

The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

September/October 2007



From the Prior General's Desk

Sisters, Brothers, companions in the Way,

Greetings from Maine on a lovely summer day.

We've had a full two weeks here at Empire Grove. We began with our annual gathering for our ten day camp meeting, packed full of worship, study, fellowship, food, fun, music and a little time for rest. It's a time when there are more bicycles than cars, and more dogs than people (or so it seems) on the grounds. We have people of all ages, from nearly newborns to folks in their nineties. Many of us have been coming for many years, some for all their lives, some coming back after a lengthy hiatus, some new ones to introduce to the Grove and to Camp meeting.

We gather as a family, like a big family reunion, but it's more than our human relationships. There is also a deep sense of being a family of, with, before GOD. These days of camp meeting are a collective retreat, one that refreshes our spirits even as it exhausts our bodies.

During this time, Sr. Carolyn and I have had our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren with us. We live far apart so our times together are especially important and precious for us. They are nearly all the family we've got. We are deeply grateful that they enjoy coming from New Jersey to be here each year, that these generations are also sinking roots into Empire Grove. Not just the place, of course, but the social and spiritual fellowship that makes this community a source of healing, hope, and haven for us.

I have been attending our Order's annual gatherings since 1994. It really seems as though it has been longer, because it is such an important part of my life. Wherever it is, it's home for us, where we meet old friends and welcome new ones into the circle, of, with, before GOD. This is of the same level of importance to us as Camp meeting or time with our family. We experience something on the order of what our welcome into GOD's presence will be like.

I have heard it said, and I checked a dictionary to be sure, that the Latin root of the word 'companion' is literally bread fellow, messmate. Of course it is a bigger concept for us in the Way than simply consuming food. It's the bond of fellowship, the deep concern and understanding that is so necessary for our living in the Way. It won't be long, now, before we gather again, this time in California. What a joy it will be! I hope that I will get to meet you at the table of our Lord.

Grace and Peace from StLukesintheWood

Stanley Tanner, O.S.L.

OSL Privacy Policy Effective October 2007

At its spring 2007 meeting in Franklin Park, IL, members of the OSL Council discussed the need for a privacy policy regarding personal information that is part of the membership records. Beginning in October of this year, when you receive your paperwork for reaffirmation and/or updating of directory information, you will have the opportunity to let the Chancellor-General know which information you want to be shared—in the OSL directory available online in the “members only” section of the OSL website—and which you want hidden from public view. These changes will become effective when Brother Chancellor-General Brent Sturm and Sister Lisa Griffith enter the information from this year’s forms in the directory.

Why do we need a privacy policy?

Some members are concerned about the security of information stored online, even when it is password-protected.

Who has access to the online directory?

OSL members who have received the password from Brother Brent, and who go to the “members only” section of the OSL website at www.saint-luke.org.

Who will have access to information I ask to be “hidden?”

The Chancellor-General will keep this information in the OSL database, and use it in the necessary communication with members that is the responsibility of this office. It will be released only to the other elected general officers (Abbot, Prior-General, Provincial-General) when they request it to carry out the duties of their offices.

Br. Dan Benedict receives the 2007 Roger Deschner Award

(Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship and the Arts)



Presentation Speech for the 2007 Roger Deschner Award

Given by Elvin Nicely at the 2007 FUMMWA Convocation in St. Louis, MO on July 19, 2007

It seems that every pursuit has its experts. For manners we have Judith Martin, for home repair there's Bob Vila, for the best of taste in home décor we turn to Martha Stewart, for all things technical we have Bill Nye the Science Guy and for yum-o foods there's Rachel Ray. In fact for just about every topic you or I could name, we would surely be able to name an expert in that field. And so it is with the person who has been chosen as the recipient of the 2007 Roger Deschner Award - a person who is easily identified as an expert. The award committee, including Donna Gerber, Doug Grove-DeJarnett, Brad Kisner and Sam Marley, was charged with the responsibility of considering nominees from our National Council and from our general membership. Specifically we were to identify a person who had spent a lifetime involved in service to the church in the areas of worship, liturgy and the arts; a person who is nationally recognized and visible throughout the church via publications, workshops and seminars; and finally a person who is approaching retirement age or already retired from active service; in other words, an expert.

