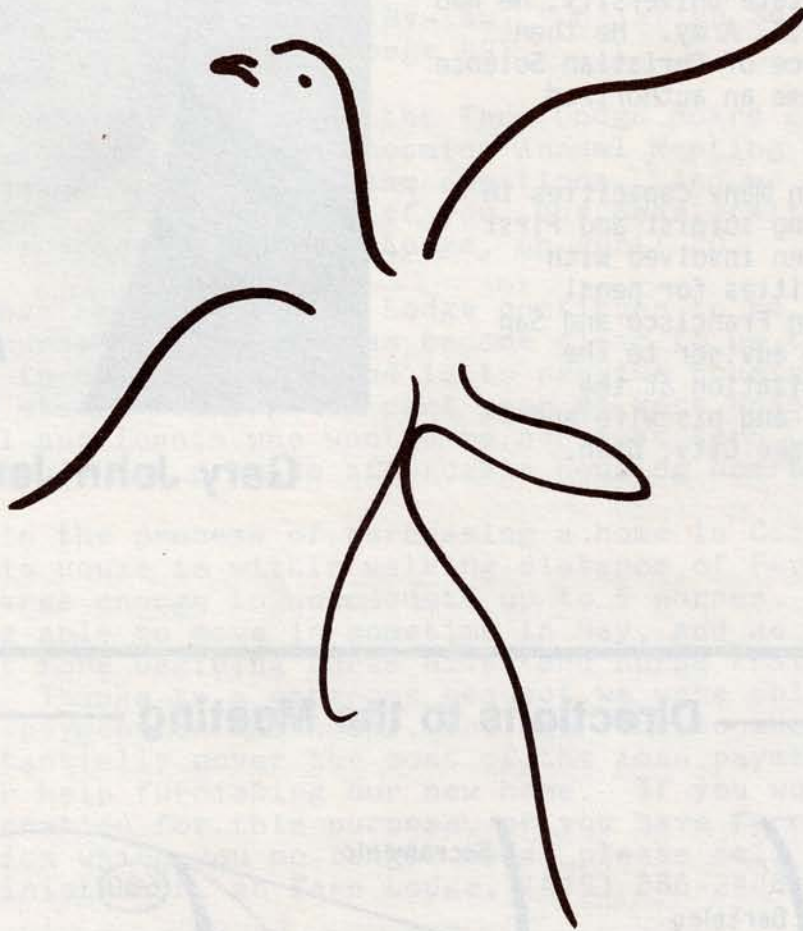


# *Fern Lodge Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, April 20, 1986 • 2:30 pm*

*Handling Resistance To Christian Healing*



*Gary John Jewkes, C.S.B.  
Salt Lake City, Utah*

*First Church of Christ, Scientist  
Walnut Creek • 2 Eckley Lane*

*Child Care and Free Parking Provided*

# Annual Meeting Speaker

"Handling Resistance to Christian Healing" is the stirring topic of our featured Annual Meeting Speaker, Gary John Jewkes, C.S.B. of Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will be held this year on Sunday, April 20th at 2:30 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Walnut Creek, 2 Eckley Lane. In reference to his theme, Mr. Jewkes suggests Luke 4:33-37.

A lifelong Christian Scientist, Gary Jewkes is no stranger to California. After receiving a BA from San Francisco State University, he had a tour of duty in the U.S. Army. He then entered into the practice of Christian Science and sometime later became an authorized teacher.

Mr. Jewkes has worked in many capacities in branch churches including soloist and First Reader. He has also been involved with Christian Science activities for penal institutions both in San Francisco and San Diego, and has been the advisor to the Christian Science Organization at the University of Utah. He and his wife and family reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

