



## *The Font*

*Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke*

*Sept Oct 2011*

*From the desk of the Abbot*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My summer has been one of travel for personal events and ministry--about 35,000 miles! I am grateful for the frequent flyer miles I had and for events that accrued more. Seeing family in England and New York, preaching and lecturing in Korea, attending my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, visiting Br. Hoyt and Martha at Chautauqua, days of retreat, and sharing in the North American Association for the Catechumenate meeting in California: I am glad for all of it and delighted now to be home with my beloved. Many of you have also had ventures for pleasure and service. I look forward to seeing you and sharing God's work in our midst when gathering at Montserrat Retreat this coming October.



I am currently reading Maria Boulding's *Gateway to Resurrection*. A Benedictine nun faced with terminal cancer, she wrote the book from within that journey. It is far more than an intensely personal narrative. Her short life horizon launched her into a deep and powerful theological and biblical reflection on the mission of the Trinity and the paschal mystery embedded in the realities of living in the world as it actually is, and the weakness and brokenness that is the gateway to resurrection. Forgiveness, she asserts, both God's and ours, is central to life as we live in community, whether the divine-human encounter, family, Order, church or larger world. Said that way, you may say, "Ho, hum. Forgiveness, yes, but I heard all that before." Not so fast!

What Boulding does is to give context to forgiveness. Luke's idealized poetry (Acts 2:42-47) is true, but only so alongside the prose of Monday morning disenchantments of Ananias and Sapphira's deception (Acts 5), the squabbles of the Hebrews and the Hellenists (Acts 6), contention between Peter and Paul (Galatians 2), and the parting of Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15). She says that Luke's vision haunts the imagination of the great monastic founders. Here, I would include Br. Romey P. Marshall and others in the mid-1940s, and Br. Michael O'Donnell and others in the mid-1980s, when the Order took another major step toward being a religious community living out its Rule of Life and Service.

Life in community requires embodied and enacted forgiveness. Why? To wipe up (not wipe out!) the messiness and disenchantment of it all. Messiness and disenchantment are part of all relationships. I wonder if this isn't part of why our chapters lapse into inactivity so frequently. Chapters form, informed by Luke's poetry, but then the prosaic disenchantments breaks the spell. The enchantment is overwhelmed and the chapter folds or members fall away, unless there is forgiveness and acceptance of the weaknesses and tensions of our Peters and "Paulas".

Jesus washing the disciples' feet (John 13) embodies this address of the mess and John calls what Jesus does "glorification." Here, dirt is accepted and made the disciples "part" of him when they had fallen into "no part" of him (13:8). In this way the community is restored, the chapter is reborn, and the divine joy is rekindled in the self-emptying (kenosis, Phil 2) of cross, towel and basin. Theosis or deification (in Wesley and the West "sanctification") as Basil understood it includes washing the feet of the poor—even the poor feet of sisters and brothers who, truth be told, have disappointed us. (Col. 3:12-14)

Room for failure has to be part of the grace we extend to each other in the Order, our churches, and families, and for the recognition that failure is where the paschal mystery happens! (Kindle location 160).

So, sisters and brothers, as you reflect on your life in the Order, who has failed you? Who has disenchanted you by “things done and left undone”? Can you make room for him or her, and recognize that there between you is where Easter waits to happen? This is tough, but it is about a basic understanding and practice of the Spirit’s perfecting love in us and among us. How will you practice forgiveness in the Order and in your chapter in order to live between the poetry and the prose? I commend you to God and the work of God’s grace,

Br. Abbot Daniel+



**The Order of Saint Luke 2011 Retreat**  
**“Devoting Ourselves to the Prayers:**  
**Reflections on the Intercessory Vocation of the Church”**  
*Led by Br. Mark Stamm*  
**October 17-20, 2011**

*Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, Lake Dallas, Texas*  
*Registration form included on pages 13-14 of this issue of the Font.*

*NOTE: Registration deadline is September 15!!*

**Information about the Retreat Schedule**

**Sunday, Oct 16** - arrival of Daily Office Revision Team  
**Monday, Oct 17** - arrival of retreatants (before 4:30)  
**Tuesday, Oct 18** – In retreat  
**Wednesday, Oct 19** – In retreat  
**Thursday, Oct 20** – Retreat ends, Council meeting begins  
**Friday, Oct 21** – Council ends after lunch

**In the Communion of Saints**

*Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, [hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com)*



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.

