



# 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.

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**Membership in the Order of St Luke is not a requirement for attending any OSL event. Everyone is welcome. Come and be blessed!**



**Norma Dearing**

**Author and radio show host, Norma Dearing will be the keynote speaker at the Annual OSL Region 8 Conference, to be held this year in Ottawa, June 6-7.**

**Former teacher and trainer with Dr. Francis and Judith MacNutt, Norma will share her experiences as a prayer counselor, and impart value teaching guidelines for praying with others for healing.**

## WARDEN'S WANDERINGS

**Rev. Canon David A.P. Smith**

First let me briefly report on what is happening in some of our chapters.

It is sad to have to report that the **Welland-Port Colborne Chapter** has found that it has had to disband as a functioning chapter after twenty-five years, but it is good to know that it continues with a prayer ministry. The chaplain there is the Rev'd Graham Thorpe who, over the years, has not only given vital leadership to that group, but for four years was the Regional Warden before being succeeded by Canon Don Beatty. Graham, of course, is no longer able to maintain as full a ministry as in former years but he continues to provide active leadership in many ways, especially as an interim priest.

The **London Chapter** has not yet developed in the way that I had anticipated, but we should all be grateful for

the OSL members there and especially for the regular healing services and for the healing ministry that continues in Byron United Covenant Church.

The **Kingston Chapter** and the **Lennox and Addington Chapter** have both come through a period of transition. When the Very Rev'd George Bruce, the Dean of St George's Cathedral, became bishop last September, he no longer had time to be the chaplain of the Kingston Chapter and consequently the life of that chapter has ebbed somewhat. At the same time the Lennox and Addington Chapter at Camden East just west of Kingston suffered as a result of the heart attack of the Rev'd Anne Brandly. Now members of both these chapters recently met with parishioners of St Thomas' Church, Reddendale, in west Kingston and are establishing a new chapter with a new convener. The Rev'd Ruth Smith, one who has had considerable OSL experience, will be the new chaplain. We are indeed grateful to God for his mercies.

At St Alban's Church in Ottawa there is emerging a vibrant group of concerned Christians that promises to give us a second OSL chapter in that city. Under the leadership of Dawna Gallagher and the Rev'd George Sinclair, the priest at St Alban's, they have already organized several dynamic healing missions, the most recent being at the beginning of this March. Their meetings draw people from across the city. I have discussed with them the possibility of inducting Fr. George as an OSL chaplain and presenting them with a charter to make them an official chapter.

And then, in Campbellford south of Peterborough, a couple of people have recently completed their OSL studies and have been in touch with me about becoming full members. They have been speaking with the Rev'd Bill Manley, deacon, and the Rev'd Chamberlain Jones, the Rector of Christ Church parish, and I am hoping and praying that I can help them establish a new chapter there. We praise God for enabling us to carry on his work of healing and restoration in so many parts of the Region.

And I have been getting around and visiting some of those parts, although not to as many as I would have liked.

Last September I was invited to speak on a Monday evening to a large group of people at St Alban's Church in Ottawa about Christian healing and the OSL, and, as mentioned above, that beginning has developed into a vibrant and powerful group there under faithful and energetic leadership. Two weeks after that I drove over to Carleton Place to speak with a United Church minister who was interested in holding regular healing services in his church. I must get in touch with him again very soon to discover what has developed there since then.

In October I attended the Friday evening portion of the **Oakville Chapter's** annual two day conference at St Simon's Church, Oakville. Archdeacon Larry Mitchell, the OSL Warden of Region XIV (Saskatchewan), spoke about "Practicing the Medicine of the Gospel", likening the Church to a hospital, a pharmacy and an operating room. I could not stay for the Saturday sessions as I was due in Lakefield for "An Ecumenical Prayer Workshop", a combined OSL and Anglican Fellowship of Prayer event led by Canon Tom and Betty Gracie. The AFP which promotes amongst church members a greater engagement in prayer is an obvious partner of the OSL in its promotion of Christ's healing ministry.

Later, on a Sunday in October, I preached the sermon at St Martin-in-the-Fields parish church in Toronto representing the Order and proclaiming the Gospel of Healing. Later that day I again represented the Order, this time at St James' Anglican Cathedral in Toronto at a special afternoon solemn Eucharist celebrating the Festival of St Luke the Physician. Canon Gerry Loweth, a member of the Order, was the preacher and I read a lesson. The cathedral was nicely filled with people from around the city and many came forward for prayer and the Laying on of Hands. We are grateful to the Dean, the Very Rev'd Douglas Stoute, and the Vicar, the Rev'd Judy Rois, as well as OSL member Cecile Harvey-Francis, for their various efforts in enabling that event to happen.

