

## The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

### STYLE STANDARDS FOR WRITTEN DOCUMENTS

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If you choose to write about The First Church of Christ, Scientist—thank you!

We hope this document helps with the correct spelling of commonly used names of organizations, departments, and other important references associated with us. If you have questions, please contact [media@cspc.com](mailto:media@cspc.com).

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#### OUR ORGANIZATION AND NAME:

**The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

Also known as **The Mother Church**

[The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts](#), is the home of the worldwide Christian Science Church (The Church of Christ, Scientist) and includes The Christian Science Publishing Society and The Mary Baker Eddy Library. Individual branch churches of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, located throughout the world, are democratically run and organized. The Mother Church in Boston conducts the local church services and Christian Science Reading Room activities in the Back Bay neighborhood. It also manages the departments that coordinate Christian Science lectures globally; publish the writings of the founder of the Church, Mary Baker Eddy; maintain the Christian Science Plaza in Boston; publish *The Christian Science Monitor*®, *Christian Science Quarterly*®, Bible Lessons, *The Christian Science Journal*®, *Christian Science Sentinel*®, and *The Herald of Christian Science*®; direct all business and administrative functions; and more.

#### Stylistic guidelines:

- Note the placement of commas.
- Include and capitalize “The” in “The Mother Church” and “The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, USA” when you reference the complete name.
- Please reference the complete name with the location for the first reference.
  - You do not need to include USA if writing for an audience that is familiar with Boston, Massachusetts.
  - You may write “The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.”
- You may write “the Church” on a second reference without location.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PLAZA

Located in the heart of Back Bay, the [Christian Science Plaza](#) is the largest privately owned, publicly accessible open space in Boston at about 13.5 acres. It was revitalized in 2021 to be more environmentally friendly and sustainable and to improve the quality of life for the Boston

community. It houses the Reflecting Pool and the Children's Fountain. The Mother Church and The Christian Science Publishing Society are also located on the Plaza along with the interactive *How Do You See the World?*® experience in the Christian Science Publishing House. The local [Christian Science Reading Room](#) is nearby.

#### Stylistic guidelines:

- There's no need to capitalize "the" when referring to "the Christian Science Plaza."
  - You may write "the Plaza" on a second reference.
- Correct: the Reflecting Pool; Incorrect: the Reflection Pool.
  - Please capitalize "Reflecting" and "Pool."
  - Lowercase "the" when referring to "the Reflecting Pool."
  - Please refer to the full name: "Reflecting Pool."
- Lowercase "the" when referring to "the Children's Fountain."
  - Please refer to the full name: "Children's Fountain."

#### *How Do You See the World?*® experience with the Mapparium® globe

The interactive [How Do You See the World?](#)® experience is located in the Christian Science Publishing House. Several exhibits, including Boston's iconic Mapparium® globe, offer stories and interactive activities that explore progress and possibilities throughout the world, encouraging visitors to consider their own place in it. It is open to all.

#### Stylistic guidelines:

- Capitalize every word in the "*How Do You See the World?*® experience" except "experience" and "the." Use the lowercase "the" in front of "*How Do You See the World?*® experience."
- *How Do You See the World?* is used as an adjective in every case and should be followed by the word "experience."
- Please include the trademark symbol with "*How Do You See the World?*®" on the first reference.
- Please include the "?" in the name.
- Please put the name of the exhibit in italics, or in unitalicized type if the surrounding text is already italicized. If you are unable to italicize the name to set it apart from surrounding text, please use the trademark symbol (®) next to it.
- The Mapparium® globe is part of the *How Do You See the World?* experience, located at the Christian Science Plaza in Back Bay, Boston. It is not a standalone experience.
- The names of the other exhibits in the *How Do You See the World?* experience are:
  - Mapparium globe + Our World: Mapping Progress
    - Includes "Points of Progress" and "Seeds of Hope"
  - Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy
  - The Mary Baker Eddy Library and Exhibit
- When explaining that the Mapparium globe is part of the *How Do You See the World?* experience, you could say: "Mapparium globe in the *How Do You See the World?* experience"

or “*How Do You See the World?*” experience with the *Mapparium* globe.”

