



The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

July/Aug 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is some thirty years since I took vows and entered the life of the Order of Saint Luke. When I get emails or have conversations with new members of the Order I am reminded of the romantic notions that often accompany the first flush of entering an “order,” taking on the “habit” and the “religious life.” I confess that I still have notions of participating in a kind of secular monasticism. Call it romantic; it may be.



When the Spirit prompts us to belong to the Order, it is then, at least, that we need a novice master. By the way, I have appointed Br. Matthias Tanner, to service as Companion to Inquiring and New Members, a task focused on hospitality more than closely guiding formation. While we don’t have novices as such, we do each have a time when our notions of becoming “religious”—a card carrying, habit wearing, lapel pinned member of the Order of Saint Luke—is “green,” sophomoric, quirky, and, perhaps, tending toward self-absorption. We want those who don’t understand us to know that we have OSL after our name. Such is the way of all anticipated but as yet unexplored territories.

So what is the vision? What does a maturing formation in the Lukan life look like? What kinds of dynamics shape us for this life? Classically, the aim is “purity of heart,” holiness of heart and life, singleness of heart: a gospel attentiveness to the love of God, land (creation), and neighbor, especially the most at risk and vulnerable. It is the gradual inward and outward perfection of our affections and practices in love measured by Christ Jesus as the St. Paul hymns his life in Philippians 2: 5-11: “he laid no claim to equality with God, ...sharing the human lot, he humbled himself, and was obedient to the point of death on a cross! Therefore God raised him....” (*The Revised New English Bible/TRNEB*).

This life under vows to the Rule of Life and Service is incredibly tricky to navigate, especially since our identity as an Order is only 60 years young and it is still evolving. Yet, at heart, it is simple. It is a mix of humility before God, taking upon ourselves the “habit” of Christ—sharing the human lot in love’s letting go of all grasping at rank, status, power, and superiority to any other—including the land.

This life as a religious questing for perfection in love is more received than achieved. This habit of heart (from the Latin *habitus*)—this bearing—is the mark and expression of our life as Lukans. The red scapular and cincture over the alb of our baptism are regalia and trappings of our community when we gather. The habit of the day-to-day is humanity at full stretch, “sharing the human lot,” eating good and simple food, caring for the land and others on the journey, and taking up our cross “day after day” (Luke 9:23 TRNEB). We receive this habit living in relationship to the land and its inhabitants as practices of gratitude, work, care, and prayer, in contrast to the acquisitive, consumerist life of ingratitude and its wake of devastation. (I am

indebted here and grateful to Michael Wood, S.J., for a delicious article in the May 2010 issue of *Worship* in which he lays out a vision for a sacramental-agrarian approach to life.)

Jesus' self emptying was not a scheme or a bitter pill he had to swallow. Somewhere in his *habitus* was this indigenous work of gratitude for the life of the world born of the divine life. In the Eastern Christian tradition, it was the *perichoresis*—his dance within the circle of the Holy Trinity—and the ongoing love of the creation in all its diversity and beauty and suffering. And for us with and in Christ it is a grateful sacramental dance that we enter through water and the Spirit and in which we are sustained in eating bread and drinking the fruit of the vine, in living the seasons of planting and harvest, birthing and dying. It is religious—a binding mix of belief and practices lived in context: a life of “gratitude and work, care and prayer.”

Wear your habit well.



Br. Abbot Daniel+

From the Chancellor's Desk...

Brother Scott Alford, O.S.L., oslchancellor@gmail.com

It is a joy and privilege to be chosen to serve the Order as the Chancellor-General. I must also admit it's quite humbling. The Order has been an important part of my life since 1996, and I look forward to the challenges and blessings that are part of this office. I wish to thank Br. Brent for his faithful years of service and his willingness to walk with me as I learn and begin to live into my new role.



