

Spring 2025

# Fern Lodge

## FOCUS

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing  
us into newness of life and recognizing no  
mortal nor material power as able to destroy.

Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*



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# Letter from our Administrator

## Active Renewal

We are active in the *renewal of Fern Lodge* — a renewal of spirit, mission, and facility. Morale is high, and our ample staff stands ready to meet the field’s needs joyfully. The physical renewal is ongoing, with two patient rooms and a bathroom under construction. We also upgraded furnaces and added air conditioning to public areas (such as living rooms), plus other key spaces (such as the kitchen and break rooms). Our focus remains on spiritual renewal and full healing — not custodial maintenance of life or retirement living. The following is a summary of ideals shared with staff.

A standard in Christian Science nursing reads: “An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love” (Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* 395). This should be true of everyone at Fern Lodge. Each of us should establish supportive, joyous, one-on-one relationships with patients. Each patient is individual, loved, respected. We embrace them as cherished friends and family.

Every member of staff contributes to an overall spirit of joy and collaboration. This collaboration is more than professionalism. Real comradery is the spirit of fellowship that is essential for excellence at Fern Lodge. Teamwork and a sense of family are keys to improved quality of life for patients and staff. Above all, an emphasis on healing and excellent patient care remains our priority.

The Fern Lodge Board and management have also been praying about *service, balance, and multiplication*.

Our concept of *service* is based on Mrs. Eddy’s words in *Science and Health*: “Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us” (79). Such service is not merely a sense of calm human goodness that helps another. True service is spiritual benevolence that blesses all in service to our Maker and witnesses each individual’s true nature as a loved child of God. Such high-minded service and insight heal.

*Balance* includes the right relationship between all things in God’s harmonious universe. A balance between income and expense, a balance of patient needs with available staff, a balance of proper skills within staff to meet patient needs, and balance between the field’s willingness to give and the needs of members of the field at Fern Lodge (our brothers and sisters in need), regardless of the length of time required for healing. True benevolence knows no limits — financial, physical, or temporal.

*Multiplication* is a law of God. His blessing on us all is “be fruitful, and multiply” (Gen. 1:22,28;

8:17). Reportedly, Mrs. Eddy said: “Go now from addition to multiplication. . . . Hold to the truth of being and let it multiply” (Irving Tomlinson reminiscence 102). In an undated essay, she wrote, “Spirit causes its own idea to reflect the creative nature of its Principle of Life that . . . governs the multiplication of ideas” (undated, Mary Baker Eddy Collection, Mary Baker Eddy Library [MBEC-MBEL] A11557). During her last primary class in 1889, it is recorded that Mrs. Eddy said that all “is the manifestation of God. It is not the numbers that add and multiply[,] but the Principle: the addition and multiplication of thoughts” (Joshua Bailey notes, MBEC-MBEL A12065). In *Science and Health*, she gives us many good statements to ponder in line with this concept:

Christian Science presents unfoldment, not accretion; it manifests no material growth from molecule to mind, but an impartation of the divine Mind to man and the universe. (68)

Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to divine Principle, and support the equipoise of that thought-force, which launched the earth in its orbit and said to the proud wave, “Thus far and no farther.” (124)

The equipollence of God brought to light another glorious proposition, — man’s perfectibility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth. (110)

