

## **My Biography - Mark Unger**

### **1) I loved Christian Science from the start**

I took to the teachings of Christian Science from my earliest recollections as a very young child in the Christian Science Sunday School. I loved it from the start; learning about God as my loving Father Mother who was always with me and caring for me. I prayed for myself in grade school when I had a painful burn on my finger. I wanted to try out what I had been learning in Sunday School. Using the first couple lines of the Scientific Statement of Being I had an instant healing. That convinced me that there really is a God and that what I was being taught was, as I suspected, true.

### **2) I committed myself to following Christ Jesus and serving God early on**

What Jesus said about seeking first the kingdom of God and having everything added to you made sense to me, and I made that my motto as early as high school and through experience, I found it to be true. I had such abundance by the time I was out of high school. What I loved the most about it was the journey — walking with God and trusting Him with everything. So, after high school and in my late teens, I left everything for a year and went on a motorcycle trip around the country; cutting off all contact with friends, and almost all contact with my family. I took enough money to last for three weeks. I had no plan except to follow God's leading. My goal was not just to survive but to flourish, which I felt I did, for the whole year. After witnessing once again God's love and care, I fully committed my life to sharing this God with others.

### **3) I was called back to the Church**

Growing up in the rebellious 70's I had no interest in the institutions of society, which included church. But God told me to go to the church and so I did and got involved in a big way. I saw and appreciated how it enhanced my spiritual growth. I've served in almost every capacity in branch church work including First Reader, and have spent many years working in the Sunday School.

### **4) Christian Science Practice**

I went into the full-time practice about four decades ago. After a couple years, I practiced part time while running a business for several years. I became listed in *The Christian Science Journal* in 2003.

### **5) I found myself especially interested in two main areas of ministry**

For most of my life I have predominantly focused on ministering to youth and to institutionalized individuals in places like jails, halfway houses, mental institutions & drug treatment centers.

### **6) Moving with my wife to Boston**

My wife and I moved to Boston in the mid 1980's with the plan to be here three years while my wife went through Christian Science nurses training. I was Director of an inner city youth organization for the first couple years, then was led to work for The Mother Church. We are still here, both of us having worked for our dear Mother Church for decades.

### **7) Activities with and for The Mother Church have included**

- Producer, Director and Host of TV, Radio, and audio subscription Bible Lessons
- Organizer of large youth meetings for Annual Meetings in Boston and Berlin
- Periodical contributor
- Member of the Board of Lectureship
- Substitute Reader
- Sunday School Superintendent