



The First Church of  
Christ, Scientist™

JUNE 3-5 *Program and guide*

# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

**The discovery  
today—where  
hearts catch fire**

Welcome to your Church home!

Whether this is your first Annual Meeting or you have attended for years, we're grateful you are here in person or online. The doors to the discovery of Christian Science are wide open.

In Boston and throughout the world our hearts connect to honor the infinite good that is God, all that the master Christian proved, and all that our Leader has given us as a permanent foundation. We bring our sense of immense gratitude for what the Christ-spirit has enabled us to do, and, of course, for what we yet will do because divine Science leads us to a Cause that is uniquely and remarkably designed to meet humanity's needs right now.

As we deepen our understanding of this God-led discovery—Christian Science—we find spiritual gifts constantly pouring out ... its power to heal, restore, destroy aggression, bring comfort and assurance, to affirm our individual and collective identity as good, just, and spiritually susceptible to enrich the affections of all, and to discern all of this present now in others. No generation or nation or church seeking this Science is left out nor can it drift away without the Christ promise of renewal to spiritual growth. Truth steadies us in the midst of humanity's wanderings.

Wherever we are today—in The Mother Church Extension, at home, with a group in a local Reading Room or Sunday School, at camp, or on a smartphone—we are one in heart, bringing tithes of willingness to engage with and serve this movement into the storehouse of God's grace, and happily expecting the outpouring of uplifting blessings that we know will end wars, heal the sick, and awaken thought from the lull of matter-based influences that would mar each individual's true identity as God's child.

These few days of the year are full of just such blessings because we all have brought them, lived them, and are willing to share in the Christ-spirit that enlivens and expands them. It is our turn, every individual of every age, to take these blessings forward from this meeting with open hearts to those around us and, as humbly and honestly as we know how, to share our deeper awakening to the discovery of the Science of Christ, proving its worth to every nation.

With much sincerity and loving friendship,



Rich Evans



Barbara Fife



Scott Preller



Mary Alice Rose



Keith Wommack

The Christian Science Board of Directors

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# SCHEDULE *of events*

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

2:00 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Meet under the tents on the Christian Science Plaza**

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Tents on the lawn**

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AROUND THE WORLD

Meet with The Mother Church's International Communication Coordinators to talk about how Christian Science is growing outside the United States.

#### ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW

Still figuring out what Annual Meeting actually is? Join us for a conversation about what Annual Meeting and the weekend activities are all about.

#### “BEHIND THE SCENES” TOUR OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

Explore the ins and outs of The Mother Church Original Edifice and Extension in this special tour about the Church's history and Mary Baker Eddy.

2:30 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.

### CHILDCARE FOR EVENT

**The Mother Church Extension Sunday School**

*Registration required. See page 4 for more information.*

3:30 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.

### TECH SUPPORT FOR ONLINE PRODUCTS

**Classroom on the first floor of The Christian Science Publishing House**

Ask questions and get technical support and guidance for the *Christian Science Quarterly* Bible Lessons—Digital Edition, Concord, JSH-Online, and CSMonitor.com.

5:00 p.m. –  
6:45 p.m.

### DINNER – ALL ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES

**The Christian Science Plaza**

Share a meal in Christian fellowship with your church family from around the world.

7:30 p.m. –  
8:30 p.m.

### HYMN SING

**The Mother Church Extension**

(Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

*Broadcast live online*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 a.m. –  
11:00 a.m.

### CHURCH SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **The Mother Church Extension**

Sunday School for students up to the age of 20

1:00 p.m. –  
3:00 p.m.

### CHILDCARE FOR EVENT

#### **The Mother Church Extension Sunday School**

*Registration required. See page 4 for more information.*

1:30 p.m. –  
3:00 p.m.

### INSPIRATIONAL MEETING: THE DISCOVERY AND THE PROOF\*

#### **The Mother Church Extension**

(Doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

*Broadcast live online*

Find new inspiration and insights from this year's theme, "The discovery today—where hearts catch fire."

3:30 p.m. –  
4:30 p.m.

### TECH SUPPORT FOR ONLINE PRODUCTS

#### **Classroom on the first floor of The Christian Science Publishing House**

Ask questions and get technical support and guidance for the *Christian Science Quarterly* Bible Lessons—Digital Edition, Concord, JSH-Online, and CSMonitor.com.

5:00 p.m. –  
6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

#### **The Mother Church Original**

## MONDAY, JUNE 5

12 noon –  
3:00 p.m.

### CHILDCARE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

#### **The Mother Church Extension Sunday School**

*Registration required. See page 4 for more information.*

1:00 p.m.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

#### **The Mother Church Extension**

(Doors open at 12:00 p.m.)

*Broadcast live online*

Join the Christian Science Board of Directors for updates from The Mother Church and the Field.

