The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke



From the Abbot's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Council of the General Chapter had its annual spring meeting at Franklin Park United Methodist Church this past May 21-23. Your Council enjoys its time together, but I want you to know that they also work very hard on your behalf. Setting aside the time to attend it is always a challenge—to a person, members are busy folks, which is one reason they've ended up on the Council. You know the old saying, "If you want something done, find a busy person."

The travel can be tiring, and then those who have Sunday leadership responsibilities return home to a short week. So, to all who came, all who prepared reports and worship services, all who share your best thinking with us, I offer my thanks, both to you and to God.

As he normally does, in due time Brother Brent Sturm will post meeting minutes to the website. Please remember to be patient with Brent and with me. As with all of your officers, we have (busy!) day jobs as well. Plus, it's summer and I've got baseball games to attend; thanks to the intercessions of Brother George Crisp, I did make it to Wrigley Field while I was in Chicago. Wrigley was a religious experience in its own rite.

And speaking of the website, Council unanimously acclaimed our webscribe, Br. Stephen Ball, as the Order of Saint Luke "Man of the Year" for 2006-07. At last year's spring meeting, the Council initiated overhaul of the website, which led to Stephen's appointment and the outstanding work that he has done. We don't even have a "Man of the Year" award in the Order of Saint Luke, but our Brother is our honoree this year, anyway. Thanks, friend.

Annual retreat is coming very soon—October 15-18, with Council staying the extra day and departing on October 19th. This year, we return to El Carmelo in Redlands, California where we met in 1999. For more information on the retreat, see elsewhere in this issue of The Font. I realize that going to California may be a challenge for some of you, but no more than it is for our loyal Californians who travel east most years. I've also found Southern California in mid-October to be its own reward. As to financing attendance at the retreat, both yours and others', I encourage you to think creatively and act boldly. This year's topic-on the Emergent Churchis particularly timely, and Brother Stanley Tanner has assembled a strong leadership team. Karen Ward is a noted leader and practitioner in this field, and Dan Benedict and Taylor Burton-Edwards are well known to you. Sister Anne Ferguson exercises deep care in overseeing our many worship services. So snoop around in your Annual Conference and ask about Continuing Education monies that might be available. Many Conferences and other institutions have such funds and I dare say (!) that using them on our event is particularly good stewardship of them. You may quote me. Tell your congregation how important it is for you to attend, and think about asking them for increased support. We should speak more highly of continuing education and spiritual formation events; normally congregations benefit from your attendance.

I have another cluster of thoughts on retreat costs. The Order keeps a small scholarship fund for retreats, which is administered by our Chancellor General, Brother Brent. Perhaps you need to ask about it. Perhaps some of you should consider contributing to it. Here is perhaps the boldest step of all: There is nothing to stop any of you, individually or as a chapter, from actually paying someone's way to attend the retreat. Think about it, and especially as we seek to form the next generation of leaders in the Order.

Your brother,

Mark W. Stamm, O.S.L.

From the Office of the Prior General Br. Stanley Tanner, O.S.L. <u>stanols@aol.com</u>

(Reprinted from 2007 May June Font)

The 2007 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke will be held **15-18** October, at the El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California. A registration form for the Retreat is in this issue of the Font.



The topic for our presentations will be **"Worship in the Emerging Church"** and will utilize the wisdom of four resource people: Rev.

Daniel Benedict, O.S.L., Rev. Taylor Burton-Edwards, O.S.L., Rev. Dr. Mark Stamm, O.S.L., and the Rev. Karen Ward, Abbess of The Church of the Apostles.

Their presentations will consider the nature and impact of the Emerging Church on The United Methodist Church, within the large Christian community, and the theological import of this movement.

- **Karen Ward** will bring the perspective of a practitioner leading an emerging church congregation.
- **Br. Mark Stamm** will be offering reflections throughout the retreat, as well as giving a formal presentation. We want to know what needs the worship of emerging churches is addressing and how or if this can be echoed in established congregations.
- **Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards** will be considering this from a United Methodist perspective.
- Br. Dan Benedict will share his thoughts from a broader range of concern.

