

First Quarter Report from Advisory Board:

In accordance with our Bylaws (Article IV. B), we currently have three Advisory Board members and are considering an amendment to the Bylaws to increase that number to “up to 5.” We meet via phone conference for working sessions and in person once each quarter. If you or someone you know would be interested in working on the Advisory Board, please contact the secretary at csinstitutional.wa@gmail.com.

We are excited to share our news through this new website. We welcome your input at any time. We believe that the more we share our thoughts and fruitage, the stronger will be our organization and our ability to reach out to those who need Christian Science. We also expect that, as folks who are not currently a part of this committee will be excited to join us.

There is currently a need for workers at the following institutions. Each of these Washington sites have inmates who are receiving our periodicals and do not have a Christian Science worker visiting.

Airway Heights Corrections Center – Airway Heights

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center – Connell

Washington State Penitentiary – Walla Walla

Worker’s Fruitage Reports

Snohomish-King County Area Committee – Frank Voorhees - Worker

- A total of 19 attendees at our monthly services at the King County Correctional Facility. Six Bibles and eight copies of *Science and Health* were supplied on requests and four *Christian Science Monitors*, five copies of Full-Text Edition of *Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lessons*, and five *Christian Science Sentinels* were distributed.
- Several one-on-one window visits led to further study and both men and women voicing an interest in visiting a church or reading room upon release. The total picture cannot be measured as much of the results are in increased health and new behavior.
- Metaphysical support of the churches strengthens the effect of our work as we realize the unfolding Christ in the experiences of both the workers and those visited.
- We are working on increasing our presence in the Regional Justice Center in Kent.
- The worker at the Monroe State Prison reports a good visit with one person which turned into a two person visit as a bystander had overheard the conversation and had some questions also.

Cedar Creek Corrections Center – Nancy Krussel - Worker

Right at this time I am in contact with one inmate at Cedar Creek. I have not been able to make a personal visit for a few months and talk to him every few weeks, but hope to soon visit in person. He is still appreciative of the Full-Text Edition of *Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lessons* that is sent to him and tells me so each time I talk to him.

Washington Corrections Center Shelton – Ralph Emerson, CS - Worker

I find that rather than trying to convince the men of Christian Science, finding out what things concern them and helping them where they are is what helps them most and is what our work is all about. I always share things from the textbook. They can grow best from there.

A man wanted me to pray for his family, since he was currently unable to support them or be with them. He was not sure about how to pray and said the vocabulary of *Science and Health* was difficult. I prayed for him,

which amounted to an audible treatment. Another who asked for prayer replied to it with a “wow.” I got a “wow” from another because of the healings he found out about. One had a Catholic Bible, but was very interested and receptive to what I told him.

Another man came to the table because he heard me talking about Jesus and the Christ. I showed him Mrs. Eddy’s explanation on page 332 of the textbook. He was very receptive to it.

I asked another man who appeared doubtful about coming to talk if he was looking for new ideas. “Anything,” he replied. He was concerned about his 2 children with 2 different women. We had a very productive talk.

One person who had worked with a Christian Science worker in King County jail is strong in Christian Science. He has corrected others regarding Christian Science vs Scientology. I explained about getting rid of wrong thoughts and replacing with the good. His friend joined us and he enthusiastically told his friend about getting rid of wrong thoughts and being sure to replace them with good ones.

An enthusiast about Christian Science told me his friend had read a *Christian Science Monitor* and said an inspiration of some kind came over him, and he started to read the Sentinels.

I spoke to a man sad at the death his father. I talked extensively about examples of people who have died and come back to life and what they told about their “out of body” experience. That always seems reassuring to those concerned about those who have passed.

One resident was interested in violence and healing, so we resolved some of those issues.

Another asked many questions. He was struggling with how *Science and Health* seemed to him to disagree with Bible verses. He also had a hard time getting over the teaching that Jesus is God. I explained and pointed out some things on those subjects, and then asked if that had helped make things clearer. He said, “a little.” One man praised the Monitor. He said it was the most informative thing out there in relation to other newspapers, and named specific instances that evidenced that. An intellectual type reads and studies a lot. He knows the Bible, and agrees with all that Christian Science says. He declared, there’s a lot more to Jesus than people realize.” He was aware of many people’s lack of understanding of the depth of the Bible.

One individual said he was not into reading when I spoke about the book. He didn’t want any literature. He returned to the table a short time later and asked, “What would you do about my stress?” I asked what he was stressed about. I got a vague answer that seemed to imply stress about everything in general. I quoted Isaiah 41:10, “Be strong and of a good courage. Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” He liked that. I showed him a few things from *Science and Health*, and he said he had to read that book. He wanted specific citations to read from it and the Bible, so I provided those.

Larch Corrections Center – James Phillips – Worker

The Vancouver church workers have been meeting weekly with inmates at Larch Corrections Center since August of 2016. When we first started, we met with 5 inmates. As time passed, the group reduced to two very steadfast inmates. In January one was released and he anxiously was looking forward to subscribing to eBibleLesson. Since then we have one inmate that always comes and occasionally one or two other inmates drop into our service.

The chaplain continues to be very supportive of us posting our list of upcoming lesson sermons and looks forward to helping us put on a lecture when the time is right.

We recently added another worker to the team. She is helping us add music to our service on occasion.