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Dear Association Family,

This is your call to Association Day, Saturday, September 19th. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; we hope you can come! We welcome this year's speaker, Katie Mangelsdorf, C.S. When your Executive Committee spoke with Katie recently, she immediately focused on the importance of the Association Day being one of collaborative prayer, working and praying together. We can all look forward to it!

Katie is eagerly anticipating speaking to our Association family. She has given a great deal of thought to important topics for Association day and to our assignment, which you will probably want to start before September! She and her husband Ron live in Anchorage, Alaska. (His name is probably familiar to you because he was a member of our Association until becoming a C.S.B.) Katie's bio is included so you can learn more about her.

Our Association's Friday evening gathering is on again! Your Executive Board is working on a meaningful format, in addition to the usual greeting-time and light refreshments. The room will be open from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Katie points out in her letter how valuable it is to be able to discuss metaphysics face-to-face with people taught by the same teacher. Do come and join in the continuing conversation! "Harvey" humor welcome, too! (More details as the meeting develops, your ideas are welcome.)

Healing is the mission of Christian Science and surely treasured by each and every member of this Association. As you work with the assignment Katie has given us and prepare to share with her your lists of the laws of God that you identify, please think about one law from your list that you would like to share along with your related healing during our Friday evening conversation. Again, the power of collaborative prayer which may include sharing is strong and reinforces your purpose in coming to meet face-to-face.

Katie did mention that she has observed and understands the downside of technology which can argue that we can operate remotely and need only hear the healing ideas from an Association meeting rather than experiencing the valuable and irreplaceable face to face association with others at our Association. Let's all prayerfully support the appropriate use of technology but also acknowledge the value of attending the Association, if possible.

If you have not attended Association recently and would like to talk with one of us, please be in touch. We look forward to any opportunity to support your ideas and listen to your thoughts.

Also, to those of you who are “regulars,” we encourage you to contact those you have missed seeing and encourage them to come for Association Day.

Requests are welcome from Association members who need assistance to attend the Association meeting. It’s helpful if the requests can be made on a timely basis, so please contact Marcia as soon as the thought occurs to you. And, as a reminder, the benevolent fund is always open to receive donations.

As a continuing consideration, while we have operating funds and funds for assistance for several additional years, we do need to consider a number of potential paths to ensure the financial stability and continuity for the Association; we welcome your input. Some possibilities include: raising the dues; moving to another hotel, particularly considering one with a lower rate and no food purchase requirements (remember, the Association currently underwrites a portion of the food cost); and having box lunches delivered (current hotel would not accommodate that option). These are just some ideas; please share yours!

As usual, the logistics information for the meeting will be sent in late May or early June. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support for our Wood Association throughout the year. We are, indeed, the **Pupils** of Harvey W. Wood, C.S.B. and have much to contribute to the healing mission of Christian Science and to our Association.

We look forward to seeing you September 18th and 19th.

Lovingly,

Your Executive Committee,

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Katie is expecting to make a YouTube message for all of us. She’s thinking it will be ready in March. At that time, we will put it on the website, please check woodassociation.com starting in mid-March if you would like to view it. If you need to put in a password, remember that it’s HW00d (those are zeros.) Call me if you have any trouble.

Also, periodically, emails are sent out to members of the Association, in particular two or three weeks preceding the Association meeting. (And this year the one in March.) If you are not getting the emails and would like to, please send your email address to woodcsassociation@gmail.com. If you would prefer to get all of your Association information via email, as opposed to regular mail, please note that as well. We send two postal mailings a year, around January and early June. Remember to contact Marcia if you don’t get mailings!