I enter this role with the challenge of establishing new bank accounts, transferring records and history, launching new ideas for restructuring, and working with our Webscribe. I am convinced, however, that I do not enter this work alone. Certainly, there is the grace that each of you brings through your prayers and the patience you share as I figure things out.

Br. Rog, our Webscribe, has been hard at work initializing individual usernames and passwords for the member's only section of our website. Many of you should have received an email about that. We are also approaching the time of year when we consider the reaffirmation of our vows. On the website, each of you will discover a printable form that you will mail to me.

I greatly look forward to seeing you at our Retreat in October, and until then, may the richness of God enfold upon you.

(Br. Scott can be reached at 204 N. Second Street, Memphis, TN 38105 . His office phone number is 901.527.8362.)

Other News from the May meeting of the Council of the General Chapter

Br. Scott Alford invested as Chancellor General; Br. Brent Sturm appointed Canon

After ten years of faithful service, Br. Brent Sturm tendered his resignation as Chancellor General, effective with our May Council meeting. Br. Scott Alford responded to the call to service, and was elected to this office by the Council at our meeting in Pittsburgh. In the absence of Abbot Daniel, Br. Scott was invested by Sr. Sue Moore, Prior General.

Br. Brent Sturm was appointed by Abbot Daniel to be a Canon of the Order in appreciation for his faithful service and for the experience and knowledge of the life of the Order.

Br. Matthias Tanner named as Companion for Inquirers and New Members

from Br. Matthias, O.S.L. (Phone: 207-998-5654; Email: Br.Matthias@gmail.com)

A message from Br. Matthias

Our Abbot, Br. Daniel, has appointed me as the Companion for Inquirers and new Members at the recent meeting of the Council of the Order. This is a new position, and I am honored to be the inaugural person to hold it. The Council expects that this will be one part of reducing the work load for our new Chancellor-General.

My concept of this work will be to receive and respond to inquiries from person curious about The Order, and to welcome and form new members into the Order. To do the latter portion of this task, I will need your help. In addition to my contacts with new members, I will be referring their contact information to the Provincial Companions, to the Priors of nearby Chapters, if any, and to nearby members. The hope is that these will also make contact with our newest members. By doing so, we will be able to put voices and even faces on the Order for them, so that it becomes more personal and inviting. The intention is to continue this effort for the first three years or so of membership, helping people find their place among us. Please help this take actual, rather than theoretical, shape. When I pass such information on to you, please take the time to make contact and extend hospitality to new members in as concrete a form as practically possible.

I believe this task is not a recruitment effort so much as a welcoming and retention effort. We are growing as an Order, in numbers, in ecumenical breadth, and geographical range. We can also deepen our commitment and embrace the blessing we are to GOD'S people. I ask for your prayer support and your cooperation as this effort begins.

Change in Procedure for “Members Only” Password

The procedure for obtaining a “Members Only” password has changed. Requests should now be directed to Br. Roger Baker, our web scribe. Br. Roger can be reached at Roger.Baker@rogerbaker.net.

If you need a password, send Br. Roger an email with your name and street address as it appeared on our rolls as of last June or December so that he can verify your membership. Within a few days, you should receive an email with your instructions, user name, and registered email address.

Once you receive this information:

1. Get your username & email address from the email that was sent to you.
2. Use your browser to go to the new website at <http://www.saint-luke.net>.

3. On the left-hand side where the the login information is, there's the phrase "Forgot login?" in red. Please click on those words.
4. A new screen entitled "Lost your Username or your Password?" appears. Click the box that says "Lost password".
5. Two boxes appear as if by magic. Fill in the boxes like this (you'll need to do this exactly, spelling & capitalization counts!)
 - a. For username type your username exactly as it appears on your email.
 - b. For the email address type the email address we have on file.
6. Now click the "Send username/password" button. In a few minutes you'll receive an email with your password.

From the Provincial General

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

At the spring Council meeting in May, there was a request that our Provincial Companions be reminded of their responsibilities. Let me use part of my article to reintroduce you to the role of the Provincial Companion.



