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ANNOUNCEMENT

OSL Region 8 now has a website. Visit us at www.pathcom.com/~kbird and check out the latest updates for The Directory, The Newsletter, and School of Pastoral Care. To have your chapter's healing event added to the new website, or to advise changes for the Directory, write to the editor, or email him at region8editor@hotmail.com or visit www.pathcom.com/~kbird and click "contact us".

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 lives today and He 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 areas.

Prayer of The Order of St. Luke: Almighty God, who inspired Luke the Physician to proclaim the love and healing power of your Son, give your Church by the grace of the Spirit and the medicine of the Gospel, the same love and power to heal, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

ORDER OF ST LUKE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE JUNE 16-19, 1999, IN TORONTO, A GREAT SUCCESS!



The pastoral beauty of York University, Toronto, was a natural setting for the 41st annual North American Conference of the International Order of St. Luke The Physician.

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41st Annual North American Conference - Highlights

It was... A time to meet...



During the procession on opening night, banners from 14 Regions across North America, representing nearly 10,000 OSL members, proudly proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ -- our Saviour (Healer), our King, our Light and our Law -- were placed at the front of the large meeting room that bulged with well over 300 in attendance

Delegates from across North America gathered at York University, in Toronto, to celebrate the Order's 41st Annual North American Healing Conference. Members came from as far away as Florida, California, Newfoundland, and British Columbia to gather for this special event.

Detailed information about the Order of St. Luke and how to become a member is available on the Internet site <http://www.orderofstluke.org> or write to the Warden, address on page 1

A time to pray for one another...



Prayer was a major focus for us during the conference. Prayer groups were spread throughout the campus and met daily to attend to the needs of all delegates. Facilitated by experienced leaders, members were given equal time to share and have needs prayed for individually.

A time of corporate prayer was offered each night following the keynote speaker's talk where prayer teams of two prayed with individuals.

A prayer chapel was opened on the afternoon of the first day of the conference, and remained open and available 24 hours a day. Visitors enjoyed the silence and intimacy of a this special place set aside for meditating, reading, recording prayer requests and praise reports in a special book that was brought forward and offered during corporate prayers at the closing Eucharist of the conference.

One of the marvelous benefits of gathering in an OSL conference is the way God uses each other to meet needs, unexpected opportunities to pray with one another, events that happen serendipitously.

A time for learning....



Bishop Eddie Marsh was Keynote Speaker for the 41st Annual Conference. His talks and all workshops were recorded, and can be ordered from Audio Video Partners Inc, 889 Barton St, Unit 4, Stoney Creek, L8E 5V1, 95-643-2288.

In his warm and winsome manner, Bishop Eddie challenged us to take the healing Gospel to others. "Receiving your healing is only half of the Gospel," he said, "You must have burning within you the desire to take this message of healing and salvation to others!"

A time for celebration...



Conference organizers set the scene for an evening to remember: balloons, singing, entertainment, great food, and even greater fellowship. The Presence of The Lord was so much in evidence as Rev. Mark Curtis sang the Gospel into our hearts. A gala evening that will long be remembered by all.

A time for change....



Bishop Alex McCullough bids fond farewell as he retires at the end of two terms as North American Warden. Beloved by all who meet him, Alex is in great demand as a speaker for conferences and healing missions.

During the final evening, Alex treated us to a medley of tunes on the clarinet to enhance his sharing of special times in his life and what Jesus and the Gospel has meant to him. Formerly a professional musician with big-name bands, Alex sang and played his way once again into our hearts, presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ and His healing power.

We give thanks to God for the leadership and inspiration Alex has imparted during his time of Warden. We look forward to seeing him again soon.

We were also delighted to receive The Rev. Don Baustian as our North American Warden. Don was inducted as the new North American Warden during opening ceremonies. One of his first duties was to delegate Bishop Alex to preside over the 41st Conference, his last as current North American Warden.

UNTANGLE THE ANGEL HAIR

Becky Morrison

A Story of Learning Disabilities and the Power of God to Heal.

I was born in the year 1941, just before the onset of World War II in the Pacific. My father was an orthopedic surgeon who studied briefly in New York City before returning to Indianapolis, where he settled with his family and practiced medicine for many years.

