



The Newsletter

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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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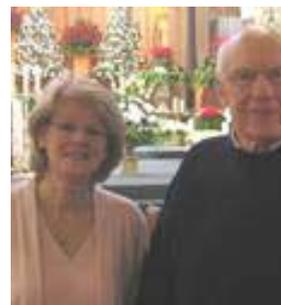
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**OSL TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE CALLS
ARE CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS...
INFORMING VISITORS... AND BLESSING
LIVES!!**

**Join Us
3:00 pm EST Apr 17 and May 15**

**You are invited to
join us by
telephone on
Sunday, Apr 17, to
be uplifted and
encouraged by Fr
Nigel Mumford.**



**And on Sunday
May 15 for an
inspiring, Holy
Spirit-filled hour
with Ted and Carol
Ward**

**Encouragement for healing ministry
and sharing of the incredible goodness
and power of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Fr Nigel Mumford

Director,
Christ the King
Spiritual Life Center
Diocese of Albany
NY



A former drill instructor in the Royal Marine Commandos, Nigel was born and educated in England. After witnessing his sister's healing, he dedicated his life to the Christian healing ministry. He created "The Welcome Home Initiative" to provide healing ministry for the men and women of our Armed Services, as well as their families.

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Fr Nigel has an amazing story to share, and will have an important Word, and Holy Spirit-inspired encouragement for healing ministry.

Fr. Nigel was hospitalized with H1N1, pneumonia, and secondary pneumonia in October 2009, and was near death. He was in a chemically induced coma for 19 days, after being put on a ventilator. He was then given a tracheotomy. 6 weeks in ICU and 3 weeks at a rehab facility, Fr. Nigel was sent home Dec. 23, 2009, to continue his recovery. The pulmonologist told him; **"you were as close to death without dying that I have seen"**. Fr. Nigel gives thanks and praise to all the intercessors who lifted him up in prayer, **he is alive because of prayer. Thank you Jesus!**

He has returned to work and is back leading Healing Services at Christ The King. Fr. Nigel is a member of the board of directors for The International Order of St Luke the Physician, and will be keynote speaker at the **OSL North American Conference in June**.

Fr. Nigel Mumford travels world-wide as a keynote speaker for many healing conferences and missions. He offers many teachings on the Power of Healing Prayer! If you are interested in having Fr. Nigel lead a Healing Conference in your area, please contact the healing office to see his availability and fees.



Carol and Ted Ward

Drawing from their deep love of the Father and for Jesus, and their years of fruitful ministry under the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit, Carol and Ted will bring a rich mixture of teaching and encouragement for healing ministry.

In addition to an inspiring and uplifting message, Carol will briefly share about her experience with "spiritual healing" and will clarify why that is not Christian healing, and is not from God. She will give a much needed warning to Christians and non-Christians alike not to be "taken in" by those who rebel against Christ by their practice of Reiki, Healing Touch, claiming those counterfeit practices to be part of their "Christian healing ministry." Carol and Ted will talk briefly about the bondage that always results from dabbling in the occult.

Having been instrumental in bringing the *Alpha* Course to Canada with several large national conferences commencing in 1996, Ted and Carol were challenged by Francis MacNutt to establish a School of Healing Prayer in Toronto patterned on the approach to prayer for healing initiated by Christian Healing Ministries. To date almost 700 participants have been through the School, and Ted & Carol are now taking their teachings to host churches for weekend workshops in central Ontario.

They have incorporated as a charity under the name of *Christian Healing Associates* and are working towards the establishment of an integrated centre for Christian healing bringing together the work of health care professionals and healing prayer ministry. Carol has been associated with the OSL for many years and both are members of the Association of Christian of Christian Therapists (ACT).



The Ven. Larry Mitchell

The International Order of St Luke the Physician North American Director

From the North American Director

I want to comment on and also encourage you to take advantage of the teaching opportunity that is being given via the on-line conference call that takes place approximately every 4 to 6 weeks. So many people cannot take advantage of attending an O.S.L. healing conference for one reason or another but because of this initiative, through the access of one's home telephone everyone can take advantage of hearing sound teaching on some aspect of our Lord's healing ministry.

