



# 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 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.

## WARDEN'S WANDERINGS

These have been busy times for me. But then why should I be surprised? If you try to be even a little bit conscientious you find that there is never too much you can do for God and his Kingdom.

But they have been gratifying times. Everywhere I turn I find people who are enthusiastically involved in Jesus' healing ministry. I suppose this is one of the "perks" of being the OSL Warden!

Things have been happening. Over the past five months I have presented five charters to five new OSL chapters, and I have yet another one to present after Easter.

Back in September (it seems ages ago now!) I went over to Lyn, near Brockville, to present a charter to Audrey Conway, the Convener of the Leeds Grenville Chapter. The chaplains there are the Rev'd Ron Horst and the Rev'd Maude Parsons-Horst.

The following month I was at Runnymede United Church in Toronto to present them with their charter and to induct two full members and four associate members. The Reverend Linda Levin is the chaplain there and they are organizing an exciting workshop/conference for 12<sup>th</sup> May. Look for more information about it in this Newsletter.

Then in November I was invited by the new Dean of St George's Cathedral in Kingston, the Very Rev'd George Bruce, to participate in and preach at their weekly healing service. This resulted in an invitation to return in January to

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induct five associate members, to present them with a charter, and induct the Dean as a chaplain. That chapter has gathered together a number of long-standing OSL members from the Kingston area who, from lack of recent leadership, have been inactive in recent years. Pauline Bettney is their new and hard-working Convener.

Also in January I traveled to Camden East, a village west of Kingston, to preach at a healing service in St Luke's Church. There I inducted the Convener, Glenda Novak, as a full member, and four others as associate members, and presented them with their charter. I also inducted the Rev'd Anne Brandly as the chaplain.

Now I have been invited to go to Ottawa and visit Rothwell United Church where the Rev'd Valerie Fay is the Minister and chaplain of the OSL chapter. I am told that they are looking forward to receiving their charter and that they have eight or ten people to be inducted as associate members.

I find it truly gratifying, but also humbling, that the work of the OSL is so wonderfully growing in various parts of the Region, and that it has nothing at all to do with me! Many people are praying and working in many different places, and things keep happening. My job is simply to travel about and put the official OSL stamp on the events that God is causing to happen.

But, as there is new life, so life goes on. In January I got a letter from the Rev'd Harry Brown in Almonte near Ottawa telling me that the Valley Chapter has had to suspend their activities. He told me that the leaders of the chapter have found that the work has become too much for them and that at the present time there are no younger persons in the chapter to take over. That is the chapter where Robbie Anderson has been the Convener. Robbie has been so faithful and creative over the years both in her chapter and also as secretary of the Regional Council. Robbie says that the Valley members will now associate themselves with the Perth Chapter which is about a half hour drive away.

A most memorable event for me was a visit last month to Byron United Covenant Church in London where Pastor Art Hiley is the Minister.. I preached at all three Sunday services, participating in the anointing of oil at the Healing Service in the evening. At the main morning service in the

presence of a packed church I inducted two persons as full members of the Order: Helen Nash who now adds an official healing ministry to her other ministries in that congregation, and Phyllis Beauchamp who is thoroughly involved in the life of St Paul's Cathedral in London. Phyllis and Helen were lone members of the OSL in London, since there was no chapter in the city at that time, but by the Grace of God they discovered each other. It is my hope and prayer that through them God will establish once more a chapter of the OSL in London.

One of my responsibilities as Warden is to get to know what is happening in the Region (or what is not happening) and to get to know the members. With this in mind I took a week in February to travel to Toronto and into south-western Ontario. I was able to attend chapter meetings in Scarborough and Oakville, to sit in on the planning meeting at Runnymede United Church in Toronto, and to visit chaplains and conveners in Toronto, Richmond Hill, Kitchener, Beamsville, Simcoe, Sarnia and London. It was a big undertaking but thoroughly worthwhile. Now I feel that my lists of chaplains and chapters are much more current and accurate than before; and it is so much more helpful to actually know people than just their names on a list. I look forward to making an excursion into the Ottawa area sometime this Spring, and then after that travel up to Barrie and North Bay.

