

**King-Snohomish County Area Committee  
For Christian Science Institutional Work**

**MINUTES  
January 30, 2021**

10:05 am Zoom Meeting called to order by Chairman, Dave Pfleeger

Inspirational Readings by Sue Alegria - Subject: Justice  
Silent prayer followed by Daily Prayer

Attendants: Herb Dresser (1st Bothell); Dave Pfleeger (1st Seattle); Mark Schoening (1st Edmonds); Brent Hirschman (1st Seattle); Frank Voorhees (3rd Seattle); Caroline Harlow (3rd Seattle); Aleta Matteson (1st Kent); Pat Matteson (1st Mercer Island); Sue Alegria (1st Burien); Josh Draskovich (visitor, 3rd Seattle); Gary Ketron (1st Redmond); Mary Ann Peterson (1st Burien); Sue Anderson (visitor, 1st Bainbridge Island).

Sharing of inspiration: Included recommendation of the books, "My Shadow Ran Fast," by Bill Sand, "Just Mercy," by Bryan Stevenson, and "Message of Life from Death Row," by Pierre Predervand. Please contact Caroline Harlow and Sue Anderson about borrowing or obtaining these books.

Remarks were made about prayerfully supporting all of our U.S. citizens who are residing in institutions. We were also encouraged to pray for the families of these people.

ELECTIONS. Dave Pfleeger, Chairman, Mark Schoening, Vice-Chairman, and Caroline Harlow, Secretary.

Reports from the Field: Brent reported that he was taking literature to the Seattle Jail. The Supervisor for Community Programs, Karen Pohio, meets him at the entrance to the jail and gives them to the Chaplain. His staff distributes our literature as needed.

Herb reported that the Chaplain at the Washington State Reformatory Unit at Monroe had requested 5 copies of Science & Health, which he has sent.

Miscellaneous Reports: A Special Report by Sue Anderson, member of the WA State Christian Science Institutional Committee. (Sue also serves on the WA State DOC Religious Advisory Board.) Sue reported:

1. The Northern CA Institutional Committee (with David Fowler as chairman) has expanded their work with the Christian Science Principle Foundation to help inmates who are re-entering society. They are organizing teams of mentors to facilitate this activity. These are called "Angel Teams" and information can be

found at [Embracedfully.org](http://Embracedfully.org) and is tied to their very interesting website called "Light In Prison." These people have not previously or at present been workers inside prisons. She felt our Area Institutional Committee could be involved in WA if we enlarged our bylaws to include this type of work. Currently, in Washington, this type of work — talking with released inmates, giving them rides, etc. can only be done by those who are not serving as active institutional workers. Our workers can only have contact with these "returning citizens" if they have "advance[d] approval from the appointing authority."

2. The WA State Clallum Bay prison has a new Chaplain, Jeffrey Adams, and he really appreciates what our Christian Science workers are doing to support its inmates. However, he was asking for recorded services or lecturers, which isn't something we can supply at present. This prison has set up a monthly ZOOM chat.

3. The State Committee has also set up a correspondence system between inmates and church members. Christian Scientists from different churches throughout the state are writing to inmates at several prisons in the state. There are 13 inmates who responded to a letter from Martha Niemi, the Secretary of our State Committee, asking if any of the inmates would like to correspond with a Christian Scientist. We now have 11 volunteer letter writers.

4. Christian Science literature is now welcome at Purdy, after having been denied there for many, many years! Sue will ask their Chaplain, Malik Shakoor, if he would like to add more Monitor Weekly magazines to the 50 subscriptions already being sent there. Sue is sending Sentinels and Martha will send 5 Science & Healths, for now.

Brent Hirschman reported that there will be a special ZOOM meeting regarding institutional work from TMC in February, and information about it will be sent out when the date is set and the login information is available.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 10, 2021 - 10 am  
Readings by Herb Dresser: (Subject to be announced)

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am with the repetition of the Sixth Tenet.  
*Herb Dresser, former Secretary, & Caroline Harlow, newly-elected Secretary*