In November there were two healing missions in which I was involved. One was in Ottawa on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November hosted by the **Rothwell chapter** of Rothwell United Church, but held in the Church of the Epiphany, an Anglican church. The leader was Vina Sweetman of Isaiah 40 Foundation in Montreal who spoke powerfully on "Healing through Prayer". The founder of the Rothwell chapter, the **Rev'd Valerie Fay**, was not present as she was very ill, and in fact she departed this life ten days later after many years of courageous ministry in the face of cancer. She was a true prayer warrior with a solid faith in Christ the Healing Lord. A glorious funeral was held in Orleans United Church commending her, free at last from sickness, into the hands of an eternal and loving Father.

The other mission was one week later at St James' Church, **Perth**, where the Rev'd David Mitchell of Picton spoke on "Healing and the Christian Life: Wholeness and Holiness" to a responsive gathering. Fr. Mitchell preached at the Sunday Eucharists at St James' on the following day.

In January I was able to make an interesting trip into western Ontario. On the way I stopped at **Napanee** to visit with the Rev'd Anne Brandly who was recovering from a recent heart attack. Anne is an OSL chaplain and

the rector of the Parish of Camden East and, as mentioned above, has been instrumental in the restructuring of the OSL in her area.

I then drove on to **Welland** where I had a good visit in his home with the Rev'd Graham Thorpe. Also present was Ron Hubbard who has been the OSL convener there and also a long time and faithful Lay Reader. Ron is preparing for ordination to the diaconate. The following day I drove north to **Collingwood** to have a long lunch with Greg and Sharon Goldsworthy who showed me around the impressively renovated buildings of All Saints' Parish. They were hoping to start an OSL chapter for the Collingwood area by holding a healing mission in that parish. Later that afternoon I drove back to **Oakville** where I met with Fr. Bob Gardner and Dr. Colin Campbell to discuss the proposed OSL bylaws for Region VIII. I concluded the trip the next day by thoroughly enjoying a good old-fashioned Quiet Day (it was genuinely quiet!) at Holy Cross Priory in Toronto, based on the theme of our oneness in Christ, it being the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In my travels I continue to take the OSL Display around with me as much as I can and people everywhere comment on it favourably. I find especially that it encourages people to enquire further about the OSL and to take away with them copies of *Sharing* magazine and the OSL information brochure. I have also made up a second more modest display at the request of the Rev'd Mary Ann Boote of St Bride's, Mississauga, who wanted the OSL represented at a medical services fair at her local hospital. Both these displays are available for any occasion for the cost of the shipping. Just e-mail me ([dap.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:dap.smith@sympatico.ca)) or phone (613-267-3421). If it is possible for me to come to your event I could bring the Display with me for free!

My first three-year term as Regional Warden will expire at the time of the Annual General Meeting to be held during the Regional Conference in Ottawa this June 7<sup>th</sup>, but as most people know I have been nominated by the Council to a second term which will enable me to carry on until June 2006. I pray that God will continue to give me not only the energy but the inspiration to fulfill all that he calls me to do in the Order so that his healing ministry of Love may be even more generously known among us. I thank Him and all the faithful people throughout the Region whom I find so supportive and encouraging by their involvement in and support of Jesus' healing work in His world.

## REGION VIII COUNCIL Mini Report

The Region VIII Council met on Saturday, 22 March, in the Joseph Shepard Room of St John's Church, York

Mills, Toronto, with ten persons present, and amongst other business:

- **heard** that the Oakville Chapter have started to use the "Mantles of Healing" ministry as described recently in *Sharing*;
- **learned** that audio tapes of the excellent main addresses at the International OSL Conference in Melbourne, Australia, 20 September to 4 October, 2002, are available for borrowing from the Rev'd Philip Townshend-Carter, Apt 1002, 205 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 3P4 (416-429-5480), and that the next International Conference will be in England in 2007;
- **suggested** that an OSL offering envelope be enclosed in each mailing of the *Newsletter*;
- **agreed** that a second Regional OSL conveners and chaplains meeting be held in March or April of next year, if possible at the new Diocese of Toronto Miriam Dobell Healing Centre at St John's Convent, and that such a meeting should probably be a regular biennial event;
- **received** the results of a very close election for new members of Council: the Rev'd Jacquie Boutheon, Dr. Colin Campbell (re-elected), and Carol-Anne Foty will each begin a three year term on Council beginning at the Annual General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June;
- **adopted**, with a few amendments, a proposed set of by-laws for Region VIII, which are to be brought before the Annual General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June for ratification;
- **was told** that a proposed set of Guidelines for Conference Organizers was now compiled and would be brought before the September meeting of Council;
- **recommended** that the 2004 Regional Conference at which the speaker will be Canon Linda Nicholls of Holy Trinity, Thornhill, be in the Toronto area;
- **discussed** possible speakers for the 2005 conference;
- **authorized** funding for both the Regional Warden and for Phyllis Beauchamp, the Regional Representative to the North American Warden's Council, to attend the NA Council meeting and conference in Cleveland this June 17 to 21;
- **set** the date for the next Council meeting for 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2003, at St John's, York Mills.

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**Proposed By-Laws for OSL REGION VIII  
Proposed at Region V111 Council Meeting  
March 22, 2003.**

**The purpose** of these by-laws is to give us in Region VIII some direction and consistency in the general management of the affairs of the Order in this Region recognizing that we must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These bylaws are intended to complement the North American by-laws. They can be revised by the Region VIII Council for ratification by the Annual General Meeting.

**The Regional Warden** shall be an ordained clergy person in good standing in a recognized Christian church, who has been active as a Full Member of the order for not less than the preceding three years, an acknowledged leader of spiritual, moral, and intellectual stature, whose mind and will are centered in commitment to Jesus Christ, Saviour and Healer, Divine Son of God. The Warden shall be nominated by the Regional Council, elected by the members of the Region by mail ballot to a three year term which shall begin after the next Annual General Meeting of the Region, and shall be eligible for re-election to a second three year term, but not eligible for further re-election to a further term until after a lapse of two years.

The role of the warden is to provide leadership and direction to the Order in the Region under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promoting and organizing its work as it relates to the healing work of Christ in His Church.

**The Regional Council** exists to advise and assist the Regional Warden. It shall be chaired by the Regional Warden, and include the area chaplains, a secretary, a treasurer, the editor/manager of the regional *Newsletter*, and nine members at large. A quorum shall consist of a majority of its members, and a majority vote of the quorum shall prevail.

It shall meet regularly twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, at a time and place selected by the Council. Further meetings for special purposes may also be called.

**2. Area chaplains** may be appointed by the Regional Warden from amongst the chaplains in the Region to assist and represent the Regional Warden when requested in the areas in which they live. Area Chaplains are members of the Regional Council.

**The secretary** shall record the minutes of Regional Council meetings and of the Annual General Meeting and maintain them in good order in a permanent binder.

**The treasurer** shall be responsible to the Council for all funds handled by the Council.

The treasurer shall make arrangements for bank accounts and cheque books, produce an up-to-date financial report for the Annual General Meeting and for each council meeting, and maintain an up-to-date record of the council's financial transactions. The treasurer shall also arrange to have the financial records audited before each Annual General Meeting by an approved auditor.

The secretary and the treasurer shall be appointed by the Council from either amongst its own membership or from the OSL membership in the Region. Their terms of office may begin at any time but shall continue for a term of three years from the Annual General Meeting which occurs after the appointment.

Two signing officers shall be appointed by the Council, one signature only being required on each cheque.

**The Editor/Manager of *The Newsletter*** shall endeavor to publish and circulate by mail an edition of *The Newsletter* every Spring and Fall, after the meeting of the Regional Council. Funds for the publication and circulation of *The Newsletter* shall be allocated by the Regional Council as required.

**A Publicity Person** shall be appointed annually by the Council from amongst its members to promote and advertise the work of the OSL in the Region.

**3. A Youth Coordinator** shall be appointed annually by the Board from amongst its members to encourage the involvement of young people in Christ's Healing Ministry.

**A Warden's Assistant** may be appointed by the Warden from amongst the members of the Council, perhaps at the time of the Annual General Meeting, to be a consultant for the Warden and to assist the Warden in the administrative tasks of the Council

**Members at large of the Council**, upon nomination either by a nominations committee or a member in the Region, shall be elected by mail ballot by the OSL membership in the Region. Members at large shall be members in good standing of the OSL, either lay or ordained, and if possible together represent a wide geographical area throughout the Region. At least four chapters in the Region should be represented on the Council.