As a child, I had numerous allergies. My parents were wonderfully creative and put socks on my tiny hands to prevent me from scratching the eczema sores all over my body. When I began school, auditory and speech dyslexia challenged me every day.

With the passing of years, I developed a food addiction, returning home in the afternoons and eating sugar foods to cover my fragile, hurting self-esteem (during high school, this developed into anorexia nervosa). Shortly after, I would pass out on my bed and sleep until the feeling of lethargy lifted. I often withdrew because efforts to socialize were clumsy. My parents were patient, loved me, and encouraged me to develop an inclination for fine arts

The mind of a dyslexic is a puzzling thing. I remember our eighth grade math teacher explaining to our class the basics of algebra in order to prepare us for high school. As he stood before us, he began a formula with his chalk. I knew every answer to each step to complete the sequence across the blackboard—thinking even above and beyond the smartest boys in our class. It was so incredible! The next day we took a test over the same material. When the teacher returned my paper, he paused to look at me for an extra few moments. The worksheet had a D written at the top of it.

Jim and I met at Indiana University and married in 1962. Our first child, a son, was born three years later. Four additional pregnancies followed and all four babies were born too early to survive. We adopted two boys who were brothers, ages two and four. So now, we had three!

When our sons were all in elementary school, I began working part time in Dad's office as a medical records secretary. I'd had lots of practice during the summers of high school. Lunchtime would make me sleepy. So I'd go into Dad's office, sit on the floor behind his big chair, and sleep off my lunch in a short nap. It seemed an attempt at hiding from the world my shame of being a mental and social misfit, which was how I felt. No matter how hard I tried to make healthy food choices, I still spent a lot of time feeling like there was cotton in my brain. If one of the office staff wanted to know where a particular patient's chart was, I could usually tell them (we had lots of charts with five doctors in one office). However, if I needed to process an answer to a spoken message, I would sometimes embarrass myself by putting into a sentence an unrelated word or I would scramble words.

Going to a doctor for treatment was difficult. I was determined to stay healthy. It wasn't until just recently that I realized why--that will come later. However, I delighted in articles of medical research and nutrition.

Mother's development of Alzheimer's disease during the 1970s was particularly disturbing. I'd always been told how much we were alike. I was teaching Sunday school at the time, was still carrying depression from the loss of our four babies, and had no short-term memory. God does have a sense of humor!!! In the midst of this dark hour of my life, I felt him calling me to ministry with the girls' youth in our parish. I argued with Him about all of my "inabilities," saying that I could not speak well, and I would surely embarrass Him as well as me. He showed me *Exodus 4: 10-12*, "*Moses said to the Lord, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.'*"

"*The Lord said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.'*" *2 Cor. 12: 9* "*My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*"

The second grade girls, who had been in my Sunday school class several years before, began to fill my dreams at night. However, they would be in a young women's youth group—much like the one in which I had participated during high school years. God did put his message across and I eventually surrendered to "this idea of His."

Thereafter followed the most amazing thing! I was visiting my allergist for the once-every-three-weeks injection and telling him about our hyperactive son who was spending more and more time in the nurse's office with headaches. He asked me if I'd read the research, which had been published by Dr. Benjamin Feingold, *Why Your Child Is Hyperactive!* He encouraged me to read it.

I learned that food additives, preservatives, artificial colorings and flavorings could cause children to have difficulty sitting still, concentrating, and learning. Putting this information into action, both our son and I improved. Dr. Feingold had additionally published a second book, *The Fein gold Cookbook*, with a rich introduction that explained his further findings whereby many foods containing salicylates or aspirin can cause brain dysfunction in sensitive individuals. These were some of my favorite foods: apples, oranges, peaches, nectarines, prunes, plums, grapes, raisins, tomatoes, etc. Eliminating these, I once more found that my mind became clearer.

Articles telling of the connection between Alzheimer's disease symptoms and the accumulation of aluminum in the brain were enlightening. I changed deodorant to one without aluminum, purchased baking powder without aluminum, drank only distilled water (which requires a multi mineral supplement), etc.--another degree of mental clarity!