We are pleased to announce that we have identified someone who not only meets the stated requirements but actually gives new meaning to them. The recipient of this year's award served the local church for thirty years before coming to work for the General Board of Discipleship in 1993. Since that time he has authored and co-authored full length books, led seminars and workshops, studied and designed outstanding worship experiences and written countless articles to help those of us in the trenches as we

lead our congregations into the presence of God. In addition he played major roles in the creation of "This Holy Mystery" and "By Water and the Spirit," the official United Methodist documents on Holy Communion and baptism. A quick trip to the search engine for the GBOD web site reveals over 1,060 hits when you type in his name.

After growing up in central New York state and receiving BA and Master of Divinity degrees from Syracuse University and the American Baptist Seminary of the West, our recipient served the local church in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. He has led countless retreats and workshops for pastors and church worship leaders across the United States, and for many of us he had been a constant and abiding source of information concerning music and liturgy. This is a man who is married with two grown children and grandchildren; a man who enjoys gardening, walking, cooking, surfing the internet, and spending time with his wife, Mary O, in their Hawaiian retirement home; and a man who so personifies the spirit and essence of the Deschner Award that even his last name is a blessing. Congratulations to our 2007 Deschner Award recipient, Daniel T. Benedict, Jr.

From Community of Saint Luke

Br. David Eichelberger DavidEOSL@yahoo.com

Members of the Community of Saint Luke will be meeting in conjunction with the OSL retreat in California. Our conversations will be held over lunch or during free time in the schedule. We will be planning our next February 2008 COSL retreat in Alabama. All members who will not be attending the California retreat this fall are invited to correspond with the Community via the chat group or by sending mail to Br. David Eichelberger at DavidEOSL@yahoo.com.

From the Office of the Prior General

Br. Stanley Tanner, O.S.L. stanols@aol.com

By now I trust that you are making definite plans to join us for our **Annual Retreat, 15-18 October**, at the **El Carmelo Retreat Center in Redlands, California**. It will be an informative and formational experience. The setting is beautiful and comfortable, the presentations will impart useful information, the fellowship will cheer our spirits, and the worship will nourish our souls. Your awareness of the full meaning of The Order of Saint Luke will be greatly enhanced by participating in Retreat.

If you haven't made plans yet, or are waiting to clear some things away before deciding, please do not delay. I do have one very practical request: please keep ALL the information you receive about times, the location, travel arrangements, etc., etc., in a folder or envelope or a pile on the floor next to your desk until AFTER the retreat. That will ease the load for all in leadership to not have to repeat information.

AND NOW... a word about the **2008 Retreat/Convocation**.

The 2008 Convocation/Retreat of the Order of Saint Luke (October 13-16, 2008) will feature a series of three workshops led by Br Taylor Burton-Edwards, Director of Worship Resources with the General Board of Discipleship (UMC).

The title of the workshop series is "SLICE: Vital Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition... and Your Tradition, too!."

SLICE stands for "Sacramental, Liturgical, Indigenous, Connected, Embodied."

These workshops will help pastors and lay-clergy teams from congregations claim the strengths of their current patterns of worship in each of these five areas and build on those strengths help their worship become more vital and have deeper integrity with both their own congregation and across the larger ecumenical Christian tradition.

You and your congregation will benefit most if you come in teams of three or more-- perhaps the pastor, a musician or artist, and a trusted lay leader. Such teams will have time to think, discuss and pray together and go home with a working plan for next steps that will already have some commitment from other leaders in the church.

Whether you come as a team or solo, lay or clergy, all may benefit from learning and sharing how this kind of strengths-based model may help any congregation find who is ready and what is ready to move your expressions of worship to the next level.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's not too early to put the 2008 Retreat/Convocation on your calendar – and to invite people from your congregation to attend with you! Hold the dates of **October 13-16** and plan to be there for worship, fellowship, and some exciting conversation as Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards shares a SLICE of his work with us

From the Chancellor-General

Br. Brent Sturm, O.S.L., Chancellor-General chancellor@saint-luke.org

My Dear Siblings,

As you know, membership in The Order of Saint Luke requires that one reaffirm the Rule of Life and Service in writing to the Chancellor General at least annually. To that end, Abbot Mark and I send you the appropriate form annually (around August 1st). If you have taken Life Vows, you will receive a form to update your contact information, as annual reaffirmation is not required of life-vowed members. All forms should be returned to my office by October 18th, the feast of our patron.

For the first time this year, you will be able to provide contact information to The Order that will not appear in the Membership Directory available on the web site, if you so indicate on the form. So, if there are e-mail addresses and phone numbers that you are willing for the General Officers to have, but would prefer not to have published, you will be able to so indicate. Also, you will be able to request that no listing for you appear in the directory at all.

