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### The Font

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## THE CALL TO SERVICE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the heart of our prayer is "Your Kingdom/Kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". In seeking perfection in love and holiness of heart and life under our Rule of Life and Service, we lean into the coming reign of



Br. Abbot  
Daniel Benedict

God, yearning for its revelation in society and in the cosmos. As is frequently the case, several of last month's high-profile events gave cause for hope and for disappointment.

The **racially motivated murders** of nine faithful Christians in "Mother" Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, witness to the United States' original sin of slavery and its necessity for national repentance and reconciliation. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" requires both introspection and broad public address. For a glimpse into how this might be accomplished, I recommend viewing President Barack Obama's eulogy for one of the victims, Mother Emanuel's pastor the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/RK7tYOVD0Hs>

The **U.S. Supreme Court's upholding of marriage equality** as mandated by the Constitution evoked both joy and consternation in society and in church, including within our Order. Some people contest the Supreme Court decision, while for many others it represents the culmination of long-yearned-for affirmation of a basic civil right afforded by the nation of "liberty and justice for all." Since

our Order is an international body, those of us who are not U.S. citizens likely will have altogether different views on this topic.

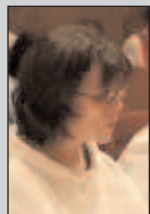
The fact remains that legislation and judicial decisions do not suddenly erase long-seated prejudice, bias, and ingrained practices. Having just celebrated fifty years since passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, we know that individual and systemic infringements of civil rights continue. Even with the Supreme Court decision on marriage equality, even with the outpouring of love and support for Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, there is still a lot of work to do for those long-excluded from society's benefits based on race, gender, and sexual orientation. Still, there is cause for hope – not only for justice for all, but for healing and reconciliation of all who are alienated and disturbed by the Supreme Court decision. Again, this event gives us a time for sober reflection and for embodying grace in all human relations. Whatever our views on marriage equality may be, we are still called to love all as Christ has loved us. Let us pray for ecclesial bodies, including The United Methodist Church as it comes to its 2016 General Conference, still wrestling with policies regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Another cause for hope is **Pope Francis' much-awaited encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home**. I have read it with appreciation for its open address to the world and its clear and encompassing perspective grounded in Christian social

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## IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, OSL  
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Sr. Heather  
Josselyn-  
Cranson

Faith communities have frequently kept necrologies of those saints who have gone before us. In this manner the Order of Saint Luke remembers these sisters and brothers:

July 5 Br. Thomas Davis  
(2005) Texas

July 19 Br. Ted Hoffmann  
(2013) North Carolina

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 of  
the Dallas Area, United  
Methodist Church.

August 24 Br. Ken Buth  
(2014) Louisiana, Florida

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.

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teaching. I call members of the Order of Saint Luke to read and invite study of the encyclical in our local churches and in our chapter meetings, with an eye to application in terms of practical choices. Francis is no neutral theologian. He speaks as a pastor of the poor and the vulnerable to all of us, challenging us to rethink our consumer habits, our complicity with unsustainable energy use and policies, our responsibility toward those most vulnerable to climate change in our globalized economy, and the need for intergenerational solidarity. He sounds a much-needed note concerning "cultural ecology," lamenting the diminishment of "the immense variety [of cultures] which is the heritage of all humanity." (p. 108, no. 144). In the section on the "Ecology of Daily Life," the pope connects with our rule's intention to live the sacramental life. He employs an evocative phrase: "experience of communitarian salvation" with respect to neighborhoods.

As a whole the encyclical confronts Catholic and evangelical tendencies to reduce salvation and redemption in terms of some otherworldly realm, as if that were our business. Without denying that hope, he locates salvation and redemption in this world. And he understands sin in terms of our effect on others, including generations to come, and on the web of life on this planet as God's beloved. So, on theological grounds he declares: "Society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good." (p. 117, no. 157) This re-

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United Methodist News Service Photo

**Prayer vigil for Emanuel AME Church held at Morris Brown AME Church in Charleston, SC.**

quires us, and society as a whole, to redefine our notion of progress (see nos. 193-198) and seek ecological education and conversion ("Ecological Education and Spirituality," chapter six).

Pope Francis' timely and intensely pastoral letter is available online at the Vatican website: <http://goo.gl/huDGUK>. The document can be downloaded to read and print from your own computer. Please read, mark, and inwardly digest it for yourself and with others.

Seeking to embody Christ's love for all creation,

+Br. Abbot Daniel

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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL

The Council of the Order met in May and took several actions that pertain to our chapters. We con-



Br. George Crisp

tinue to have several active chapters, but there are several groups that have not been meeting regularly and are now suspended chapters.