Brothers and Sisters to remember in September and October:

September 21	Br. James M. Ault (2008) Bishop, GBGM, Drew Theological Seminary
September 23	Br. Russell E. Sonafrank, II. (2003) Indiana
October 5	Br. Robert E. Gordon (2002) Virginia
October 9	Br. Bob M. Fuqua (2004) West Virginia
October 21	Sr. Jane Ferguson (2008) Illinois
October 22	Br. Robert Fletcher Thomas, Jr. (2005) South Carolina
October 31	Br. Arthur J. Landwehr (2003) Illinois
	Br. James F. White (2004) Indiana

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send me information ([hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com)) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

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### **The Call to Service**

Br. Abbot Daniel has appointed Br. Dan Doty as the new editor of *Sacramental Life*. Please make inquiries or article submissions to Br. Dan Doty at [ddoty@ucctrinity.com](mailto:ddoty@ucctrinity.com) or call him at 330-338-1176. Previous editor, Br. Evan Dodge, submitted his resignation as editor, a post he took on in early 2009. Thanks to both Br. Evan and Br. Dan.

Mailing the *Font*: we have gone almost completely to an electronic edition of the *Font*. However, a few members need to receive the *Font* on paper in the US mail. The task involves printing and posting four issues a year to about 70 people. If you are willing to heed this call to service, please contact Abbot Daniel ([stlukeybysea@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukeybysea@yahoo.com)) or Sr. Dianne Covault, Periodicals Director ([dianne.covault@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.covault@gmail.com)).

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### **Special Issue of Sacramental Life** (*reprint from July/Aug Font*)

The Winter/Spring Issue of *Sacramental Life*, containing an interim copy of the Daily Offices of the Order of Saint Luke, has been sent to the normal mailing list. If two members of the Order have the same address, that means they were sent one copy. If that describes your household, please know that we would be glad to send a second copy (at no cost to you) at your request. Please contact Br. Scott Alford to request your second copy. [oslchancellor@gmail.com](mailto:oslchancellor@gmail.com)

Additional copies can also be purchased for \$5.00 while supplies last. They will be available for purchase at the October retreat, and after that by mail. Copies of *Sacramental Life* are also available free of charge on the member's only section of the website.

[MembersOnly→Reports/Directories→Sacramental Life→Winter/Spring 2011]

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### *From the Companion for Inquirers and New Members:*

Br. Matthias Tanner, O.S.L. [br.matthias@gmail.com](mailto:br.matthias@gmail.com)

The Order has welcomed these new members since the last edition of *The Font*:

Sr. Michelle Bodle, State College, PA

Br. Logan Garth Swanger, Shiremanstown, PA

Br. Paul J. Mallory, Kingsford, MI

I have also responded to several inquiries about renewing memberships that have lapsed. Br. Logan is one of those, and I expect the others have returned after shorter absences. Please extend a warm welcome to these brothers and sisters as you have opportunity.



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### *From the Provincial General–*

Br. George R. Crisp, Provincial General  
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Recent communication with folks in the Philippines indicate that a new OSL chapter or association may be in formation there. A previously formed



Philippine Association was discontinued in 2010, so this is exciting news. This time around they may organize into three sections that are more workable with the geography of the multi-island nation. If we receive their Covenanting Document in time, we will take action on their request at our General Council meeting this fall.

Speaking of our upcoming meeting, which happens in conjunction with our Retreat in October, I will be asking for reports from chapters, associations, groups in formation and local area contact persons in early September. This time around I will be requesting a list of members' gender and ethnicity. I don't need membership lists, just the appropriate numbers. This is in keeping with our status as an Affiliated Association of the General Board of Discipleship.

In the meantime, here is the news from the local chapters and associations based on reports prepared for our Spring Council meeting:

Our CyberChapter continues to meet on line 24/7/365.25. The chapter has a worldwide membership of around 475 members. We are growing at a stable pace. Ongoing topics for conversations include seasonal practices and theological discussions as well as prayer support. The Cyber "officers" are: Taylor Burton-Edwards and Sue Moore, Co-Moderators.