If you affirmed the Rule in calendar year 2006, you should now receive *The Font* (either in print or electronic form), *Sacramental Life*, and the annual issue of *Doxology*. Those who did not affirm in 2006, but did affirm in 2005, are not now receiving publications, but will receive a request for re-affirmation. (These are the folks who are listed as being on "Leave of Absence".) Those who have not affirmed since 2004 will not receive any notification from my office. They are the ones whom you need to contact and invite back into our family.

Please remember that the payment of "dues" or other financial support of The Order, while greatly appreciated and necessary for our financial survival, are not the basis of membership. Even if you can't afford to send a financial gift, please return the form - you'll remain fully a member of The Order in good standing. If you're able to send more than the "Basic" level of financial support, you'll be helping your Order and those who are unable to give. I've been on both sides of that equation, so I can tell you that my additional gift now is in thanksgiving for those who gave so much when I was able to give so little. The

Order of Saint Luke is, first and foremost in my mind, a family: we bear one another's burdens - both in prayer and financially.

Watch the web site for the minutes of the May meeting of the Council of the General Chapter. It was a great time in Chicagoland, and each of us who bear responsibility for the governance of your Order felt both the blessing of the Spirit and the weight of our task as we gathered for business, celebration and worship. Those of you who have read them know that the minutes of our meetings are detailed and long - but the Spirit moves through our business just as through our community and work.

In the Baubles and Beads department, there are changes afoot! The vestment patches that we've used for years are nearly out of print. When the current stock is gone, they are gone forever. The patches on white (for albs) and black (for academic robes and tippits) are gone, they're gone! A new patch, with the logo in full color, will be available in the fall. Also, the celtic cross in sterling silver is now permanently out of stock, although it is still available in pewter. With the rising costs of precious metals, the artist who casts these crosses is no longer able to offer us sterling silver at any price. (I don't pretend to understand this, but the mold and process used for sterling is different than that used for pewter. Our mold for pewter is in good shape, but the one used for sterling is beyond repair.) That cross will soon be available in silver plate. As I write this, we await receipt of the first castings using this new process. Give us a call, or watch the web site, for price and availability.

The cloisonné lapel pin that we've offered for some time is now available as a tie tack and as cuff links. Check the web site, or give us a call for pricing and availability. New items that are in the research stage include a new shirt with the "winged ox" from the Book of Kells in full color, and a coffee mug with the Order's logo. Again, watch the web site for announcements about availability. I've had several requests about an OSL ring. That, too, is in the research stage. I expect to have new shirts and coffee mugs within a year, but the rings will take more time.

Finally, know that I also serve a local church in addition to my work as your Chancellor General. At Emmanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, we are in the midst of the construction of the Neil Campbell Parker Center for Community Ministries. That \$1.4 million project will provide a primary care medical clinic for the poor, better facilities for the White Sulphur Springs Community Food Pantry, and a new administrative office suite (YEA!) for the staff, among many other changes. It will also enable us to better serve all of you. During the construction, however, life here is a bit difficult. A staff of seven is sharing a single office, and phone and internet service (along with other utilities) are sporadic at best. Please be patient with us in the coming months. When this is done, life will be great - in the mean time, patience is the rule of the day. If you call (304/536-1291) and get the voice mail, please leave a message. If your e-mail (chancellor@saint-luke.org) doesn't get a response within 2 or 3 business days, please resend it. Sister Lisa and I are doing our best, but that isn't always good enough. As with the eschaton, life is gonna be really great on the other side! Now, if we can just get there!

I pray every day for all of my sisters and brothers. I pray for you by name when your affirmation form, a contact update, or an order, crosses my desk. I know that you pray for me. That's what enables me to face the challenges of ministry each morning! May God bless each and every one of you for your ministry to the world, and for your prayers.

From the Provincial General

Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L., Provincial General revgrc@yahoo.com

One of the challenging aspects of the Provincial General's job is trying to get news from chapters that have become inactive. Chapters may become inactive as the geographic distances that come with pastoral moves make it difficult to meet. Or, in the case of seminaries, with graduations and changing student interests, chapters may wax and wane. We have discovered that for a chapter to remain active takes the dedication and hard work, the passion, of one or more members.