**The term of office of members at large** shall be three years, commencing at the Annual General Meeting after

their election. They may be re-elected for a consecutive three-year term, but they are not eligible for further re-election to a subsequent term until after a lapse of two years; but they are eligible for election as Regional Warden, or appointment as the Secretary, the Treasurer, or the Editor of *The Newsletter*. Three members at large shall be elected each year to replace the three members whose term will expire that year.

**The Annual General Meeting** is open to all OSL members and shall be held at the time and place of the Annual Conference in order to receive the Regional Warden's annual report, the annual financial report, and to consider other business brought before it by either the members or the Council.

A short written **annual report from each chapter** in the Region should be submitted to the Regional Warden each year before the Annual General Meeting.

**The Annual Conference** shall be held at a time and place arranged by the Regional Council. The selection of speakers, the agenda and organization of the conference are the responsibility of the Regional Council which shall invite a local chapter or committee to assist with the local arrangements.

**4. Each Conference** should strive to be self financing. Any excess of funds resulting from a conference should be forwarded with a financial statement to the Regional Council which may then choose to return a portion of these funds to the local chapter. A deficit balance resulting from a conference shall be covered by the Council. Offerings received at the Conference are to be collected by the Council Treasurer so that Income Tax Receipts can be legally issued.

**Delegate to the North American Warden's Council** - The Regional Representative shall be appointed by the Council from amongst its own elected members, either ordained or lay, to a term of three years beginning after the previous meeting of the North American Warden's Council.

**Report on the OSL International Conference  
Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2002, University of Melbourne,  
Victoria, Australia**

**by Rev. Phillip Townshend-Carter**

**Monday, Sept. 30** - The Conference opened with dinner at Queen's College of the University of Melbourne at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. there was the opening service at the Churches of Christ, with procession of banners of the various chapters whose membership was represented, from Australia, Bahamas, Canada, England, Germany, Netherlands, United States

of America and New Zealand. The Welcoming address was given by the Australian Warden, Rev. Dr. John Spring. At 9:00 p.m., the first conference address was the launch of "Channels of Healing", given by its author, Right Rev. Owen Dowling.

**Tuesday** - After Eucharist and breakfast, a Bible Study on the paralyzed man (John 5:1-31) was given by the former Primate of Australia, the Right Rev. Dr. Keith Rayner, A.M. He emphasized the fact that the healing initiative is always taken by God, and that we respond to God's love with our love. It was not the Jewish people as a whole who were opposed to Jesus, but rather the Pharisees and Sadducees. Turning religion into a set of rules is what Phariseeism is about. The sin of pride is the worst and most subtle sin (Matt. 23:15). Jesus wants not just to heal the body, but to save the soul (Matt. 23:23). God still works to sustain creation.

After morning tea there was a lecture on "Ethics and Genetics" by Dr. Andrew Sloane, Lecturer at Morling Theological College, Sydney, Australia. Following lunch there was a presentation "Introduction to Ministry on the Web" by Rev. Rowland Croucher. At 6:00 p.m. there was a Healing Service at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral. At 8:00 p.m. the Pearce Memorial Lecture "Science and Spirituality - Allies or Enemies in Healing" was given by Dr. Alan Gijbers, President of the Medical and Dental Fellowship of Australia.

**Wednesday** - After Eucharist and breakfast, a Bible Study was conducted by Right Rev. Dr. Keith Rayner, A.M. on "The Son's Authority" (John 5:19ff). Creation is a miracle; recreation and resurrection are lesser miracles. At 11:15 a.m. there was a meeting with the Warden, Rev. Dr. John Spring, on "The Chaplain's role in the Chapter". At 12:20 p.m. there was a workshop with other delegates on "Chapter Life" with the immediate past Warden, Rev. Ian MacPherson. Many delegates went on an outing to see "The Parade of Penguins" on Phillip Island.

**Thursday** - After Eucharist and breakfast, Bishop Rayner conducted Bible Study on the man born blind (John 9). The man's blindness was not caused by either his sin or his parents' sin, but so that Jesus' disciples could see God work a miracle for him. No evil is so great that God cannot bring good out of it (Romans 8:28). Jesus said that through this miracle God's glory will be revealed, one of the signs that "I am the Light of the World". Man was in darkness. We only understand God's power when we obey. Obedience leads to grace. There were various reactions to the healing of the blind man - see John 9:8-34.