These teachings are given by well known speakers and authorities in the Christian Healing Ministry from around North America and beyond. I want to thank Keith Bird who developed this opportunity and initiated this ministry and made it accessible to everyone. I also want to congratulate him on the speakers that he has so far invited to be a part of this ministry. On each conference call as time permits the telephone audience is given an opportunity to interact with the speaker by asking him or her questions and receiving their thoughtful answers on questions that we wonder about but don't often have an opportunity to ask. To date the speakers have the Venerable Larry Mitchell, North American Director, the Rev. Mike Endicott, Director of the Order of Jacob's Well in Wales, Bishop Alex McCullough, former OSL North American Warden (Director).

On April 17 we will be honored to hear the Rev. Nigel Mumford, Director of Christ The King Spiritual Life Center in Albany New York and member of the North American Board of Directors. This will be a preview for those of you who have not heard Nigel because he will also be the Key note Speaker for this year's Annual North American Conference in San Diego June 22-25.

To join a conference call dial 1-712-432-3066. The conference code is 121981 For more information re low cost and free long distance calling visit www.oslregion8.org/online.htm

Two other important events that I encourage you to consider the first of which I mentioned above is the North American Conference being held in San Diego. This Conference is called **"Healing Under the Son"** and will be held at the University of San Diego. For a full description and registration information please go to the OSL Website www.orderofstluke.org and click on the conference banner on home page.

The Key note speaker, the Rev. Nigel Mumford is a former drill instructor in the Royal Marine Commandos born and educated in England. After witnessing his sister's healing, he has dedicated his life to the Christian Healing Ministry. He created "The Welcome Home Initiative" to provide healing ministry for the men and women of our Armed Services, as well as their families. Recently, he "came close to death without dying", but by the healing grace of God and many intercessors, he overcame severe complications of H1N1 complicated with pneumonia.

I have heard Nigel speak and I guarantee that you will benefit greatly from not only his teaching but also from his presence and his experience of God's healing love in his life. To get preview of the the kind of teaching that you will hear. Remember to tune in to the Online Conference Call April 17th at 3:00 pm EST

First National Canadian OSL Conference Register at www.oslregion8.org

The other event I want to draw your attention to will be of great interest to the OSL membership in Canada and possibly in the United States. Region 10, in cooperation with OSL Canada is hosting the first Canadian National O.S.L. conference which will be held at the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba August 25th to 28th of this year. Although there have been O.S.L. conferences held in Canada before this is the first all Canadian Conference organized by Canadians with Canadian speakers and Canadian Workshop leaders. Although this conference has Canadian leadership it is open for anyone to attend from

both Canada and the United States. This conference is called **“Christian Healing, Proclaiming the Gospel and Healing the Sick in the 21st Century.”** The following are the key note speakers for this event.

Canada and has served in congregations in New York, Alberta and Ontario. Ron is currently serving a transitional parish 2/3 time while concurrently working in the areas of counseling, mediation, and spiritual direction.



**The Rev
Ron Vanauken
Director
OSL Region 8**



**Major
Joanne Biggs:
Salvation Army**

Ron’s keynote address is **“Moving from a Ministry of Healing to a Healing Ministry.”**

Joanne’s Key Note address will be **“Healing’s Journey: A Winding Path.”**

A possible presentation to the Canadian Meeting or as a workshop might be what Ron believes the OSL is faced with and what congregations and the mainline denominations are faced with. OSL came about in a traditionalist generation. For the most part people respected authority, valued conformity, were a part of a largely homogeneous church and society, tended to seek jobs that would be permanent throughout their lifetime, etc. That world has changed dramatically. Subsequent generations, beginning with the baby boomers, look at the world, look at life, look at their career, look at the church and spirituality quite differently. The struggle that the OSL has is the same struggle we Anglicans, Presbyterians, Uniteds have: what has always worked no longer works. It is not so much our fault, as it is the simple consequence of change with we (denominations here) have been slow to recognize and even slower to respond to. In some instances we have so idolized our history and traditions that we have incapacitated ourselves.