This introduction is intended as a gentle way to announce that several inactive chapters are notably inactive, and have been acknowledged as discontinued (officially, dissolved). These inactive chapters are: **Little Rock, Barnabas (Maine), West Michigan, Iowa, Erie, Troy, and Wisconsin.**

If these chapters are viable, the Council of the General Chapter would be happy to reconsider this action. In fact, according to our By-Laws, should changing circumstances dictate, a chapter may petition for a review of the Council decision for dissolution, may petition to be re-chartered, or petition to be reconstituted as an association. If you are (or have been) a part of these discontinued chapters, and wish to comment or express your concern about this decision, please feel free to communicate with me. Furthermore, if your dissolved chapter has any remaining financial assets, our By-Laws state that they are to be remitted promptly to the General Chapter through our Chancellor General. [See By-Laws, section 5i.]

I am pleased to announce to you the formation of new groups within the Order. The **Puerto Rico Chapter** has been forming under the leadership of Sr. Sheni Martinez-Correa, Prior. They have been very actively developing their chapter and studying the sacramental life. A second group, the **Middle Tennessee Association**, is under new leadership with Br. Gary Smith serving as Convener. Both groups were chartered on May 22, 2007 at the Council meeting in Chicago. In addition, efforts are underway to form a chapter in **North Texas**, and the **Wesley-Allen Chapter** in the Detroit, Michigan area is re-organizing.

With the "appointment season" comes several pastoral changes (including my own). These moves usually mean that contact information is changed. If you are the primary contact person for your chapter or association, when you move or change your internet service provider, please remember to update your contact information with me.

Chapter activity reports are published in *The Font* on a rotation basis, culled from chapter reports that were shared at the most recent Council meeting (spring or fall). Due to my move, the July/August issue of *The Font* did not have a report. With this issue, the reports continue. This process helps your national officers know what effect the Order is having on a regional basis, and your group may be inspired to try a new activity. To provide the latest information (or corrections) about your chapter's events, you are welcome to submit an article to *The Font*.

Chapter News

The **Cyber Chapter** "meets" 24/7/363 (except in Leap Years – 364, because we keep silence from Maundy Thursday night until after the Great Vigil). This spring, topics included the Virginia Tech tragedy and responses, Anglican liturgical practices, Sunday School and other means of spiritual formation, welcoming new participants. Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards continues to serve as Prior.

Br. Lloyd Speer, Prior reports that the **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter** meets six times a year. Each regular meeting has two parts (1) a Service of Word and Table, and (2) Discussion about a topic related to the work and mission of the Order. In June 2007, we sponsored a workshop at annual conference in

which Carolyn Tanner will use material from her new OSL publication, *This Holy Mystery: A Study Guide For Children and Youth*, to present methodologies for teaching *THM* to children and youth. As a follow up to this, we will invite people to read Mark Stamm's new book *Let Every Soul Be Jesus' Guest* over the summer and join us to discuss its contents at our September chapter meeting.

The **Holy Cross Chapter** of the Kansas Area meets annually at the Kansas West Annual Conference "and visit as best we can throughout the year." The last formal exchange in person was last May (2006) at Salina during the Kansas West Conference. Br. Kenton Van continues to serve as Prior; Br. Richard Zimmerman is the Chancellor.

In a report filed last October (2006), the **Memphis Conference Chapter** generally meets quarterly, but have not met recently; June moves caused quite the stir. They are looking at combining with the Memphis-MTS chapter to have a "critical mass" and viable meeting.

The **New York Annual Conference Chapter** meets annually during Annual Conference and at regional meetings throughout the year. The Chapter still provides copies of *By Water and the Spirit* and *This Holy Mystery* to ministerial candidates. Our discussions this year will be on the various forms of the Daily Office and the movement toward weekly communion in the parishes.

Our Abbot, Br. Mark Stamm, reported for the **Perkins School of Theology Chapter**: We have sponsored a weekly worship service (sometimes Morning Prayer; sometimes Word and Table). We did not have a separate Easter Vigil this year, but rather, moved across the parking lot to Highland Park UMC and combined with the Cox Chapel congregation on their Vigil. By the way, a Great Thanksgiving from *Lift Up Your Hearts* is used weekly at Cox Chapel. The chapter sponsored a healing service which was held as part of the midday Perkins Chapel program.

The **Saura-Piedmont Chapter** meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Primary activities include fellowship and discussion while eating lunch. We have had good discussions of topics relating to activities in local congregations, and within the Order as a whole.

A year ago, Br. Brent Strum reported that the **West Virginia Chapter** meets six times a year and hosts an annual retreat with the WV Conference Order of Elders. This year's retreat was on *This Holy Mystery* and featured presentations by W. Brent Sturm, Bishop William Boyd Grove, and Prior Jim Reed. The chapter is currently completing work on a book of worship resources, which we hope to publish this summer.

