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The Newsletter seeks to encourage interest in **Christian healing** and is published by The International Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL), Region 8 Council. To submit stories of healing and notices of coming events please contact the editor, via 'contact us' on the website or write to Keith Bird, 5 Tangreen Crt, Apt 206, Willowdale, ON, M2M 3Z1 email editor@OSLregion8.org. The Regional Director is The Reverend Ron Vanauken, 19 Frost Drive, Whitby, ON, L1P 1C8 home 905-430-1949, email vanauken@rogers.com For more information regarding OSL please visit our website at www.OSLregion8.org

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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ANNOUNCEMENT
The OSL Region 8
ONLINE CHAPTER
Launches on Oct 17th ...
AND YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to join us by telephone on Sunday, Oct 17, to celebrate the launch of the OSL Region 8 Online Chapter!



OSL North American Director Larry Mitchell, will be our first guest speaker. You will want to hear why his chapter in Saskatchewan is thriving.

What's The Online Chapter All About?

The Online Chapter will provide a new way of communicating... a new way for each of us to be built up in the faith, and benefit from time to time by reliable teaching and encouragement, **via telephone conference calls.**

Telephone conference calls are not new – but the use of them is **new to OSL** - and they are free. Telephone long distance charges will only

apply if you do not have a free long distance calling plan. For suggestions regarding free and low-cost long distance calling plans you may wish to visit the Online Chapter website at www.oslregion8.org/online.htm

What will happen on the October call?

We trust you will be encouraged and uplifted by enjoying fellowship with one another. You will also hear about some great teaching from our North American Director, The Ven. Larry Mitchell. His OSL chapter in Saskatchewan has been studying a course offered by The Rev. Mike Endicott at Jacobs Well, in the UK, and results have been amazing! You will also be able to ask questions. Opportunity for individual prayer ministry will be offered in response to your email request asking for a private telephone chat at a convenient time following the call.

Who should attend?

OSL members (current or lapsed) for sure... and also anyone interested in healing. If you are new to Christian healing... perhaps "just looking"... or maybe you want to check out the Order of St Luke (OSL)... you are most welcome. For any reason, we'd love to have you join us.

How often will calls take place?

Online conference calls will be grouped into a series of one call per month for either two-months or three-months. Calls will be held on selected months (except July, August and December). The first series will be held for two months – October and November –**on the 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.**

Online conference calls will continue to be offered as long as there is interest. The number of participants and feedback received from every call will be a reliable guide for future planning. Suggestions are welcome at any time. Feel free to let us know what topic for discussion or teaching interests you... and if the calls are not meeting your needs, please tell us that too.

Stay Informed and keep us informed

Join the [email list](#) – or telephone list (see page 8) – for access and updates on the date and time of each series of calls, and to express your preference for a convenient hour for future calls.

Will private prayer ministry be available?

Yes. Participants may request a private telephone chat at a convenient time, by sending an email request following a conference call. Further detail will be announced on each call and will also be available on the Online Chapter website at www.oslregion8.org/online.htm

Why is the Online Chapter needed?

Scripture teaches that we have an enemy of our soul, who will do everything possible to draw us away from the Father... whose only purpose is to "steal, kill and destroy" (*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; (Jesus said) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 NIV*). We believe the Online Chapter and conference calls will go a long way toward providing a regular and reliable resource for teaching, encouragement and fellowship.

OSL Lone Members

The number of Lone Members is growing. OSL Lone Members are not able to attend a chapter for one reason or another. Lone Members who do not have a regular source of fellowship and continuing teaching are in danger of becoming "lone **embers**"... just as hot coals begin to cool when removed from the fireplace and eventually grow cold.



Many times the pressures of life - or long distances - prevent us from attending chapter meetings and conferences. The Online conference calls are as close as your telephone, no matter where you are, at home or away, by land line, mobile, or computer.

OSL Chapter Members are invited!

Those who attend an OSL chapter are most welcome to attend Online Calls at any time, and are invited to contribute their valuable input for the benefit of all. They may also discover information to share with their chapter. Because we all lead busy lives, Online conference calls will be held at 3:00 pm EST so as not to interfere with chapter meetings and other activities on a Sunday evening. That time slot will also allow

participants from UK, such as our November guest speaker, to join us at an acceptable time for them.

How may I participate?

By attending calls as often as possible you will make a great contribution. Also you may wish to become involved in a variety of ways: perhaps by reading scripture... leading prayer... by sharing your story of healing... or by sharing a concern or challenge that will bless others who may be experiencing the same. We are happy to interview guest speakers who have important teaching to share. You may also wish to be considered as a one-on-one telephone counselor. Use the feedback form at any time.