The imagery of the winding journey captures the nature of pilgrimage explored in this way of spiritual experience. The events of life are places of encounter with the self and the holy that shape the journey. Understanding the nature of the quest for wholeness and meaning in one’s life, reassessing the value of those ash heap experiences, with our brother Job, and looking to the traditions of compassion as expressed by contemporary writers will form the basis for this presentation.

The hitch, of course, is that there is likely no “one size fits all.” Society and its communities are too diverse to permit such uniformity. There are undoubtedly still places where a strong traditional structure will work and people will respond to the expectations placed on the. There are many more where it will be met with resistance. We’re not only faced with generational differences, but also with cultural differences. That latter impact only to the degree that we wish to move beyond “white Anglo-Saxon.”

Joanne is a retired officer of the Salvation Army with twenty years of pastoral ministry and the past 12 years in chaplaincy ministry. She is an Associate Supervisor with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC), and has been employed for the past three and a half years with the Brandon Regional Health Authority. She is also a Sessional Instructor in the chaplaincy certificate program at Booth University College in Winnipeg. She holds Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees and is committed to lifelong learning. Joanne has a continuing interest in the topic of healing in the spiritual care context. Her experience as a clinical pastoral educator and as a chaplain in palliative care (Brandon) have focused her attention on the need for understanding and care of people in times of grief and loss as well as preparation for this work by caregivers.

Ron is the Regional Director for Region 8 OSL, Canada. He is an ordained minister in The Reformed Church in America and The Presbyterian Church in

Joanne will also facilitate an interactive workshop on the same topic called **“Making the Journey Your Own.”**



**The Rev.
Gerry Ward**

Gerry's keynote address will be on the subject **"The Healing Power of Compassion in the 21st Century"** Gerry is a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. He is presently Director of Spiritual Care and Mission for St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg. He is also involved in spiritual care coordination with the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba. For many years Gerry was involved in the travel industry and with television. He owned his own travel agency and was host for several years of "Manitoba Morning" on CKND-TV. Gerry is a graduate of the Masters of Divinity program, University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto. He was ordained as a priest in 1985. Over the past 25 years Gerry has worked in parish ministry, both city and rural. This included his being on-call to hospitals and personal care homes in the areas he has served. In 2005 he undertook his present position with St. Boniface Hospital.

ulcers, barrenness, heart conditions and addictions. John will speak on the topic,



**The Rev. Canon
D. A. P. Smith**
**Member of The Board
OSL International**

DAP's Key Note address will be **"Called to be Disciples: Strengthening our wills in the Healing Ministry."**

David (or "DAP") is an Anglican priest who has served for over forty years in various parishes, both rural and urban, in the Province of Ontario. In 1999 he retired and is now living in Perth, Ontario. He is a former Regional Warden (Director) for Region 8 (Ontario) and currently holds the Canadian seat on the OSL North American Board of Directors."

DAP will also offer an interactive workshop on the subject **"I was sick and you visited me." Some do's and don'ts in the sick room."**

To date the other confirmed workshop leaders are:



John Adetunji

"Healing by Proclaiming the Gospel."

John Adetunji is the Regional Manager of Projects and Plant Operation, NorMan Regional Health Authority. He was ordained a minister in the United Missionary Church of Africa before moving to Canada and is an itinerant speaker at conferences and revival meetings. Prior to moving to Canada he helped to plant 10 churches in Nigeria and conducted evangelistic crusades and revival meetings where many have been healed by the power of God and come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Since moving to Canada he has witnessed God heal people of cancer, stomach



Clare Edwards

Clare will facilitate a workshop called: **"Healing Soul Pain."**

Clare is a wife, mother, and grandmother and has been in the healing ministry for 27 years and a member of the Order of St. Luke for over 25 years. Over the years she has been Convener, and then Chaplain for her local Chapter and Regional Director for Region 10 since 2007. She has been the Honorary Assistant in Flin Flon since her ordination as Deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada in 1999. In 2003 - 2009 Clare was

appointed a half-time position in charge of the parish of Snow Lake. Since May 2009 she has been employed as the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Flin Flon and Snow Lake in the NorMan Regional Health Authority.

