

Blossoms and Fruits Community Embrace Panel Ecumenical Engagement

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Communication that connects with other Christians

A. Why should we be involved in ecumenical activities?

How can we increase the healing influence of Christian Science in the world?

How do we get the public to show up at our lectures?

How would the Methodist church down the street feel the Christian Science church is doing in “affording proof of its utility?”

Would MBE be asking us these questions?

B. How do we do engage with others well?

Communication works best, if we listen first.

What do we have to offer? We can be the practitioners for the group.

Does a practitioner offer prayers before he or she knows the problem?

Working together on challenges facing the community.

Examples: As member of Clergy Advisory Board for CA Consortium.

C. When dialogue begins, how to respond effectively

A Self-Understanding of Christian Science, document [slide 1]

What is it for, how we might use it?

D. Circle of Faith blog to prepare us to do this work.

An example: Connecting with local interfaith groups [slide 2]