Will you join us?

Please take a moment now to join the [email list](#). You will receive a brief survey. If you do not have email, please mail the written survey found on page 8. Thank you for your prompt reply to assist us in planning.

Upcoming calls

Rev Mike Endicott will be our guest speaker on November 21st. The following series of calls for early 2011 will be announced via email and telephone lists.

Do you know of a young person who might be interested in checking out the Order of St Luke... or of anyone who may want more information about healing? Why not invite them? Be sure to introduce yourself and them on the calls.

A Message From OSL Region 8 Director

The Rev. Ron
van Auken



Perhaps. Now there's a word for you. A degree of uncertainty. Not what most of us like to hear. For the most part we are more comfortable with a "Yes." or a "No."

With a "Yes"... or "No", one knows what will or will not be. They have certainty and can move ahead. But "Perhaps?" It leaves us up in the air. It makes it difficult to plan. It can be especially challenging for those of us—and I expect that it is the majority, who are overcommitted and whose schedules are quickly filling up. But uncertainty is sometimes unavoidable. It certainly is for the Region 8 Council.

While we are committed to doing what we can to facilitate the renewal and growth of the healing ministry and the renewal and growth of the OSL and its chapters in Ontario, we frankly do not know what will work. We continue to brainstorm, to raise flags to see if anyone will salute, float trial balloons, speak to and write to members and potential members all with no certainty that anything will come of it. But perhaps something will. The Apostle Paul actually used that word, "*All things to all people that perhaps we might save some.*" That's how he phrased it. That's pretty much what we're about. We have some good conversations going on. As yet they have not come to fruition, largely because of sorting out schedules on both ends, communicating within Council and then with individuals and chapters. But perhaps, or better, deo volente, God willing.

In this light, we're thankful to Keith Bird for the initiative he has taken in launching Online Chapter Conference Calls. The launch date, as you will read elsewhere, is slated for October 17th. The beauty of the plan is that the actual investment of time and energy on the part of members is minimal and it will potentially reach a significant portion of our members at the same time allowing for healthy dialogue. As the song goes, "This could be the start of something big!"

If there is a final word, let it be this: Let's continue to work together in the name of the Lord. Show patience with one another. Hold us, your Council, accountable for what we do and do not do. Share your needs, your ideas freely. Ask the Lord for a renewed vision and a renewed commitment to pursue that vision. Live to the glory of the one who dies that we might live.

Grace and peace.

Ron

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

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Notes: * Nominations are open.

You are invited to communicate your questions, concerns or suggestions to any member.

**Your Story of Healing will bless others
Please email or write to the [editor](#)**

Bow to the King

By Rev. Mike Endicott

Rev. Mike Endicott has written a number of books and countless articles on healing. Beginning with this issue of the newsletter is a new series of articles to help us refocus.



To complete his series, subsequent articles will appear regularly in following issues.

Mike will be guest speaker on the Online conference call on the 3rd Sunday in November at 3:00 pm - Nov 21st. Please join us.

Preface

The Christian Healing Ministry is full to the brim with awkward questions like 'why hasn't God healed so-and-so?' In fact, the whole methodology and theology of western Christian healing prayer and ministry is based on one fundamental thought, 'how can we best get God to do something for us?'

As we severally begin to come up with different ideas on this vexed question, so the church develops various styles of approach, from the purely liturgical to counseling to the sacramental to deliverance based ministry and so on.

For some years, though, the Order of Jacob's Well has set out to take the church back to the Bible on such issues, so that ordinary Christians can view all that happens in a light more focused on what is going on in the heavenly realms. And it has been a question of refocusing on life from a Bible viewpoint. And that's very different!

Recently I went crab fishing with my seven year old grandson. The trip was highly successful and we were determined to carry on with it the following morning. But the tide was out; no tide, no crabs!

I tried to explain the concept of 'tide' by telling a disappointed young man that the water had all

gone back into the sea. He thought about it a while and replied, “No, Grandpa, you’re wrong. The water hasn’t gone away, but the beach has just got a lot bigger!”

Sweet though his response might have been, it lightly serves to illustrate our need to rethink things outside the box, from the bottom up, from the biblical evidence. Much study, meditation and prayer has led us to the firmest of understandings that we do not have to persuade God to do anything at all in the way of healing the sick and the injured. If we look at him while focusing on our own needs, as the western church tends to do, we often see what looks like failure in prayer. But if we become God-focused, and view his healing work from a completely different perspective than our own needs, in other words through the aspect of the cross, then we begin again to lead a life lost in wonder, love and praise.

