



*Letter from
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*The Meaning of the Emblem of the
Order*

*Jesus, Saviour, because he is
our salvation and healing.*

*Lux, Light, because he is the light of
the world and light is the most
potent healing agent in the
world.*

*Rex, King, because he reigns over us
with the divine authority of love;
has given us a kingdom; has
commanded us to "heal the
sick...and say to them, the
kingdom of God has come near to
you."*

*Dux, Leader, because he leads us in
this ministry of healing.*

*Lex, Law, because in him the divine
law is fulfilled, and he is "the
end of the law" to everyone who
believes.*

**Reflections of the
International Conference,
June 2007 in England**

In June it was my pleasure to lead a contingent of 22 members from all over Australia to the third International Conference of the Order of Saint Luke held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, UK.

The Order of St. Luke is a service organization dedicated to the Church's Healing Ministry and draws its membership from all denominations. The theme of this year's conference was "Christian Healing: God's Promise to a Fragmented World".

Among the speakers was the Rev. Dr. Rob Frost, Director of Share Jesus International – an organization that reaches out to today's culture in many different and exciting ways. Rob took as his subject "Healing of the New Age" and his approach was one of openness to those who are the practitioners of many alternative healing practices. In order to evangelize and enter into Christ's healing ministry in this area our first call is simply to be present and live the faith, earning the respect of those with whom we wish to engage.

In his address he raised the issue of worship and how many within the life of the church, including himself, are finding that our worship is either dry and uninspiring in its institutional form or missing the needs of the people in the noisy mayhem of many renewal churches. (Rob preaches and ministers in both). What is lacking in both is often the rich heritage and mystery of worship, becoming deeply connected with the Creator and experiencing that in the whole of life and not just for an hour on Sundays.

Rob was followed by the Rev. Dr. Harold Taylor from OSL and the

Community of Hope. His address was "Responding to the Challenge of the New Age and Alternative Healing Therapies". Harold opened up for us the vast array of therapies that are available to seekers in today's world and many of the reasons people are turning to these therapies:

- Attraction of natural treatments – self healing.
- Hope when conventional medical care "fails"
- Person-patient relationship based on respect and trust, not control.
- Time, a listening ear, trust and mutual confidence
- Discussion of possibilities in treatment rather than 'expert opinions'
- Respect for ancient/traditional systems of health care
- Emphasis on whole person health – not an isolated malfunction
- Illness – an opportunity for growth not just a condition to be 'fixed'
- Interest in spiritual and relationship issues
- Encouragement of personal responsibility for health

Harold then went on to outline a Christian response which concentrated on relationship building rather than confrontation – seeking to discover how and why people became interested in the particular therapy, gaining an understanding of how it works, what training or accreditation it requires, seeking to understand the spiritual journey the person has taken and so on.

From this, discussion may then flow which gives us an opportunity to discuss things like the therapies, spiritual biblical focus and its historical, cultural and traditional background, what scientific focus it has and what might its benefits be to the consumer.

In all these areas we have the opportunity to express our understanding of the Christian position without breaking relationship that Christ could use to further his kingdom.

The third speaker that I wish to draw attention to was the Rev. Dr. Russ Parker of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation. This foundation has, at its core, three strands of ministry;

LISTENING to others, to God and to ourselves

HEALING of individuals and communities

RECONCILIATION between individuals and peoples

Russ spoke on the topic "Reconciliation – the Most Radical Healing". He reminded us that our ministries are ministries of reconciliation: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" 2 Corinthians 5:19

As we are the body of Christ then this must be our ministry too. It's not just a case of proclaiming the Gospel but a ministry of truly listening to the people we come in contact with and finding ways of communicating that opens up relationships beyond normal expectations. Looking at Jesus' ministry we discover that he had, in his close group of followers, people who were sworn enemies – Simon the Zealot who had taken an oath to kill anyone who co-operated with Rome and Matthew who was Rome's Tax Collector.

