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Guest Speaker

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# The Power of Prayer

## Christian Science Reading Room practices spiritual healing

By Amanda Coscarelli  
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The Christian Science Reading Room tucked inside of DTLA's Westin Bonaventure Hotel offers knowledge, healing and a moment of tranquility to the bustling urban scene.

The sixth-floor quiet escape resembles a typical bookstore with plenty of comfortable seating. Librarian Cynthia MacMullin explained it doesn't get visitors on daily, but people from all walks of life are welcome to visit to learn more about Christian Science by reading texts or watching lectures.

Christian Science is a religion that seeks solutions to life's many hardships through prayer. It's a form of alternative health care that combines spiritual meditations and biblical teachings, instead of conventional medicine, to treat mental and physical illness.

"It is God's right hand grasping the uni-

verse," writes Mary Baker Eddy, who founded the religion. Essentially, those who practice Christian Science believe that all healing is in God's hands and diseases such as cancer and diabetes can be cured through prayer.

Christian Science Reading Rooms were established in the early 20th century to sell or loan its literature. They are in public spaces, such as airports, city centers or hotels.

MacMullin has been working at the reading room for three years, but she, her mother, her grandmother and her great-grandmother were raised on Christian Science. She recalled miraculous healing through prayer at various times throughout her life.

For example, she said her mom had a slipped disk. She was unable to stand up straight, but she continued her daily tasks to the best of her availability with the belief that she would eventually be healed through prayer.

"She went to the hairdresser in this position. She drove her car. She kept moving," MacMullin said. "She did not give in to it. And she kept praying to know that her rightful state was upright, whole and free on a spiritual level." Then, one day she remembers hearing her mom praying out loud in her bedroom.

"All of a sudden, she just, with great reliance and confidence, stood up straight. Never had a problem again."

MacMullin said she believes that the Christian Science reading room can help

others who need physical or mental healing. She just wishes more people knew about it.

"I would say we're underutilized," she said with a chuckle. "A reading room needs to be in the public, visible and accessible." The room is located inside of a hotel where parking is valet only. It's also on the sixth floor, which is most easily accessible through a small elevator in the expansive lobby. It's funded by 27 churches in the LA County area, but rent prices are high in more visible areas. As their lease comes to an end though, she mentioned an interest in moving locations.

"We've been looking if we could set up shop, so to speak, at Union Station. It's a wonderful, accessible (location) for the diversity of the people."

In the future, the reading room hopes to bring in new visitors from all different backgrounds as Eddy's textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," has been translated into 17 languages, including Braille. MacMullin also said she believes it could be a resource for homeless communities to seek healing.

Though Christian Science is labeled as a religion, she explained that, in many ways, it's more of a spirituality.

"Religion is manmade," MacMullin said. "Spirituality is God-made. That's the difference. And that's how I see the difference."



**"Whatever guides thought spiritually benefits mind and body." - Mary Baker Eddy**