From the Chaplain General

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(Editor's note: This was received in time for publication in the July-August Font, and your editor goofed and didn't include it – and only this week realized her error. Serious, big-time apologies to Sr. Anne. Please do your best to get the information that she is requesting to her before the Retreat. Sr. Sue)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Greetings in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity.

The four months between now and Retreat seems like a dreadfully long time to wait until I can share fellowship with my brothers and sisters, but it is also a fearfully short time in which to plan and prepare

for our common life of prayer and worship. I am writing to ask for your assistance in preparing for our gathering.

First: I need the names of any of our brothers and sisters who have died since last October, so that they can be remembered at our Vigil service.

Second: I would like to hear from our musicians. Many of you play musical instruments and/or have lovely singing voices. If you will be attending Retreat, and are willing to volunteer to provide instrumental music or serve as Cantor, please let me know.

Third: I have begun “The Order of St. Luke Liturgical Hardware Acquisition Program” and covet your help. Some of the locations where we hold Retreat are happy to allow us to use their liturgical vessels and linens. Others desire that we provide our own. The Order already owns paten, chalices, linens, an icon of St. Luke, and a banner with which to festoon our worship space, but there are other items that we still need in order to worship in the foofy style to which we have become accustomed. If you have any of these items, and would be willing to donate them to the Order, please contact me.

- Bookstand
- Aspergillum set (or, as I like to call it, the Holy water bucket and flingy-doo)
- NRSV Pulpit Bible
- A little-bitty short Candlelighter doohickey
- A pair of substantial candlesticks
- Pyxes (oil stocks for the anointing service)
- Processional cross & stand (one that’s collapsible into a length appropriate for placing it in a shipping box)
- Icon stand
- Thurible (or, as I like to call it, the Incense swingy thingy,) incense boat and stand
- Cruets & tray
- Basin and ewer (for hand washing)
- Processional candlesticks & stands
- Flagons (fancy church-speak for pitchers for wine & grape juice)

Fourth: There is a category of item that stands between the things that we have and the things that we want. That category is the things that we used to have, but seem to have misplaced. A set of altar and pulpit hangings (antependia, she clarified, flashing her liturgy-nerd union card) used to exist. These seem to have gone missing. If you were ever in possession of the Order’s collection of liturgical hardware, would you check your guestroom closet/basement shelves/linen closet/children’s dress-up box and see if the altar hangings are there?

To recap: the names of our honored dead, volunteer musicians, liturgical hardware, and a search of your house. I look forward to hearing from you.

From the Officer for Pastoral Care

Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL tandaosl@yahoo.com

Sisters and Brothers:

Amy and I returned last evening from a pleasant weekend with my sister Lois and her husband Phil. We woke Saturday morning when we were good and ready; enjoyed a delicious, leisurely breakfast in their backyard while watching Hummingbirds sipping their breakfast, Goldfinches scouring their flowerbeds for seeds and the honeybees from Phil’s hive heading off to work like early morning traffic out of a busy airport. Next, a drive down to Bristol, Rhode Island where we visited an elegant old mansion

and gardens, where another Hummingbird came hovering six inches from my waist, checking whether the colorful little fabric dangle on the zipper of my fanny pack was a nectar-bearing flower. (I wanted to take its picture but didn't dare move. So you'll just have to trust that I'm not making this up!) Finally, we enjoyed a fabulous dinner on the terrace of a restaurant that fronts on Narragansett Bay. The tide came in, bringing the sound of waves lapping just 10 feet or so below us. The benediction was a brilliant sunset over the water.

After Sunday worship, we enjoyed a lovely lunch, again in Lois' and Phil's backyard - Hummingbird, Goldfinches and honeybees still in attendance. And Lois, my little sister whose thoughtfulness and depth never cease to amaze me, wanted to know what we each mean by the "Good News" of the Gospel. The Resurrection Story, to be sure. God's Mystery shining even through the darkness. Lois pressed the question further: "But this 'Good News' . what is that?"

My own response came down to something like this: The Good News takes many forms, often in response to whatever bad news people are faced with. If I've had a tough year, the graciousness of my family brings a lovely summer weekend with its power to heal. If I'm feeling discouraged, someone, without judging me, hears me out. If I'm poor, someone acts to meet the needs connected with that. If I am the victim of injustice, someone advocates for me or engages the political structures to help push systemic change in the direction of justice. If I'm sick, even dying, in the Name of Jesus someone stays close and holds my hand all the way. There could be many examples, but the Good News is that God knows, God cares, God wills to respond through us (whether we know it or not).