Dairy products were replaced with soy milk and soy cheese. It is vital to know that lactose is not the only ingredient that can cause allergy or intolerance. Casein is a milk derivative and has been recently identified as a culprit in causing symptoms of autism and schizophrenia. SOYMAGE can be purchased at Health Food Stores and is without lactose or casein. Check ingredient labels!

One of the problems that may result with the elimination of some of these items, especially the salicylates, is that foods do not digest as well. Sometimes, this can even cause

breath odor. I purchased digestive enzymes with aloe and chlorophyll capsules made from alfalfa.

When a suspicious area seemed to develop at the base of the lower teeth in my right jaw, and didn't go away after two years, my dentist mentioned looking into Dr. Peter D'Adamo's publication called *Eat Right 4 Your Type*. It is a book about blood types, their development as a result of man's migration from one part of earth to others, the foods that became his diet with these migrations, and the subsequent alteration of digestive enzymes to accommodate the new foods.

From Dr. D'Adamo I learned that aloe and alfalfa (as well as other foods that I'd been eating) are toxic with my Type O Blood. So, I found digestive enzymes without aloe and switched from alfalfa to parsley and fenugreek capsules (parsley will deplete potassium and should be balanced with a potassium food or supplement). I do not drink soft drinks because of the additives, but sip water that has several drops of peppermint oil in it.

It is important not to get caught up in self-pity during these times of letting go of foods. *Ephesians 5: 20* ".give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, .."

Romans 8: 28 "*For we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" When our niece and godchild came to live with us in January 1988, she was performing between third and sixth grade levels at age sixteen. Grandpa sent her to a special camp that summer and the staff was able to bring her up three grade levels in all of her subjects. I was able to guide her further as I took graduate classes (one at a time) at our local seminary to study pastoral care and counseling. With lots of love and some urging to alter eating patterns, she was able to graduate from high school two years later. Praise God!

Jesus, Who comes to us at the Eucharist, at Healing services, through Christian and Order of St. Luke communities, has been an integral and vital part of my healing journey. He guides the thoughts and imaginations of doctors who research medical mysteries. He has untangled that pile of ugly, matted angel hair at which I once glanced, and thought this was surely how my brain must look.

One day, recently, I pondered why I so earnestly study nutritional information and avoid going to the doctor. It came to me that it was because of this. If I could stay healthy, I would be one less patient that the doctor would have to see for an appointment during his day. And that would allow him to go home earlier and spend more time with his family. ♥

Jeremiah 29: 11 "*For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*"

In His great healing love, Becky ♥

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INSIGHT TO INNER HEALING

Beula Cooke

The Kingdom of God and Inner Healing

Many illnesses have roots in our souls and spirits rather than in our physical body. A broken arm or leg as a result of injury requires physical healing. Allergies or asthma result in physical distress but may be rooted in emotions (soul). Our soul is made up of our mind, emotions and will--our psyche.

Since my parents prayed me through a three-month battle with glandular fever in childhood, I have known Jesus heals. I have always prayed for healing for others. During a difficult pregnancy, I prayed for my unborn child. Today I would pray for the mother as well.

When Jesus baptized me in Holy Spirit I immediately experienced sufficient healing from allergies that I could stop getting shots. Ragweed season still poses a problem but I have more victory each year. Last year I took no antihistamines.

Holy Spirit overpowered many of my fears (2 Tim 1:7) as He began an ongoing process of bringing my life under the LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST through healing of memories and inner healing. When we see past hurts and/or sin AS JESUS SEES THEM, extend forgiveness to those who have hurt us and repent of our unchristian responses, healing happens, even spontaneous physical healing.

Holy Spirit comes to us through our human spirit that may be crushed, imprisoned, timid, defiled or broken. It may be like a flat balloon, unreceptive to Holy Spirit. Ruth Hawkey straightforwardly discusses this in *Healing the Human Spirit*, New Wine Press 1996. John and Paul Sandford present an in depth study in *Healing the Wounded Spirit*, Victory House 1985.