Ten years ago, we revised our approach to understanding the regional areas served by the Order. Instead of following the United Methodist pattern of having "jurisdictions," it was decided to organize by geographic regions. We decided to call these newly defined areas "provinces," and we recruited a number of Provincial Companions for the identified provinces. The Abbot, in consultation with the Provincial General, appoints Provincial Companions, and many of those serving have volunteered for this important work.

What is a Provincial Companion supposed to do? There are six basic responsibilities for this job, the last two being added in more recent years:

- To be a source of information about the Order of Saint Luke in your province;
- To encourage OSL members in your province to meet together in local chapters or associations;
- To be in contact with those OSL members who have no chapter or association in their area;
- To regularly share information with me about inquiries and OSL activities in your province (around the same time I make semi-annual inquiries of the local chapters and associations);
- To help make contact with "leave of absences" members whose membership with the Order has lapsed; and
- To assist the Companion to Inquirers and New Members – a new position as of October 2009 – in extending a welcome to those new to the Order, helping them relate to a local chapter or association, and to be in contact with those who feel isolated from the Order (usually due to their geographical location).

As noted in my spring Provincial General's report, here is the list of current Provincial Companions:

Br. Tom Beveridge – New England
 Sr. Jeanette Block – New Jersey
 Br. Guy Camp – Pennsylvania, Drew
 Br. J. David Roberts – Maryland, Delaware, Washington D. C.
 Br. Steve Sullivan – Ohio
 Br. Bob Jarboe – Indiana, Michigan
 Br. Ted Mitchell – Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin
 Br. Jack Hofmockel – Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri
 Br. Mark Parsons – Virginia, West Virginia
 Br. Jonathan Jeffords – Kentucky, western Tennessee
 Br. Gary Smith – eastern Tennessee
 Sr. Mabel Doser – South Carolina, Georgia

Br. Steve McGucken – Alabama, Mississippi
 Br. Bill Olewiler – Florida
 Br. John Taylor – Louisiana, northern Texas
 Br. John Caro Russell – New Mexico, western Texas
 Sr. Julie Nygaard – North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska
 Sr. Kathy Haley – Colorado, Wyoming, Montana
 Sr. Mary Beth Benedict – Arizona, Utah, southern Nevada
 Br. Perry Polk – northern California, northern Nevada
 Br. Gilbert Stones – Hawaii, southern California
Br. Doug Morrison-Cleary – Pacific Rim, Philippines, Singapore

Provincial Companions are needed in the following areas: (1) Pacific Northwest, (2) Oklahoma, southern Texas, (3) North Carolina, (4) the Caribbean, (5) Mexico, (6) Europe and (7) Africa.

Now, here is the news from the local chapters and associations for this issue of the font, based on reports shared at the spring Council meeting:

- After a recent visit to Brazil this May, on behalf of Perkins Seminary, Br. Mark Stamm has indicated that there is interest in forming a chapter in Sao Paulo. We are communicating with Luiz Ramos and providing him with guidelines and suggestions for the formation of a chapter. Please pray for their efforts.
- The **California-Pacific Chapter** begins the calendar year with a January retreat followed by regular meetings in March, May, August/September and November. Our two-day retreat in January had new faces and effective planning for the year. The breakfast meeting at Annual Conference (June 18) provided an opportunity for re-connecting and for reaching out to those who might be interested in OSL. There is also a “Claremont Sub-Chapter” is in the process of reviewing and making suggestions about an “Extending the Table” liturgy.
- The **Memphis Conference Chapter** had a goal of meeting three times per year. We attempted to meet in March, but only one person, the worship leader, attended. We plan on meeting at Annual Conference to see if a conference chapter is still viable. The survival of our chapter is in serious jeopardy at this point [*in May 2010*].
- Following the retirement of Prior David Eichelberger, the **Northern Illinois Chapter** has been developing new leadership. Br. Daniel Diss is the new Prior. The chapter is usually inactive through the summer, but holds a winter retreat in conjunction with the John Wesley Theological Institute.
- The **St. Francis Chapter** gathers quarterly to continue our study of *Food for Pilgrims* presently being lead by Br. Kevin Orr. We spend time in study and discussion of the material and how it applies to our patterns of daily living. We celebrate Eucharist and share in a meal together. Our chapter has the potential of 2-3 new members. Our meetings rotate around our various churches. We will gather daily for Eucharist at our Annual West Ohio Conference session in June.
- The **Southeast Ohio Chapter** meets on the third Saturday of each month. We alternate meetings between St. James Episcopal Church, Zanesville, and St. Saviour By The River Anglican Church, Eagleport, meeting at each church six times per year. James Church meetings, we have a Eucharist presided over by the Rector of St. James Church, followed by luncheon together at a restaurant. On St. Saviour Church meetings, we have Sung Morning Prayer (generally concluding with a Wesleyan Love Feast), followed by a potluck luncheon. So, we have the

