

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

STYLE STANDARDS FOR WRITTEN DOCUMENTS

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@csp.com

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 Back Bay. It also manages departments that coordinate Christian Science lectures globally; publishes the writings of the founder of the Church, Mary Baker Eddy; maintains the Christian Science Plaza in Boston; publishes *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Christian Science Journal*, the *Christian Science Sentinel*, and *The Herald of Christian Science*; directs 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
 - ◆ Feel free to write “The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, USA”
- Feel free to write “the Church” on a second reference without location

The *How Do You See the World?* experience

A public, interactive experience 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.

Stylistic guidelines:

- Capitalize every word in “the *How Do You See the World?* experience” except “the” and “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 “?”
- Please put the name of the exhibit in italics
- If you are writing about the *Mapparium*™ exhibit, use the word *Mapparium* as an adjective in every case

Feel free to follow it with nouns such as:

- ♦ “the *Mapparium*™ experience”
- ♦ “the *Mapparium*™ exhibit”
- ♦ “the *Mapparium*™ globe”
- Please include the trademark with “*Mapparium*™” on the first reference
 - ♦ Lowercase “the” in “the *Mapparium*™”
 - ♦ Please put the name *Mapparium* in italics
- The names of the exhibits are:
 - ♦ *Mapparium*™ + Our World: Mapping Progress
 - ♦ Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy
 - ♦ The Mary Baker Eddy Library and Exhibit

The Christian Science Plaza

Located in the heart of Back Bay, the 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 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 in this Plaza along with the new interactive *How Do You See the World?* experience at the Christian Science Publishing House.

Stylistic guidelines:

- There’s no need to capitalize “the” when referring to “the Christian Science Plaza”
 - ♦ Feel free to write “the Plaza” on a second reference
- Correct: the Reflecting Pool; Incorrect: the Reflection Pool
 - ♦ Please capitalize “Reflecting” and “Pool”

- ◆ Please refer to the full name: “the Reflecting Pool”
- Lowercase “the” when referring to “the Children’s Fountain”
 - ◆ Please refer to the full name: “the Children’s Fountain”

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. 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
 - ◆ Feel free to write “the Library” on a secondary reference
- Incorrect usage includes: “Mary Baker Eddy’s Library”, “Library for Mary Baker Eddy”

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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
 - ◆ Feel free to write *Science and Health* on the second reference
 - ◆ Feel free to write “the Christian Science textbook” on the second reference or to introduce the full name

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND DEPARTMENTS:

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 delivers 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

- ◆ Feel free to write “the Publishing Society” on a second reference
- ◆ “Society” is used to refer to the publishing organization and activities
- Please always include and lowercase “the” when referencing “the Christian Science Publishing House” for the first time in a sentence
 - ◆ Feel free to write “the Publishing House” on a second reference
 - ◆ “House” is used only to refer to the physical building
- *The Christian Science Monitor*
 - ◆ Please use, italicize, and capitalize “The” before “Christian”
 - ◆ Please reference the complete name in the first reference
 - ◆ Feel free to write “the *Monitor*” on a second reference with “the” lowercase
 - ◆ If you add an apostrophe “s” to the end, please do not italicize the apostrophe or the “s”

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

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