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Lorna Cross and Malcolm Tait: Lorna Cross lives in Regina, Saskatchewan. She has been involved in the prayer ministry for many years and is an active member of the O.S.L. prayer team in her parish. She and Malcolm Tait have worked together in several O.S.L. events as well as jointly facilitating their Healing Prayer Workshop. She is a member of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle's Mission Team and has participated in educational and faith building workshops. Lorna holds a certificate in Basic Prayer Counseling from the Elijah House Ministries.

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Malcolm Tait also lives in Regina and has been a member of the Order of St. Luke for over 25 years. He has served as co-convenor of the local OSL chapter and has maintained a prayerful healing presence through a number of desert journeys. He believes that Christ's healing power is active and alive today. Together they will offer a workshop in two parts called **"Healing Prayer and Team Ministry Workshop"**

Spirit led hands on Prayer Ministry Opportunity: An opportunity will be provided during one of the workshop periods for those who to receive extra prayer to come together as a group to minister to one another in prayer. Depending on the number, people who choose to attend this opportunity will be divided into small prayer groups to minister to one another.

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Kara Mandryk, D.W.S. Kara is assistant Professor of Worship and Christian Spirituality at Providence College in Otterburne MB. She will facilitate a workshop on **Healing Liturgies**. Healing liturgy, like all liturgies can flow smoothly or seem disjointed. In this workshop, participants will learn about the basics of liturgical integration, which can facilitate an embodied response to the gospel message. Through an interactive workshop participants will review the art of designing an

integrated healing service which could include the use of the arts, drama, visual art and technology. This workshop will explain worship theory and practice as well as suggest innovative ways of sharing Christ's healing stories.

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Sandra Fisher, Betty Mitchell and others yet to be confirmed will lead a workshop on Mike Endicott's teaching from Wales on **the Ministry of Kingdom Healing**.

We are working on providing more workshop opportunities to make a total of 8. Come and be blessed!

Yours in Christ,
Larry Mitchell, O.S.L.
North American Director.



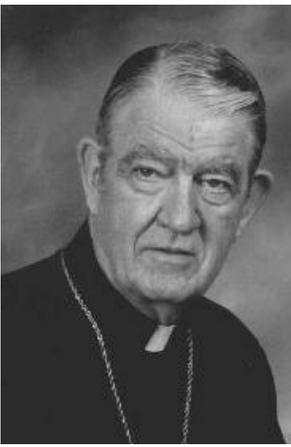
**The Ron
Vanauken
Director
OSL Region 8**

A Reminder To Members of OSL in Region 8

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 let's discuss the possibility.



BLOCKS TO HEALING

By
Rev. Al Durrance

Why isn't everyone healed when we ask God? Didn't Jesus heal everyone who was brought to Him? Anyone who has put a tentative foot into the water of Christian Healing knows that healing does not always occur the way we ask for it.

I am sure that there are some circumstances that we shall never understand, but there seem to be some blocks to healing that we might both see and remove. Since healing is the manifestation of God's unconditional love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, anything that opposes God's love will be found to be a block to healing.

If we see love as an act of will to commit our lives into the hands of a living God, we look for blocks in areas where unforgiveness opposes love, the will has not decided to receive and give love, or faith does not ask and trust God's love to be sufficient to meet any need that causes disease.

UNFORGIVENESS

Perhaps the greatest block to healing is unforgiveness. When we live in unforgiveness, we block the flow of God's love that is the necessary ingredient for all healing. The need to forgive is central to the teaching of Jesus. We are to forgive not seven, but seventy times seven times.

Our failure to forgive blocks our being forgiven. We pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It is one of the needs that we face as we seek to live in the freedom of God's love rather than in the bondage to those persons we fail to forgive.

Unforgiveness or resentment will block healing whether it resides in the intercessor or the one receiving. I cannot pray effectively as long as I

willingly hold unforgiveness of any kind in my heart. I cannot receive the healing love of God until I am willing to release the blocks unforgiveness brings into my relationship with God.

We are to seek God's love, and healing power for those places and persons in need. We may remove one of the great blocks by committing ourselves to forgive our enemies that we might be free from bondage to receive God's gift of love.