Russ revealed some of the experiences he has had in that ministry especially in Ireland in bringing together opposing factions and helping them to dialogue together. As a result of one reconciliation rally he was asked if he would be happy to preach in the local church if it could be arranged. Thinking this was for the future he agreed, only to discover that the invitation was for now and the Celebrant had not been informed of the invitation. At the service the celebrating priest introduced Russ by saying to the congregation "you are going to have a sermon this morning by him and he's not even a catholic". Russ relates that he could only think of saying

something like "I come as an Englishman to say I'm sorry for the past". The whole church broke out into applause and he was grabbed by the hand with the words 'we have been waiting 600 years for someone to say that."

Our ministry of reconciliation can be lived out in so many different ways and places and when we stop and truly listen to those about us then the real healing that Jesus came to bring begins to take place.

Our world needs the gentle healing touch of Christ and that touch will only come when we once more engage with the past mysteries of worship and apply what we find there to our time and generation – engaging with those we meet who are seeking to have their spirits fed and their brokenness healed by listening to them and then allowing Christ the healer to minister, through us, his touch of grace. This may mean doing things in a different way, risking condemnation by some, and stepping out of our comfort zones but I believe the results will be of real and lasting benefit to our broken, divided world.

This article was copied from "Healing Contact" the Australian OSL newsletter.

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Chapter News

News from Weyburn:

The Healing Prayer Team had a quiet summer. Monthly prayer for healing during Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month continued through the summer although no formal meetings were held. We are in the initial stages of planning for a fall retreat day for the group.

Catherine Harper

News from Humboldt:

The Humboldt Chapter is presenting a Service of Public Healing every third

Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. The first one was held on Sept. 16th. Our speaker was Convener, Maureen Whalley. She spoke about her experience of grace and healing at the Conference in the UK this spring. Our next service will be held on Oct 21st again at 7:00 pm. Interest and attendance was very promising.

Please pray that this new initiative to grow in grace as we continue to explore new ways to reach out to teach and preach and heal in Jesus name.

Joanne Beacon

News from Moose Jaw:

Three members and one prospective member attended the Healing Conference in Winnipeg, October 26 and 27, led by the Rev. Clare Edwards, chairperson of the Region 10 Regional Directorate and The Ven. Larry Mitchell, North American Director. We will again be doing the "The Healing Ministries of Jesus" studies as a group. We have not had public healing services since early spring as we sensed a need for more teaching and time spent listening to what the Lord has in mind for us here. In place of the services, we had sessions where we just spent time trying to listen to the Lord; had two sessions of teachings re Discernment and Deliverance. Our plan at the moment is to resume our public healing services probably in conjunction with the Week of Christian Unity in January. We are continuing our study: "Channels of Healing".

Betty Bradley

News from Saskatoon:

Date to Note: April 15 -18, 2008

The Saskatoon Chapter of the Order of St. Luke is hosting a Kingdom Healing Workshop to train people to further the work of Jesus Healing Ministry through the Church with the Rev. Mike Endicott, the director of Jacob's Well Centre in Pontnewydd, Wales.

The registration for this workshop will be limited to 50 participants and will take place at Queen's House of Retreats in Saskatoon.

This workshop is designed as a live in event and accommodation is available at the

Retreat House. However it is possible for participants to live outside of the Retreat House and commute to the event. Whether or not one lives in or commutes all meals at the retreat house are included in the cost of the event. Live in participants will be charged \$325 and Commuters, \$175. The Registration fee for both will be \$75 before February 1st The fee after February 1st will be \$100.

This event is not a healing mission but is a training event geared towards people either involved in the Christian Healing Mission or people who feel they are being called to the healing ministry.

Following this event there will be a Healing mini mission open to the public and led by The Rev. Mike Endicott.

A Public Healing and Teaching Mission

The Rev. Mike Endicott will be the chief celebrant and teacher at a Public Healing Mission to be held at:

St. Stephens Anglican Church
10 Grosvenor Crescent
Saskatoon, Friday, April 18 and Saturday,
April 19, 2008.

There will be one teaching session on Friday evening, and two more teaching sessions on Saturday morning. The mission will conclude with a Celtic healing service led by Mike Endicott.

Registration for this event is \$25.

Registration forms to follow.

Biography of Mike Endicott

At the start of the 1990's Mike Endicott and some others were made aware that the Christian Gospel is a message of wholeness and healing in Christ Jesus. They were also made aware of the lack of connection being made between the Gospel message of healing and the very many people who were searching for healing in their own lives. Mike opened his house for prayer and saw results.

