



The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke January February 2013

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Apart from Holy Week and the Triduum (the Great Three Days), the twelve Days of Christmas immerse us in the next most intense cycle of liturgical prayer of the Christian calendar. When you receive this we will have just celebrated the Feast of the Holy Name/New Year. Some of us will have participated in a Watch Night service, perhaps with a time of covenant renewal^o a practice encouraged by John Wesley. (See *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, pp. 288ff) How wonderful and rich all of this is for us who proclaim the apostolic hope and magnify the sacraments! It is like eggnog and candy: sweet and good. Yet, none of us would want that diet every day. I confess I love it all and at the same time find myself ready to return to the ferial periods of ordinary daily life that will commence on January 7.



The Holy Spirit at work in the church bathes us in this rhythm of the festal and ferial, the intense celebration and the quieter round of ordinary days. I can only handle midnight Christmas Eucharist and the Easter Vigil once a year! Getting to bed by 10:30 or 11 most other nights is gift of a different kind. It's a rhythm and pattern thing.

The grace of God known and experienced in liturgy always has to lead to life. The connecting is essential. Failure leads to justified critique: hypocrisy. Our Lukan and Wesleyan spirituality demands sacramental living in the politics of daily life. (Please understand ^opolitics^o in the wider sense of the total complex of relations between people living in society and in creation.)

Each of us begins the new year with questions and concerns that call forth from us particular responses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. For example, Sr. Mary O and I learned of the dire financial circumstances of some dear friends. With a big gulp, we offered our home to be their residence for some or most of the coming year so that they can recast their financial lives without the expense of housing. Liturgy *and* life. Grace *and* need. It's a Lukan thing; a discipleship thing.

Let us encourage and pray for each other to stretch beyond focusing narrowly on liturgy (the surface) to living the liturgy^o taking, blessing, breaking, and giving^o patterned in daily life with the poor and excluded, the downcast and the disoriented. Let us in, with, and for the church, bear witness to the love of God incarnate in Jesus. Let us do this, not with heavy hearts and grim faces, but with a kind of Franciscan delight in the goodness of creation and the joy of the Holy Spirit. Do share in regular accountability for living the Rule of Life and Service with another brother or sister.

In everything give thanks through our Sovereign, Jesus Christ. May the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you throughout *anno domini** 2013.

+Brother Abbot Daniel

*I know more inclusive designation is C.E. (Common Era), but I still default to A.D. at times.

From the Provincial General

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Provincial General's Article 6 January / February 2013

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I wish all of my brothers and sisters in the Order of Saint Luke a Happy and Blessed New Year! May the glow of the Christmas candles and the light of the star of Bethlehem guide you to worship our Savior more deeply than ever before.

Here is the news from the local chapters and associations based on reports prepared for the fall 2012 General Chapter meeting:

The **Albemarle Association** meets biweekly for Morning Prayer before a pastors' lectionary Bible study. Those who are able go to lunch afterwards. We have also read and discussed CS Lewis' *The Great Divorce* and had a Lenten study retreat. The prior is Br. Kevin Taylor; the chaplain is Rev. Jim Bernacki.

From the Covenanting Document of the re-chartered **Holy Cross Chapter** (April 2012), Br. Kenton Van reported: "As in the past, the chapter shall meet at least twice a year; once at the Area Seminar on Professional Ministry (or its successor) and once in the summer. We also plan at least a dinner meal together at Annual Conference. We also plan on holding a retreat once a year. There are several monasteries and retreat centers in our area. The format of regular meetings is: Gather and sharing, Eucharist, a meal, an informational presentation (preferably dealing with sacraments or spiritual growth), closing prayer (office). We had, in the 80s, paired up in 'spiritual friends' to encourage and assist each other. I plan to encourage this as well." (P.G. Note: No report was received from the Holy Cross Chapter before the fall meeting.)

In October Br. Irving Cotto reported for the **New Jersey-Pennsylvania Latino Chapter**: "The chapter decided to go into a recess to evaluate the needs for leadership from the Chapter and the appropriate response to it. We will get together under the leadership of our Prior to evaluate the future of the Chapter in the month of October. Current officers are: Prior: Br. Irving Cotto, Chancellor: Br. Manuel Sardiñas, Chaplain: Br. Joel A. Fernandez."

The **St. Francis Chapter** in the West Ohio Annual Conference has 14 members and no inquiring members at this time. We have 6 women and 8 men. We have no persons of color. We are attempting to meet 4 times a year including Annual Conference. We are still exploring Br. Dwight's book, *Food for Pilgrims*. We had good attendance at Annual Conference for morning Eucharist which was each morning of conference. We are exploring no projects. Our Prior is Br. G. Alan Brown and our Chancellor is Sr. Barb Lee.

