

## **Committee on Publication presentation - Summary**

Natick Church Quarterly Business Meeting - September 12, 2019

Presentation given by: Kevin Ness, Committee on Publication for Massachusetts and Manager of Committees on Publication worldwide; and Jasmine Holzworth, Deputy Committee on Publication for Massachusetts.

### Natick fire

- Appropriate new interactions with the community are resulting from the fire.
- Major issues are surfacing, and signs of progress in how we can work together.
- Lots of praying for our branch and Reading Room from the Committee Office.

Pro rata – No longer require pro-rata payments from Massachusetts branch churches.

Assistant Committee on Publication – They would like to reestablish at each branch.

### Manual duties of Committee on Publication

- Correction – Heal the imposition, which is mortal mind, not real facts. Like Moses with the serpent, when we handle the imposition, it becomes a staff.
- “Christian manner” – Jesus would heal the problem. It’s a holy experience with the media.
- Talks on Christian Science
  - Basic facts, history, and beliefs.
  - Bearing witness to Truth.
  - Removing “fog” of misunderstanding.
  - Gave example of naturally distinguishing CS from Scientology.

### Legislative bills in MA and around the U.S. re vaccination and religious exemption

- There are bills to repeal the exemption – or to include more information while keeping the exemption.
- Christian Science is practical, with wisdom and common sense.
- In *Christ and Christmas* by MBE, “For health makes room.”

Remove the “invisible signs” outside church, preventing people from receiving the “pure water” of the Christ.

Working like the Committee on Publication also blesses our branch church: we’re alert, and ready to be healed.

- Deepen our faith that Christian Science heals.
- Alert to subtle suggestions that would undermine our Christianity.

### Q&A

- How does lecture activity dovetail with Committee talks?
  - See *Manual* to distinguish; the activities have separate bylaws.
  - Could contact Committee ahead of a lecture, re current impositions.
- Do we need to report things we see in the news media?
  - If we see impositions in the media, don’t assume the Committee is already aware. The Committee’s electronic scanning doesn’t pick up all local news, conversations, etc.