- The *Mapparium* globe is the only ticketed exhibit in the *How Do You See the World?* experience. All other exhibits are free.
- The *Mapparium* globe is not part of The Mary Baker Eddy Library. The *Mapparium* globe is part of the *How Do You See the World?* experience.
- If you are writing about the *Mapparium* globe, use the word *Mapparium* as an adjective in every case.
  - You may follow it with any of the nouns below:
    - “*Mapparium*® globe”
    - “*Mapparium*® tour”
    - “*Mapparium*® experience”
    - “*Mapparium*® exhibit”
- Please include the trademark symbol with “*Mapparium*®” on the first reference.
  - Use the lowercase “the” in front of “*Mapparium*®.”
  - Please put the name “*Mapparium*” in italics or in unitalicized type if the surrounding text is already italicized. If you are unable to italicize the name to set it apart from surrounding text, please use the trademark symbol (®) next to it.

### The Mary Baker Eddy Library

[The Mary Baker Eddy Library](#) is a research library open to the public that explores the life, ideas, and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science. It also houses original collections of Church history and Eddy’s writings.

#### Stylistic guidelines:

- Please include and capitalize “The” when referring to “The Mary Baker Eddy Library” for the first time.
  - You may write “the Library” on a secondary reference.
- Incorrect usage includes: “Mary Baker Eddy’s Library,” “Library for Mary Baker Eddy.”
- The *Mapparium*® globe is not part of The Mary Baker Eddy Library. The *Mapparium* globe is part of the *How Do You See the World?*® experience.

## PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

### The Christian Science Publishing Society

The Christian Science Publishing Society is located inside the Christian Science Publishing House at the Christian Science Plaza. It creates and distributes publications including the [Christian Science Quarterly](#)®, [Bible Lessons](#), [Christian Science Sentinel](#)®, [The Christian Science Journal](#)®, and [The Herald of Christian Science](#)®. It also publishes [The Christian Science Monitor](#)®, an international news organization and winner of seven Pulitzer Prizes.

#### Stylistic guidelines:

- Please include and capitalize “The” when referencing “The Christian Science Publishing Society” for the first time in a sentence.

- You may write “the Publishing Society” on a second reference.
- “Society” is used to refer to the publishing organization and its activities.
- Please include and lowercase “the” when referencing “the Christian Science Publishing House” for the first time in a sentence.
  - You may write “the Publishing House” on a second reference.
  - “House” is used only to refer to the physical building.
- *The Christian Science Monitor*
  - Do not omit “The” from the full name: “*The Christian Science Monitor*.”
  - Please reference the complete name in the first reference.
    - You may write “the Monitor” on a second reference with “the” in lowercase.
    - Please do not italicize “the” before “the Monitor” when Monitor is used as a standalone reference.
  - Please do not refer to an issue as “a monitor;” rather you should say “the *Monitor*,” “an issue of the *Monitor*,” or for specific issues, “the July 4, 2022 issue of the *Monitor*.”
  - Due to the trademark, please do not use the name in plural or possessive form. Use it as an adjective to modify a noun. The noun should be a generic name appearing in lower case letters after the Trademark the first time it is referenced.
    - For example: “*The Christian Science Monitor* website.”
  - If you have further questions about how to write about and reference *The Christian Science Monitor*, please email [copyright@csps.com](mailto:copyright@csps.com).

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

To learn more about Christian Science, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, Mary Baker Eddy, or anything else referenced in this Style Guide, please visit [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com). An introduction to the beliefs and practices of Christian Science can be found on this [page](#).

### Stylistic guidelines:

- Please capitalize “Christian Science.”
- The Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.
  - Please include the author’s name on the first reference: “Mary Baker Eddy.”
  - Please include the entire title of the book on the first reference.
    - You may write *Science and Health* on the second reference.
    - You may write “the Christian Science textbook” on the second reference or to introduce the entire title of the book: the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.