So I hope it will be of some help to refocus us on the King and what he’s up to up there, as well as down here! To do this I am writing eight short pieces I’ve called ‘Bow to the King’ which I hope will serve you. The title given to each section is:

Preface (which you’ve just read)
Introduction (below)

To be published in future issues:

- 01 Pictures of Jesus
- 02 Sovereign
- 03 His Name
- 04 My Brother
- 05 Is He Reigning Now?
- 06 Patience
- 07 The Husband waits
- 08 Working by the Light of the Throne

I hope and pray these notes will give you much to ponder on, much to wonder at and a great help to set your prayers in context of God and his purposes for us all.

Introduction

It’s many years ago now that I first met up with Jamie, the younger brother of a school friend of mine. Jamie was very young, then, just entering his teens. And he was quite taken with the idea

of becoming a medical doctor when he ‘grew up’.

In those days he had been feeding this ambition himself, avidly reading every book he could find on the exploits of medics through all those twentieth century scrapes and trouble spots that plague the world. He studied every television and film show that approached the subject, every radio and television show from comedy to high drama.

And, in the doing, he picked up bits and pieces of medical knowledge which he felt, as we do at that tender age with every new piece of learning, should be given away to anyone and everyone to the point of their smiling exasperation!

But for every ten people he met with a medical condition, only one ever took his advice seriously and improved. There was never any evidence to show that the other nine were improving as a direct result of his amateur attempts at medical advice, his burgeoning ministry. In other words, his medical work, such as it was, was very unrewarding for his patients! I remember being a guest for afternoon tea at their family home one Saturday. We discussed Jamie’s progress and listened to him, yet again, intensely telling us how important this work was and his worries about it all. His medical life, he felt, was rapidly approaching decision time. His failure rate was abysmal, he freely and honestly acknowledged, and the question was this; what should he do about it?

Two options came immediately to mind. Either he could stop wasting time with an ineffectual way of helping or he could set out to get the necessary school exam passes and offer himself to Medical School for professional training. Unsurprisingly he opted for the latter course and, many years later, I found him in General Practice in the community, dispensing years of experience to the local sufferers. Of course his success rate was something far in excess of anything it would ever have been as an amateur schoolboy. But was he able to solve every problem?

“No,” he told me, “in fact our graveyards are full of people disappointed by the medical

profession! But what I had to do was obvious now, in hindsight. Either I had to focus on what I can or can't do, or I could refocus on what I could learn."

And so it was that, as he learned, as he studied, as he grew in experience, as he 'grew up', so it was that increasing numbers of sufferers were able to receive the benefits of his ministry as a doctor.

"So when it doesn't work," I asked him, "when somebody dies, do you feel like giving it all up, because you don't understand what happened, what might have gone wrong? So many ministers want me to tell them what to say when it goes wrong!"

"Good heavens, no!" he exclaimed. "Where would all the others be if I did that? No, I just have to go back to the books, and maybe talk to people who know more than I do, and go on learning. I never want to give up; I just want to learn more whenever I need to."

This continuous act of refocus is vital to kingdom ministry, too. Satan's most successful battle in Eden was to persuade Adam and Eve to become self-focused, as distinct from being God-focused which is how they had started out in life. Church and world today are crammed full of the self-focused.

The church's healing ministry is full of the self-focused, both ministers and supplicants. Supplicants, by and large, have little burning desire to listen to a teacher proclaiming the glories of the kingdom and of the King. They just want him or her to get on with the praying. It's my experience today that the mass of supplicants seem to see God as if he is some sort of free health service, a one-armed Bandit in a Las Vegas gambling hotel. Find the right teacher they believe, the one who knows how to pull the lever most successfully, and go for it! This is self-focused.

My experience then tells me that most practitioners in healing ministry are much the same, learning techniques, be they counselling or liturgical, and concerning themselves with what they perceive as being the two major

problems, what to say to the supplicant who doesn't receive any healing and justifying lack of results with pseudo spiritual second guessing. To watch an effective ministry grow and grow over time, we need to refocus. Whether we are ministers or supplicants, we need to refocus away from ourselves and onto God much more.

We need to see the King. Let's go find him!

Mike Endicott is a leader in much demand in the ministry of Christian healing. He has authored several books and numerous articles, speaks at healing events internationally, and is Director of Jacob's Well in the UK – a healing ministry devoted to teaching how to pray as Jesus healed. The results are amazing. Mike will be guest speaker on the Online Chapter conference call Sunday, Nov 21st at 3:00 EST. He offers several mp3 downloads for free to teach us how we, too, might pray in this way. To download visit <http://www.simplyhealing.org>

Beatitudes For Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand

Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when the coffee spilled on the table today.