Speaking of getting to know people, I am thoroughly looking forward to the Regional Conference at All Saints' Church in Peterborough in June. At the last Regional Conference I found it a question of relating to a sea of faces. I hope this time it will be a matter of renewing old friendships. It is the Spirit of God who in His love draws us together, and who in that love works his wonders of healing and reconciliation.

David

The Rev'd Canon D. A. P. Smith  
Warden, OSL Region VIII

<p><b>Would you be willing to share your story of healing or answered prayer?</b> Please send details to the editor, Keith Bird, at <a href="mailto:region8editor@hotmail.com">region8editor@hotmail.com</a> or to 5 Tangreen Court, Apt 206, Willowdale, M2M 3Z1.</p>
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## THINKING ABOUT JOINING OSL?

An application for Associate Membership is available from any of the following contacts in Ontario:

- Visit any OSL Chapter (check out our website for the nearest chapter)
- Regional Warden, address on page 1.
- Any Area Chaplain (see Region 8 Council on our website)
- Editor of this newsletter, address on page 1
- An Application is also available from Mrs. Julabeth Carden, Office Manager, The International Order of St Luke The Physician, PO Box 13701, San Antonio, Texas, 78213, 210-492-5222, [osl@flash.net](mailto:osl@flash.net).

## PORTABLE DISPLAY FOR REGION 8

Region 8 Council has approved the purchase of our own portable Information Display for use throughout the Region.

This Display is designed to sit on a table and, like a kind of bulletin board, display in an attractive and inviting way, information about the OSL, what it is and what it is doing.

It is portable. That is, it can be folded up and put into its own carrying case to transport it to conferences, workshops, or synods. Folded up it is approximately thirty by forty inches. Then like a trip-tych it can be unfolded, and with some pamphlets and booklets on the table in front of it, tell all who pass by what the OSL is and how they can be a part of it.

This Display can also be shipped in its own shipping case. OSL chapters or OSL members can ask to have the Display shipped to their event where it can be set up, ideally with some one on hand to answer questions. All that is asked is that the person or organization borrowing the Display pay the shipping charges.

The Display will be in the custody of the Regional Warden who lives in Perth. For more information, contact him at 613-267-3421 or [dap.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:dap.smith@sympatico.ca).

## BALLOT ENCLOSED

Enclosed in each OSL member's mailing is the ballot to elect new members of Region 8 Council. Members are asked to vote for four (4) candidates, and mail on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>

## New Beginnings: The Story of the OSL Lennox/Addington Chapter

**Rev. Dr. Anne Brandly**

Years ago, I attended my first OSL meeting (York Ecumenical Chapter) in the basement of Emmanuel Church, Richvale. As a practising physician, and a Christian, I came to find out how to pray for my patients. But I sure was surprised at that meeting! For we were invited to pray for one another, and I didn't think anything was wrong with ME! What did I need prayers for healing for? I had come to pray for *other* people, not to be prayed for myself!

How naïve I was back then! For all of us need healing either of body, or of mind, or of spirit, or all three. I certainly needed healing from my pride, which had blinded me to the fact that I needed the grace of God to work in my life.... I couldn't do it alone. And so gradually, with the help of those wonderful people in that Chapter, I came to realize how much I needed the Holy Spirit of Jesus to do some major inner healing in my life. Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And he did, he gave me rest, and peace, and joy.

Only then was I ready to begin to pray for my patients and others. Over the years I remained an Associate Member, but I was a 'lone member'. I lacked the opportunity to go to conferences because I was now a missionary-priest in a very isolated area of Canada. It remained a dream to be part of another chapter one day, and for a short time, I moved down to BC, and was finally made a full member of OSL in the Penticton Chapter in 1997.

But I was called back to serve for another few years in the Diocese of the Arctic, where the needs for healing were great, and regular healing services took place in the church, and in homes as well. I dreamed that one day I could start a new Chapter, but it just didn't seem the right timing to happen in the Arctic, where most peoples' first language was not English, and the idea of translating all the OSL material seemed too daunting.