In our development we have a duty to examine Scripture. The former blind man said, "He is a prophet". The Pharisees turned themselves inside out trying to

explain the miracle. The man's parents were afraid of the Pharisees and were careful not to get involved. The Pharisees attempted to manipulate the man (v.24), but the man stood up to them (w.25-27), so the Pharisees banned him from their meeting places (v.34) - their ultimate weapon of authority when they lost the argument. Healing leads to faith (v.35) and the former blind man has grown remarkably in stature (v.38). Jesus' judgment of the Pharisees (w.39-41) strips away all pretence; those who think they possess the whole truth are the blind ones. We are saved not by religion but by trust.

At 11.15 a. m., a lecture "What on Earth is Gad doing?" by Dr. Anthony Radford, Professor Emeritus, Primary care and Community medicine, Flinders University, South Australia.

The chief end of mankind is to glorify God and to enjoy him for ever. Health = wholeness = harmony. Spiritual health is equal to a person's love of God. The environment is inter-related: social, spiritual, mental, chemical, and physical. People often do not believe in the person of Satan.

Is a healing ministry an option for the Church? OSL to promote the healing ministry to the Church - an essential, Christ-like activity of the Church - "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and prisoners". Christians founded the first hospitals. St. Basil of Caesarea founded the first leprosarium. In the Congo, the Church provides 80% of the health services. And yet, many churches choose to ignore the healing ministry.

There are two kinds of healing: (1) complete physical and mental healing; and (2) spiritual healing. Our churches and ministries should follow the examples of Christ. Father of epileptic boy - faith size of a mustard seed. **Belief and faith not the same** (ie: believing a tight-rope walker can safely cross over Niagara Falls pushing a wheelbarrow - but refusing the invitation to sit in it during the crossing) Prerequisites: prayer, fasting and faith. There is healing in Indonesia despite the religious war.

Forgiveness as healing - forgiveness of the sick and by the sick for the sins against them. Sow forgiveness and reap joy. "Come unto me all ye who are heavy laden and I **will** (not might) refresh you." "Bring your healing to the nations Lord" - do we really believe this? We are apostles of healing - sign of a manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

The total Gospel of salvation includes healing - healing of body, mind, soul and spirit. Declaration of why and what healing is requested. Anointing gives a person the feeling that something is being done.

Mega-healing services do not emphasize that the healing is by the Holy Spirit and not by the televangelist.

Is our congregation a spiritual healing, therapeutic one? Refugees in dire need of healing ministries? Why do churches recoil from the word "evangelism"? **The Healing Ministry should be part of normal church ministry.** Healing is seeing Christ in all things and all people, turning the mind and spirit to God, seeing yourself as forgiving and forgiven.

**Friday - 10:30 a.m.** - Closing service and healing led by the Warden, Rev. John Spring and the Warden-elect, Rev. Canon Keith South.

The Conference was a great success: it was well-organized, the lectures, music and Bible study were excellent and the healing was impressive. The next International Conference will be in England in the year 2007 - location to be announced.

Tapes of all addresses are available for loan from Rev'd Philip Townshend-Carter, Apt 1002, 205 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 3P4 (416-429-5480)

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## DID YOU KNOW?

**Our website [www.oslregion8.org](http://www.oslregion8.org) is maintained and updated by the editor of this newsletter. To share stories of healing, answers to prayer or notices of coming events, contact Keith Bird, 206-5 Tangreen Court, Willowdale, ON, M2M 3Z1, email address [editor@oslregion8.org](mailto:editor@oslregion8.org). The old email address [region8editor@hotmail.com](mailto:region8editor@hotmail.com) will expire Dec 30, 2003.**

**Please remember to include [www.oslregion.org](http://www.oslregion.org) on all conference and mission brochures and materials. Visitors to our website will find important information and contacts for OSL in Ontario - including how to find local chapters, coming events and much more, and click on a link to the OSL International website if more information is desired. When visitors contact the OSL international website first in search of information for Ontario, they are automatically transferred to our website at [www.oslregion8.org](http://www.oslregion8.org) where detailed information and local updates concerning our region are available.**

**Please pray for the upcoming conference in Ottawa June 6-7, for our speaker, Norma Dearing, for those God would draw to attend and safe travel for all.**

**CHRISTIAN HEALING VIDEO TEACHING  
TAPES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN  
TO REGION 8 CHAPTERS**

As reported earlier, a series of School of Healing Prayer video teaching tapes are available for loan to OSL chapters in Ontario. Purchased by Region 8 Council, the videos offer excellent teaching on a variety of needs presented for healing, and provide important guidelines for praying with others.

