

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

May 2020

Dear Friends,

We are writing to give you an update on our church edifice preservation project. It is with great gratitude to all of you that we can report that 90% of the work is complete! We give thanks to "Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." (*Eph. 3:20*)

The preservation work is now at the point of protecting all the renovated work, and we know that God takes us "all the way" as Milton Simon wrote about in his October 1949 article in *The Christian Science Journal*.

We would like to tell you about some of our remaining projects. Recently one of our church members was involved in restoring an historic Bow church steeple that was damaged due to a lightning strike. As our church is the tallest structure in the city of Concord, it seems wise to install a lightning protection system.

We'd also like to install "laminated ventilated glass" over all the stained-glass windows in the church to protect them and the surrounding wood. Mrs. Eddy chose the Bible scenes for the stained-glass windows, and installation of the windows was what drew our Leader into the edifice the only time she visited the church.

When we began this work five years ago, we noted the inscription above the front door of the church that reads "A Gift from Mary Baker Eddy." Although those words apply specifically to the church in Concord, after receiving restoration contributions from Christian Scientists worldwide, we see now that *all* branch churches of Christ, Scientist, stand as tributes to Mrs. Eddy's greatest gift of all: Christian Science. Thank you for joining with us in your devotion to Mrs. Eddy's greatest gift.

The preservation work continues in accord with our Leader's statement: "O may your temple and all who worship therein stand through all time for God and humanity!" (*My. 158:27-29*)

With loving regards,



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Chair, Board of Trustees



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Preservation Committee Financial Report for May 2020

Contributions: \$3,034,591

Expenses: \$2,998,940

Fund balance: \$ 35,651

Proposed Projects for 2020

\$ 95,463 Lightning Protection System

\$108,900 Protective laminated glass for stained-glass windows

\$ 50,820 Mary Baker Eddy Room protective laminated glass and
 stained-glass windows restoration

\$ 10,370 Window ventilation boxes

\$265,553 Total estimated costs