The **South Carolina Chapter** meets bimonthly. Recent meetings included a presentation around the development of the alternate Service of Holy Communion for Methodists (early 70s) by one of the creators; the Sacrament is observed. We had a discussion of creative worship ideas including original liturgies, use of contemporary music, etc. We also toured Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and studied the iconography. Officers are: Br. Jeremy Howell, Prior; Sr. Cathy Jamieson-Ogg, Sub-Prior; Br. Gary Phillips, Chancellor; Br. Rodney Powell, Chaplain.

Perpetual Reminder . . . Please notify the Provincial General: (1) if the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, (2) if you are the contact person and you have updated contact information, (4) if you have additional news to share about your chapter or association, and (4) if you change your e-mail address.

From our Pastoral Care Officer
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Christmas greetings from snowy Pittsburgh, PA. You should be glad that St. Luke celebrates his day in October, because today the hillside leading up to the Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross is a giant toboggan slide! I hope that all of our OSL brothers, sisters and friends were blessed by the celebration of our Lord and Savior this Christmas. As we look forward to God being made manifest in Epiphany, let us all seek to celebrate faith which has been handed forward to us from previous generations in such a way that new generations will hear the Good News of the Gospel and be welcomed into a saving relationship through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please keep in your prayers our General Officers. They have had much laid upon their shoulders by recent events as the Order seeks to find its way into this new century with new technologies and new opportunities for ministry.

We celebrate the birth of Br. Chris Rodkey's new daughter, Scarlett, who was born 9/20/2012. She and mother Traci are doing well. Chris has also taken up a new position as pastor of the St. Paul UCC in Dallastown, PA.

We rejoice that Br. Roger Baker was able to travel and take his family on a vacation recently. We continue to ask prayers that his health continue to improve.

We rejoice that Sr. Sue Moore was blessed with another delightful time in Wales. The scheduling fell in the midst of her move to the Nashville, TN area to be near her son and grandson. She and Bob have taken leave of their beautiful home in eastern PA which they would happily sell to anyone looking for a good home, if the price is right!

Sr. Deena Maguire has asked for our prayers for her prayers. Her health condition is causing her to seek a new pain therapy plan. She also asked for prayers for her husband and son.

Br. Mark Edwards asks for continuing prayers following his recent hip transplants. He is doing better but will still need to participate in therapy to recover fully. He thanks everyone for their prayers.

Sr. Mary O, Abbot Dan Benedict's wife, was recently diagnosed with pancreatitis. Please keep her in prayer as this condition is addressed.

Br. David Roberts has asked for our prayers as he deals with difficulties in his pastoral setting.

As we know, serving churches can often put us in difficult situations with conflicting demands upon our role as counselor and pastor. We pray for all who are serving in churches who are facing difficulties this season. The extra stress of our world's difficult economic conditions puts us all under added pressures.

Br. Tom Beveridge has asked for our prayers for himself and his wife as they await the results of recent medical testing that he underwent. He also asks for our continuing prayers for the families in Connecticut who were affected by the tragic shooting in Newtown. We give thanks for the response that has thus far been made. Unfortunately, that is not the only tragedy this holiday season. Together let us pray for our nation and world that we will indeed see that time foretold by the prophet when weapons of warfare are beaten into implements for farming. Since the shooting in Newtown, there have been several other shootings and attacks which have occurred across the world.

Sr. Kathy Haley has asked for prayers for healing for her extended family following the suicide of a family member.

Sr. Cindy Loomis-Torvi has asked for prayers for her medical condition which has worsened recently. She also sent the glad tidings that her son was recently married.

Sr. Cynthia Astle is celebrating her graduation from Perkins School of Theology as a certified Spiritual Director. She looks forward to developing this new ministry in the new year.



Br. Irving Cotto of the Eastern PA Conference was installed as District Superintendent of the Northeast District on September 16. He is shown here with Bishop Peggy Johson.

Drew University recently announced that the Methodist Library in the United Methodist Archives and History Center will undergo a dramatic renovation in the near future. Thanks to a very generous gift, the collection will be relocated to a new storage area while the library is fitted with rolling shelving and a new waterless fire extinguishing system. This work will not affect our archival collection at the Methodist Library, so if you have come across OSL materials you no longer need to have on hand, please send them to the Methodist Library, care of the Methodist Librarian, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940.

At this time of year, several of our Brothers and Sisters in pastoral ministry settings are determining whether they will seek to move to retired status or seek new appointments in the United Methodist connection or new locations of ministry in other polities. Many congregations are finishing up their pledge campaigns and trying to stretch their resources to enable ministry to continue. The world is filled with reports of wars, natural disasters and crises in governments. May we all be guided by the Holy Spirit as we discern how God intends to utilize us for God's purpose of reconciling the world to God's own self through our Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless us and use us in a mighty way in the new year ahead.

From the Prior General

Sr. Sue Moore, esmoore@alum.mit.edu

Please be sure you put the following dates in your new 2013 calendars:

May 2013 Council Meeting at Saint Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA from Monday afternoon, May 20 ó 24.

October 2013 Retreat in Claremont CA (Friday evening, October 18 through lunch on Monday, October 21. The Council meeting will convene after lunch on Monday.). The Daily Office Revision Team will meet on Friday, October 18.



