



# The Newsletter

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**We Believe:** God uses many agencies for healing: some are spiritual such as prayer, love, faith, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands; some are medical such as medicine, surgery, and psychology. These agencies should be supportive of one another. God's desire for us is wholeness and health. Christian healing is accomplished through faith in Christ and through subjecting one's entire life to the scrutiny and counsel of God. We believe Jesus Christ is alive today and still possesses all power on earth as in Heaven.

**Our Objectives:** Promoting the restoration of the Apostolic practice of healing as taught and demonstrated by Jesus Christ; promoting a sound pastoral and counseling ministry; promoting the practice of holding healing services in every church; developing local chapters to promote healing missions, workshops and prayer groups in their area.

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## INTIMACY WITH GOD It's Not That Complicated By Joyce Meyer



*His Plan to Share an Intimate Relationship With YOU Existed Before You Were Even Born*

## Hearing from God Is Something You Can Do

It sounds like a pretty foundational point, but I believe there are many who still question whether God really talks to people. And if He does, they wonder:

- Is God really involved in my life?
- Does He want to be involved in the little details?
- Does God only help out with big issues, not little one?

Have you ever asked yourself these questions? Do you ever wonder if God speaks to people? You'll be happy to know the answer is yes. Let me explain.

## Distractions That Drown Out God's Voice

The world make it easy for us to fill our ears with all kinds of things that drown out the voice of God and push Him far, far into the background of our lives. These distractions come in various forms, from the television to the radio... from food to hobbies. Even our family and church activities can sometimes distract us or pull us away from the Lord.

However, the day comes for every person when only God remains. Everything else in life eventually passes away and when it does, God will still be there.

The Word of God teaches that what is known about God is evident to all because He has made Himself known in the inner consciousness of mankind (see Romans 1:19-21). Each person will someday stand before Him and give an account of his or her life (see Romans 14:12).

When people don't want to serve God with their lives, when they want to go their own way, they find ways to hide from and ignore this instinctive inner knowledge of the Creator who wants to talk to them and guide them in the way they should go.

### **Satisfaction Guaranteed**

Nothing can satisfy our longing for God, except communion and fellowship with Him. Isaiah expressed well our own hunger for God when he wrote: *My soul yearns for You (O Lord) in the night, yes, my spirit within me seeks You earnestly* (Isaiah 26:9).

Hearing from God is vital to enjoying His eternal plan for our lives. Listening to God is our decision; no one else can make it for us. God won't *force* us to choose His will, but He will do everything He can to *encourage* us to say yes to His ways.

This means God wants to be involved in even the smallest details of our lives. His Word tells us to acknowledge Him *an all our ways* and He will direct our paths (see Proverbs 3:6). To acknowledge God is to care what He thinks. And to *ask for His opinion*.

### **Nobody Told Me**

Even though I sincerely loved Jesus, I went to church for years without knowing that God talks to people. I observed all the religious rules and holidays... I went to church every Sunday, I was really doing all that I knew to do at that time. But it wasn't enough to satisfy my longing for God.

I could have spent every moment in church or in Bible study, but it would not have quenched the thirst I had for a deeper fellowship with the Lord. I needed to talk to him about my past and hear Him talk to me about my future. But nobody taught me that God wanted to *talk directly to me*. No one offered a solution for the dissatisfied feelings I endured.

Through reading the Word, I learned that God does want to talk to us and He does have a plan for our

lives that will us to a place of peace and contentment.

Never hesitate to take what you think are small things to God; after all, *everything* is small to God.

It is vital to know what God's Word says about His role in your life, because it confirms His divine plan to be intimately involved all that concerns you. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by, declares the Lord* (Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV).

### **Expect God to Speak to You**

Jesus told His disciples, *I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them no. but when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth)* John 16:12,13.

When Jesus spoke these words, He was talking to men with whom He had spent the previous three years. They had been with Him day and night, yet, He indicated that He had more to teach them. We would think that if Jesus was with us personally for three years, day and night, we would have learned all there is to know.

I think that if I had one uninterrupted month with people, I could tell them everything I know. But Jesus said to expect more because He will always have something to say to us about new situations we are facing.