Healing of past hurts is an ongoing process for we will never be completely whole until we join Jesus in the Kingdom of God. When our healing needs are no longer obvious to us we can seek Jesus for further healing of spirit and soul. Through prayer He will reveal areas of our inner lives where He does not yet reign as Lord and King. Leanne Payne in *Listening Prayer*, Baker Books 1994 gives direction in healing through personal devotion. This requires discipline and willingness to increase our time listening to God

and following through in obedience.

Dreams can also be a powerful way for God to give us insights into the inner healing that we need (Job 33:15). Russ Parker in *Healing Dreams*, Triangle SPCK London NW1 4DU, England 1993, discusses the power and purpose of dreams in our spiritual life.

God desires that we be whole and is willing to heal us more than we know in all areas of our lives, but especially in our souls and spirits, those precious parts of our being that will share eternally in the Kingdom of God when we shed our earth suits, our bodies.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added (Matt 6:33) .

Beula Cooke is a frequent contributor of Book Reviews for The Newsletter. She is a long time member of OSL in the Oxford Mills, area, and is a member of the planning committee for the up-coming Region 8 Conference in 2000 in Perth, ON.

Congratulations to our Warden, Lynne, who was recently made a "Canon" in the Diocese of Huron

ALL HEALING COMES FROM GOD – OR DOES IT?

Carol S.Ward

"Let no-one deceive you in any way;" - 2 Thess. 2:3

"See to it that no-one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ." Colossians 2:8

Many years ago (24 to be exact) I had a medical problem and could not afford surgery. I was taken to a spiritualist "church" for healing. The room was furnished much the same as the ones you see when you go to a masseur. I was asked to lie down on a bed not unlike those used for massage therapy and the spiritualist quietly placed his hands about 6" above my body, just below my midriff and then began to move them from that centre to other parts of my body - slowly and keeping them still about 6" above me, intermittently flicking them to one side. It was very peaceful and I was healed. But the healing did not come from God. To this day I regret having participated in that and when the Holy Spirit revealed my sin to me, I had to repent of it and be freed from Satan's clutches. For you see, unlike God who gives us free grace, Satan demands a price.

Because I have witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit in healing bodies and minds and in delivering people from the root causes of their physical and mental difficulties, I felt it was important to examine some current thinking about healing in particular with respect to two activities that seem to be gaining momentum in the medical field, among professional groups and even amongst Christians - Therapeutic Touch and Reiki.

Therapeutic Touch was developed and introduced to the nursing profession by Dolores Kreiger (a professor at New York University). She was mentored by Dora Kunz who was a psychic and past president of the Theosophical Society. ("Nurse Healers - Professional Associates International - The Official Organization of Therapeutic Touch", p.1).

Reiki is a Japanese word meaning "Universal Life-Force-Energy". Reiki has its origins in Buddhism, Hinduism and Zoroasterism. It was begun by Dr Mikao Usui from

Japan in the late 1800s. Reiki 'energy' comes to the patient through the practitioner who is the channel.

Therapeutic Touch, like Reiki, is the purported manipulation of an 'energy field' by using one's hands. Both work on the theory that the human body is made up of an energy system or prana and that all things in the universe exist as part of the 'Universal Energy'. Healthy people are supposed to have an excess of prana, sick people are supposed to have a shortage of it. Prana is a Sanskrit (Hindu) word, which loosely means 'vitality' or 'vital force'. The Therapeutic Touch practitioner 'channels' the excess 'energy' to the sick person through a four step process - centering (meditation), assessment, unruffling and modulation. Interestingly, occult healing involves the manipulation of prana. "Pranic healing is done by sending prana (the 'vital force') from your body to the diseased or affected parts, stimulating the cells and tissues to normal activity and allowing the waste material to leave the system. It involves the use of passes and the laying on of hands." ('Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft', Raymond Buckland, p. 194). In his book called 'Psychic Healing', Ramacharaka says "When the pass is completed, swing the fingers sideways, as if you were throwing water from them" - sound familiar? Sure it does, it's exactly what is done during Therapeutic Touch, Reiki and spiritualist healing sessions. From God - most definitely not!