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference Chapter meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December. This year our chapter has studied Br. Abbot Dan's book, *Patterned by Grace*. Our joys are our members and the election of new officers. Our immediate challenge is to coordinate the celebration of the Eucharist at Annual Conference worship services. At the close of Annual Conference, the new officers will be: Michael Mayfield, Prior; Lindsay Churchman, Sub-Prior; Lee Legg, Scribe.

Br. Irving Cotto reported on the New Jersey – Pennsylvania Latino Chapter: Our chapter meets on the last Tuesday of every month; we rotate our meeting place. We begin with Eucharist, followed by study, business and lunch. Members take turns at leading worship, designing liturgy, preaching and leading the study. Since October 2011 we have continued our study of *This Holy Mystery* (Spanish version). The discussion has been helpful and well received. We pray for each other's concerns, however, we follow up on those concerns beyond our monthly meetings. We continue to look at a publishing project. We would like to put together a resource in Spanish including liturgies for all occasions developed by individual members of the chapter as a whole. Recently, our Sub-Prior submitted her resignation, and the chapter is due for elections. The date has not been determined. Chapter officers are: Br. Irving Cotto, Prior; Br. Manolo Sardiñas, Chancellor, Br. Joel A. Fernández, Chaplain.

"Unfortunately we have not been able to meet during this year," reports Br. Julio R. Vargas-Vidal of the Puerto Rico Chapter. "Our last meeting was during Lent 2010. I hope this year we can amend this." [Provincial General's note: We are awaiting notification that one or more members of the Puerto Rico Chapter will be able to attend our fall Retreat with the scholarship assistance we have offered them.]

The Southeastern Ohio Chapter meets monthly and holds Eucharist every other month, alternating with sung Morning Prayer. In February, we did John Wesley's Covenant Service

from Wesley's original text in its complete form. We rejoice to continue with our monthly meetings. Br. Daniel, our new member, has become quite active. We are working through our challenge of finding Presiders for Eucharist as best we can. Chapter officers are: Brian McKee, Prior and Robert Howell, Sub-Prior. Right now, we do not have other officers. We have no treasury as everything operates from donation of our members. Our chaplain moved out of state and hasn't been replaced as of yet.

#### Perpetual Reminders . . .

- (1) If you have news of your chapter or association that you wish to share with the Order via the Font, please feel free to submit brief articles. Otherwise, news comes from the semi-annual reports that the Provincial General collects each year.
- (2) 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 y/our internet service provider (AOL, MSN, Yahoo, etc.), please be sure to provide the Provincial General with updated contact information by September 1, 2011.



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#### ***From the Prior General's Office***

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Brothers and Sisters, it's time to send in your registrations for the October retreat!! You can find the registration form on pages 13-14 of this issue of the Font.

Also, it is time to mark your calendars for next year. We are going back to St. Paul of the Cross in Pittsburgh. The spring Council meeting will be May 15-18, 2012. The Daily Office Revision Team will also meet that week. We will be holding our annual retreat and fall Council meeting the week of October 15-19 2012.

Our retreat will focus on the new Book of Offices and Services. (Prayers are welcome that we will stay on our current publication schedule and that the book will be ready before our retreat!) Your registration fee for the retreat will include a copy of the book.



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#### ***From the Pastoral Care Officer***

*Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSB* [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Sisters and Brothers:

After much prayer and thought, and upon consultation with Br. Abbot Daniel, the time has come to let you know that I will soon step aside as your Pastoral Care Officer. I have been at this just long enough to be having a little trouble remembering exactly when I started, but I think it has been a six year run. I have served with two abbots, from when Br. Abbot Mark Stamm first appointed me until

now.

This office, which did not exist before, was first discussed in a Council meeting with Br. Mark presiding. The feeling at that time was that we needed someone to serve our community as a conduit for sharing important joys and passages in members' lives. That was the genesis of the News section which always follows this message in The Font. Beyond that, I pretty much began with a free hand to develop the office as I perceived our pastoral needs.