Jesus always knows the right thing to do because He only did what He saw His Father do. As our Lord, we can trust Him to lead us to the right path every day.

### **Expect to Hear God**

Through Christ, and the power of His Holy Spirit, God wants to speak to you on a One-to-one basis every day. He wants to lead you step-by-step to the good things He has in store for you. He cares about the tiniest details of your life. He even keeps track of how many hairs you have on your head (see Matthew 10:30).

Hearing God's voice throughout the day has become a natural way of life for me since I received the fullness of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised to

send us. The Father will give the gift of His Spirit to all who ask for Him (see Luke 11:13), and the Holy Spirit will help us understand the Bible so we will know how to apply its wisdom to our lives (see John 14:26). I want to say again emphatically that each of us *can* hear from God and be led by the Holy Spirit *daily*.

### **God Offers a Lifetime Partnership**

One of the many benefits of hearing from God is that he helps us prepare for the future. The Holy Spirit gives the message to us that has been given to Him from the Father. He announces and declares to us things that will happen in the future (see John 16:13).

I remember many times when God informed me of things coming in the future.

One time in particular was when I felt strongly in my heart that one of my children was really struggling with something major. When I asked my child about it, I was told that everything was just fine, but by the Spirit, I knew something was wrong. Several days later I received some news that was painful and discouraging – but it would have been a lot more difficult had I not had a previous warning.

### **Don't Miss Out**

Recently God told me that when we are *unwilling* to hear in one area, it may render us *unable* to hear in other areas. Sometimes we choose to turn a deaf ear to what we know the Lord is clearly saying to us. We only hear what we want to hear, it's called "selective hearing."

After a while, people think they can't hear from God anymore, but in reality there are lots of things they already know He wants them to respond to, and they haven't done so. I have learned that the more quickly I do whatever it is the Lord tells me to do, the more quickly He reveals the next step I am to take.

Don't just go to God and talk to Him when you want or need something; also spend time with Him just listening. He will open up many issues if you will be still before Him and simply listen.

### **Just Do It (And Be Blessed)**

Another exercise in listening to God is to ask Him if there is anyone He wants you to encourage or bless – then be still and listen. You will be surprised at how quickly He responds.

He will fill your heart with godly thoughts and goals. He will name people who will be blessed by your attention to them, and He may tell you specific things to do to encourage them. He has ideas to present to

you that you haven't even considered. Listen carefully to Him. Then follow the advice given in John 2:5: ... *Whatever He says to you, do it.*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS To Former Region 8 Director The Rev. Canon D.A.P. Smith On his election to the OSL North American Board of Directors**



### **Reflections of A New Member of The Board**

**By The Rev. Canon  
David (D. A. P.) Smith**

**T**his fall I found myself a newly elected member as the Canadian representative on the North American Board of Directors. It is a four year appointment, should I live that long.

My first meeting with the Board was just last week, Tuesday and Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. We met at the Hyatt Place Hotel where we were also accommodated.

I found it a thoroughly enjoyable experience, meeting old friends and making new ones. The names and addresses of all the Board members are listed on page 18 of the latest edition of *Sharing*, although the Reverend Canon David Smith of Napanee, Ontario, is no doubt surprised to see him listed as a member of the Board in place of me! So it would appear that even Julabeth, the precise Office Manager, is not exempt from making the occasional mistake. Also present at the meetings were Julabeth Carden, the Office Manager, Linda Dickerson, the Resource Manager, and Melissa Velasco, Editor of *Sharing*.

The meetings began on the Monday evening when the Reverend Josh Acton and I were inducted onto the Board and presented with red and gold coloured medallions. We were told that Fr Nigel Mumford, Healing Ministry Director of Christ the King Spiritual Life Centre in Greenwich, New York, who had also been elected, was critically ill (after having become seriously run down) and unable to take his seat on the Board. We are all asked to pray for him.

Keith Bird, the editor of this newsletter, asked me for my reflections and observations on my first Board meeting and so this I do based upon my recollections and my very sketchy notes. The completed minutes of the meetings have yet to be forwarded to me.

