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Oregon
Committee

January 2023

Chair (Interim)

Name

Street

Treasurer

City, ST Zip

Secretary

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(*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 518).

Dear Friends,

The Principle Foundation provides an active way to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters through modest financial assistance to cover basic living expenses. Local volunteer committees partner with the national office in reviewing requests and making grants.

Currently, the Oregon and Southwest Washington Local Committee is searching for additional committee members. We are looking for those whose love and gratitude for Christian Science is so great they feel they *must* help others. Our committee meets via Zoom at least once a quarter. If we are reviewing a grant request, we meet as needed.

Additionally, the Principle Foundation administers The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing. This fund offers financial assistance to those who need help paying for the care of a Christian Science nurse. Though our Local Committee does not make decisions on these grants, we do make sure those who are in need know of the funds that are available and how to apply for them.

Do you know of someone in your congregation who would like to join us in this work of helping others? Please encourage them to contact me.

Attached is a sample desk announcement in case you would like to share this information with your congregation.

With much joy,



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**New England
Committee**

March 20, 2024

Chair

Church
Street Address
City, ST Zip

Administrator

Treasurer

Dear Friends,

Members:

The Apostle Paul understood supply. Early in his life he was a privileged young man. After his conversion, he often didn't know where his next meal was coming from. Yet, he regularly experienced the fact that God would provide both those who could help him and those he could help. He put it this way: "Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it" (II Corinthians 8, NLT).

More examples of this spiritual law in action from both the Old and New Testament will be shared in an upcoming talk by Madelon Maupin hosted by the New England Committee of The Principle Foundation.

The Bible and Benevolence: Giving and Receiving in Perfect Balance

A talk by Bible scholar, Madelon Maupin

May 4th at 11:00am - 12:15pm

Light refreshments following

As a modern-day expression of giving and receiving in perfect balance, The Principle Foundation has offered an avenue for Christian Scientists to help one another for more than 60 years. This talk is shared out of gratitude to Christian Scientists in New England who have supported this work and to introduce our activities to those who may not be familiar with it.

Please consider sharing this invitation with your congregation. We've enclosed a flyer, postcard invitations, and a sample desk announcement. In addition, we will soon email a reminder of this event and a pdf of the invitation, which can then be emailed to members and other church attendees.

If you have questions, please be in touch with me. We appreciate your support.

Lovingly,

P.S. Madelon Maupin will give a second presentation of this talk on October 5 in southern New England (location to be determined).

Northern Texas
Committee

January 29, 2024

Chair

Church Name

Street

Administrator

City, ST Zip

Treasurer

Dear Friends,

Members

The Principle Foundation's Northern Texas Committee is delighted to invite your congregation to join us for a Saturday morning, in-person inspirational talk on **February 24, 2024 at 10am at 5th Church of Christ, Scientists Dallas.**

Melissa Hayden, a Christian Science Practitioner and former board member of TPF, will give a talk titled:

Church: Inspired and Revolutionary Benevolence

This event is an opportunity to explore the ways in which Mrs. Eddy's church "... affords proof of its utility" when we actively care for one another.

We will also have time for learning about The Principle Foundation, the Northern TX local committee, and the many avenues through which Christian Scientists can be active in "inspired benevolence."

Please consider sharing this information with your congregation so that they may have an opportunity to join us on the 24th of February.

Enclosed with this letter you will find:

- Postcard invitations to leave in your lobby
- A flyer for your bulletin board (feel free to make copies of it)
- A suggested desk announcement
- Updated brochures about The Principle Foundation

If we have your church's email address, you'll have recently received an email about the event. That email included the invitation as a shareable pdf which can be forwarded to your church community. If you did not receive the email and would like the shareable pdf, please email us at cathleen@principlefoundation.org.

If you have any additional questions about the event, feel free to contact me, Lynn Wood, at 781-248-7238 or at lynnrowewood@gmail.com. You may also email The Principle Foundation: shannon@principlefoundation.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Inland Northwest
Committee

July 31, 2024

Chair

Church
Address
City, ST Zip

Administrator

Dear Friends,

Treasurer

Secretary

Many of you have heard of The Principle Foundation and the financial assistance it provides to Christian Scientists. Our Inland Northwest Committee is delighted to invite your congregation to a workshop on September 14th in Billings, MT. Our focus will be to explore the Biblical foundations for Christian caring.

