



Communities of Christian Caring

“Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God.” (1 John)

Caring for our fellow Christian Scientists. It’s the most natural thing in the world: dropping by a member’s home to read them the Lesson, visiting a CS friend at a care facility, helping brand new parents with meals. These activities are rewarding, and they are easier, more effective, and more joyful when done as part of a “community of carers.”

In the last few years, an organic movement has sprung up among Christian Scientists to support each other. Beginning in a couple of states like New Mexico and Arizona — where Christian Science churches are fewer and more distanced — a natural momentum is creating a network called Communities of Christian Caring (CoCC).

What does a Community of Christian Caring do?

- Awakens the natural Christian desire to care for one another
- Supports healing! Anything from friendly visits, to tidying up, to fixing meals, to finding on-going care from a Christian Science nurse
- Supplements the efforts of a church care committee, a Christian Science nursing facility, or a visiting CS nurse service if one is nearby
- Identifies resources (local or beyond) which an individual or group might not be aware of to meet a specific need
- Builds a web of sustainable relationships — not solo efforts or one-time events, but on-going partnerships within one’s CS community
- Discovers unique ways to meet the needs of Christian Scientists in your own area
- Reaches out to knowledgeable sources to build their own capacity to do all of these things — if at this time it is not happening for one reason or another
- Hosts conversations, meetings and workshops (in person and online) to educate Christian Scientists in understanding and supporting the role of Christian Science nursing in our movement
- Clarifies the practicalities (and the ethics) of helping someone in their home

Christian Scientists everywhere can create their own informal networks of carers — whether they are tied to a Christian Science nursing facility or a church . . . or they are more remote and doing things on their own.

If you want to explore what is possible in your own area, contact info@cscocc.org or call the call center (800-930-3797) and ask them to put you in touch with the Communities of Christian Caring.