The one instruction that Br. Mark gave me was a reminder to be sure and maintain confidentiality. So, I made it a policy from the start that any news posted in The Font would need the permission of the brother or sister concerned. I also learned very quickly that I needed to ask that person to check an item that I had drafted for accuracy so that names would be spelled correctly, and so that there could be corrections or additions to what I had written. Many of you have received emails from me around the middle of the month just before publication of an issue of The Font with the subject line, "Font News." That's what that's all about.

Other than news gathering, I have tried to be readily available for pastoral conversation when desired – usually by telephone or email. Being dispersed as much as we are, face-to-face conversations have almost always been limited to times when we gathered for retreat or Council meetings. However, when that has been possible I have treasured the opportunity. Some of these conversations took place privately when that was what was needed. Many – too many to count – took place while going from one place to another within the building where we were meeting, during walks outside, over meals, or lingering after a meeting or meal. On one or two occasions (usually late at night because of busy retreat schedules), I have met with groups who needed to debrief something that had happened – for example, a trip to the memorial to those killed in the bombing of the federal office building in Oklahoma City led to a very powerful time of sharing and reflection that night. These are experiences I will never forget.

Serving as Pastoral Care Officer has been important to me in the process of my own spiritual formation. News gathering and pastoral conversation have certainly informed my prayer life. And answering this call to service has deepened my explorations into what it means to live into the whole of our Rule of Life and Service. I thank all of you for your encouragement and for your pastoral care for me and Sr. Amy along the way. I have never fancied that I could – or should – offer all the pastoral care needed within this community, so I thank you for the many ways you demonstrate love and care for one another.

My plans at this point are to continue in another position I have held for several years as Provincial Companion for New England. At present, there are some 31 of us spread across the six New England states. There's a lot of isolation as a consequence of that. I think we need greater clarity as to how we can support one another and also provide a measure of accountability. In an Order where no more than a 10<sup>th</sup> of our members are able to get to national gatherings, and in a time when economics are increasingly restricting precious funds for that kind of travel, I see a need for strengthening community in the provinces and helping with the formation of local chapters where that is possible. So, I'm pulling back from one responsibility in hopes of becoming more focused on the other.

Unfortunately, it turns out that I will not be able to travel to Dallas for the retreat this October. However, I have indicated my readiness to continue to serve until a successor has been appointed, and to make myself available to that person, as desired, to assist in making a smooth transition. And I hope to see many of you next year in Pittsburgh.

Read on and you will see some of the latest News of our beloved community. For now, until a new Pastoral Care Officer has been appointed, I encourage you to continue being in touch with me when you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral conversation with me. Write me at [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com) or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. Also, other than via the Cyber Chapter if you participate there, those of you who are on Face Book and other of the newer "social media" (which I am not) could be helpful in alerting me to news I might not otherwise hear about. Then I can make direct contact via telephone or email.

Peace,  
Br. Tom Beveridge, Pastoral Care Officer



“All are to be welcomed as Christ.”  
The Rule of St. Benedict

### **News:**

**Sr. Candace Barron** has been having an unusually full and eventful year. In May, she received her D.Min. from the Houston School of Theology. In June, she was ordained as an Elder in the Arkansas Annual Conference of the UMC. In July, she began a new appointment to a two point charge in Little Rock, AR, serving as pastor of St. Luke UMC and Geyer Springs. UMC. Congratulations, Sr. Candace, on all of the above! [barroncandace@aol.com](mailto:barroncandace@aol.com)

**Br. David Durham** and his wife Kathy headed back to England in August for another year with the British Methodist Church. This was unexpected, but is in response to the request of the Chair of the District (DS to Americans). A friend and clergy colleague of Br. David's died of cancer, and this year will be for transition and healing in the Tynedale Circuit, just west of Newcastle. They have gone with a sure sense of divine purpose, and covet our prayers. Br. David and Kathy will be in England from 1 September 2011 through 30 June 2012. They are aware that OSL has some brothers and sisters in the UK. So if you are there, know that they would be delighted to meet up with you if possible. [dedur@aol.com](mailto:dedur@aol.com)