THE WILL

Another block to healing is the will. Many people are not willing to be made whole on God's terms. If they are healed, they might have to do something they don't want to do, or don't believe they can do. They may like the attention they receive as invalids. It invites the question that Jesus asked the man at the sheep gate in Jerusalem. "Do you want to be healed?" John 5:6

God will not heal us against our will. That would not be love, for love does not impose. Love offers. Love does not indulge. It is not something that we talk God into doing that He does not want to do. We must ask God, and be willing to receive what He seeks to give us.

If we are to receive God's love, we must make the decision that we will to receive what He wills to give. It is the decision to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven - nothing more, nothing less, nothing else." When we can pray that prayer with all of our heart, we are open to receive the love that God wills to pour out into our lives.

When we are willing to acknowledge that God's wisdom is greater than our own, we are open to His love. When we are aware of the fact that He loves us more than we love ourselves and wants to give us more than we either desire or deserve, we are ready to make that decision to will God's will and receive from Him the love that heals and makes whole.

FAITH

Another block to healing is that we don't ask. We lack the faith to ask God for the healing. It does not take a great deal of faith. It takes the faith as small as a grain of mustard seed, but it must fall

into the ground. It must be planted if it is going to grow. We need enough faith to reach out, trusting God in His faithfulness to reach us.

Someone once asked, "How do I know when I have faith enough to lay hands on someone and ask God to heal them?" The answer is simple. It is when you lay your hands on some person and pray for them. It is not my faith that heals me. It is God that heals. Faith simply says, "I will to receive what you have prepared for me, Lord. I trust you to love me. I trust you to give me not what I deserve, but what your love intends for me in your Kingdom which is at hand.

Faith is the trust that opens the door to invite God into our lives, knowing that He will always bring us that which will lead us out of darkness into light, and manifest in us that wholeness He prepared for us before the world began. Our faith need only be enough to reach God's faithfulness

PRAYING AMISS

When we pray for healing, and we do not see any clear answer to the prayers, we turn back to God, and ask Him what He wants. We ask Him how to pray for the healing that He has in mind for the person, and we follow His direction.

Prayer must be more than a well articulated request for God to do what we ask. It must include the will to pursue His direction in whatever He wants to give us as an expression of His love for us. Prayer must be the continuing dialog that enables us to pursue God's will until we have found His way to the healing He has for us.

There are times when healing does not occur because we are praying for the healing of symptoms and miss the disease. There was a woman who had an issue of blood who received a great deal of prayer for her healing. She was not healed through the prayer.

When she asked the Lord what to do, He told her to make a confession. When she finally made her confession, the issue of blood was healed before she walked out of the church.

I recall a sore knee that I had that made kneeling hard. I asked for healing, nothing happened. I asked others to pray for me, nothing happened. I even had it exorcised, nothing happened. When I asked the Lord what to do, He said to go and pray for someone else's knee. When I was obedient to what He asked, my knee was healed.

A lady with narcolepsy came for prayer. When we prayed for the healing of the narcolepsy, nothing seemed to happen. When we found that it began during her last pregnancy about which she was angry, we prayed for the healing of the memories and cast out a spirit of anger. The narcolepsy was healed.

LOVE

God answers every prayer out of His love. He cannot impose that love, and He cannot love and indulge us at the same time. He listens for His children to respond to Jesus, the Word He has spoken into the flesh of Mary as He said, "I love you." When we are ready to respond, He hears, and answers us out of that love.

If we, like so many children, turn away believing He does not hear because He does not give us what we ask, we miss the love that He is seeking to bestow upon us. As we pursue the relationship in prayer and obedience, He leads us into the full expression of that love, and we begin to see the unfolding revelation that He has given us in Jesus Christ, the Embodiment of His eternal love for us. When we receive that love, we know the blocks to healing have been removed.

Re-printed with permission. Rev Al Durrance is North American Warden (Director) Emeritus, The International Order of St Luke the Physician. He is a faculty member of School of Pastoral Care, International Director of Camps Farthest Out and author of Good Lord Deliver Us. He is a popular kenote speaker at healing events throughout North America. Rev. Durrance lives in Florida.