Eucharist together six times a year, and pray/sing the daily office together six times a year. The balance seems to work well for us.

We hosted the community Holy Week Tenebrae Service for our county during Holy Week. Laity from the local Anglican, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist parishes, as well as OSL members read the 16 Tenebrae Lessons. A choir composed of singers from Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist parishes sang appropriate music. On All Saints' Day, 11/1/09, our chapter hosted an All Saints Day Evensong, with lectors and choir as above. Our chapter has played an amazing role in this ecumenical spirit in our community. This has never happened before that laity of these denominations has joined together to worship ever before in our county. These are largely the work of laity, and our Sub-Prior who is a Permanent Deacon, not priests/presbyters.

Perpetual Reminder . . .

If the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, or if you are the contact person and you move to a new assignment or change your internet service provider (AOL, MSN, Yahoo, etc.), please be sure to provide the Provincial General with updated contact information.



From the Pastoral Care Officer

Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL tandaosl@yahoo.com

Sisters and Brothers:

A clergy colleague recently introduced some of us to a way of thinking about the liturgical calendar that he calls “the ‘What,’ and the ‘So What?’” The “What” refers to the period from Advent through Eastertide and focuses on the Jesus Story. We remember what happened; what Jesus said and did. We trace the story behind the Mystery of Faith that we proclaim when we gather at the Table: “Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.”

Then, having remembered the “What,” from the launch pad of Pentecost we turn our focus to the “So What?” What difference does the Jesus Story make in our lives? What is being Church all about? What difference does it make in the world that we, the Body of Christ, are here?

I’ve been meditating on the all this as I pray for our community each day. In the 60-plus years of our existence, we have given a good deal of attention to the What of The Order of Saint Luke. It’s been a long conversation, with understandings that have evolved along the way, but what it has come down to is our understanding that we are a religious order of men and women living in “dispersed community,” historically Methodist but increasingly ecumenical, and dedicated to sacramental and liturgical scholarship, education and practice.

The conversation still continues, of course. Recently, however, it seems to me that the focus has shifted to the So What? Therefore, new questions such as: Should the Collect for the Order of Saint Luke be altered or amended to reflect a calling to bring God’s healing Grace not just to the Church but to the world as well? If so, how shall we live that out? What will that look like? What difference does it make to either Church or world that we are here?

To say that our churches are changing would be a vast understatement. How could they not at a time of such enormous change in the world? But, of course, because our community is more often dispersed

than gathered all that change has a huge impact on us as individual members. Those churches, and that world, are where we live and move and have our being before God. So, more questions: As we pray, not only for the Order as a whole but for each other individually, what are the challenges each of us faces? What are we doing to try to be faithful in meeting those challenges? How well do we know the prayer needs of our members? There are the usual health concerns and transitions of our lives. But what about the prayer needs having to do with our ministries out there in the dispersion?

