

**First Church of Christ, Scientist
33 School Street, Concord, NH 03301**

*O may your temple and all who worship therein
stand through all time for God and humanity!*

~ Mary Baker Eddy (My. 158:27)

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Dear Church Family Members,

It's a joy to be writing to you in this new year with an update on the restoration and renewal of Mary Baker Eddy's gift to the Concord community – and surely to all of us – the beautiful and historic edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Concord, New Hampshire.

We wish to express heart-felt gratitude for all the generous gifts given to preserve this church edifice by church family members around the globe. Your kind gifts are a demonstration of the Love that blesses all. In reality, they are an expression of divine Love's abundance for all that the Science of Love demonstrates.


As you may recall from our 2022 mailing last year, we began complete restoration of the large transept stained-glass windows on the south and north sides of the edifice, as well as the east facing cross & crown rose window. It's a time consuming job requiring detailed craftwork being done by the Sash & Solder Company of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The craft workers appreciate and have learned to value our Leader's spiritual vision for the healing messages depicted in these windows. This project will be completed this year along with the additional installation of insulating, ventilated, protective glass on the exterior frame.

One significant project remains: the installation of a forced hot water heating system for the edifice. The century-old steam system is inefficient and worn out. Last year we commissioned a professional engineer who created an original heating design that showed his thoughtful consideration of the historical significance of the Concord edifice.

Bids for this forced hot water system have been sent out. Our contractor estimates the cost to be about \$500,000. There also remains exterior door restoration and water drainage work in the basement. This work is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000. The current restoration fund balance is about \$100,000. For more information about these projects, please visit our website at www.christianscienceconcordnh.org.

In response to the generous gifts the Concord church received in 1904, Mrs. Eddy wrote: “What is gratitude but a powerful *camera obscura*, a thing focusing light where love, memory, and all within the human heart is present to manifest light. . . Goodness never fails to receive its reward, for goodness makes life a blessing. As an active portion of one stupendous whole, goodness identifies man with universal good. Thus may each member of this church rise above the oft-repeated inquiry, What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing.”
(My. pp. 164, 165)

Loving regards,



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