In the Communion of Saints

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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.

Brothers to remember in January and February:

January 2 - Br. John R. Miller, West Virginia

February 27 - Br. Forest Shue, New Jersey

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) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

From the Companion for Inquirers and New Members:

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Since the first of August I have responded to forty inquiries about The Order, some for information, some for the affirmation form.

We have also welcomed these new members: Sr. Laura King of Mount Union PA, Br. Dabbs McGregor Woodfin from Dallas TX, Br. Todd Bardin in Montverde FL,



and these new members from the Philippines: Br. Ernesto Ramos of Kidapawan, Br. Ruben Magalias, Condon City, Br. Paul Alamay, Concon City, Br. Fred Manzano, Ilocus Sur, and Br. Benito DelAmon, Ilocus Sur.

As you have opportunity, please make these persons welcome to The Order.

Are you interested in writing book reviews? Here is your opportunity!

Our new book review editor, Br. John Brittain, needs volunteer reviewers. If this something you are interested in, please contact him at john.brittain@houghton.edu and indicate specific areas you are interested in reviewing. He will then be in touch with you concerning review copies and review guidelines.

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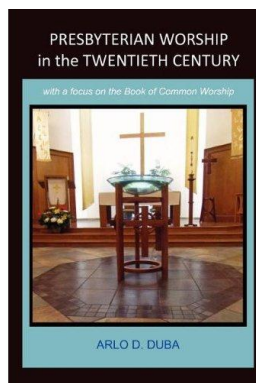
Abbot Daniel has appointed **Br. David Houdeschell**, OSL, to serve as Prior for Life-Vowed Members. Br. David will begin his duties immediately. Br. David has been a life member of the Order for a number of years. The abbot and Br. David will be working on a position description for this appointment so that Br. David has something objective to which he can be accountable. **Br. Guy Camp** has served in this position for the last four years.

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JANUARY

T	1	The Holy Name W
W	2	W
T	3	Gilbert Haven W
F	4	John Seybert W
S	5	W
Eve of Epiphany W		
S	6	Epiphany W
M	7	G/W*
T	8	Richard Watson G/W*
W	9	G/W*
T	10	G/W*
F	11	G/W*
S	12	G/W*
Eve of Baptism of the Lord W		
S	13	Baptism of the Lord W
M	14	G
T	15	G
W	16	Hiram Rhoades Revels G
T	17	Antony of Egypt G
F	18	The Confession of Peter W
S	19	Pseudo-Macarius of Egypt G
John Earnest Rattenbury G		
S	20	2nd Sunday after Epiphany G
M	21	Agnes of Rome G
T	22	G
W	23	Sarah Ann Dickey G
T	24	Eli Stanley Jones G
F	25	The Conversion of Paul W
S	26	Timothy and Titus G
S	27	3rd Sunday after Epiphany G
M	28	Thomas Aquinas G
T	29	G
W	30	G
T	31	John Raleigh Mott G

* Some traditions continue to use white until The Baptism of The Lord

FEBRUARY

F	1	Brigid of Kildare G
Eve of Presentation W		
S	2	The Presentation W, PM-G
S	3	4th Sunday after Epiphany G
M	4	Cornelius the Centurian G
T	5	Philipp Jakob Spenner G
W	6	G
T	7	G
F	8	G
S	9	G
Eve of Transfiguration of the Lord W		
S	10	Transfiguration of the Lord W
M	11	Fanny Jane Crosby G
T	12	G
W	13	Ash Wednesday P
T	14	Cyril and Methodius P
F	15	P
S	16	P
S	17	1st Sunday in Lent P
M	18	Martin Luther P
T	19	P
W	20	Frederick Douglas P
T	21	Ezekial Cooper P
F	22	Kanichi Miyama P
S	23	Polycarp P
S	24	2nd Sunday in Lent P
M	25	Matthias R transferred
(Comm. Amanda Berry Smith)		
T	26	P
W	27	George Herbert P
T	28	Romey Pitt Marshall P

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.

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New York Conference Chapter*



Affirmation for Membership

Membership in the Order of Saint Luke is based upon an intentional commitment to the Rule of Life and Service. While not a basis of membership, your financial support is vital to the life and work of the Order. All members under annual vows are required to reaffirm these vows annually around the Feast of Saint Luke, October 18.

- Will you affirm the apostolic hope?
- Will you live for the Church of Jesus Christ?
- Will you seek the sacramental life?
- Will you promote the corporate worship of the Church?
- Will you magnify the sacraments?
- Will you accept the call to service?
- Will you abide by the rules of the Order of Saint Luke and indicate your commitment by study, service, gifts, and practice?

- ☐ By my signature, I indicate that I give affirmative answers to the above questions.
☐ By my signature, I indicate that I no longer affirm the Rule and wish to be removed from membership.

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Grace and Peace,
Sr. Sue Moore

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