The Retreat will unfold around the times for daily prayer and the Eucharist, a pattern that speaks to the heart and soul of our identity as members of The Order. Our corporate worship is the occasion of healing, praising, renewing, uplifting us, and is as essential to our gatherings as the content on which we focus.

Grace and peace from StLukesintheWood Stanley Tanner, O.S.L

NOTE: It's not too early to begin thinking about the **2008 Retreat**! Hold the dates of **October 13-16** and plan to be there as our own Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards leads us in our annual gathering.

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR THE 2007 OSL RETREAT IN REDLANDS

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Are you coming to Redlands for the Retreat in October? If you will need transportation from Ontario International Airport or the San Bernardino Metrolink/Amtrak Station, please submit the Travel Reservation Form that is included in this issue of the Font with your registration

Here are some helpful travel hints for getting to the Retreat, provided by Br. Bob Davis (cumc@tstonramp.com):

It is preferred that you fly into Ontario International Airport. (ONT) with it's two state-of-the-art terminals provides over 200 daily flights to every major city in the U.S. and has capacity to accommodate 10 million passengers a year. This is the quickest and easiest way to get to get picked up and taken to Redlands. Of course, rental cars are available if that is your desire.

If you fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) you will want to use the non-stop FlyAway bus service between LAX and Los Angeles Union Station. The 20-mile ride takes less than 45 minutes even during peak traffic periods because the bus uses high-occupancy-vehicle lanes. FlyAway buses pick up at every LAX terminal on the Arrival/Lower level under the green signs indicating "FlyAway, Buses and Long-Distance Vans." These pickups between 5:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. are every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour of every day. (Every hour on the hour between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.)

Passengers traveling from LAX to Union Station must pay bus fare upon arrival at the ticket kiosk adjacent to LAX FlyAway stop at Berth 9 on the Transit Plaza at Union Station. Payment for tickets is with cash only. No personal checks, credit or debit cards accepted for purchases. A one-way adult ticket is \$3.00. FlyAway air-conditioned buses carry 55 passengers, are designed with luggage bays, and feature cushioned seats. Luggage is loaded and unloaded by a baggage handler.

After paying for your FlyAway bus ticket you will need to purchase a one-way ticket to board a Metrolink train going to San Bernardino. Machines do take certain credit cards. The proposed fare after July 1 would make a one-way ticket for the 58 mile trip cost approximately \$10.00 during the week (\$5.00 for seniors). On the weekend the regular rate would be \$7.50.

Directions for making the return trip will be available at the Retreat.

If, by chance, you should fly into the Burbank-Bob Hope Airport (BUR), there are numerous Metrolink trains that will take you from the airport to L. A. Union Station. It is only a 25 minute ride on the train. There is a free shuttle from the terminal to trackside. From Union Station take the Metrolink to San Bernardino.

[Union Station was built in 1939 and was considered the last great train station built in the U.S. Just its architecture makes it a stunning piece of Los Angeles history.]

If you should fly into the Orange County-John Wayne Airport (SNA), you will need to make your own arrangements.

From the Provincial General

Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L., Provincial General revgrc@prodigy.net

Received from Br. George:

"I am in the midst of my move to Kona and my desk top is now packed and on the shipping container. I am working with my lap top, but unfortunately do not have the OSL files on it.... That means I'll miss this issue but make the Sept-Oct issue.... Pray for me as we move. Grace & Peace, Br. George"

News from the Chapters Northern Illinois

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I have just returned from the Northern Illinois conference session and am happy to report the ordination of Sr. Catiana McKay, OSL as an Elder & who was received in full connection into our conference. Catiana is the chair of our Commission on Christian union and interreligious affairs. She is coordinationg a major ecumenical conference in Chicago this summer. We also heard that we will have a regional Pan-Methodist worship celebration at the Chicago Temple this summer as well.

We are making plans for a day retreat in mid August for our Chapter.