I have heard Christians who practice Therapeutic Touch and Reiki talk of 'chakras' and 'energy' and the use of colour and, in the same sentence, state that they are "not into anything bad, such as tarot cards or seances". In a recent edition of the Journal of Christian Nursing, an article on Reiki Therapy states that "According to Hinduism, chakra powers rise in the form of a serpent: the Kundalini force, represented at the base of the spine by the Hindu god, Shakti, who ascends to the seventh chakra and unites with Shiva, the third member of the Hindu trinity." As for colour 'therapy' - it has been used by spiritualists for many years - where do you think the New Agers got it from?

What we as Christians need always to remember is that Satan and his agents masquerade as agents of light (2 Cor. 11:14-15) and not allow ourselves to be deceived by him and his minions. All power comes from God and we approach God through Jesus Christ. The practitioners of Therapeutic Touch and Reiki talk of their practices as being Christian because "after all, Jesus talked of laying on of hands (Matt. 8:3, Luke 13:13, Mark 1:41) and we also read that power went out from Jesus (Luke 6:19, Luke 8:46)". It seems to me that when I read of Jesus' laying hands on people for healing the Bible says that Jesus stretched out His hand and touched the ailing person - certainly not a procedure followed in either Therapeutic Touch or Reiki. What these practitioners also miss is the fact that it is God who heals through Jesus Christ and the power Jesus talks of is not His own energy but the power of the Holy Spirit - it has nothing to do with 'centering' or movement of our own 'energy' or channeling.

As Christians we are told very clearly how God feels about consorting with Satan and the occult - see what He says in Deuteronomy 18:9-14. God has called us to be "a people holy to the Lord your God ... His treasured possession' (Deut. 7:6) and He says "If you heed these ordinances by diligently observing them, the Lord your God

will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors; He will love you, bless you, and multiply you ... will turn away from you every illness..." (Deut. 7:12-15). Yes, not everyone who is prayed for is healed, but God is sovereign and a mystery - if He were not He would not be God.

May we continue to be a people holy to our wonderful and loving God.

Carol Ward co-led a ministry team that presented the Inner Healing workshop at the North American OSL Conference in June, 1999, in Toronto .

Warden's Wanderings

The Rev Canon Lynne Calhoun

What a pleasure it was to meet with you in the context of our North American Conference at York University. It will be good if many of us could plan to go to Georgia for the Year 2000 conference. You will find details of that conference in coming issues of SHARING magazine.

The members of your Regional Council are faithful and dedicated. Their individual and corporate healing ministries and the loving, prayerful lifestyles are the sources of the wisdom and discernment they bring to our council meetings. For the names of your 1999-2000 council members please refer to the updated Region 8 Directory enclosed with this newsletter. The council meets twice a year, in the fall and spring. Our next meeting will be held on March 11, at St. John's Convent in Willowdale.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank those on council and others who joined the conference team for their gifts of time, dedication, prayers, and hard work to make the 41st Annual Conference in Toronto this past June one of the most successful annual conferences in history.

Particularly heartfelt thanks goes to those on the planning committee: Les Bignell, Treasurer; The Rev. Bob Gardner; Dr Helen Ressor; David & Trena Stanton for traveling many kilometers to many meetings and successfully dealing with many extra responsibilities over the past year!

The terms of office for your Warden and council members are three years of service, with the possibility of a second consecutive three-year term. Jim Graham, Dr. Helen Ressor and I will have each served two consecutive three-year terms in June, 2000. The enclosed ballot will give you opportunity to vote for our replacements. Congratulations to David Stanton who was elected to the position of Regional Representative this spring.

Now for some regional news: Collingwood, Barrie and Peterborough have expressed an interest in forming a chapter in their respective areas. With one exception, all Area Chaplains listed in the Directory continue to hold their positions, and I give them my warmest thanks, and yours as well, for their willingness to serve in this capacity. The Rev.

Canon David Smith has retired from full-time parish ministry, and has moved to Perth (a very strategic location from our point of view). Thank you David for your faithful service. We are very fortunate to have David's leadership. Special thanks to Keith Bird for the up-dated Directory and

our twice-yearly newsletters. Articles for the April Newsletter should be sent to him by March 1st.