Members

This ***in-person*** workshop entitled: “**To Help and Be Helped: Lessons in Inspired Benevolence**” will dive deep into questions about helping others, asking for help when we need it, and things that might get in the way of our natural caring nature as Christian Scientists. Our time together will also include updates on the many ways The Principle Foundation supports members of our movement.

Please share this information with your congregation so that they may know about this workshop and join us that day.

Saturday, September 14th at 1:30-3pm (refreshments following)
First Church of Christ, Scientist Billings, MT

Enclosed with this letter you will find:

- A flyer for your bulletin board (feel free to copy if you want to let people take one home)
- A sample desk announcement
- A brochure about The Principle Foundation

If we have an email address for your church, we will also be sending you an electronic version to share with Christian Scientists in your area.

If you have any questions about the event, give us a call at (816) 759 5443

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Wisconsin
Committee

April 2023

Dear ,

Chair

Calling all Good Samaritans! Would you like to be a part of helping your fellow Christian Scientists in Wisconsin who are experiencing a temporary financial need?

Administrator

Secretary

The Principle Foundation is a 60-year-old charitable organization that provides “inspired benevolence in accordance with the teachings of Christian Science.” This foundation has a Local Committee in Wisconsin. Would you like to join the team?

Treasurer

Member

The job of the Committee is to prayerfully respond to requests for assistance (personal details about a requester are kept in sacred confidence). Our daily prayer for this work includes uplifting our thought to remove any sense of lack or separation so that we are prepared to answer a call for help. On average, several thousand dollars in grants have been awarded to Christian Scientists in Wisconsin each year by our committee.

We welcome new people who want to join us in this rewarding work. We meet mostly by Zoom — quarterly or whenever a grant request is received (5-7 times a year). If you’re interested, please talk to any of our members in person or call the number below.

The Local Committee also spreads the word about the many programs The Principle Foundation offers (see enclosed brochure). Here are other ways to get to know us better:

- Invite us to a church meeting virtually or in person
- Invite us to a church activity
- Request more brochures to share with your members
- Appoint a contact at your branch church
- Help us hold an inspiring workshop on true benevolence
- Visit our websites: principlefoundation.org, riperyyears.org, and nfcns.org

To be in touch,
call this number:
816-561-5955

Sometimes the people who most need the help are not aware of this resource. They may not even be church members, but they can still apply — facing financial trouble can open the door to a more active study of Christian Science.

The Bible holds this promise for everyone: *“God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”* (II Cor. 9:8). God’s grace abundantly flows to each of us through His Love and impels us to help others.

With much love,

P.S. If you or someone else at your church would like to spread the word about the work of The Principle Foundation, [see the other side](#) for a suggested announcement.



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**New Mexico
Committee**

December 7, 2020

Chair

Name of recipient

Address of recipient

Administrator

Address of recipient

Treasurer

Dear Friends,

Secretary

We want to let you know the NM Local Committee of The Principle Foundation (TPF) is working to support Christian Scientists in New Mexico who need financial assistance. To put that into current perspective, over the last five months, TPF (which has been around for 60 plus years) has offered more than \$500,000 to individual Christian Scientists throughout the US whose income has been disrupted by the pandemic.

In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy writes on page 518, “The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother’s need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another’s good.” To this end, we are here to support you, or someone you know who may be in need, in the following ways:

- If someone needs help with basic living expenses and makes a request to the TPF National Office at the 800 number or through the website shown below, our Local Committee receives cases in a confidential manner from that office. We give prayerful consideration to the requests of the individual Christian Scientists seeking temporary assistance and decide on the grant request. If the grant is given, we help facilitate payment by the National Office.
- If the request is for help with the cost of nursing care, the National Fund for Christian Science Nursing offers financial assistance to those who need help paying for care by a Christian Science nurse whether that care is provided in a Christian Science nursing facility or at home.

We also want to let you know we are seeking more members. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to join us in this work of helping others? Please contact Jane Hicks at 505-228-6914. We would love to have at least one person from every Christian Science church/society in New Mexico on our committee.