We were blessed with the presence of 5 Bishops/Presiding elders at our ordination/commission service--Bishop Judy Craig-ret., Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader-ret., Bishop Hee Soo Jung-NIC, Bishop Gaspar Domingos-West Angola Annual Conference, and Rev. Claude Christopher, Presiding Elder, AMEZ It was hard to see who laid hands on what due to the additional presence of the Conference Lay Leader, the rep. from the Board of Ordained Ministry and sponsors! Members of the conference and audience are invited to stand when particular friends are being ordained or commissioned.

(See Br. Tom Beveridge's article for other news about our Illinois brothers and sisters.)

Br. David Eichelberger, Prior



From OSL Publications Sr. Nancy Bryan Crouch O.S.L., <u>Nancy@saint-luke.org</u>

Good Lord, Deliver Us: The Praise of God and the Problem of Evil

Using resources from across denominational lines, Rowan Crews has given us a wonderful glimpse of the liturgical riches available as we wrestle, individually and collectively, with suffering. Particularly suitable for adult small group or Sunday School study, the book is available through fine booksellers everywhere.

From the Officer for Pastoral Care Br. Tom Beveridge, O.S.L. tandaosl@yahoo.com

Sisters and Brothers: And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Those words of Charles Wesley's hymn have, of course, been traditional at the opening of Methodist annual conferences throughout our history. However, they took on new meaning for me this year as I left our annual conference's meeting place one noon to go to our OSL luncheon being held that day. "ORDER OF SAINT LUKE!" I heard - close enough to startle me out of whatever state of self-absorption I may have been in at that moment. A young man, unknown to me before this, had spotted the OSL logo over the pocket of the shirt I was wearing. He knows about OSL, is excited about it, and was wondering where the luncheon was. "C'mon," I replied. "I'm headed over there right now. We can walk together." At the luncheon as we all went the rounds of introducing ourselves, he expressed his delight at seeing <u>faces</u> to go with the names of people he had only heard of before this.

Given how dispersed our community is, such face-to-face encounters are, indeed, a wonderful gift of Grace. There, on those all too rare occasions when we do come together, we can share our stories, as Charles Wesley put it, of the troubles we have seen, the mighty conflicts, the "fightings without and fears within, since we assembled last." In our worship at those times we build each other up as we bear witness to the power by which the Lord has brought us through all these experiences. And in our partings, the lingering memories come to remind us that "still He doth his help afford, and hides our life above."

As I write this, it is mid-June; however, already I look forward to seeing many of you at our retreat at Redlands, CA this October. But whether you will be able to make the retreat or not, please know how much I treasure <u>all</u> our encounters - via the Cyber-Chapter, e-mail or snailmail, or in phone calls. These contacts help me to keep on keeping on .

[taking] up the cross 'till we the crown obtain, . gladly [reckoning] all things loss so we may Jesus gain!

Some news of our community follows. As always, do be in touch with me if you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. <u>Please note that I have a new e-mail</u> <u>address</u>. Contact me at <u>tandosl@yahoo.com</u> Call me at (860) 243-3388. Or write me at PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, the items below, except for an ordination notice and some appointment change notices, have been read and OK'd for publication by each brother or sister concerned.

Peace,

Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care.

News:

Sr. Karen Chrisley died peacefully at home on June 20, 2007 after a courageous ten year battle with cancer. Service arrangements were not complete at the time of this writing, pending arrival of her children from California and England. However, plans included celebration of her ministry in both the Air Force and The United Methodist Church. Prayers for her husband **Br. David Yingling** and her children are most appreciated as they begin life without their beloved wife, mother and friend. Condolences will reach David at 2034 Willow Run Cr., Enon, OH 45323 or at revdavid247@ earthlink. net

Sr. Erika Hirsch has graduated from Yale Divinity School and was commissioned in June, on her way towards ordination as a deacon in the New York Annual Conference. <u>erika.k.hirsch@gmail.com</u>

Sr. Catiana McKay has been ordained as an Elder and received in full connection in the Northern Illinois Conference. She is chair of the Conference Commission on Christian Union and Interreligious Affairs, and will be coordinating a major ecumenical conference in Chicago this summer.

