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Dear Chicago Area Christian Science Churches and Societies,

On October 17, 2026, the Executive Board of Christian Science in Metro Chicago will vote on a resolution to dissolve the joint activity known as Christian Science in Metro Chicago. The plan to disband involves concluding and wrapping up all current activities by the end of the 2026 calendar year.

After all outstanding financial commitments have been honored, the remaining balance of funds will be distributed equally among the Chicago-area churches and societies currently listed on the [Sunday worship page](#) of the Christian Science in Metro Chicago website.

WHY IS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN METRO CHICAGO DISBANDING

The Executive Board has carefully considered the role and continuing need for Christian Science in Metro Chicago. Several factors have led to the recommendation to conclude this joint activity.

1. Much of the website's original purpose is now served elsewhere.

When Christian Science in Metro Chicago was organized in 2018, one of its primary objectives was to create a robust, unified website promoting church services, Sunday Schools, Reading Rooms, and lectures throughout the Chicago area.

Today, all this information is available through the [Christian Science Directory](#), including worship and Reading Room hours, building photos, links to online maps, and online and dial-in worship information. Upcoming lectures can also be found through the online listing, [Find a Christian Science Lecture](#).

2. The telephone helpline is no longer as necessary as it once was.

The unique 630-929-5635 telephone helpline was established when long-distance calling charges made access to centralized programming more challenging. Today, long-distance charges are generally no longer a barrier, and Christian Science audio programming is readily available by telephone and online.

Telephone access continues to be available at 323-805-8700 and 317-854-8484.

Audio programming is also available online through [Christian Science Audio](#) and [Christian Science Quarterly Sample](#).

3. Participation and financial support have declined significantly over the past decade.

The level of participation and support from Chicago-area churches and societies has steadily decreased:

- **Executive Board representation** has declined from nine churches in 2018 to three churches in 2026.

- **Financial support** has declined from 29 churches and societies in 2018 to six in 2026.
- **Volunteer participation** at joint Reading Room expo booths has declined from 15 volunteers to four.

Together, these changes suggest that the original model for this joint activity is no longer sustainable or as necessary as it was when Christian Science in Metro Chicago was established.

WHAT WILL CHURCHES/SOCIETIES NEED TO DO BY JAN 1, 2027

- **Review your listing in the Christian Science Directory** to ensure that all information is complete and accurate: [Christian Science Directory](#). Contact Christian Science Directory directly to make any changes — phone: 617-450-2877, email: directory@csps.com.
- **Remove the csmetrochicago.org URL** from church or society communication materials, including letterhead, printed materials, directory listings, and other references.
- **Remove signage and posters** referring to CSMetroChicago.org website and 630-929-5635 telephone number by January 1, 2027.
- **Watch for a final distribution check** from Christian Science in Metro Chicago which is expected to be mailed before June 2027. Please promptly deposit check into your church or society's bank account upon receipt.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Board has given careful and prayerful consideration to the decision to conclude this joint activity. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked together over the years in support of Christian Science throughout the Chicago area.

While Christian Science in Metro Chicago will conclude its activities, we anticipate that the important work of sharing Christian Science in our communities will continue through our individual churches and societies.

We will be in touch again before the end of the year to keep you informed as we complete the remaining steps and follow the procedures outlined in the organization's [bylaws](#) regarding dissolution.

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

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