**Br. Nathan and Sr. Lauri Maben-Tenney** are living in Orlando, FL where he has been serving as Associate Director of Children's Ministries at St. Luke's UMC since January, 2008. St. Luke's is a large, 5,250-member congregation and is Sr. Lauri's home church. After serving for 2½ years as Associate Chaplain at Florida Southern College, Lauri has returned to school full-time. She is in an accelerated BSN program in order to become a registered nurse. [mabentenney@gmail.com](mailto:mabentenney@gmail.com)

**Br. Tom Lyons** works with the Department of State, most recently at the U.S. Consulate in Sapporo, Japan (way up north). He writes that he is itinerant, like UMC clergy; is sent to posts all over the world including some tours back in the D.C. area. Br. Tom is originally from Hendersonville, TN. [thlyons@yahoo.com](mailto:thlyons@yahoo.com)

**Br. Mark Chambers** is now an Elder in Full Connection with the Kansas West Annual Conference, on recognition of his orders from the Wishire Baptist Church of Dallas, in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is in his third year of appointment as the senior pastor of the Ness City UMC in Ness City, KS. Also, Br. Mark's wife Jill underwent surgery on June 30<sup>th</sup> to relieve a pinched nerve in her neck. She is now back in action, but under orders to take it easy. Jill has been able to return to the pulpit at her two-point charge at Alexander and Bazine UMC<sup>s</sup>, just east of Ness City. [revmarkchambers@yahoo.com](mailto:revmarkchambers@yahoo.com)

**Br. Tom Beveridge** is part of, and sometimes presider at the Table for, a new venture called “Church-by-the-Pond.” The pond in question is in Bushnell Park, in Hartford, CT, just off a busy street, near a carousel that is a popular local attraction and right down the hill from the State Capitol. For several years, as part of a program called “Church Street Eats,” volunteers have been bringing bagged sandwich meals to the park for free distribution each Saturday afternoon. This new outdoor Eucharist takes place about an hour before that. Joining in the celebration each week are guests and volunteers of Church Street Eats, and anybody else who shows up. It's ecumenical, informal, a bit chaotic, joyful, windy enough one afternoon to call for some rocks to hold things down on the Table ... You get the picture. ;-)  
[tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Condolences to **Br. Mark & Sr. Sue Babb** in the death of his Dad after a long battle with cancer and short-term memory loss. News of his death came while Br. Mark and Sr. Sue were in New Hampshire for

the Babb Family Association meeting. They left from there to return to Ohio to be with family. [lighthousemusician@gmail.com](mailto:lighthousemusician@gmail.com)

Condolences to **Sr. Lucy Porter** and her husband Scott in the death of his mother on May 28, 2011. They journeyed to southern California to lead a memorial service for her, as she had requested. Sr. Lucy writes: "The service went well, with a few glitches thanks to our emotional involvement. We had a wonderful visit with family members who had also traveled from their homes to be there." On a happier note, Sr. Lucy and Scott celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 19<sup>th</sup>. And they wound up this very busy time with a celebration of Scott's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 11. AND Scott played clarinet with the August Symphony Orchestra in a concert on July 31, and the organ at First UMC of Westfield, NJ on August 7 and 21. [LucyHPorter@aol.com](mailto:LucyHPorter@aol.com)

Sr. Lucy and Scott were not the only ones to celebrate a 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 19<sup>th</sup>. **Sr. Sue Moore** and her husband Bob also celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> that same day, in White Sulphur Springs, WV with dinner at the Greenbrier. [esmoore45@msn.com](mailto:esmoore45@msn.com)

**Br. Brian McKee** has written a story for the Zanesville Times Recorder about the Chesterhill UMC, West Ohio Conference, and its collection of stained-glass windows. The windows are extremely unique as they tell not only religious stories, but are an artistic creation that tells the history of the church's families. Chuck Borsari, the artist, is an old family friend and inspired Br. Brian to begin his hobby of making stained glass windows. Chesterhill Church shares a pastor with Pisgah UMC where our brother attends. [brianmckee4795@yahoo.com](mailto:brianmckee4795@yahoo.com) To view the contents on [www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com](http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com) go to: <http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201107160630/NEWS01/107160302>

**Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards** taught UM Worship at Drew over a two-week period in July, partnering with **Sr. Heather Murray-Elkins** and with what he describes as "a rousing romp through Methodist worship history" by **Br. Ken Rowe**. This was an intensive course that ran 9 to 5 each day, and focused on the theology and forms of our worship with significant time given to practicing liturgical leadership and offering students constructive feedback on their presence, voicing and practice of worship leadership and design." [burtunedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:burtunedwards@yahoo.com)