**The meeting will last ~ 2 hours.**

\* see *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* p. 123:16–29

# INFORMATION

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## CHILDREN AND CHILDCARE



Childcare will be provided for children through age 11:

- During the Youth and Young Adult activities on Saturday
- For the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Church service
- For the inspirational meeting—The Discovery and the Proof—on Sunday afternoon and Annual Meeting on Monday

**Childcare will be open at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, and 12:00 noon on Monday in the Sunday School.**

Please pick up your children immediately after the events.

## YOU COULD BE IN PICTURES!

Annual Meeting 2023 and its related meetings and activities may be photographed and audio/video recorded. As a participant, you may be recorded or photographed. Your recognizable image and statements may be used by the Church or the Publishing Society in periodicals, reports, internet publications, on their websites and their third-party social media pages, on YouTube, and for advertising and promotional uses. If you object to the use of your image or statements, please avoid camera lines of sight. They can be easily identified. If you don't want to be filmed incidentally during Annual Meeting or related sessions, please inform an usher, who will direct you to a specific seating area.

## CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

During Annual Meeting and other events, please put cell phones on silent, and turn off all other electronic devices. Photographs and audio or video recordings are not permitted during any event.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING AND PRACTITIONER HELP

On Saturday and Sunday during the main events and on Monday during Annual Meeting, Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science nurses are available if you need assistance. Ask a host at the Hospitality Center in the Extension, or speak to an usher to help you reach one.

## EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, contact the nearest hospitality host or usher, or call 617-450-2442. This number is for emergencies only.



### **SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION**

All events are in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish for Sunday's inspirational meeting—The Discovery and the Proof—and Monday's Annual Meeting. To listen to Sunday's meeting and Annual Meeting in one of these languages, please pick up a headset in the portico of The Mother Church Extension. There is a version of the program available in French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. You can find them in the Portico of The Mother Church.

### **AMPLIFICATION ASSISTANCE**

Wireless headsets are available on each floor of the auditorium. Please ask an usher on the floor where you will be sitting for a headset, and return the headset to an usher after each event.

### **PARKING**

During Annual Meeting weekend (June 3–5), free validated parking will be available for the Plaza parking garage at 235 Huntington Ave. Parking will be free all day on Saturday and Sunday and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday. Please take a ticket when you enter the garage. You can validate it using the machines by the escalator as you enter the Church from the garage, or ask a host in the lobby of the Welcome Hall at 210 Massachusetts Ave.

For more information visit: [christianscience.com/annualmeeting](http://christianscience.com/annualmeeting)



# HOSPITALITY CENTER

*Entrance to The Mother Church Extension | 617-450-3788  
(Glass doors facing Massachusetts Avenue)*

Meet with friendly and knowledgeable Boston-area church members at the Hospitality Center. They are happy to provide:

- Answers to your questions
- Programs in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish
- Restaurant and area maps
- Information about parking and transportation
- Lost and found information
- Wheelchair and accessibility information

## **DATES AND TIMES:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3** 2:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4** 11:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, JUNE 5** 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Please note: The hospitality desk will not be open during the Annual Meeting events and Church services.*





# RECOMMENDED *visits*

## **HOW DO YOU SEE THE WORLD? experience + MAPPARIUM™ globe**

210 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, BOSTON (FIRST FLOOR)

*(Closed during the Annual Meeting events and Church services.)*



<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 2</b>	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 3</b>	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 4</b>	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 5</b>	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 6</b>	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **THE MOTHER CHURCH READING ROOM**

184 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, BOSTON

*(The Reading Room is currently located at 184 Massachusetts Avenue while renovations are underway at 194 Massachusetts Avenue. It will be closed during the Annual Meeting events and Church services.)*



<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 2</b>	10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 3</b>	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 4</b>	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 5</b>	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 6</b>	9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## **THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY RESEARCH ROOM**

210 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (FOURTH FLOOR)



<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 2</b>	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 3</b>	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 4</b>	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 5</b>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## **CHURCH TOURS**

*(There will not be Church Tours on Saturday, June 3)*



### **SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

11:20 a.m.

Meet in the auditorium of The Mother Church Extension.

6:20 p.m.

Meet in the auditorium of The Mother Church Original.

### **MONDAY, JUNE 5**

4:00 p.m.

Meet in the Welcome Hall at The Christian Science Publishing House.

Find more information and additional tour times at

**[christianscience.com/tour](http://christianscience.com/tour)**

# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PLAZA





Restrooms



Accessible Drop Off & Pick Up



Hospitality Center/  
First Aid



Plaza Parking Garage  
Entrance/Exit



Accessible Entrance



Open building entrances

*If you would like a restaurant map, please ask the Hospitality Center or the staff at The Mother Church Reading Room.*

## CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Visit [plaza.christianscience.com](http://plaza.christianscience.com) for more information.



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