Regarding missionaries for your conferences and quiet days, keep in mind the following people who would be delighted to visit your chapter: Robbie & Frank

Anderson; Dr. Colin Campbell; Dr. Helen Reesor; The Ven. Dr. Gordon Simmons; Sister Jocelyn; David & Trena Stanton; The Rev. Graham Thorpe; Joan Wider and your Warden, The Rev. Canon Lynne Calhoun. See the Directory for fax, phone and email numbers. We welcome your suggestions of others to add to the list.

Finances: many grateful thanks to Sister Jocelyn, our dedicated and gifted treasurer, who keeps our finances well in hand. Sister reminds us that her second consecutive three-year term in this position will end in June, 2001. Please pray that the person God has in mind to take over the treasurer's responsibilities will be revealed to us. Thanks go out to those of you who support our region and our council's responsibilities with regular financial contributions! Please encourage your chapters to participate in this much-appreciated effort.

My wanderings have taken me to the North American Board of Directors' meeting at York University prior to the conference in June, and in Texas in November. This past September I spoke about healing to the annual Women's Weekend at Camp Koinoia on Haires Lake near Parry Sound, and in October it was my privilege to be theme speaker at St. Luke's Church in Peterborough whose purpose was to launch a new chapter for the area of Lakefield, Warkworth, and Peterborough.

Especially during the 6 months preceding the North American conference at York University, much of my time was spent in prayer and preparation. How greatly I have been conscious of, and so thankful for your prayer support! I continue to serve with Canon Bill Hill and Rev. Tom Settle as Chaplain of our Kitchener-Waterloo chapter and to hold healing services every Tuesday and the third Sunday of each month in our parish.

According to Region 8 Council's decision to hold our Regional Conferences on the first weekend of June each year, we will gather on June 2nd and 3rd in Perth, Ontario. Our North Eastern Ontario chapters and Lone Members have issued this invitation to us, and from all reports -- along with the attractive brochures of the Perth area -- we are very much looking forward to joining them. Please keep them and Council in your prayers as we plan the various activities. Loving thanks to the Area Chaplains, members of Region 8 Council and to all of you for your prayerful support. Please be assured of my ongoing prayers for you in all your unique ministries! Let's go forward into the new millennium full of enthusiasm about the amazing ways in which the Lord will use us as ambassadors of Jesus' healing grace and power!

In Jesus' healing love,

Lynne +

The Rev. Canon Lynne Calhoun
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School of Pastoral Care

May 22-26, 2000

Guelph, Ontario

The 5-day residential School of Pastoral Care will be held at St. Ignatius College on the beautiful grounds of Loyala House in Guelph. The school will commence after lunch on Monday (Victoria Day Holiday) May 22, and end after lunch on Friday, May 26.

The School is open to members of the Order of St. Luke, clergy and lay persons of all denominations, and is designed to provide intensive, hands-on training for the healing ministry. OSL members are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to deepen your relationship with our Lord, Jesus, and expand your knowledge and understanding of healing.

We expect between 35 and 40 delegates. Our time together will include lots of Praise and Worship, Eucharist every morning, lectures, clinical training praying for others, an extensive selection of books on prayer and healing which will be available for purchase. We will also have free time and opportunity to receive personal ministry from the leaders. St Ignatius College provides a relaxing atmosphere conducive to learning, and receives rave reviews for their fine food.

Presenters include Rev. Al Durrance, Past OSL North American Warden who has an extensive ministry in Inner Healing, Helen Reesor, M.D., who is actively involved in teaching and leadership in spiritual warfare, and a third Presenter to be announced. For a brochure and more information please contact the registrar, Keith Bird, 5 Tangreen Court, Apt 206, Willowdale, ON, M2M 3Z1, email address kbird_spc@hotmail.com or visit the new Region 8 website at www.pathcom.com/~kbird.

OSL Region 8 Conference "Healing Mission 2000"

Healing Mission 2000 will be held at St. James Anglican Church, Perth, Ontario, Friday evening June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd, 2000. The mission is sponsored by Region VIII International Order of St. Luke the Physician and hosted by the OSL Valley Chapter.

If you missed the opportunity to experience The Rev. Mark Curtis at the 41st Annual Conference, here is your chance to come and be blessed.