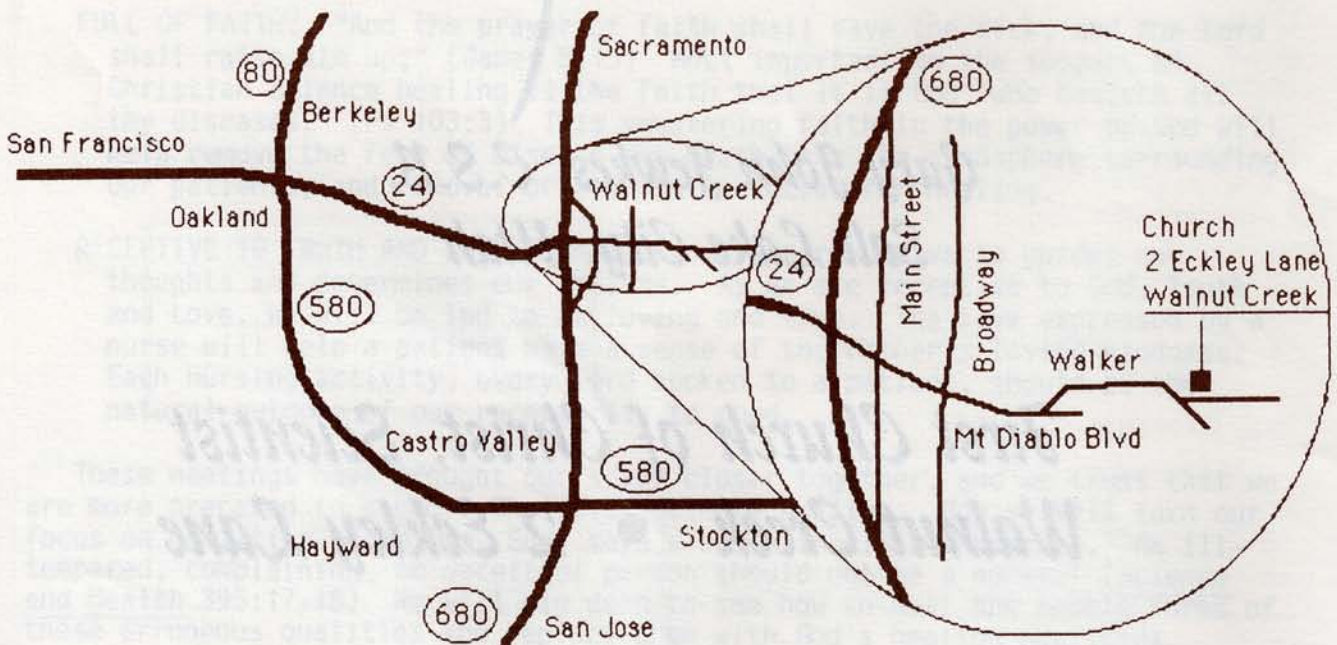


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## Directions to the Meeting

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# Fern Lodge, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

What is a Christian Science nurse?

Why does Mrs. Eddy give us the By-law, "Christian Science Nurse," in the Church Manual, page 49?

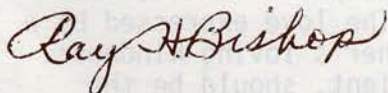
These are questions that we on the Fern Lodge Board continue to ponder. We feel that our upcoming Annual Meeting will bring us fresh insight into these questions. And we are looking forward to seeing many of you, our dear, faithful friends and supporters of Fern Lodge, on April 20.

Our most pressing need at Fern Lodge continues to be for more nurses and nurses aides. It has become clear to us that a key element in meeting this need is to provide housing for our nursing staff. During the past year we were unable to hire several applicants who wanted to nurse at Fern Lodge, because we could not provide affordable housing nearby.

We are now in the process of purchasing a home in Castro Valley. This house is within walking distance of Fern Lodge, and it is large enough to accomodate up to 5 nurses. We expect to be able to move in sometime in May, and we will then attract more begining nurse aides and nurse trainees to Fern Lodge. Thanks to a generous bequest we were able to make a down payment on the house, and the rent to the nurses should substantially cover the cost of the loan payment. We do need your help furnishing our new home. If you would like to make a donation for this purpose, or you have furniture in good condition which you no longer need, please call George Strong, Administrator, at Fern Lodge, (415) 886-2448.

Thank you all for your generous love, prayers, and donations. We are grateful beyond words for all that you are pouring out for our Leader's Cause.

With loving good wishes,



Ray Bishop, President

**YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW** that your contribution is tax-deductible because we are a non-profit tax-exempt nursing facility under both Federal and State law. Your entire gift is utilized for improvement and operation of Fern Lodge, and no portion of your contribution has been or will be used for fund-raising expenses.

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# The Qualities of Christian Science Nursing

In Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy lists some qualities which she realized a nurse should express in order to be supportive of healing. She writes "The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith,--receptive to Truth and Love."(395:18) During the last several months we at Fern Lodge have been rededicating ourselves to a more complete understanding of these qualities and how they contribute to Christian Science healing.

Each month we have focused on one of these qualities and shared the unfoldment which has come to us. Here is a brief summary of what each of these qualities means to Fern Lodge and its healing mission:

**CHEERFUL:** "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." (Pr 17:22) A cheerful nurse turns a patient's thought from fear to the recognition of present joy, and this joy is an essential aspect of the mental atmosphere which is conducive to healing.

**ORDERLY:** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." (Ps 37:23) Order in our thought results in order in our work. An orderly approach to our work enables our patients to trust our confidence and ability in any situation. Mrs. Eddy quoted the poet's line, "Order is heaven's first law," and this reminds us that a sense of order is necessary for the experience of harmony.

**PUNCTUAL:** We all agreed that being on time for work is the least we can do to demonstrate punctuality. Prompt, punctual service helps to establish trust and remove fear. What we most need is to be prompt in reversing all the clamoring of mortal mind and its claims to power--meeting these with instant affirmations of the oneness of God and of His omnipotence in human as well as divine affairs.

**PATIENT:** "The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness." (Science and Health 365:31) Few qualities are in more demand from nurses than an endless supply of patience. But this patience cannot be seen as just waiting without complaint. It includes always doing the right thing at the right time. It is an active quality which sees when to wait and when to act, always guided by prayer.

**FULL OF FAITH:** "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;" (James 5:15) Most important to the support of Christian Science healing is the faith that it is God "who healeth all thy diseases." (Ps 103:3) This unwavering faith in the power of God will help remove the fear of disease and death from the atmosphere surrounding our patients, and removal of fear is essential for healing.

**RECEPTIVE TO TRUTH AND LOVE:** Whatever we are receptive to guides our thoughts and determines our actions. As we are receptive to God, Truth and Love, we will be led to be loving and true. The love expressed by a nurse will help a patient have a sense of the Father's loving-kindness. Each nursing activity, every word spoken to a patient, should be the natural outcome of our receptivity to good.

These meetings have brought our staff closer together, and we trust that we are more prepared to support Christian Science healing. Now we will turn our focus on qualities which Mrs. Eddy says a nurse should not express. An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse." (Science and Health 395:17-18) We will dig deep to see how to heal the subtle forms of these erroneous qualities and replace them with God's healing qualities.