Someone challenged me recently to be more intentional about challenging all of you to be sure to share news of the So What? of your ministries. I think I've done that before, but it's an invitation that bears repeating. We hear a good deal these days about "Emerging Church." But what about an "Emerging Order?" After all, where each of you goes, there goes The Order of Saint Luke. Where a bright line gets drawn from the Table to the Street, it's all of you who share with the members of your churches in doing that. Where you share in bringing God's healing Grace to the world around you, there sacramental living happens.

Some news of our community follows. Do be in touch with me when you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral conversation with me. This is particularly important if you do not participate in the Cyber Chapter, as that is an important, but incomplete, source for news. Write me at tandaosl@yahoo.com or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, I make every possible effort to check each item ahead of time with the brother or sister concerned.

Peace,

Br. Tom Beveridge, Pastoral Care Officer

"All are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict

News:

Prayers, please, for our **Br. John Earl Taylor** in the death of his beloved wife *Virginia Taylor* on May 5, 2010. Those present at our retreat last October will remember Virginia. She joined Br. John in Pittsburgh, and then they embarked on a grand tour of some sites in the eastern US. Not long after that, in January, she was found to be ill with a particularly aggressive form of brain cancer. Br. John writes that the ensuing four months "now represent a blank in my life; all was focused on Virginia." She was conscious and aware nearly to the end; able to make her own decisions about stopping all therapies except those to help make her more comfortable. Their son and daughter were rocks of support for her – and now for Br. John. He says, "I have begun to reorder my life as a single. It comes slowly." He appreciates our prayers. jetvct@att.net

Br. Julio Vargas-Vidal was ordained an Elder on June 12th at the 3rd Regular Session of the Conexional Conferrence of The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. This is the culmination of a 14-year journey. He greets us writing: "*Con mis mejores deseos de Paz Profunda, Sincera y fraternalmente. INRI (In Nobis Regnat Iesus.*" *Calurosas Felicitaciones, Br. Julio!* nakan@prw.net

Br. Tom Johnson-Medland has announced the publication of his new book, "Bridges, Paths, and Waters; Dirt, Sky, and Mountains: A Portable Guided Retreat on Creation, Awe, Wonder, and Radical Amazement". It is a series of meditations with a journaling format attached to each meditation. Access it directly from the publisher at:

http://wipfandstock.com/store/Bridges_Paths_and_Waters_Dirt_Sky_and_Mountains_A_Portable_Guided_Retreat_on_Creation_Awe_Wonder_and_Radical_Amazement tom@poconoplateau.org

Br. Matthew Mode is in Candidacy for Ordination with the Western NC Conference. He has asked for our prayer support for discernment. matthewmode@ymail.com

Sr. Cheryl Jackson, a new member of the Order, answers the Call to Service with an intentional life of intercessory prayer. She has also expressed interest in hearing news of our members' ministries of service in their local communities. And she would like to make connections with OSL members living in the Greater Boston Area. Contact her at: 40 Hazlewood Court, Roxbury, MA 02119; Phone: (617) 445-0211. (Sr. Cheryl does not currently have internet access.)

Congratulations to **Br. Bill** and **Sr. Mabel Doser** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 14, 2010. They celebrated with family and friends on several occasions and write that they "feel very blessed to have reached this milestone." WrDoser@aol.com

Congratulations to **Br. Timothy Bonney** on receiving his first appointment in the UMC, as Associate Pastor of the First UMC in Cedar Falls, IA, beginning July 1st. He will be working through the process of seeking to become an Elder in Full Connection in the Iowa Conference. Br. Timothy previously served as an American Baptist pastor for about 17 years. tbonney@mac.com

Br. Jim Denton and his wife **Sr. Sheri LoCascio** have asked our prayers for their family. Br. Jim's niece *Wendy Roche* was killed in an auto accident on May 21, 2010. She was the mother of two girls, *Cortney*, age 20, and *Tori*, age 14. jimodist@comcast.net