Then, in the year 2000, I was called to a Parish in rural eastern Ontario, and I met one person there who felt called to a healing ministry in the Order of St. Luke. Glenda Novak and I met and prayed together regularly over several months to discern God's will regarding a new Chapter of OSL in this area. And it appeared that the time was right for it to happen! Our Regional Warden, the Rev. Canon David Smith agreed, and the first meeting of the Lennox/Addington Chapter of OSL took place on January 25, 2001 at St. Luke's Church, Camden East.

Canon David presented us with our Charter, several folk were inducted as Associate Members, Glenda was inducted as a Full Member, and I was inducted as Chaplain. What a moving event that was! It was for me, a blessing from God, as I remembered all those years when I dreamed that this would happen! This was a real answer to prayer for Glenda and me. It just shows what is possible, when we ask the Lord to show us the way! This however, is just the beginning! We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us during our monthly meetings, and hope eventually to host a Mission in our new chapter.

## **Blocks To Healing**

**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 dis ease.

## **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?" *Jn 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.

*Rev Al Durrance is Past North American Warden for the Order of St Luke, and is in much demand as conference leader. He taught on the subject of Inner Healing last year at the School of Pastoral Care in Guelph, Ontario. He and his wife live in Ocala, Florida.*

# Coming Events

[www.ChristianHealingRegion8osl.org](http://www.ChristianHealingRegion8osl.org) and click on 'coming events' page.

New Website Address Coming For Region 8

As of May 1, our new website address will be

[www.OSLregion8.org](http://www.OSLregion8.org)

**Saturday, May 12**

**Parting With The Pain Of Your Past  
(You Don't Have To Live With The Pain)**

**Keynote Speaker**

**The Rev. Bob Hartley B.Th., M.A.**

**OSL High Park Chapter Healing Mission  
Runnymede United Church  
432 Runnymede Road (near Bloor and Jane)  
Toronto**

**Registration from 8:30 a.m.  
Worship starts at 9:00 a.m.**

Worship

**Keith Bird and Worship Team**

**Session 1** - Biblical examples of parting with the pain of the past (What are the models Jesus gave us)

**Session 2** - Learning To Let Christ Lead The Healing Process Through Listening Prayer

**Session 3** - Learning To Let Christ Lead the Healing of Damaged Emotions (a live, unrehearsed model will be presented and assessed. (There are six basic ways God talks to His children. The Bible is the main one, but there are 5 others we tend to overlook).

**Session 4** - Letting Go, Living Peace, Sharing Joy (Putting it all together)

**Bring your lunch.** We provide tea, coffee, juice and fruit. Restaurants are located close by for those who prefer to eat out.

**Registration is \$25 (\$20 if received before May 1)** and includes a comprehensive package of materials and all breaks. Use the General Registration Form included with this newsletter, or the brochure enclosed. For more information visit our website at

**Saturday, May 26**

**Jesus, the Path, the Promise, the Power**  
OSL Burlington Chapter

St. Christopher's Anglican Church  
662 Guelph Line, Burlington, Ontario,  
( south of the QEW)

**Missioner Fr. Mark Curtis**

Registration from 8:30 a.m.  
Mission starts at 9:00 a.m.

Bring a brown bag lunch

**Registration fee \$25.00 per person  
\$20.00 if registration is received on or before  
April 30, 2001**

**Use the General Registration Form  
in this newsletter**

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**A Unique Opportunity**

**Two Special Events Combined in One Week  
School of Pastoral Care - May 28-June 1 and  
OSL Region 8 Annual Conference - June 1 & 2**

These events were planned for the same week intentionally, so you could attend both, if you wish, and save travel costs and avoid taking extra time off to attend each event separately!

The School Of Pastoral Care and The Order Of St Luke share a common purpose: to see the ministry of healing returned to its rightful place in the church.

**School Of Pastoral Care**

**Mon-Fri , May 28 - June 1**

Enclosed is a brochure for this year's school, to be held at beautiful Elim Lodge, a Christian retreat and conference centre, on Pigeon Lake, in the Kawartha's vacationland of Ontario, a few minutes drive north of Peterborough. Daily free-time amenities include heated swimming pool, shuffle board and tennis courts and boating. Your

registration for the school also includes the registration fee for the OSL Annual Conference.

