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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN METRO CHICAGO WILL CONCLUDE OPERATIONS DECEMBER 31, 2026

Dear Chicago Area Christian Science Churches and Societies,

On October 17, the Executive Board of Christian Science in Metro Chicago formally voted to dissolve the joint activity known as Christian Science in Metro Chicago and conclude its operations by December 31, 2026.

This decision follows the information shared in our September 20 letter¹. We are grateful for the thoughtful consideration and support we have received as we bring this joint activity to a close.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Executive Board will oversee the orderly conclusion of the organization's activities, fulfill its remaining financial and legal obligations, and make arrangements for the distribution of remaining funds.

The CSMetroChicago website, telephone helpline (630-929-5635), and associated online services will be discontinued by December 31, 2026. The previously scheduled November business meeting has been cancelled.

WHAT CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES NEED TO DO

As outlined in our September letter, we ask each church and society to complete the following by January 1, 2027:

- Review your listing in the Christian Science Directory² to ensure that information about your church or society, worship services, Sunday School, and Reading Room are complete and accurate. Any changes should be made directly through the Directory.
- Remove references to csmetrochicago.org from your website, letterhead, printed materials, directory listings, and other communications.
- Remove signs, posters, and other materials referring to CSMetroChicago.org or the 630-929-5635 telephone number.

DISTRIBUTION OF REMAINING FUNDS

After all outstanding obligations and dissolution expenses have been paid, remaining funds will be distributed equally among the 24 active Chicago-area churches and societies currently holding Sunday services and listed on the Christian Science in Metro Chicago website.

We anticipate mailing distribution checks before June 2027 and ask that they be deposited promptly upon receipt.

WITH GRATITUDE

Since 2018, Christian Science in Metro Chicago has provided a way for area churches and societies to work together to make information about Christian Science worship, Reading Rooms, lectures, and other activities more readily available throughout the Chicago area.

While this joint activity is ending, its purpose continues through the work of each individual church and society.

With gratitude for the opportunity to unite with and serve the Metro Chicago Christian Science churches and societies,

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Executive Board of Christian Science in Metro Chicago

¹ http://csmetrochicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/ChicagoChurchesLetter-9.20.2026_final.pdf

² https://directory.christianscience.com/?keyword=&location=&latitude=&longitude=&map_lng=-71.083207&zoom=2