The chief concern of the Board was the accelerating decline in the OSL membership in North America. This, of course, has resulted in a major decline in revenue which has necessitated dipping into our financial reserves. A lot of time was spent discussing how to increase our membership so that we can continue to be an influence, and also how to increase our revenue and decrease our expenses. In this connection, the Board addressed our concern that the OSL is so often perceived to be an institution of the Episcopal or Anglican Church rather than an interdenominational body, and that it is important for us to reach out to non-Anglicans.

To increase membership and costs it was decided to encourage recruitment by offering OSL members who bring in five new members in any particular year a three year free membership. The cost of a Life Membership was increased to \$900 (and to \$1200 for a couple). It was pointed out that the present OSL fee for a single one year membership is not excessive and is about the same as the cost of a good meal.

To decrease costs, last summer's Board meeting at the conference in Berea, Ohio, had been cancelled. At this meeting it was decided to decrease the number of editions of *Sharing* each year from nine to six. Also, Archdeacon Larry Mitchell, the NA Director, offered to donate his annual salary back to the Order. All this, said the treasurer, would reduce our deficit to manageable proportions.

The North American Conference next spring is also an International Conference, and it will be held in Kelowna, B.C., from Monday, 21 June, until Saturday, 26 June, on the University of B.C., Kelowna campus. The theme will be "Sharing the heart of Jesus with the person, in the Church, and in the world". Speakers will be from the U.S., England,

New Zealand, Australia, and the Netherlands, and one of the speakers representing Canada will be our own Regional Director, the Rev'd Ron Van Auken. There was some discussion about whether or not we could afford to hold a meeting of the Board at the same time. The North American Conference in 2011 is being considered for Dallas, Texas.

Prayer Directors for each Region and for every chapter has not yet come into full effect. We still have no Prayer Director at this time for Region 8. The role of the Prayer Director is to circulate to all OSL chapters and members the various needs and concerns as they arise, and to encourage members of the OSL in intercessory prayer.

A Mission Team is to be assembled by the Board to be available to go into any area where it is invited to present the Healing Ministry of Jesus where the OSL is not at present functioning, in the hope of establishing a revival of the Healing Ministry in that place.

A Teaching DVD is to be created by the Reverend Josh Acton and the Reverend Jack Sheffield, both gifted missionaries, and teachers of extensive experience. This DVD would then be available for use by chapters and others.

The OSL Website is being redesigned and updated in a very professional manner. The new look is to be up and running by mid-January, and there is to be an article about it in the January edition of *Sharing*.

The OSL Administrative Offices in San Antonio have recently been moved into new quarters and we were driven over at lunch-time on Wednesday to see them. St George's Episcopal Parish in San Antonio has made available, rent free, an extra building of its parochial school, a pretty little bungalow, for the use of the OSL. The OSL sign and logo are displayed over the front door, and the OSL Business Office (Julabeth's office), the OSL Resource Office (Linda's office), and the OSL Editorial Office for *Sharing* (Melissa's office) are all side by side under the same roof with a comfortable common room and guarded by Julabeth's cat.

In all, my first meeting on the Board was a good experience. I was made to feel absolutely welcome and included. The President of the Board, the Reverence Hazel Kunding, said several times that we had accomplished a lot, and another Board member of some experience said that it was the best board meeting she had yet attended. So, despite our concerns for the OSL we came away with very positive feelings about the future.



**A Message From  
OSL Region 8  
Director**

**The Rev. Ron  
VanAuken**



Brothers and Sisters of the OSL,

**Y**our Council is working to discern ways in which we might renew and strengthen the ministry and mission of the OSL here in Ontario. As part of this effort, in addition to the Region 8 Newsletter, we will be sending monthly letters (**the messages will also be posted to Ron's new web page at [www.oslregion8.org/ron.htm](http://www.oslregion8.org/ron.htm)** to maintain contact and to prompt your reflection on various aspects of the healing ministry.

In this first letter, we would like to share with you two initiatives. We would also like to share three opportunities with you.

### **INITIATIVES**

#### **Region 8 Conference**

We are working to sponsor a Region 8 Conference in 2010. We have not had one in a number of years and we are hopeful that such an event will help to spark renewed interest in and commitment to the ministry of healing. We have an area in mind, but if your chapter would like to work along with us, please do let us know.