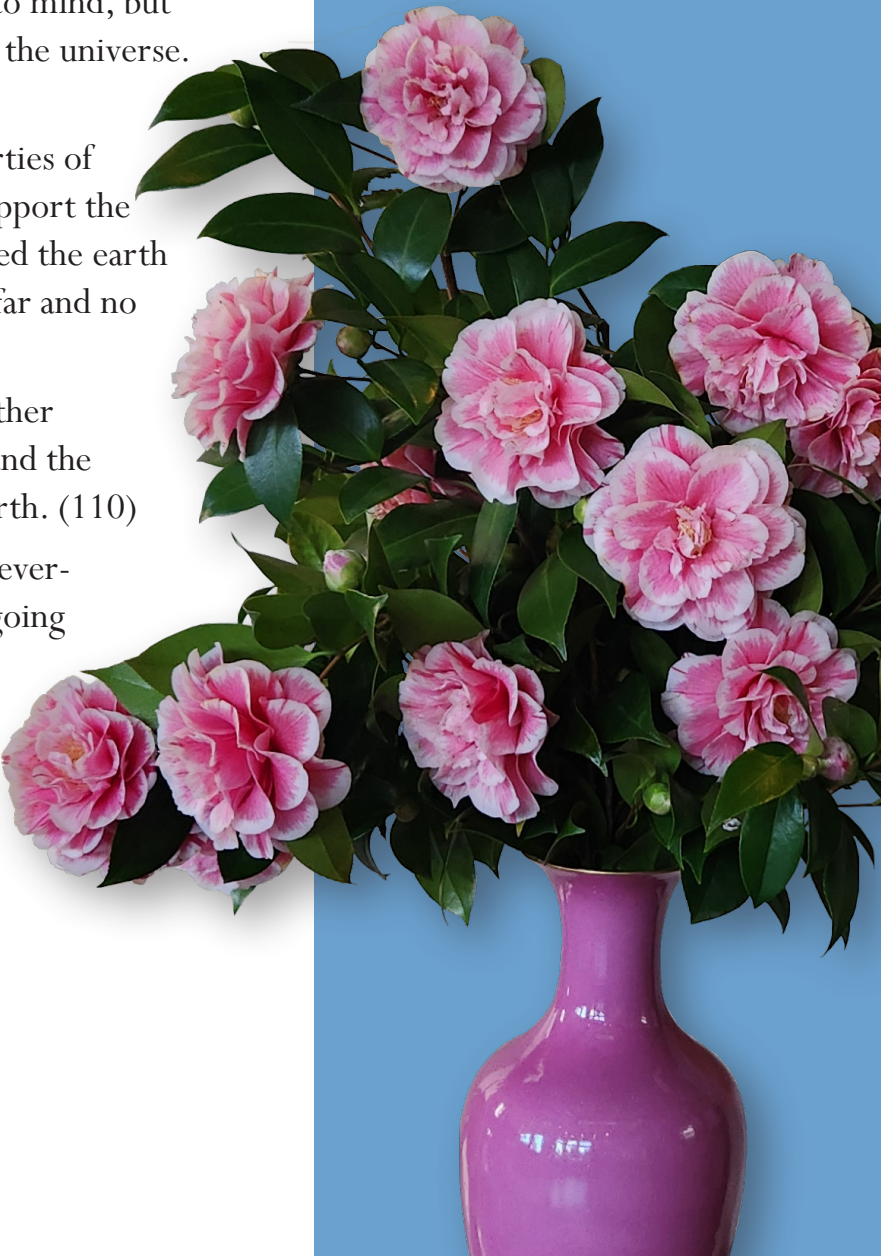
We encourage you to join with us in realizing an ever-expanding sense of God’s creation, of Spirit’s ongoing renewal of harmony. We seek to see all creation embraced in God’s love — a universal love that brings infinite blessings to those who follow Christ, including all who support Fern Lodge’s healing ministry.

Brad

Brad Stock

## Donations

To support our care and renewal projects, you can donate via mail, online at [fernlobby.org/donation](https://fernlobby.org/donation), or by scanning this Q.R. code with your phone’s camera. We appreciate every donation. Thank you.





# Renewal Projects

The Renewal Program continues at a rapid pace. We feel a marked spiritual impetus in our daily work. As projects advance, we find more to do—an orderly, progressive revealing of next steps to improve the facility and take better care of each other. You are welcome to contribute to any of the projects, whether planned or in progress, and to join us in prayer to be of better, higher service.



## Current Priorities

- Update our oldest wing:
  - Remodel three 1960s bathrooms; add showers—begun, waiting for permits
  - Bring in the light: add patio doors to six patient rooms + landscaping
- Upgrade the nurse call system
- Replace old exterior doors
- Implement digital care charting software—in process
- Purchase and install new emergency generator—new campaign item
- Repaint public areas—in process
- Renovate staff/visitor restroom—new countertop installed; flooring scheduled
- Refresh main living room, including upgrading audiovisual equipment

## Completed Projects

- HVAC
  - Added full air conditioning to the facility and Creekside building—yes, we now have AC!
  - Replaced ductwork throughout the facility—most ductwork was damaged; now we will have more efficient heating, cooling, and cost savings.
  - Replaced 3 furnaces
- Updating our oldest wing & dampness remediation:
  - Remodeled the old nurses station—now the Assistant Director of Christian Science Nursing's office
  - Renovated linen closet (next to old nurses station)
  - Repaired koi pond (outside old nurses station)
- Remodeled and re-furnished the Christian Science nursing mentors' office (previously the ADCSN's office)
- Renovated a shower in a patient room
- Refurbished a room to accommodate rest and study
- Replaced carpeting and flooring in several locations (living rooms, reception, offices, etc.)
- Performed necessary buildings and grounds maintenance and fire prevention
  - Installed new fire control panel
  - Removed dead trees & vines
- Installed 2 new freezers and 2 refrigerators in the main kitchen
- Purchased 1 new washing machine and 2 dryers
- Purchased a good used truck for maintenance







## Staff Milestones

In February, we celebrated the dedication and achievements of Rosa, Jared, and Cybill. Rosa, the housekeeping manager, has reached thirty years of service at Fern Lodge. Cybill and Jared have graduated from the fourth and final level of Christian Science nursing education. The afternoon's events included gratitude, a brief inspirational talk by Brad about true benevolence, and refreshments on the patio. Rosa shared that in her time here, she has learned to be more patient and to put the patients first. Cybill related a meaningful healing she witnessed in which a bedridden patient regained the ability to walk, and Jared spoke about the practical efficacy of Christian Science healing. Congratulations to all three and thank you!



(Left to ight: Brad, Marjorie, Rosa, Cybill, Jared)

## New Associate Administrator



Fern Lodge has welcomed a new Associate Administrator!

Amy Baker came to us in January after more than a decade on the East Coast, most recently in New York City, where she oversaw operations for a small knitwear designer. Before that, she ran her own Boston-based interior design firm for nearly 10 years.

Amy began her career as a journalist and later transitioned to Hollywood, working as a screenwriter and contributing to projects like the Emmy-award winning HBO mini-series *From the Earth to the Moon*. She has served as

Managing Editor of the *Christian Science Journal* and brings additional experience with website design, writing, and copyediting to her new position at Fern Lodge.

As Associate Administrator, Amy will work closely with the Christian Science nursing department and support staff and will serve as a liaison to patient families. Fern Lodge will also benefit greatly from her training in interior design as we continue to move forward with our ongoing renovations. We are delighted she has joined the Fern Lodge team and are grateful for the many contributions she has already made.

## Reflections on Christian Science Nursing

*The following article is adapted from an essay written by Martha, one of our newest student Christian Science nurses. We share this in hope that you will catch a glimpse of the ongoing spiritual renewal and invigoration among our staff and their deepening understanding of Christian Science nursing.*

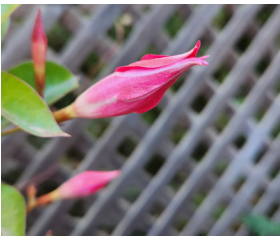
Christian Science teaches that we are spiritual beings first and foremost, not simply humans made from matter who coincide with a physical body. This is a doctrine that, in itself, reveals and mends the relationship between God and us.

As Christian Science nurses, we bear witness to the healing that obviously takes place because of God's divine work. This bestows on us the responsibility of not just catering to the physical needs of others, but doing our work so we may not hinder their spiritual work. And so we help them along where we can. Through our work as Christian Science nurses, we reflect God's caring presence. We continue to show the world that healing will always be about recognizing the unbroken relationship between us and God, as Truth transcends all material conditions.

I have loved learning the history of our Cause and movement. It has been fascinating to see how divine guidance has delivered and defended Christian Science nurses during times of trials and tribulations. It's fair to say that these current times are a result of the faith that the workers who joined Mrs. Eddy in this movement expressed and held unto. We are the fruits of their labor.

I have come to recognize how Christian Science nursing has been flexible throughout time, while remaining grounded in Truth. I admire how our workers have adjusted wisely and readily to external circumstances that are almost continuously in states of transition. I am also comforted by the unchanging continuity of being that the Science of Christ reveals.

## Spring at Fern Lodge



For more updates about our renewal projects and photos of the changing seasons of Fern Lodge, check our Facebook and Instagram pages.





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...we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in  
the oldness of the letter.

Romans 7:6



Fern Lodge offers rest and study accommodations for Christian Scientists. If you would like a quiet place to concentrate on prayer and spiritual refreshment and do not need Christian Science nursing care, please inquire at [info@fernlodge.org](mailto:info@fernlodge.org) for availability.