Our keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Curtis, BA., M. Div., Diocese of Niagara, is Priest Chaplain at St. Mildred's-Light Bourne School Oakville and assistant minister to St. Simon's, Oakville. A well-know missionary and workshop leader, his ability to communicate in word and song has earned him appreciative audiences across the country. Using voice, and empathy Mark weaves ordinary life stories into a spiritual message which his listeners recognize to be profoundly sacred.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician is an international organization of clergy and lay people of all Christian denominations who believe that Jesus Christ heals today as when He walked the earth. Members devote themselves to the study and teachings of the relationship between spiritual life and the health of body, mind and spirit. The aim of the order is the restoration of the ministry of healing as Jesus committed it to the Apostles and the early church. OSL seeks to do this in co-operation with those clergy, physicians and psychologists who have discovered in God the Source and Secret of Wholeness.

Healing Mission 2000 prayer: Almighty and merciful God who inspired Your servant Luke, the Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and healing power of Your Son, we thank You for Your gifts bestowed amongst your people. Dear Lord, increase in us this healing power of Your love. Guide and direct us in this healing mission that we may share Your healing Word and bear fruit to the praise and glory of Your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Francis and Judith McNutt visit Toronto

On November 18, 19 and 20th, Francis and Judith McNutt were keynote speakers for a 3-day ecumenical healing event for the Arch Diocese of Toronto. As guest speakers for the Clergy Day on Thursday, Leaders' Workshop on Friday, and a general Rally on Saturday, Francis and Judith shared their heart and brought welcome teaching on the ministry of healing.

Francis has authored five books including "Healing", which has become a classic on Christian healing. For years his books have been included on the reading list for new Associate members of the Order of St. Luke. He and Judith operate Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida, and have produced a series of audio and video tapes to train prayer groups to pray for each other, and prayer teams to pray with others

Judith, who is a licensed psychologist and therapist, ministered powerfully in inner healing. Tears flowed freely at all three events as many were set free from bondage and of past hurts.

Copies of their 4 theme talks on Saturday can be ordered for \$9.00 each from Archdiocesan Charismatic Services Team, 71 Gough Ave, Toronto ON, M4K 3N9.

A catalogue of courses, training materials and resources is available directly from Christian Healing Ministries, PO Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL, 32208.

The Rev. Paul and Betty Skuce at St. John's Church, in Richmond Hill, conduct the McNutt teaching courses using videos and other resources for training in the healing ministry. For more information they can be contacted at 905-884-6929.

For your consideration

Each year, an appeal is made to you for financial support to further the work of the ministry of healing and the Order of St. Luke The Physician in Region 8, which is the Province of Ontario.

This year, your tax receiptable gift will help to support the outreach work of Region 8 Council as we provide start up funds for the coming Regional Conference in Perth, and to help send the Regional Warden and Regional Representative to the Annual North American Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Also, the Newsletter and Directory relies heavily on your financial gifts to be able to continue to print and deliver the two issues per year.

Surplus Newsletters and Directories are distributed by the Regional Warden and other speakers as they travel throughout Ontario with the healing Gospel, speaking to church and prayer groups interested in the ministry of healing, some interested in forming chapters.

To receive your tax receipt for the year 1999, donations should reach the treasurer no later than December 31st.

To save money this year, reply envelopes have not been printed. Please make your gift payable to The Order of St. Luke, and address your envelope to:

Sister Jocelyn
OSL Region 8 Treasurer
St. John's Convent
1 Botham Road
Willowdale, ON, M2N 2J5

Please accept our heartfelt THANKS for your prayers and financial support.
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and every blessing in the coming year!

**Remember to vote for Council members.
Please mail your enclosed ballot now**
The Rev. Canon Lynne Calhoun
Warden, Region V111

ANNOUNCEMENT

OSL Region 8 now has a website. Visit us at www.pathcom.com/~kbird and check out the latest updates for The Directory, The Newsletter, and School of Pastoral Care. To have your chapter's healing event added to the new website, or to advise changes for the Directory, write to the editor, address on page 1, or email him at region8editor@hotmail.com or visit us at www.pathcom.com/~kbird and click "contact us".