The School of Healing Prayer teaching videos are an important resource for enhancing the training of those involved in the day to day challenges in the Christian ministry of healing, and are being made available to OSL chapters in Region 8 for further study opportunities. Although there is no formal relationship between OSL and the School of Healing Prayer, the teaching videos are a valuable resource and are most helpful to those who pray with others for healing.

Attending this year's Annual conference in Ottawa will be a great opportunity to learn from one of the teachers on the tapes, Norma Dearing, and to have your questions answered. A registration form for the conference is included in this newsletter.

For details on how your chapter can borrow the tapes, please provide our regional warden, Canon David Smith, with the date your chapter wishes to begin the teaching and when it will finish. Written materials for each teaching may be purchased for further study if desired.

For more information please contact The Rev'd Canon D. A. P. Smith 5 Railway Street Perth, Ontario K7H 2Z6, 613 267 3421 Fax: 613 267 3421, [dap.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:dap.smith@sympatico.ca)

**SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE**

Two schools planned for Ontario this year were cancelled. Growing concern for the safety of air travel leading up to and during the war in Iraq, and the SARS problem were major factors in the decision to cancel schools for Toronto in May, and Ottawa in September. New dates are to be announced.

Experienced faculty members are prepared to travel to your local area to lead teaching events for training in the Christian ministry of Healing. For more information regarding step by step assistance for planning Parish Weekend training events, or retreat centre school formats of four and five days, contact The Rev. Charles Boole, President, 236 Richardson Ave, Ottawa, ON, K2B 5G6, 613-820-7385 [cjboole@rogers.com](mailto:cjboole@rogers.com) Download the school manual and brochure and get more information at [www.schoolofpastoralcare.net](http://www.schoolofpastoralcare.net)

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN EMBLETON**

**J**ohn Embleton, charter convener of the Oakville chapter of the Order of St.. Luke died in his sleep at 8.15a,m, on Saturday, March 29th 2003 in his 71st year. For many years he served on region 8 council for the Order of St. Luke. John was an outstanding person who found his anchor in life in the person of Jesus Christ. He was faithful to the very end. John left us a legacy of infinite value and an example of faith and trust in God. Those of us who know John will never forget him. He was faithful to the end and quietly surrendered to the will of God in faith and confidence. John lived to witness in

life and action to the faith for which he was never hesitant to be a witness to Jesus Christ.. His faith gave him the courage to witness in the whole church of God, not simply in his own parish of St. Simon's Anglican Church. He displayed strength and vision of what people and the world could be if each would simply believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was active far too many groups to begin to mention any one. Even in his final days he was never hesitant to minister any who came to minister to him. He was honoured, respected and loved. His funeral service was one of love and joy and celebrated the life of a most faithful servant. We know that he will rise in the Risen Life with Jesus Christ.

*By Rev. Bob Gardner, founding Chaplain of the OSL Oakville Chapter*

**H**is funeral, attended by people from England, Florida, Saskatoon, California, Montreal, etc., was standing room only and a celebration of his life. Daughters, Roxanne and Carolyn, spoke well of his life and spirit, his commitment to family, friends, and faith, and perseverance under all conditions. His sister from Saskatoon spoke of her growing closeness to John over the past five years. A representative from Crossroads, where both John and Dorothy volunteered to pray with those who phone in for prayer, reminded us of how very uncomplaining and optimistic John remained through it all. A pastor from another church John belonged to also praised the generous and devout spirit of John, noting that in the past year John had succeeded in his religious studies and was awarded the degree Master of Theology. The Rev. Dorothy Hewlett, representing St. Simon's, spoke to John's 'Christian coaching', his unflinching faith in God, and his constant hope for healing.

*By Gail Kushei, founding member OSL Oakville Chapter.*

**BOOK REVIEW**

**Beula Cooke**

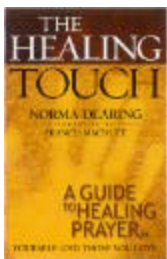
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**OSL REGION 8 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**June 6-7, 2003**

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Written by Norma Dearing, *The Healing Touch* provides practical tools for those who wish to pray for healing. Topics include healing our relationship with God, through salvation, generational healing, physical healing, emotional (inner) healing, healing for the conception-to-birth experience, healing of occult experiences and cutting free from unholy unions and unhealthy relationships.

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Norma Dearing is the theme speaker at this year's Annual OSL Region 8 Conference to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, June 6-7, 2003.

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