

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES' FUND

## CHAIR'S REPORT 2023

### INTRODUCTION

A warm welcome to our 2023 annual newsletter for The Christian Science Nurses' Fund (CSNF). Here we give a brief update on our last financial year's support for Christian Science (CS) Nurses in training, work and retirement (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023).

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND

The Financial Support Fund paid over £65,000 this year to support Christian Science nursing in the UK. This included assisting with challenging living expenses, flights home to see family abroad, Journal-listing fees, retirement gifts, 'Rest and Study' breaks, help with relocation, Christmas gifts to retired CS nurses and a one-off fuel payment.

We are so grateful for the donations that we receive which makes all this possible.

### TRAINING FUND

The Training Fund gave over £10,000 to support training in the UK. Three potential trainee CS nurses attended a one-day seminar via Zoom. A new flexible approach to training enabled trainee CS nurses to train at Level 1 at their home followed by mentoring at Lime Tree House (LTH).

It has been a busy year for LTH which is now the main training centre in the UK working closely with Le Verger and the Whitehaven Trust's Visiting CS Nurses Team with training and mentoring at Levels 1, 3 and 4 this year.

The Fund has also provided a laptop for a trainee CS nurse, as well as helping with travelling expenses and language lessons.

At the wonderful **Summit UK** held in Birmingham last October two experienced CS nurses, including our own trustee Julie Brearley, were given the opportunity to publicise CS nursing which resulted in interest from several attendees.

### CONFERENCE FUNDING

In April the Christian Science Nurses Association (UK) held their excellent Workshop in Manchester with 30 CS nurses attending in addition to CS practitioners and representatives from CS charities and The Mother Church. We provided information on funding and met with several CS nurses to discuss any funding requests or issues.

We funded CS nurse attendees' childcare costs and together with Trust Brit and The Westminster Fund their travel and accommodation expenses.

### DONATIONS

As each year goes by we are continually grateful to those that donate to the CSNF. The trustees would like to thank all those CS churches, societies and individuals that enable us to support the CS nurses in the work they do.

We publicise all our funding opportunities on our website, at CS events and in The Art Store Bulletin.

If you would like to donate, please post cheques made payable to 'Pension Trust for Christian Science Nurses' and send to the administrator, or ask her for bank transfer details.

### TRUSTEES

Our trustees are: Stephen Eggins (Chair), Mary Jane Pearson (Vice Chair), Julie Brearley, Margritta Reid and Angie Wallace CS.

### CONTACT US

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