

Healing, broadcasting, publishing highlight church's annual meeting

Christian healing, new broadcasting efforts and "a spiritual urgency" as mankind stands at "the crossroads," these were among the major topics discussed at the Christian Science Society's annual meeting in Boston early this month.

The denomination's Mother Church was filled to capacity with members from around the world as the chairman of the church's board of directors, other church officers and adherents from a number of countries addressed the members gathered.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Progress reports on expanding broadcasting efforts, including a newly established international shortwave radio network.

- A closing address by the chairman of the denomination's five-member board of directors who spoke of the church's larger mission and the continuing and urgent need "to be effective in reaching mankind."

- "Reports from the Field," a traditional aspect of each annual meeting, which this year included accounts of spiritual healing from Kansas, India, Florida and Cameroon as well as accounts of Sunday School and church progress from Ohio and Portugal.

- A word of thanks from church treasurer Donald C. Bowersock for "members' support of new expenditures during the past year. He noted that even after 1986-87 increased costs, including a \$25 million expenditure on broadcasting activities and facilities, the church's overall working funds were up nearly nine percent. Increased expenses, he noted, "were investments that have been made directly to enhance our ability to reach all mankind; to reach the hungry heart more effectively."

MUCH OF THE meeting focused on ways in which the Christian Science Publishing Society's new broadcasting activities were furthering the church's healing mission. Publishing Society manager John H. Hoagland, Jr., referring recently to the church's flagship publication, "The Christian Science Monitor" in both its print and broadcast forms, noted: "The Monitor's role in the last of this century has to be defined globally." Construction was recently completed on a shortwave transmitting site in Maine for news and religious programming aimed at listeners in Europe, the western Soviet Union, the Middle East and most of Africa. A transmitter in Salpan is expected to cover much of Asia, the South Pacific and eastern Africa.

Circulation for the daily newspaper averaged 173,500 this past year, the highest rate in 11 years. News bureaus were recently added in Manila, Canada, the Persian Gulf, Kenya and Tokyo.

Reports from Christian Scientists outside Boston ranged broadly from a Florida adherent who first began studying Christian Science in 1910 to an 11-year-old boy from India who was healed through prayer of a serious liver ailment, which had not responded to conventional treatment.

A Christian Scientist from South Carolina told of being healed after falling off a roof he was painting at a friend's house. X-rays indicated a broken back and other serious internal injuries. Choosing to rely solely on prayer for healing as he was accustomed to do, he stated that he was able to walk within five days and all effects of the fall were healed within two weeks. He said it was during the second night after the accident, as he was reading and praying, that he "gained my clearest realization of the absolute ailment of God... I saw that in truth, man is always in God's care."

Christian Scientists regard such healing not as miraculous divine intervention, but as the normal outcome of an enlightened understanding of God and the nature of His creation.

RUTH ELIZABETH Jenks, chairman of the church's five-member board of directors, pointed to "the spiritual urgency of the moment." Mankind, she stated toward the close of the two-and-a-half-hour meeting, is at a crossroads: "The crossroads seem to be offering a choice between materialism, touching nearly every facet of human life, and a spiritual path that seems to many to be obsolete or at best enigmatic."

Quoting from the biblical book of Joel, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision," Jenks said "the healing practice of the rules of divine Love," is "our most effective contribution" to mankind today. "Spiritual answers alone," she added, "can satisfy the human yearning with the message of a practical, healing Christianity." Does materialism, she asked, "honestly offer any lasting solutions?"

Each individual church member has a role to play in meeting the needs of one's fellowman, Jenks noted. "Now I am tempted to think that the problems of the world loom so large and one's own ability seems so feeble that he'd rather stand on the sidelines, remember the Biblical account of Jesus' sending out his 70 disciples." What is needed today, she said, "is the same willingness to be counted as a disciple and to be a ready witness to the power and presence of the Christ."

Though the meeting itself is a gathering of church members, agenda highlights are released publicly before the event and virtually the entire content of the meeting is published shortly afterwards.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Kitchen table holds retirement clutter

I think sometimes I could have a really organized retirement if I could just win the battle with our kitchen table.

The table, I should note, is in the space at the end of the kitchen — space roughly designated as "Margaret's office." (Joe's space and office and desk can be found in the den.) Along with the table at my end of the kitchen you can find a cabinet that stores cookbooks and treasures. Also my sewing machine and its attendant paraphernalia, the typewriter I used in pre-word processor days and bags full of whatever projects are current.

Everything seems to stay in workable order except the table.

WE NEVER EAT a meal at that kitchen table. It's just as well — we'd never find the space. It's always piled high with clutter that keeps outrunning me.

The table is a fine spot for the newspaper articles I tear out to send to someone, for the copies I have made for one purpose or another, for the letters still to be answered and the patterns still to be checked.

It receives the small purchases I may make and the projects I bring home from macramé class. Since the first of the year it has held the box of Christmas cards — since I STILL haven't had time to sort them properly — and an address box that needs reorganizing.

Joe has learned that whatever he throws away is what I'm sure to

want later, so he puts any and all publications and junk-type mail on my table.

IT ISN'T that I don't try to keep ahead of the table. I regularly head for that end of the kitchen to straighten it up and get distracted by some interesting item I forgot was there.

Then I begin a determined effort. Clippings into the files. Purchases where they belong. Patterns into the cupboard. Letters to be answered and copies that need to go into them stacked in their own pile. Finally I see some table-top and figure I'm winning my organizational battle.

And then — I swear it — I turn around and the table is piled high again.

Really, of course, I don't complain. I'm glad to have this space of my own in an area where apartment living can be pretty tight. I'm glad to receive letters that need answering and to have interests that bring mail worth saving. I'm glad I can read and clip publications and take my own time to straighten things out.

Certainly I'm glad we have another table where we can eat dinner and watch the sunset. Guess what I had better do is count my blessings — and pile them on the table.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Wind Baggers receive award

The Wind Baggers Toastmasters Club of Farmington was honored as the Top Club in District 28 Toastmasters International with the presentation of the John Little Award for the highest achievement in club management by district governor Robert Laibrup.

District 28 embraces southeast Michigan, northwest Ohio, and southwest Ontario. The presentation was made at the annual spring conference in Holiday Inn Fairlane.

The award is presented annually for the most effective club management plan in the district. The Wind Baggers record will be forwarded to Toastmasters International which will honor the top 10 clubs in the world at the international convention in Chicago, Aug. 25-29.

The Wind Baggers excel in developing communication and leadership in their dinner club meetings every Thursday in Sweden House, Farmington.

Volunteer honored

The Farmington Community Center has named Ann Harnden as Volunteer of the Month.

She has actively served the Center since 1984 and has been involved in the benefit auctions, Santa lunches, and the fall Arts and Crafts Show. She also served as chairman of the Clerical Committee for three years and was an artist liaison and volunteer in the fine arts and crafts shop, Originals Ltd.

In addition, Harnden was the co-chairman for the 1987 Spring Arts and Crafts Show and will be serving on the center's Volunteer Guild board of directors this year.

Besides her work at the Community Center, Harnden is a volunteer at Lighthouse, a human service agency in Pontiac. She has worked on activities for North Farmington High School Boosters Club and is a board member of the Colony Park Homeowners Association.

She and her husband, Jim, have lived in Farmington Hills for 17 years and are the parents of four children. They have one grandson.

When asked about her feelings to-

wards the Farmington Community Center, she responded, "Over the years I have taken part in and enjoyed many of the classes and activities that the community center has offered. My volunteer work at the center has afforded me an opportunity to give back some measure of what I've received from this valuable community asset."



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