#### **Mini-Seminars**

Traditionally we have thought in terms of Healing Missions which typically entails a great deal of planning and expense which translates into a significant number of people with time and energy to pull it off. What we are looking at is a 1 day event with minimal cost. More than that, we will come to you and put it on! We will, of course, require your help in finding a suitable location and assisting with publicity and such things, but we will provide the format, the speakers, and the resources and the funding to make it possible. As we are all volunteers and most of us are employed or with other commitments, it is likely that we are committing ourselves initially to one event in the spring and one in the fall, and within a few hours of Toronto. This is not just for chapters. If you are a "lone member" and would like to have a chapter in your area, all you need is a couple of other people with a similar interest and we'll work with you to make it possible.

Interested? Contact us and we'll discuss the possibility.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Area Representatives**

To better maintain contact with both chapters and lone members throughout Ontario, we are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as Area Representatives. The Area Representatives would be an essential link between chapters and lone members on the one hand and the Council on the other. This might entail perhaps an hour a week and access to a computer with email would be important. For more information, please contact us.

#### **Regional Intercessor**

The OSL in North America is developing a ministry of intercession. Each Region is being asked to find a member who has a gift for intercession to be an integral part of this ministry. If this is your area of giftedness or calling and you would consider the position, please contact us.

#### **Treasurer**

We are in need of a treasurer before the end of the year. The treasurer has an automatic position on the Region 8 Council. Beyond completing the annual return for Revenue Canada, the responsibilities are not onerous. Please contact us if interested.

#### **Members at Large**

We currently have an opening on Council for a Member at Large. Responsibilities entail being able to attend a spring and fall Council meeting held in Toronto and a willingness to contribute some time throughout the year. In order to broaden our base and fulfill the OSL commitment to be an ecumenical organization, ideally we would like to encourage someone from other than the Anglican tradition to consider the position. Again, for more information or to express interest, please contact us.

#### **For the Region 8 (Ontario) Council, Ron VanAuken**

Replies may be made by mail or at [contact us](#)

**Archives of Ron's Messages and updates regarding plans for the renewal of Region 8 are available on his web page at [www.oslregion8.org/ron.htm](http://www.oslregion8.org/ron.htm)**

## Ron's December Letter

### Get Outta Here!

Look at Jesus healing ministry, then look at the healing ministry of the church today. Do you see a difference? I'm not talking about efficacy. I'm talking about where it took place.

Now I am willing to admit that I may be mistaken here, and I am certainly open to correction, but when I read the gospels it took place in the streets. It took place in the fields. It took place in homes. He did not organize rallies, or conferences. He did not call people to come to the synagogue, or the temple. He went to where they were and shared the good news with them - including healing - in their own environment.

How different is that from what we do? We have largely confined our ministry - in Jesus name no less! - to the church, or conference centers.

We invite people to come into our space, where we are comfortable, and at ease, and in control. When they come, we do our religious thing and then send them off. Now what would you think about reclaiming the ministry of Jesus? My first guess is that as attractive as it may sound, we would be quick to point out, by way of rejecting it, that we live in a very different world. That kind of behavior today would likely shorten the time to our own Good Friday... or would it?

Now if that thought is not enough to jar you a bit, consider this: Jesus ministry was not always overtly religious. That may be hard to accept, but it's true. He was not always quoting scripture, praying prayers, mentioning the name of God. Take a look, if you don't believe me. (You did do the required reading, didn't you?) At least in-so-far as we stick to the scriptures, he did not and apparently did not feel it necessary to be so overtly religious at every encounter. He knew, I believe, something we have yet to learn: it's spirituality, not religiosity. We can jettison the garb, the liturgies, the postures, the practiced pious prayers, and all the other trappings we have taken upon ourselves and still be spiritual people and still minister healing because none of those things matter. They may be impressive to those who are impressed by such things, but they may also get in the way.