Blessed are they with the cheery smile who stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'M LOVED, RESPECTED, AND NOT ALONE.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

Let us join in the following healing prayer received from Australia: *Lord, Jesus, through the power of your Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me – heal that hurt. Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person – heal that hurt. All broken relationships that I'm not aware of – heal those relationships. I choose to forgive... and I ask to be forgiven. Remove whatever bitterness that may be in my heart, and fill the empty space your healing love. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.*

Author unknown. Submitted by The Rev'd G. Ron Hubbard, Deacon at Holy Trinity Church, Fonthill, ON.

COMING EVENTS

For updates and current listings visit www.oslregion8.org/coming_events.htm

Sun Oct 17

OSL Online Conference Call 3:00 pm

The Ven. Larry Mitchell, Director, The International Order of St Luke the Physician

You are invited to help OSL Region 8 celebrate its first Online telephone conference call. Help us celebrate the beginning of the region's newest initiative to support lone members and anyone interested in healing. OSL North American Director, The Ven. Larry Mitchell will bring a timely message and share how his healing group in Saskatchewan is thriving as a result of studying and applying healing ministry teaching materials from Mike Endicott. Mike will be our guest speaker on the conference call in November. **To join the call dial: 1-712-432-3030. Your access code is 121981.** Information about free and low-cost long distance calling plans is available on the Online Chapter website page at www.oslregion8.org/online.htm. Each

conference call will be one hour in length starting at 3:00 p.m. EST. Be uplifted and encouraged in your faith. Everyone is invited. To help us in planning, and to be added to a list for advance notice of date and time of future calls join the [email list](#) or mail the survey on page 8. Please do it now.

Oct. 22 & 23 – Prayer Conference at St. Johns York Mills, Toronto. The Rev'd Mike Flynn will deliver talks on the theme, GOD YEARNING TO HEAR. Come to the 2010 prayer conference where you will enjoy three inspiring theme talks from The Rev. Mike Flynn, Director of www.FreshWindMinistries.org, and have the opportunity to attend two out of fourteen workshops. This year's conference is designed to give you a new awareness of God's outrageous love for you.

Nov 6 - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m Renewal Network Annual Fall Conference, Burlington Sponsored by renewal movements in the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches. Theme: **Christ The Way** Speaker: **Bruxy Cavey** Choose 2 out of **10 workshops**. Venue: Wellington Square United Church 2121 Caroline Street, Burlington, Ontario Fee is \$40 before Oct 16, \$50 after. For more information and online registration [click here](#) or call 416-233-6581

Sun Nov 21

OSL Online Conference Call 3:00 pm

The Rev. Mike Endicott, Jacob's Well, UK

Have you ever experienced frustration at seeing little or no success when praying with others for healing? Until Mike desperately sought the Lord about how we should pray for the sick, he did not see great results either. He was becoming extremely discouraged. Very few people were being healed. But all that changed! Since learning to pray for healing as Jesus healed... he now sees amazing results... all the time! Mike declares, "Healing ministry is for everyone... not just for a gifted few." Mike is offering teaching on how to pray as Jesus healed... on free, mp3 downloads, available at www.simplyhealing.org

To join the call dial: 1-712-432-3030. Your access code is 121981

To have your Christian healing, teaching or prayer event published in *The Newsletter* and on the Region 8 website, mail a written notice to the editor or use the form at www.oslregion8.org/coming_events.htm

ONLINE CHAPTER SURVEY

I do not have access to email. Please notify me by telephone for upcoming events and any changes to conference call dates and times.

Please mail this week to: Keith Bird, 5 Tangreen Court, Apt 206, Toronto, ON, M2M 3Z1

1. Name:
2. My time zone is:
3. Telephone number:
4. Best time to call is:

5. Please check one:
 I am new to Christian healing and would like more information
 I am, or have been, a member of OSL
 I am not a member of OSL but have prayed with others for healing

6. I expect to attend (check all that apply):
 Oct call – (3rdSun) Oct 17, 3:00 pm
 Nov call – (3rd Sun) Nov 21, 3:00 pm
 Future calls

7. During a call I would be willing to:
 Read scripture
 Share a concern or challenge
 Lead prayer

8. I would like to be considered for
 One-on-one telephone counselor
 Guest speaker – on the topic of

 I have a free long distance plan and am available to help call a list once before each conference call

Preferred topics for teaching/discussion:

- 1
- 2
- 3

9. Preferred days and times for calls (please include all that would work for you):

10. Please let us have your:

Questions:

Suggestions:

Comments

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

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)