The school opens after lunch on Monday, May 28, and closes after lunch on Friday, June 1. Later in the day on Friday, the OSL Annual Conference opens in nearby Peterborough with registration at 6:30 p.m. A limited number of billets are available for Friday night in Peterborough on a first come basis.

Leadership for the school will include The Rev. Charles Boole, North American President of The Schools of Pastoral Care; Barbara McBride, and Hal Wiley, M.D.

The school is recommended for OSL Members, medical professionals, clergy and lay people interested in the ministry of healing. For more information and on-line registration, visit [www.SchoolOfPastoralCare.net](http://www.SchoolOfPastoralCare.net).

The 5-day school provides intensive training for the healing ministry. Registration includes private room, board, lectures, an opportunity to receive ministry from the leaders if desired, and free time to relax each day. The school is especially designed to provide space, time and focus for you to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer clinics allow everyone the opportunity to experience 'hands-on' training praying for others.

### June 1 & 2

## Christian Healing In Today's World Region 8 Annual Conference

**Everyone is welcome! Membership in the Order is not required for attendance.**

**Fri & Sat, June 1 - 2**

**All Saint's Anglican Church  
225 Rubidge Street, Peterborough, Ontario**



**Rt. Rev. Eddie and Emma Marsh  
Keynote Speakers**

Bishop Eddie and Emma Marsh have been involved in the Order of St Luke for twenty years. Together they have conducted many healing missions in Newfoundland, and throughout North America.

**Bishop Eddie** has recently retired as Bishop, Diocese of Central Newfoundland, and serves as President of The International Order Of St Luke The Physician.

**Emma** is Vice-Chair, Anglican Renewal Ministries, Canada, and has served as Diocesan President of the Anglican Church Women (ACW). In her work with Sharing Our Ministries Abroad (SOMA) she has been involved in a number of international missions.

The Marsh's have three children and four grandchildren in whom they especially delight. Together they enjoy walking, dancing, and cryptic crosswords.

### Conference Agenda

Fri	6:30 p.m.	Registration opens
	7:30	Welcome and Worship
	8:00	Why Turn To Christ For Healing?
		Prayer Ministry
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30	When And Where We Find Healing
	10:15	Small Groups
	11:00	Break
	11:30	Who Can Come For Healing?
	12:15 p.m.	Lunch – provided
	12:30	OSL Region 8 Annual General Meeting
	1:30	Worship
	2:00	Induction of New and Full OSL Members
	2:30	Holy Communion
		How Does Healing Take Place?
		Prayer Ministry

### Worship Leaders

## Robb and Joyce Brown

Robb was born in Churchill, Manitoba, and was raised in a Christian home. He turned away

from this background at the age of 16, and by 1969 ended up living on the streets of Ottawa. After becoming hopelessly lost, God showed Robb His saving grace, and he became a new creation. He found a new direction for his life and is currently happily married with two grown children, and two grandsons. Robb has experienced God's faithfulness, and now with his wife, Joyce, serves God with music and Word.

**Cost**

The cost per person is \$40 (**\$35 if received by the registrar on or before May 15**) and includes all refreshment breaks and a box lunch on Saturday. Make cheques payable to OSL Kawartha Chapter.

For those who attend the School of Pastoral Care May 28-June 1, **your OSL Conference fee is included**. Please check box on the School registration form if you wish to attend the conference also.

**Please Note**

If registration is not received prior to May 29, we cannot guarantee space for you at the conference.

**Accommodations in Peterborough**

- Holiday Inn: 705-743-1144
- Otanabee Inn: 1-800-528-1234
- Quality Inn: 705-748-6801
- Comfort Inn: 1-800-228-5150

**A limited number of billets are available on a 'first come' basis.**

**For more information contact**

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**The conference is wheelchair accessible**

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**GENERAL REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Chapter or Name & Location of Conference**

Date

Name/address of registrar:

**PLEASE REGISTER**

Name

Name

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City

P/code

Telephone

Best time to call

Amount enclosed \$

Your cancelled cheque is your receipt.

Questions/comments: