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Letter to Church Members

Dear Friends,

Greetings! I am so grateful to have the opportunity to join together with all of you in your generous desire to share the joy of Christian Science with your community.

In her “Message to the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church in 1896*”,* Mary Baker Eddy wrote, “Hitherto, I have observed that in proportion as this church has smiled on His ‘little ones,’ He has blessed her. Throughout my entire connection with The Mother Church, I have seen, that in the ratio of her love for others, hath His love been bestowed upon her; watering her waste places, and enlarging her borders”
(*Miscellaneous Writings 1883–1896*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 127:1).

Presenting a lecture to your neighbors is the fulfilling of this law of Love. When we bless others we are blessed. As our Leader has observed in The Mother Church, so, too, your generous love for your community blesses your dear church.

As we prepare for the lecture we have a wonderful opportunity to blanket your community with pure spiritual love. To identify everyone we see, or talk to, or think of, as God identifies them, is to love. As we go through our days in advance of the lecture we can embrace everyone in this pure love, the love of Love. In our prayers, we can identify the spiritual dignity of each individual, the God-given goodness they inherently express, and the natural attraction to the things of Spirit that dwells within each heart. This prayer of love will be deeply felt in your community and will open the doors of your church wide to joyfully welcome your neighbors in.

The lecture began when you filled out your request for a lecture with the Board of Lectureship and it continues with your warm and welcoming prayers. The powerful healing impact of your prayers and our time together on the day of the lecture will continue to ripple through the community all throughout the year.

I truly consider it to be a privilege to lecture for your church and I whole-heartedly thank you for inviting me. See you soon!

With love,

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