**Br. Abbot Daniel Benedict** traveled 40,000 miles this summer including a trip to Korea where he preached at the Dongjoo Methodist Church in Inchon and lectured to Methodist pastors and spouses for a Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. His lectures were on "Liturgy and Spirituality." "The Korean Methodists are in a time of transition and it was a privilege to get to know them and to offer the riches of the liturgy for their own journey and that of their congregations," he said. Bishop Jung, episcopal leader of the Chicago Area of the United Methodist Church was the other lecturer, on the subject of the Spirituality of Jesus. Br. Dan's other travel included England to visit family there, his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in New York and the North American Association for the Catechumenate Gathering in San Francisco. He says he is glad to be home in Hawaii until October. **Sr. Mary O** is glad too. [stlukebysea@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukebysea@yahoo.com)

**Br. Joe Phillips** has nearly completed a move to Senecaville in Southeast OH, about 15 miles SE of Cambridge. Senecaville is a small village, population about 300. Br. Joe and his wife Lady June have purchased several lots and moved into a new trailer in the Buffalo Hills Camping Resort, on Lake Senecaville, which has a shoreline of some 40 miles and about 3500 acres. They are looking for a couple of reasonably priced ATVs and starting to explore their new surroundings. They have attended a local



UM church, and are interested to know if a priest or minister might be willing to come to the campground for a monthly Eucharist using traditional language. [jphill300@gmail.com](mailto:jphill300@gmail.com)



**Br. Mike Ashburner** is one of the most isolated members of our far-flung “community in dispersion.” He lives in Auckland, New Zealand. (Ed. Note: To give you some idea, I am writing this in Connecticut at 5:00 in the afternoon on a Friday, and in Auckland it is 9:00 Saturday morning!) Please know that on Tuesday, 19 July, Br. Mike made his first time vows in the Order of Saint Luke in a public, Methodist/Presbyterian worship service. A Presbyterian pastor and a Methodist pastor led the service of witness and profession using an adaptation of the Order’s service for “Profession of Vows”. He reports that he was humbled by the good turnout. [mikeashburner@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeashburner@yahoo.com)

**Br. Bill Hunter** is in hospice care at Thompson House, in Rhinebeck, NY. He and **Sr. Shirley** very much appreciate and covet our ongoing prayers. E-mail is not now a viable way to communicate with them. However, written notes and cards may be sent to their home address at: 64 Garden Street, Kingston, NY 12401-4640

NOTE: Our Order is becoming increasingly international in scope. This time we have received two generous posts from overseas, one from Africa and one from the Philippines. That news concludes our digest for this time.

**Br. Charles Wiggins** is a newly-elected Methodist bishop serving in Tanzania. Br. Charles has written the letter that follows to Sr. Sue Moore. It is very full (in the fullest sense of “full”) but far too much to condense as we usually do and still do it justice. So, we include it here in its entirety. [revwig@me.com](mailto:revwig@me.com)

Dear Sr. Moore,

First, let me thank you for all your efforts regarding the Font. Since I live in the bush on the edge of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, without it, I would have no knowledge of the OSL. I read each one more than once remembering many whom I know and learning of those I don't. So, thank you.

On the news front, in 2009 I was elected bishop and consecrated as same in December of 2010. I am now Bishop of the Methodist Church in Tanzania, Mara and Mwanza Regions. There is a presiding bishop who is bishop of all Tanzania. While these titles sound grand, our whole denomination only numbers 4,000, but ten years ago it only numbered 200, so we are making great strides.

The presiding bishop loves all the liturgical richness that mud churches can bear and we teach our pastors the same. We had a crozier custom made for him (I have to use a cane to walk and couldn't handle both), but he uses it in every service. Our robes are designed for the African heat but they are rich in symbols nonetheless. Now, I get to wear a purple clergy shirt (imported from the U.S.) and no longer have to worry about what color to wear. Of course, there is no pay and I help the church financially as much as possible on our limited budget. Still, I am referred to as Bishop (Askofu in Swahili) by just about everyone.