Br. Bruce Cory has accepted the position of Instructor in Spanish and Humanities at Union College, in Barbourville, KY, starting this August. After the first year, pending completion of his M.A. in Spanish at Cleveland State University, he will become eligible for promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor. Congratulations, Br. Bruce! bwcory@gmail.com

In the Communion of Saints

Sr. Heather Josslyn-Cranson, OSL,

A necrology is a list of people who have died. Traditionally, Christian religious communities have kept necrologies of their members in order to remember each brother or sister on the date of his or her death. Such a commemoration displays the community's belief that Christ is victorious over death. If, indeed, Christ defeated death on the cross, then death cannot truly separate all who are members of Christ's body. We are all, no matter what, one in Christ Jesus.

Several years ago, while on retreat at an Episcopal monastery, I listened to that community lift up its deceased brothers during evening prayer. I was struck by the compassion of such remembering, and by its witness to eternal life. This example of communal memory moved me to try to assemble a necrology for the Order of Saint Luke. Our list is far from complete, but it is a way for us to remember those who are not with us in the flesh yet are still members of the Order. I invite all OSL sisters and brothers to use this list as seems best to you. I also request that you send me information about other members of the Order who should be on this list, if you have such information.

July 5 Br. Thomas Davis (2005) Texas
July 24 Br. Jerry Allen Smith (2003) Kentucky
July 26 Br. Mark Mashburn (2007)
July 27 Br. Tom Hill (2003) West Virginia
August 12 Br. John Hope (2009)
August 19 Br. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr. (2006) Bishop in Texas

Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

July

T	1	G
F	2	Anna Howard Shaw G
S	3	G
S	4	6th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	5	Richard Whatcoat G
T	6	John Hus G
W	7	G
T	8	G
F	9	G
S	10	G
S	11	7th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	12	G
T	13	G
W	14	G
T	15	G
F	16	G
S	17	G
S	18	8th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	19	Macrina the Younger G
T	20	Belle Harris Bennett G
W	21	G
T	22	Mary Magdalene W
F	23	G
S	24	Thomas a Kempis G
S	25	9th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	26	James the Elder R (Transferred)
T	27	G
W	28	Johann Sebastian Bach George Frederick Handle G
T	29	Mary & Martha of Bethany G
F	30	Susanna Wesley G
S	31	G

August

S	1	10th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	2	G
T	3	G
W	4	G
T	5	G
F	6	G (<i>The Transfiguration W</i>)*
S	7	John Mason Neale G
S	8	11th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	9	G
T	10	Laurence G
W	11	Claire of Assisi G
T	12	G
F	13	Florence Nightingale G
S	14	John William Fletcher, Maximilian Kolbe G
S	15	12th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	16	Mary W (Transferred)
T	17	G
W	18	Francis John McConnell G
T	19	G
F	20	Bernard of Clairvaux William Booth & Catherine M. Booth G
S	21	Georgia Harkness G
S	22	13th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	23	G
T	24	Bartholomew R
W	25	G
T	26	G
F	27	G
S	28	Abba Moses of Scete, Augustine of Hippo G
S	29	14th Sunday after Pentecost G
M	30	G
T	31	John Bunyan G

*If not observed on the Last Sunday after Epiphany

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

<p>October 25-28, 2010</p>	<p>2010 Order of Saint Luke Retreat Reconciliation and Healing Saint Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA</p>
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A Traveler's Guide

This year's retreat begins on Monday, October 25, with orientation at 4:30 pm and concludes with lunch on Thursday. The Council of the General Chapter will meet on Monday at 1:15 pm, and then reconvene on Thursday following lunch.

Transportation to and from the airport will be provided for those who are flying in. Br. Ron Freyer-Nicholas has provided the following information for those who want to get downtown from the airport:

Something that should be a real help that folks should know about is that Pittsburgh Port Authority Transit runs bus service every 30 minutes from the Airport to downtown (and the reverse). It's the Route 28X Airport Express bus which leaves the airport from Lower Level Door #6. The trip is about 35 minutes for \$2.75 (correct change required) to the Gateway Center Hilton (Liberty & Commonwealth). www.portauthority.org

(Also, the 28X Airport Express is NOT the same as the 28X Moon Express, which is another story.)