Also, per Br. David Eichelberger in Northern Illinois, **Bros. Noah Panlilo and Jonathan Hutchinson** will be moving to new appointments this year.

Br. Stephen McGucken is beginning a new appointment at St. Mark's UMC in Mobile, AL. He writes that he is interested in thoughts/insights concerning Marcan Spirituality as it relates to Lucan Spirituality <u>oslguck@aol.com</u>

Br. George Crisp, Provincial General of the Order, is beginning a new appointment as pastor of the Kona UMC, in Kailna-Kona, Hawaii. <u>RevGRC@prodigy.net</u>

Br. Gary Smith is ministering in a very special way at this time. He has been asked to serve a small rural church for 60 to 90 days prior to its closing. Please keep him and the people of this church in your prayers. <u>cridler@yahoo.com</u>

Br. Chick Straut was honored by the Methodist Federation for Social Action at the session of the New York Annual Conference in June. He received the Gwen and C. Dale White Award which is given annually to a person who has exhibited exceptional leadership in the realm of social justice. Congratulations, Br. Chick. <u>cstraut@verizon.net</u>

Sr. Lana Sutton was voted into the retired Elder status in the Northern Illinois Conference, in June to care for her husband Paul, who is seriously ill with advanced and untreatable lymphoma. Her retirement will begin October 1, 2007. Paul is a retired distinguished professor of mathematics/computer science at North Central College (UM liberal arts college in Naperville, IL). At the same time, Paul and Sr. Lana are rejoicing in the birth of their first grandchild Shane Sutton. As they reduce their household size and prepare to relocate to suburban Chicago, please keep all the Suttons in your prayers. https://www.lsutton.ext.net

Br. George Dunn was ordained as a deacon in the Rocky Mountain Conference in June. <u>gedunnsr@msn.com</u>

Br. Matthew Charlton and his wife Amy welcomed the birth of their baby boy David Crawford Charlton on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Little David is named for Amy's father David Crawford who died in late November 2006 from leukemia - but not before he was able to view a good ultrasound video of the baby moving. They share this news in praise to God for the beautiful, wonder-full gift of their little son - and also for the skill of the technician who made the making of that video possible. <u>mwcharlton@comcast.net</u>

Br. Don Whitman underwent surgery May 21 for a Rouen Y Bypass, to help him combat a long-standing weight problem. As he continues his recovery he appreciates our prayers for himself and his wife Pam. <u>donpamwhitman@alltel.net</u>

Br. Todd Scranton has been ordained an Elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. He serves as pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Spokane, WA <u>scrantonw@comcast.net</u>

Br. Tom and Sr. Joyce Trainor are grieving the loss of their daughter Elizabeth "Biff" Malayter, who died on June 16, 2007 after a bold and admirable battle with cancer. The Trainors are active members of the New Jersey Chapter. Br. Tom is still recovering (at home) from recent heart surgery. 330 Landing Court, Tuckerton, NJ 08087

Br. Gilmartin Guerrero, Convener of the Philippines Association, is beginning second year studies for his M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary (Philippines); and he has been appointed as the youth pastor at the Mt. Pisgah UMC in Molino, Bacoor, Cavite. <u>gtguerro2001@yahoo.com</u>

Do you have old O.S.L. material in your files (or in a box in the back of your closet)? Are you tempted to do some house cleaning and throw all that old stuff out? DON'T DO IT!!! Historical information about the Order is important and needs to be preserved – but not in the back of your closet. Please consider sending any material you no longer need or wish to keep to the United Methodist Archives in Madison NJ. Mark it clearly as "Order of Saint Luke".

Thank you!

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS HOST COMMITTEE



"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Just as prayer is as essential to the Christian life as breath, so prayer is essential to our shared life together as we prepare for General Conference 2008.

We on the General Conference Hosting Committee Prayer Ministries Team invite you to pray daily for General Conference 2008 and for all the preparations and deliberations leading up to it so that in all that we do we are **"rooted and grounded in love."**

We as a church need the cleansing, healing and guiding breath of prayer as we tend to all of the details in preparation for General Conference 2008, as we elect General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates, as the delegates prepare, deliberate and discern, and for every other large and small thing that goes into General Conference.