Didn't become a Christian till I was 40 years old having sworn I never would. Became a pastor six years later after swearing I never would. Went to seminary at B.U. again after swearing I never would. Then served as a pastor before becoming a full-time evangelist (right, I swore I would never do that either). Became a missionary swearing I wouldn't get involved with the church's business and now I am a bishop after swearing repeatedly I would never, never do that. The moral of this story: don't swear!

website is [www.maishanamaji.blogspot.com](http://www.maishanamaji.blogspot.com) Maisha Na Maji is the name of our mission--in Swahili it means "living water".

Grace and Peace (Nenda kwa amani=go in peace),  
Brother Charles Wiggins, OSL  
Bunda, Tanzania

**Br. Joel Benbeng** has sent greetings on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. He reports that OSL is a small but growing community in that country, whose membership is becoming increasingly diverse, and representing many different regions and provinces. Some news of their members was included in his post, as follows:

Br. Joel was assigned for his fifth year as pastor of the Pagangpang United Methodist Church. He asks our prayers for the ongoing construction of their new church building. Br. Joel continues to lead the Worship Committee of his district. In addition to his local church assignment, he teaches Evangelism, Bible and Theology courses at the Divinity School of Aldersgate College in the city of Baguio. He also teaches Sacramental Theology and Christian Education at the Theology department of John Wesley College in Cagayan Province.

**Br. Norlie Vilog** and **Br. Many Valdez**, both from Llocus Sur Province, were ordained as elders at annual conference, which was held at Sto. Tomas UMC, Candon City. Br. Norlie was appointed as pastor of Sto Tomas UMC. Br. Many was appointed to oversee two congregations.

**Br. Adolfo Anaen** was reassigned as pastor of Immanuel UMC in the city of San Fernando, La Union province. Under his leadership, the church successfully opened a free kindergarten school for indigent children in the community. The program is now on its second year of operation. A male choral named Shepherd's Voice, composed mostly of OSL members has joined a choral concert to raise funds for the kindergarten school.

**Br. Gilmartin Guerrero** is a deacon the Cavite Philippines Annual Conference. He teaches at the Cavite State University, and serves as pastor of a small local church in that province.

The group of new OSL members in the province of Tarlac Philippines includes a district superintendent, **Br. Marcos Tamega**. A new member, **Br. John Taliwaga** was recently appointed as district superintendent in the Tarlac Philippines Annual Conference.

**Sr. Lily Ledesma** is a minister of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). She teaches courses in Christian education at Union Theological Seminary-Philippines, the oldest protestant seminary in the country founded by the Methodists and Presbyterians in 1907.

Br. Joel's District Superintendent Rev. Pete Torio and his wife have expressed their intention to join the Order. Two provisional ministers (both women) and several elders and local pastors are also interested. From Br. Joel's post, it is clear that OSL is brim full of activities and plans including a national gathering focused on the history, vision, mission, and Rule of Life and Service of the Order. You may anticipate hearing more about this via our Provincial General Br. George Crisp in due course.

Br. Joel concludes, "Please continue to lift us in your prayers. We also seek your intercessions for the United Methodist Church in the Philippines, including our bishops, as we continue to face enormous challenges in our common life and ministry. Please pray also for the victims of the recent floods in the southern Philippines.

NOTE: Br. Joel is the Formation Officer in the Philippines so, since we do not have a complete set of email addresses, other brothers and sisters above may be contacted through him.  
[joel\\_saintluke@yahoo.com](mailto:joel_saintluke@yahoo.com)

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*News from our Chancellor General*  
Br. Scott Alford OSL, [oslchancellor@gmail.com](mailto:oslchancellor@gmail.com)



Do you know what time it is? It's time for The Order's reaffirmation season. In the next couple weeks, you will receive from me a form that becomes your official way of accepting the Rule of Life and Service. It is also through the completion of this form that we can maintain accurate contact information on you, so you can receive the great periodicals of *Sacramental Life* and *Doxology*. Keep your eyes open for this letter and respond by the Feast of Saint Luke (October 18).

In addition to your contact information and the indication of your commitment to the Rule, this annual reaffirmation form provides an opportunity for you to support the work of The Order through your financial gifts. Why make a contribution?