In many respects we are not all that different from those Pharisees whom our Lord had a problem with. We have our relationship to God all wrapped up in our own neat little package that contains all of the

*should's and should-not's, the how-to's and the how-to-not's. We are so comfortable, so at ease with what we have always been lead to believe, what we have always done, and how we have always done it that we find it difficult, if not impossible, to learn from the ministry of Jesus and the apostles.*

Now I don't want you to take my words for this. I certainly would not believe me if I was listening to myself. I would want to check it out. I would want to delve into the scriptures and discover for myself. So I invite you to do the same. Before you take that foolish leap of either dismissing all of this, or uncritically embracing it, go back to the word of God. Open the scriptures. Set aside all of your assumptions and everything you have learned about the healing ministry, and learn afresh.

Ron VanAuken  
Director, OSL Region 8

**Interested in starting a healing ministry in your church?  
For more information visit  
[www.oslregion8.org](http://www.oslregion8.org)**

### **Does It Make Any Difference Who Prays For My Healing?** *By Francis MacNutt*

**Y**ou probably have heard speakers say, *"It really shouldn't make any difference who you go to for prayer. After all, it's Christ who heals, not the human person."*

In a way the speakers are right, and we certainly agree with what they are trying to say, *that "it's Jesus who heals"* and anyone can ask him. We are trying to escape those withering times when very few — or no one at all — were taught to pray for healing. *"Everyone gets to play"* was the way John Wimber put it. And many of our talks are emphatic in encouraging everyone to learn to pray for healing with expectant faith — especially in our families and churches. Over and over, when we ask people in churches (and I have asked thousands) whether they can remember their parents ever praying with them for healing when they were sick as children, only about 3 percent can remember their fathers praying for them, and only about 20 percent can remember their mothers ever doing this. Clearly, most Christians in mainline churches never learned that

they could pray with the sick and that prayer would really work.

So the first thing we have tried to do is to encourage everyone to learn to pray for the sick with expectant faith. Hopefully, within a generation all this will change and every Christian will know about their happy privilege of healing the sick. Truly everyone can do this, not just holy people, not just priests and ministers, and not just the stars.

Having said this, though, it does make a difference who prays. Otherwise, Paul (in 1 Corinthians 12:29-30) would not have mentioned among such special ministries as preachers and prophets, those who were healers. *“Are all of them apostles? Are all teachers? ... Do all have the gifts of healing?”* Clearly the answer to Paul’s rhetorical question is, *“No, not all have the gifts of healing.”*

These are not contradictory teachings, and it’s easy to put them together. All of us need to learn to pray for healing, especially with our families and our friends; and yet, there is a special gift that some have of praying for the sick. We see this happening in several ways:

1. When some people pray, more people than ordinary seem to get healed;
2. When certain individuals pray, more serious sicknesses (such as cancer) than ordinary are healed;
3. Some people are more patient in praying and do not give up praying over a long period of time. Read the parable in Luke (18:1-8) about *“the need to pray continually and never lose heart.”*
4. Some individuals are more approachable and compassionate and are naturally gifted in praying for spiritual and emotional sickness (*“grace builds on nature”*).
5. Other individuals have learned more about healing and, at the very least, this knowledge helps them avoid hurting people. For example, if someone has wrongly learned that all depression is caused by evil spirits, they will confuse or harm depressed people who are not oppressed by evil spirits. A noteworthy example of this is when we encounter victims of satanic ritual abuse who ordinarily need the ministry of someone who understands SRA. (This is why we conduct our Schools of Healing Prayer.)
6. Some individuals have special charismatic gifts, such as *“discernment of spirits”* and *“the word of knowledge,”* which greatly help in ministering to the sick.

For all these reasons (and more) some Christians become ministers of healing either in large groups or in a quieter, individual setting.

An excellent analogy for this is sports: all of us (unless we are crippled) can walk or jog, but only some are gifted enough to be chosen for the track team, or, beyond that, to run in the Olympics. Just as all of us can be encouraged to walk every day, we should also be encouraged to pray daily for our sick friends to be healed. Then, if enough people are healed through your prayers, and people notice it, you may some day discover that Jesus has shared with you a special ministry of healing.

It’s not *“all or nothing,”* as if some pray for healing and others don’t. It’s a *“more or less.”* All of us get to play. But there are many fields in the Father’s park (cf. John 14:2), and some are called to spend most of their time in the field of healing.