Please join us. We pray that our work before and during General Conference 2008 may itself be an act of prayer and that we will be attentive through it all to God's Presence in the Holy Spirit. We pray that through it all, we may follow the lead of the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ, and that we are able to let go as we offer and entrust all things to the Holy One.

O Holy One, Be Thou our Vision, For the church.... For all the United Methodist Conferences.... We pray for Your guidance and Your strength.

Be Thou our Vision for the world... We pray for Your justice and Your peace. Through Your amazing grace... Help us to see what we need to see... Help us to be who You call us to be...

O Holy One, let our breathing lead us into a place of ever deepening faith. Let us be awake to the Divine Indwelling where you promise, "I shall live in them and I shall walk the corridors of their heart." Let this be a time of...

Holy Listening...Holy Conversations... and Holy Conferencing.

Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

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Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

*If not observed on the Last Sunday after Epiphany

• The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B-Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

ORDO prepared by Br. John P. Fahey, Prior New York Conference Chapter



Worship in the Emerging Church

The 2007 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke

El Carmelo Retreat Center; Redlands, CA

Name:		 	
Address:			
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Phone:	E-mail:	 	
Nickname/First Name (for name bac			

OSL Member?	yes	l no

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First time attendee? yes no

Please indicate whether you are registering for the **Retreat only** (4pm on Monday, October 15th, through lunch on Thursday, October 18th) or for the **Council Meeting and Retreat** (1pm on Monday October 15th, through breakfast on Friday, October 19th).

Х			Preferred Roommate	Cost per person
	Retreat	Semi-private		\$ 310.00
	only	room		
	Retreat	Private		\$ 410.00
	only	room		
	Council	Semi-private		\$ 365.00
	and Retreat	room		
	Council	Private		\$ 465.00
	and Retreat	room		

My special mobility and/or dietary needs are described in detail on the back of this form.

My check (payable to The Order of Saint Luke) is enclosed.

Please charge my 🗖 Visa	□ Master Card
Expiration Date:	

Please return this form with your payment no later than September 15, 2007 to:

The Order of Saint Luke 25 Tressel Street White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986-2568

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The 2007 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke El Carmelo Retreat Center TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

Please submit this form with your registration **ONLY** if you will need transportation from Ontario International Airport or the San Bernardino Metrolink/Amtrak Station.

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address:

 \Box (BEST OPTION) YES, I am flying into Ontario International Airport (ONT) on Monday, October 15th and will need transportation from the airport to the El Carmelo Retreat Center. I am requesting a reservation on one of the SuperShuttle TM vans that will depart at 12:30 and 3:30 pm from the airport. Enclosed is my check for \$17 per person to cover the cost of shuttle transportation (this does not include driver gratuity).

Total # of People in Party: _____ Flight Arrival Time: _____

Airline and Flight #: _____

Amount Enclosed (for shuttle reservation only – not retreat registration): _____

YES, I am flying into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or Burbank-Bob Hope Airport

(BUR) on **Monday, October 15** and will take the Metrolink train to the San Bernardino Metrolink/Amtrak Station;

OR

YES, I am taking the Amtrak train to the San Bernardino Metrolink/Amtrak Station on Monday, October 15th.

I am requesting transportation from the San Bernardino Metrolink/Amtrak Station to the El Carmelo Retreat Center. (A member of OSL will meet you at the station and transport you to the retreat center. No payment is necessary to reserve transportation from the train station.)

Total # of People in Party: _____ Flight/Amtrak Arrival Time: _____

Airline and Flight # or Amtrak Train #: _____

I am arriving at the San Bernardino Station via (please circle): BUR LAX Amtrak

Please return this form with payment (for shuttle reservation) no later than September 15 to: The Order of Saint Luke 25 Tressel Street White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986-2568 **The Font** The Order of Saint Luke 25 Tressel Street White Sulphur Springs WV 24986

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Grace and Peace, Sr. Sue Moore

Deadline for submissions for the Sept/Oct issue of *The Font* is August 13, 2007.