The Order of Saint Luke has an annual budget of \$35,000. Beside normal and minimal operating costs for things like postage, office supplies, and insurance, we have an outstanding publications ministry. OSL Publications produces high quality resources in the field of worship, prayer, and liturgy that nurture the spiritual and professional life of clergy and laity alike. Our periodicals are practical in scope and help instruct us all as we seek to grow in discipleship. Copies of *Sacramental Life* and *Doxology* can be found in many seminary libraries and even in the Vatican.

The Order gives seventeen Hoyt Hickman Awards out each year at seminaries across the country. This award includes a very nice chalice and paten set designed especially for the Order and is given to graduating students who demonstrate a high level of liturgical scholarship and experience in leading public worship.

This year, we plan to offer a Retreat scholarship to an international member of The Order. The high cost of overseas travel makes it difficult for some of our siblings in other countries to get to Retreat. This scholarship will go a long way in fostering relationships with chapters beyond the borders of the United States.

Our budget also includes ministries of membership care and communication. The work of our Companion to New Members is a vital task in assisting those new to our order get to know who we are and what we're about. Additionally, the website is a method for sharing our ministry to the masses and to those of us "in house."

Through these examples, you can see that your financial gift is vital to the work of The Order. When you submit your reaffirmation form, I encourage you to be generous. The levels of giving on the form are only suggested. Some of you can give more, others need to give less. However, no matter what your level of giving may be, know that through your gift, you are in ministry with your spiritual siblings all around the globe.

## Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

### SEPTEMBER

T	1	G
F	2	G
S	3	Samuel Checote G
<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	5	G
T	6	James Bradley Finley G
W	7	G
T	8	G
F	9	Mary Bosanquet Fletcher G
S	10	G
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	12	G
T	13	Anthony Bewley G
W	14	Holy Cross Day G
T	15	G
F	16	G
S	17	G
<b>S</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	19	G
T	20	G
<b>W</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Matthew R</b>
T	22	G
F	23	G
S	24	G
<b>S</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	26	Freeborn & Catherine L. Garrettson G
T	27	John Dickins, Alejo Hernandez G
W	28	G
<b>T</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Michael and All Angels W</b>
F	30	Jerome, George Whitefield G

### OCTOBER

S	1	G
<b>S</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	3	G
T	4	Francis of Assisi G
W	5	G
T	6	William Tyndale, Jennie Fowler Willing G
F	7	John Woolman G
S	8	G
<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	10	G
T	11	G
W	12	G
T	13	G
F	14	G
S	15	Teresa of Avila G
<b>S</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	17	Ignatius of Antioch G
		<b>Eve of Luke R</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Luke R</b>
W	19	G
T	20	G
F	21	G
S	22	G
<b>S</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>James of Jerusalem R (Transferred)</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Simon and Jude R</b>
S	29	G
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>G</b>
		<b>Eve of All Saints W (Traditional)</b>

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*

*2011 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke*  
**“Devoting Ourselves to the Prayers:  
Reflections on the Intercessory Vocation of the Church”**  
*Led by Br. Mark Stamm*  
*October 17-20/21, 2011*

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, Lake Dallas, Texas

<http://www.montserratretreat.org/>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL 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 Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special dietary or mobility needs, please note them in detail on the reverse.

Please note that most rooms **have private baths**. **Single rooms** will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you want to room with someone, then please indicate that preference on this form. Once the single rooms have all been assigned, subsequent registrants will be placed in **double rooms**.

☐ Please register me for the **2011 Retreat** (Monday afternoon, October 17<sup>th</sup>, through lunch on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>) at a cost of \$360.00.

☐ Please register me for the **2010 Retreat and Council meeting** (Monday afternoon, October 17<sup>th</sup>, through Friday morning, October 21<sup>st</sup>) at a cost of \$460.00.

☐ Please also reserve a room for me for me on **Sunday**, October 16<sup>th</sup> for an additional \$100.00.

☐ I anticipate arriving in Dallas 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 15, 2011.***

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

Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L., Prior General  
PO Box 6  
Durham Pa 18039-0006 U.S.A.



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

—  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other instrument \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Grace and Peace,  
Sr. Sue Moore

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