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**Willing to Share a Story of Healing?**  
Please contact the [editor](#)

## “INSPIRING CALM” CD

Jesus invited his busy disciples saying: 'Come away with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest..... so the disciples sailed away with him in their boat, seeking a quiet place, away from the crowds ' (Mark 6:31-32)

Jesus' invitation still stands, but it's hard to find that elusive 'quiet place', surrounded as we are by noise and pollution, and our lives become so busy, so stressful with many demands and little time.....we long for the peaceful space we need - a quiet place away from the crowds, away from the stress.

Restful, calming, quiet and meditative, the Inspiring Calm (Spoken Word) CD features inspiring Bible verses and Reflections mixed with soothing music, ocean waves, babbling streams and birdsong..... this peaceful CD is something of an oasis of calm - a virtual retreat to an idyllic quiet place!.

Sample recordings are available at  
<http://www.inspiringcalm.com>

# COMING EVENTS

Updates and current listings available at  
[www.oslregion8.org/coming\\_events.htm](http://www.oslregion8.org/coming_events.htm)

**June 21-25, 2010 OSL International** meets in Kelowna, BC. Visit [www.osl2010.ca](http://www.osl2010.ca) Register early.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the combined OSL International Conference (meets every 4 years in a different country) and the 2010 OSL North American Annual Conference meeting in Canada this year - from Monday, June 21st through Friday, June 25th at University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus in beautiful Kelowna, B.C.

**International and North American Speakers, Workshops, Prayer Groups, Healing Ministry**

## KEY NOTE SPEAKERS:

**The Rev. Nigel Mumford** (Director of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Episcopal Diocese of Albany, NY, USA) - (Due to illness no topic given as yet)

**The Rev. Russ Parker** (Acorn healing Foundation UK) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus with Wounded Churches)

**The Rev. Chris Lowe** (Assistant OSL Warden UK) Plenary or Workshop) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus in the market Place)

**The Rev. Lionel Brown** (OSL Warden NZ) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus in a Culture of Blame)

**The Ven. John Spring** (Warden Emeritus Australia) - (The heart of Jesus is Bigger than you Think)

**The Rev. Robert van Essen** (Warden in the Netherlands) - (Sharing the heart of Jesus in our Society)

**The Ven. Larry Mitchell** (North American Director) - (What is in the heart of Jesus that we are called to Share)

## WORKSHOP LEADERS

**The Rev. Russ Parker** (GB) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus with Wounded Clergy)

**The Rev. Chris Lowe** (GB) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus in the market Place)

**The Rev. Mike Endicott** (Wales) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus Through Kingdom Healing) (Launch of a new DVD program for Churches, OSL chapters and small prayer groups.)

**The Rev. John Scott** (OSL Warden Ireland) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus through Recapturing the Christian Imperative based on 1 Peter)

**The Rev. Derek Lightbourne** (OSL Warden Emeritus NZ) - (Sharing the heart of Jesus Through creative Liturgy)

**The Ven. John Spring** (OSL Warden Emeritus Aus) - (Faith Issues in developing Christian Expressions of Alternative Therapy)

**Dr. Annette Rice M.D.** (OSL National Chaplain (Warden) AUS) - (Healing the Heart of General Practice)

**Dr. Lia Lens van Rijn – van der Plaat M.D. & Robert van der Plaat** (Holl) - (Sharing the Heart of Jesus with the Dying)

**The Rev. Ron VanAuken** (Director for Region 8 Canada) - (Sharing the heart of Jesus: a few surprises and shocks on healing drawn from the scriptures)

**You are advised to register early for this amazing event.** For registration and more information visit [www.osl2010.ca](http://www.osl2010.ca)

## NEW – Library Web Page

Articles that have appeared in previous issues of *The Newsletter and other resources* are gradually being posted to a new web page at [www.oslregion8.org/library.htm](http://www.oslregion8.org/library.htm)

### Would You Consider Giving A Gift?

Your generous year-end gift payable to OSL Region 8 will be especially appreciated this year as council strives to balance expenses with shrinking income. **A 2009 income tax receipt will be issued for donations reaching us for deposit by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.** Donations received after that date will be issued for the year 2010.

If a reply envelope is not enclosed with this newsletter, please send your gift to:

**Sandra McColl**  
Treasurer, OSL Region 8  
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**Thank you**

***<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)