I can tell you that I am continually amazed by the stories I hear of the ways you all incarnate the Good News of Jesus Christ as you support one another, reach out to others, bind up the broken-hearted and allow the Light of God to shine through the darknesses people encounter around you. Through such news of our Order, I am richly blessed.

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. Please note that there was a typo in my e-mail address in the last issue of The Font. Correct access is: tandaosl@yahoo.com 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. Cindy Loomis-Torvi asks your prayers for her husband John as he faces into some serious health issues. annaughswell@yahoo.com

Br. Michael Topham, in a mid-year appointment, moved September 1 to Smackover, AR. He left his current appointment after only a little over a year and follows a pastor who discovered he has a major heart problem. He asks for your prayers, for the church he left so suddenly, his new congregation who are grieving, for his predecessor as he faces into a major health crisis, and for himself and his family in this transition. mwtopham@sbcglobal.net

Br. Daniel Benedict has been honored by his peers in the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship and the Arts. On July 19th he was awarded the 2007 Roger Deschner Award. He is grateful for this recognition and affirmation. Congratulations, Br. Dan!

Sr. Nancy Crouch will be worship/prayer coordinator starting in October at The Academy for Spiritual Formation, for a two-year program through The Upper Room. Open to both clergy and laity, this session of the Academy will be held just outside Baltimore. (Other sessions are running in Wisconsin, Texas and Alabama.) Scholarships are available. Check the Academy out at www.upperroom.org/academy nancy@saint-luke.org

Br. Brent Sturm reports that the \$1.4 million building project at his church is now underway. This will house a Center for Community Ministries (gym, food pantry warehouse and service area, commercial kitchen, primary care medical clinic, fenced playground, youth and child mentoring and high school dropout prevention program, Montessori pre-school, administrative offices, and more. The Center will be named in memory of Neil Campbell Parker, Br. Brent's dear friend and Lay Leader of his church, who died after an auto accident four years ago. He was chair of the Strategic Planning Committee that envisioned this project. There is a new video entitled "Baptism in The United Methodist Church," which contains the story of Neil's ministry told through the baptism of his niece and nephew. From United Methodist Communications and EcuFilm, this video was produced by Br. Steve Martin in close collaboration with Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards. It may be useful to you together with the study By Water and the Spirit. Br. Brent gives thanks for your prayers for him at the time of his friend's death, and now as the new building comes to life. wbsosl@verizon.net

Br. Jason Constantine has been recommended for endorsement as a chaplain in the Navy Reserve. The endorsement board will meet on August 22 to review the recommendations and make the final endorsement. This is a huge step for Br. Jason and he appreciates our prayers. jason.m.constantine@gmail.com

Hearty congratulations to Br. Joe Phillips who has passed the General Class Amateur Radio Operators' License Exam. This will assist him greatly in his volunteer activities. If you would like to more, he can fill you in on a half-dozen or more emergency and disaster relief groups that welcome volunteers from anywhere in the USA. Contact Br. Joe at his e-mail: jphill32@columbus.rr.com Or if you are a fellow HAM radio operator, his call sign is: KD8GND

Br. Mark Mashburn, a clergy member of the Western North Carolina Conference and formerly a member of the Order died in Winston-Salem, NC on July 26, 2007. (per Br. Bill Doser, prior, Saura-Piedmont Chapter.) Br. Mark served as General Formation Officer for the Order from 1992-1996. Since 2000, this nationally-elected officer has been known as the Provincial General. (Per Br. Abbot Mark Stamm.) Please pray for Br. Mark's wife Nell Mashburn and their two sons Zachary and Seth.

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!

Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

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OCTOBER

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		Eve of Luke R
T	18	Luke R
F	19	G
S	20	G
S	21	21st Sunday after Pentecost G
M	22	G
T	23	James of Jerusalem R
W	24	Sarah Crosby G
T	25	G
F	26	G
S	27	G
S	28	22nd Sunday after Pentecost G
M	29	Simon & Jude R (transferred)
T	30	G
W	31	G
		Eve of All Saints W (traditional)

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.

- 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: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nickname/First Name (for name badge) _____

OSL Member? ☐ yes ☐ no

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).

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

☐ 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

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Expiration Date: □□/□□

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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: _____

☐ (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 15th** 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

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