking is still permitted in the public Parking Lot behind the Church, but please ask an Usher for an ID card to put in the windshield of the car. Parking is also available on Sunday morning adjacent to the Colonnade Restaurant.

Church parking spaces shortly will be unavailable for several consecutive days while the roof is being redone.

#### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

There is a continuing need for used Sentinels and Journals, which can be shared in numerous places.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES AT LONGFIELDS

These are now held the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Next service: July 20.

#### INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONGREGATION

Watch for a flyer with details about a party at the Annis home on July 16th.

Mary Baker Eddy states in the Manual of The Mother Church (page 31) that the Sunday Lesson-Sermon is "a lesson on which the prosperity of Christian Science largely depends". She also tells us that "...our Sunday Lessons, are of inestimable value to all seekers after Truth" (Miscellany 114:1).

You may wish to explore <http://www.mybiblelesson.com>. Specifically designed for teen and young adult readers, my Bible Lesson includes the Lesson text, Bible notes and biographical information, quotes from Bible translations, timelines, word definitions, and more to facilitate students' deeper learning and exploration of the Lesson.

This is an excellent means to introduce the daily study of the Lesson-Sermon. Please take a moment to consider sharing these new educational materials.

## READING ROOM NEWS

Start your summer reading off with the new blue Science and Health paperback and “Reading Science and Health in a Year”, together for \$27.50, otherwise sold for \$32.50. There is still the ongoing discount for sharing Science and Health “3 for the price of 2”, English or translations.

### New CD's:

I am Holding You

Still with Thee

Shepherd

### Still available CD's:

Sweet Sacred Solos

Coming Home

In His Eyes

3 Steps and a Bound (children)

Upon The Mountain

Heavenly Rest

Jubal-Ation (Christmas)

Pilgrim on Earth

Choose God

The Greatest Thing in the World

### From the Radio Sentinel Collections:

Life under God's Control

Free from the Past

Relationship

Parenting A-Z (also on cassette)

Looking for Satisfaction

Your Real Worth

Every month we have a new Sentinel Radio CD; copies of 2004 and 2005 are now 50% off.

Everyone is invited to join in reading the weekly Lesson Sermon in the Reading Room on Friday mornings, starting at about 10:00 A.M. Science and Health continues to be read aloud on the last Friday of the month, starting at noon.

## ALBERT BAKER FUND

We have received the following information. The Albert Baker Fund provides loans and grants for qualified students attending colleges and universities in Canada or the United States.

The Fund is committed to supporting Christian Scientists in their educational pursuits and invites students to contact them as soon as possible so that their requests may be considered in time for the upcoming semester.

To qualify for a grant the applicant must have attended a Christian Science Sunday School at some point. To qualify for a loan the student must be a member of The Mother Church or a branch Church.

Applications are available through the website [www.albertbakerfund.org](http://www.albertbakerfund.org) or via email [abf@albertbakerfund.org](mailto:abf@albertbakerfund.org).

## FIRST CHURCH TORONTO:

### INTERIM LOCATION FOR SERVICES

While repairs are going on in the Church Auditorium, Sunday Service, Sunday School and Wednesday Testimony Meetings are now in the Bata Shoe Museum at the corner of Bloor and St. George Streets.

Times are unchanged: 11 a.m. on Sundays and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Parking is still available at the Church parking lot, one block north on St. George.

Occasionally, the Bata Museum may have some other activity happening during a service time. In this case, the service would be cancelled. Please check with the Church website [www.firstchurchtoronto.com](http://www.firstchurchtoronto.com) to confirm that the service is available.



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