

# Christian Science Society, Lafayette Square

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SAINT LOUIS, MO 63104

## By-Laws [revised October 19, 2014]

This Society, called "Christian Science Society of Lafayette Square, St. Louis, Missouri" is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts. It is based on and in agreement with the rules and by-laws of *The Manual of The Mother Church* by Mary Baker Eddy.

Mission: This Society's purpose is to forward the activity of Christ-healing in this community and throughout the world, through Jesus' promised Comforter "which leadeth into all truth" (*Science and Health* p. 127:28).

Our mission statement is: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt 10:8).

Participants: The participants<sup>1</sup> of this society pledge the following:

- We are students of spiritual healing bearing witness to the Christ-healing daily.
- We honor each other's daily spiritual unfoldment and support this with unconditional love in our united worship of God.
- We are focused on the community's spiritual needs and will work together to be inspired in specific ways to meet these needs.
- We honor the changing vision of church as inspiration guides us.
- We maintain Christian fellowship with all churches and societies recognized by The Mother Church.
- We share in the needs and/or expenses of our Society.

Joining the Society: Anyone wishing to join this Society must have read our by-laws and be prepared to work with us under these provisions. They shall not be a member of another church or society and shall sign a letter of commitment so stating.

Board: The Board of Trustees consists of three officers who meet monthly to conduct the Society's business and make decisions. They serve up to two years and vacancies are filled as needed. Officers may perform or delegate the work of Treasurer, Secretary, Meeting Coordinator, and Activity/Project Coordinator. They may appoint participants to these or any other needed positions. A vote of the members may overturn a decision of the Board.

While any participant may initiate an activity, expenditures up to \$200 need board approval, and over that amount need a vote of members. Accurate record of all spending must be kept. Written Treasurer reports are given or emailed twice a year, or more if needed.

Readers: The posts of Readers are filled on a voluntary and rotating basis. All Readers must be members of The Mother Church, but do not have to be members of LSCSS.

Meetings: Any participant may ask the Meeting Coordinator to call a meeting. All questions requiring a vote, excluding by-law changes, may be passed by a simple majority of participants. Participants may give input for voting in person, by written letter or by email. Agendas will be sent out with the call for the meeting by the Meeting Coordinator.

By-laws: Any revision to these by-laws requires a 2/3 approval of those participating in the vote.

Disposition of Assets: Upon dissolution of the Society, any outstanding debts are to be settled and all remaining funds will be sent to The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts.

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<sup>1</sup> "Participants" in these bylaws mean those who have signed the commitment letter to join this Society.