They found a meeting place in Pontnewydd, Wales. This ministry was approved by Archbishop Rowan Williams and the Order of Jacob's Well was established. The work

is expanding and is one of making connections between a deep sense of disease in the community that is common to both inside the churches and outside and the Gospel of reconciliation, healing and integration in Christ.

Mike was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1997. This was on the basis of recognition of his existing ministry. The order is answerable to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

Books by Mike Endicott

Rediscovering Kingdom Healing – by Mike Endicott \$19.99

Christian Healing: Everyday Questions and Straightforward Answers – by Mike Endicott \$21.99

Find the Way: More stories of Yates, the Guide Dog with a Dog Collar – by Mike Endicott \$19.99

Heaven's Dynamite: God's amazing power to heal the sick – by Mike Endicott \$21.99

Trust Yates: Stories of a guide dog with a dog collar – by Mike Endicott \$16.99

The Passion to Heal – by Mike Endicott \$19.99

The Churchmouse Resource Centre has available, copies of:

[Sent to Heal: A Handbook on Christian Healing](#)

By Harold Taylor

“[Sent to Heal](#) steers a course which is biblical and balanced. Designed as a core textbook for members of the International Order of St. Luke, [Sent to Heal](#) is a course of study for any Christian caregiver who is interested in the healing vocation of the church.” 436 pages \$25.00 each

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Mark your Calendars for 2010

The International Order of St. Luke Conference and the North American Order of St. Luke Conference are going to be held at the same time in Canada. The date will be in the latter part of May. We are looking at Banff, Alberta as the location. The O.S.L. International Conferences were held every five years. At our meeting in Swanwick it was agreed that members of O.S.L. around the world should meet more frequently and therefore the steering committee moved and passed that we meet every three years.

Board Elections and By-Law changes

In October, Anna Marie Sheffield of San Antonio, Texas and Barbara McBride of San Diego, California were elected for three year terms on the Board of Directors.

The membership also passed the 2 by-law changes that were proposed on the ballot. First that lay people with the same qualifications as clergy with the exception of ordination can be elected as Regional Directors. Second that the term of tenure for a Board member be changed from 3 years to four. This will take effect at the next election.

Manitoba establishes a Regional Directorate Model for Leadership

On October 26th in Winnipeg at Region 14's Annual Regional Conference and healing mission, the Venerable Larry Mitchell, North American Director inducted the members of the Manitoba Regional Directorate into office. Region 14, is the first O.S.L. Region in North America to opt for a new way of managing leadership within the Region.

The Rev. Clare Edwards of Flin Flon Manitoba was inducted as the Regional Chairperson and Area Director for Flin Flon and the Northern part of Manitoba. The Rev. Jim Brown of Brandon was inducted as the area director for the Brandon-Minnedosa area and Mrs. Hazel

Birt was inducted as the area director for the Winnipeg and southern area of the Province.

The Manitoba Regional Directorate also includes a treasurer, a Secretary and a publicity person. After the Mission at St. Chad's Anglican Church the Region held its first Regional Annual Meeting.

The advantage of a Region changing to this model for Regional leadership is that it breaks up the work and responsibilities into smaller more manageable segments. Each area director will be responsible for O.S.L. leadership in their area of the Region. They will connect and communicate with the rest of the Region through the regional Directorate of which they will be members and they will report activities and the growth of the chapters in their area to the Regional Chairperson who will in turn be in communication with the North American Director.

In order to distinguish the Regional Directorate model from the traditional model of Regional Director we have produced a new medallion to be worn by the members of the Directorate. The Chairperson's medallion will be dark green and the medallions of the area directors will be a light green.

For more information on the Regional Directorate model of leadership please contact The Ven. Larry Mitchell at (306-343-6649) or lwm.osl@sasktel.net

Thursday Evening Healing Prayer Ministry

On Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 there is a prayer team at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 10 Grosvenor Cres., Saskatoon available to pray for anyone in need. The people who pray have had a training course in this ministry to help them. This ministry is open to anyone in the community who would like to take advantage of the ministry of prayer.

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