Gathering in Community...

The recommended practice of members of the Order of Saint Luke is to greet each other as "Brother" or "Sister." This form of address is rooted both in the historic religious orders (e.g. monks and nuns), and in evangelical Christianity. Honorifics such as "the reverend," "doctor" or "pastor" don't foster the sense of community we seek as an Order. We will all wear name tags all week, to facilitate our greeting each other by name, as sisters and brothers are wont to do!

What to Pack?

Weather in October in Pittsburgh is hard to predict. Rainy and cool is a good possibility - but so is hot and dry - so pack with flexibility in mind. Comfortable and casual is the rule.

You will receive a worship book at registration. You are asked to bring a **United Methodist Hymnal** with you if you have one. This will greatly reduce the number of hymnals that Sr. Anne must locate and transport. (We know that not all of you are United Methodists, and we will have copies available for your use if you don't own a UM Hymnal.)

What to Wear in Worship?

Wearing vestments in worship is something many like to do when we gather, and you will want to bring your alb along if you wish to vest. Our "full dress" habit is an alb, red cincture and red OSL scapular—if you have one! But please know that everyone does not have the full outfit, and folks will be wearing everything from street clothes to plain albs to the full habit, so you will fit in whatever you choose to wear. (Members with the scapulars are often willing to lend them, too, if someone who doesn't have one wants to wear it to profess vows, for example, or to lead in a service.)

We only wear clergy stoles when the offices they designate are *required* in a particular service. If you will be presiding, you may either bring your own stole, or wear the red stole with the OSL logo that will be on site.

While there are no hard and fast rules about when to vest, it is most common in the services that are held in a worship space separate from our meeting room—i.e., Morning Prayer, Compline or Vigil and especially Eucharist..

***The 2009 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke
“Reconciliation and Healing” Led by Dr. Ruth Duck***

October 25-28, 2010

St. Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Are you an OSL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this your first time attending an OSL retreat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your first name as you'd like it to appear on your Name tag:

If you have any special dietary or mobility needs, please note them in detail on the reverse.
Please note that most rooms in the retreat center are private with hall baths.

☐ Please register me for the **2010 Retreat** (dinner on Monday, October 25th, through lunch on Thursday, October 28th) at a cost of \$300.00.

☐ Please register me for the **2010 Retreat and Council meeting** (dinner on Monday, October 25th, through Friday morning, October 29th) at a cost of \$350.00.

☐ Please reserve a room for me for me on **Sunday**, October 24th for an additional \$50.00.

☐ I anticipate arriving in Pittsburgh by air, rail, or motor coach. Please have the local transportation coordinator contact me concerning ground transportation.

Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ My check is enclosed.

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Exp. □□/□□

Signature: _____

Registration deadline is September 30, 2010.

Please return a completed registration form for each individual attending to:

Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L., Prior General

The Order of Saint Luke

PO Box 6

Durham Pa 18039-0006 U.S.A.

or by email to esmoore@alum.mit.edu

Would you like to volunteer to

_____ Preach at a service of Word & Table

_____ Preside at a eucharistic celebration

_____ Lead an office of Prayer (check all you like)

_____ Morning Prayer

_____ Mid-Morning Prayer

_____ Mid-Day Prayer

_____ Mid-Afternoon Prayer

_____ Evening Prayer

_____ Compline

_____ Vigil

_____ Assist someone else in leading a service of Word & Table or an office of Prayer

Would you be willing to serve as an accompanist for one or more services? If so, please tell me what instrument(s) you play

_____ Organ

_____ Piano

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_____ Other instrument _____

You may request additional information or ask questions by contacting Sr. Sue Moore at esmoore@alum.mit.edu. or by calling her at 610 749 0845.

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