



A note from the President

Hello, friends and former CSO members! Once again, it's time for our annual newsletter, so that we can let you know what we've been up to lately. It was wonderful to hear from several W&M alumni after we sent out the first issue last March!

Your prayerful support of our activities is greatly appreciated. Financial contributions are also welcome, as they enable us to share Christian Science with the campus community. Best wishes for a year full of spiritual growth, peace, and joy!

Joyfully,
Melissa Bartlett

Thank You!

We appreciate the response that we received from many of you when we first sent newsletters last year. We gratefully acknowledge the support given by the following:

- Frank and Lark Smith
- Lissa Hedlund
- Pat Gibbs
- Caroline and Doug Smith
- Bart and Robyn Bartlett

How to Reach Us:

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Melissa with questions, ideas, and more. And please be sure to check out our new web site (thanks, Dave!) at <http://www.wm.edu/SO/christianscience/>

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Greetings from the Christian Science Organization!

Spring Semester Plans

This semester will be a busy one for us. Celebrating Women's History Month in March, we will be sponsoring a talk about one of America's most influential women in the field of religion, our beloved discoverer and founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. This talk may be given by a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Williamsburg, or by a Christian Science lecturer.

In April we will be teaming up with the Interfaith Council to participate in a biweekly speaker series. This series will be "Open House" style, include informal discussions addressing the major tenets of each religion associated with the IFC, as well as a Q&A session. The intent of this series is to help people better understand various faiths, and promote fellowship among groups. We hope to facilitate an interest and understanding of Christian Science through these lectures.

Learning from 9-11-01

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, the CSO came together with our campus to share prayer and friendship at a campus-wide vigil. Ms. Hornsby read a passage from Psalms 46 and the CSO enjoyed the chance to gather with the college community for prayer. The CSO also took time to share thoughts about this tragedy at our meetings, where we discussed ways we could respond prayerfully to the attacks, as well as issues like safety, appropriate response to the terrorists, and how we could individually combat terror.

Interfaith Council

The CSO became increasingly involved with the W&M Interfaith Council this past semester. Nina was fortunate enough to serve as the Worship Coordinator, her biggest project being to oversee the speaker selection for the IFC Thanksgiving Service. The CSO also read Hymn 150 as the Offertory Benediction in the service, and provided help for the pancake—dinner—afterwards. Through IFC, our CSO took part in an ecumenical service after Sept. 11 and attended a peace rally to better understand the Muslims on our campus. This semester, plans are in the works for some exciting opportunities to share Christian Science with the other campus religious groups, as well as a chance to learn more about what they do. IFC has proved to be one of our most rewarding projects in the Fall semester.