



Le Verger



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Message from the Director

As 2017 draws to a close, we start to look back over the last year, and forward to the good that will unfold next year.

At Le Verger, there is a feeling of really dedicated work going on and a supportive atmosphere which is very conducive to healing. The Christian Science nurses, the patients, the volunteers and the staff all contribute to and benefit from this atmosphere. We have been seeing the powerful benefits of this dedicated work in our interaction with those who have called upon the Christian Science nurses at Le Verger for assistance, often finding healing before even coming to Le Verger.

For those who have come, they have found that the more focused, home-like approach to Christian Science nursing has offered them the opportunity to really see beyond the human picture and concentrate on their healing and demonstration.

In 2017, we welcomed patients and guests from Switzerland, as well as the UK, France, Germany and the USA.

Our Christian Science nursing work at Le Verger is active and we see much progress and healing.

Accreditation

As a Christian Science nursing facility, we are accredited by *The Commission for*

Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations and are listed in the *Christian Science Journal* under 'Christian Science Nursing Facilities/Organizations'.

In order to maintain our accreditation, we are required to complete a written self-assessment and undergo an on-site inspection by trained reviewers.

In preparation for our accreditation inspection in January, all staff were requested to be involved in the process, and all contributed, including taking the time to translate the documents, so that they could understand and answer the questions properly.

This was a good exercise for all the staff as it helped them feel that they were part of a larger organisation than just Le Verger. During the review, everyone had the opportunity to be interviewed by the reviewers, and were provided interpreters (and Google translate!) as needed.

The inspection went well, and we achieved full accreditation for a further three years.

Christian Science nurses

Our Christian Science nursing staff has increased this past year, and we now have five Christian Science nurses listed in the *Christian Science Journal* on our staff, and draw in support when needed from a consistent team of independent Christian Science nurses living in Switzerland, Germany, France, Portugal and the UK.

Christian Science nursing

We provide a full range of Christian Science nursing services to the field.

We offer in-patient care, where patients can come and stay at Le Verger and receive Christian Science nursing care while receiving treatment from a Christian Science practitioner. We accept patients with full expectation of

quick and whole healing, and expect our patients to stay for short periods of time, but if there is a need for a longer stay, we work with the patients to see healing and progress every day.

We also offer out-patient care to anyone needing to come to us for care that does not require a home visit or a stay.

Our Christian Science nursing staff can also respond to calls in the field, so do feel free to call if there is a need for a Christian Science nurse to come to you or a loved one.



Cost of care

Please contact the secretary of Le Verger for the most up-to-date price list, and for information about funding organisations that can help with the fees. We never accept or reject an application for Christian Science nursing care based on the patient's ability to pay.

Developing the Association's property in Rolle

Since the Association approved development of this property, the Board and our chosen developer (SuissePromotion) have been working with various banks to secure a development loan. In parallel SuissePromotion is working on the detailed design for the development. Recently we have consulted with tax lawyers regarding the original loan from Geneva Church, on questions relating to the development loan. A great deal of

prayer is going into this development, we're being well guided and are optimistic that we will be signing our development loan in the first quarter of 2018.

Website and FaceBook page

Our website has been updated over the past couple of years. As we need to provide the information in three languages, the process takes longer than usual, but we now have a site that reflects our current activity. Please visit us – www.leverger.ch

We can also now be found on Facebook under 'Le Verger'. Please check it out, become a 'friend' and share with your friends!

Training

This has been a busy year for our training department as we have been called to support Christian Science nurses in fields that are new to us.

This year we have trained and licensed a new instructor in Canada and we and our licensed instructors have trained students in Germany, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, DRC and have also trained students from Tanzania, Cameroon and the UK.

We now have new training materials for all our levels of training which provide a thorough foundation of ethics and teach a high standard of Christian Science nursing care.



Activities

We have continued with our regular programme of Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations at Le Verger. These are arranged and prepared by Céline Naef, one of our Christian Science nurses, who is ably and

generously assisted by Patricia Darmon and Nicole Chevalier, two of our board members.

We had a workshop for the volunteers this summer, focusing on 'preparing for change'. There was some heartfelt sharing and it is always such a blessing to bring all of our invaluable volunteers together in one place, and to recognise the strong support they provide to the patients, residents and guests and to the work of the Christian Science nurses.



Giving

Le Verger relies on gifts and legacies in order to support the vital healing practice of Christian Science nursing. We are so grateful to those who have contributed in the last year and who continue to contribute on a regular basis.

Your gifts support directly the work of Le Verger and enable us to provide Christian Science Nursing both within Le Verger and to the field. Our outreach is wide as Le Verger is now the only accredited Christian Science nursing facility in mainland Europe and as such, we welcome patients from all over Europe.

Some countries do not have any financial support funds in place and we would love to be able to support all those who feel led to call on Le Verger for assistance.

There are many ways in which you can support Le Verger financially, and if you would like to consider a regular contribution or feel that you would like to leave a financial legacy to Le Verger in your will, please contact the secretary.

We do not accept cheques but we are happy to accept wire transfers or Paypal payments.

The money you donate goes into the specific healing work of Le Verger.

Our training programme is supported separately to the work of the house, and if you would like to support the training also, please specify this.



Le Verger is here for all and we would love to hear from you. Christian Science nursing should be seen as a First Aid rather than last aid, and we are ready to support you in whatever way you need, be it Christian Science nursing care, or Rest and Study. Barriers of finances, distance, resistance, etc. cannot stop the healing work and we will never turn someone away because they are unable to pay the full amount.

Le Verger is not just a business, and we are here to cherish the babe of Christian healing as Mary Baker Eddy says in Miscellaneous Writings (370:12-15) and see man complete and whole. That is our mission and our vision and we would love you to be part of it.

We are always keen to have new Association members and volunteers. Please contact us to become a member or to find out more about becoming a volunteer.

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