Lovingly,

Sample Desk Announcement
The Principle Foundation
Wisconsin Local Committee
December 2019

If you know of someone with a need for immediate financial assistance to cover basic living costs, The Principle Foundation's Wisconsin Local Committee is ready to offer financial support for those relying on Christian Science. Assistance is also available for Christian Science nursing care. All requests are treated with respect and confidentiality. For more information, please visit us online at principlefoundation.org or help yourself to a brochure located _____.

Sample Desk Announcement / The Principle Foundation

For more than 60 years The Principle Foundation has provided assistance to Christian Scientists who have an immediate financial need for basic living necessities such as rent, utilities, and transportation. The Oregon/SW Washington local committee is one of 23 volunteer committees of the Foundation that responds to needs in our area.

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, The Principle Foundation is ready to offer support for those relying on Christian Science. All requests are treated with respect and confidentiality. Also, **please consider joining in this activity** of inspired benevolence — the local committee needs you!

Information about The Principle Foundation and our local committee can be found online at principlefoundation.org and on the bulletin board areas in our church.

Suggested Desk Announcement

The Principle Foundation — Private screening of a Mark Sappenfield video talk

The Houston Local Committee of The Principle Foundation is delighted to host a video talk given by *Christian Science Monitor* Editor Mark Sappenfield, who challenges us to consider:

“Renewal and Rebirth — A New Model for Individual and Church Growth.”

This event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, 1740 Yorktown, Houston. There will be a prepared Q&A “skit” preceding the talk — and refreshments at the end. We hope you will join us!

Invitations are available _____.
(in our lobby, bulletin board, etc.)

DESK ANNOUNCEMENT

The Principle Foundation — in-person talk by Madelon Maupin

What's the spiritual relationship between giving . . . and receiving?

On Saturday, May 4th, Bible scholar Madelon Maupin will speak on this topic in a free talk titled “The Bible and Benevolence: Giving and Receiving in Perfect Balance.”

This event is sponsored by the New England Local Committee of The Principle Foundation, an organization that provides assistance to Christian Scientists who have temporary financial needs. The New England Local Committee hopes you can join them:

On Saturday, May 4 from 11:00am – 12:15pm

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Concord, NH

For more information, see the flier in the lobby.

(3.20.24)

Suggested Desk Announcement

Is church a building — or an active, caring community?

On Saturday, **February 24, 2024**, the Northern Texas Committee of The Principle Foundation is hosting an inspirational talk titled:

CHURCH: Inspired and Revolutionary Benevolence

In this talk, Christian Science practitioner Melissa Hayden will explore how church is the very activity of powerful, healing benevolence.

The Principle Foundation provides assistance to practicing Christian Scientists with a temporary financial challenge. The Northern Texas Committee helps with grants made to those located in the northern part of the state. The Foundation and Committee offer this talk as an expression of gratitude for the support we receive from individuals and churches in our area.

Please, join us on Saturday morning, **February 24th, from 10:00-11:00 am**, at Fifth Church in Dallas. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Invitations are available _____
(in our lobby, bulletin board, etc.)

1/29/24

Notice to branch church Boards and Readers: The Principle Foundation is here to provide aid to sincere students of Christian Science. Members of your congregation may find the announcements below helpful. The first is a general announcement about The Principle Foundation, and the second focuses on our Call Center and RiperYears.org — a website for senior Christian Scientists.

SAMPLE DESK ANNOUNCEMENT

The Principle Foundation

Should you find yourself in need of temporary financial assistance, The Principle Foundation may be able to help. The mission of this benevolent organization is to provide funds to sincere students of Christian Science with one-time grants for housing emergencies, repairs, disaster relief, practitioner bills, Christian Science nursing, and other unexpected expenses. For more details go online to principlefoundation.org or look for _____.

brochures in the lobby / on the bulletin board

(October 2023)

SAMPLE DESK ANNOUNCEMENT

Caring for Christian Scientists — from The Principle Foundation

If you or someone you know needs information about Christian Science care, housing, or other kinds of assistance, a reminder that The Principle Foundation offers a service called **Caring for Christian Scientists**. This helpful resource consists of 1.) a website focused on seniors and 2.) a call center — both of which provide information to meet practical needs. For more details, go online to CaringforChristianScientists.org, or look for _____.

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(October 2023)