Those chapters are: **the Louisiana Chapter, the Missouri Chapter, the Philippines Chapter and the South Carolina Chapter.** A chapter is suspended when no successful efforts to re-energize or regroup the chapter are reported to the Provincial General. (Reports are requested twice a year.) These chapters are suspended for one year, or two report cycles. If OSL members from these chapters are meeting, please contact me.

Should a chapter that has been suspended for a year remain inactive, the Provincial General will advise the Council, which votes on the discontinuance of the chapter. At the May 20, 2015 Council meeting, the following chapters were discontinued: **the Dwight Vogel Chapter at Garrett-Evangelical, the Holy Cross Chapter (Great Plains Conference area), the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Latino Chapter, and the Southeast Ohio Chapter.** Again, if members of these chapters are meeting, please contact me with an update.

One additional group, **the Boston University Chapter**, has agreed that "the time has come for a good-bye event for the chapter." The Provincial General will dis-



continue tracking reorganization efforts at BU.

What I wrote in the last issue of *The Font* bears repeating: "Chapter status is a fluid thing, and the status of each of the chapters mentioned above could change in time. In all honesty, chapter strength is dependent on steadfast participation and faithful leadership. Other factors also play into the picture – weather and changes of address as well as waning interest and dedication to the Order. It is also difficult to get a chapter or association of the Order started; a critical mass is needed to plan for OSL gatherings and sustain folks who are commitment to the sacramental life." Each one of the groups named above has been advised that should they find a way to regroup or organize anew, there is an official process by which they may be reinstated or re-chartered in a new configuration.

Checking in with the Provincial General is the best way to share news of the activities of your chapter or providing updates on the future plans of your chapter. This process is the best way we have of knowing how healthy and active

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OSL groups are "in the field." Without your chapter's report, the whole Order is diminished. So, I repeat this 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 if you have updated contact information, (3) if you have additional news to share about your chapter or association, and (4) if you change your e-mail address.

The next issue of *The Font* will begin a new reporting pattern for our established OSL groups.

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## FROM THE COMPANION FOR INQUIRERS AND NEW MEMBERS

Since our last issue, I have responded to seven inquiries, and sent out two new member packets. Those went to Randall Hi-burn in Knoxville TN, and Debbie Neill of Tuckahoe NJ. As you have opportunity, please welcome them into our fellowship.



Br. Matthias Tanner

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## REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

Br. David A Eichelberger, OSL  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The summer is upon us and many of us have been having very difficult weather. We are in prayer for all who are being challenged by floods, droughts, storms, tornadoes, hail, wildfires etc. I have not heard of frogs or locusts but will keep my eyes open and my ears attentive to any reports. Due to the summer time and Annual Conference season, there has been little news to share from our members in diaspora around the world. I trust that means that most are doing well. May we in the northern hemisphere enjoy a time of refreshment. May the folks in the southern hemisphere not encounter especially dismal weather or destructive typhoons.

Prayer concerns have been shared by:

**Br. Whit Johnstone** on the death of his grandmother. May her entire family be graced with God's love and consolation.

**Sr. Jeanette Block** shared the news that her car was damaged when it was struck from behind, but she was not injured in the crash. Sr. Jeannette is getting acquainted with her new appointment in Cape May, NJ. We will pray that she is able to get her new home and guest room settled quickly, since Cape May is such a lovely place to visit!

**Br. J. Howard Cherry** wishes to



Br. David  
Eichelberger

thank all his OSL brothers and sisters for their support and prayers during his extended convalescence. His surgeon agrees that his sternal wound has finally closed thanks to the technology of the wound vacuum device. Unfortunately, his teeth were damaged during his time in the hospital and he will be spending much time in the dentist's and orthodontist's chairs in the foreseeable future. He will be also undergoing some additional tests for other health issues and appreciates ongoing prayers.

**Sr. Meredith Sturm** continues to endure her ongoing chemotherapy with great courage. She is on the 10th dose of 12 in the current course. Let us continue to keep her in our prayers for strength for all that lies ahead. While having all this to be concerned about, she also asks for prayers for her niece who is to undergo surgery in the near future. **Sr. Meredith and Br. Brent** have also recently learned of the engagement of two of their three sons to be married in the New Year.

**Sr. Dianne Tobey Covault** and **Br. Abbot Daniel Benedict** took part in the ordination service in the East Ohio Conference this past month. Sr. Dianne was ordained an Elder. Br. Abbot Daniel was her sponsoring Elder.

**Sr. Fran Ballenger** retired at this year's Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, but will continue to serve as pastor at her current location. Our **Br. Evan W. Rohrs-Dodge** was ordained Elder at the same Annual Conference.

I understand that several members of **Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards'** family were spotted in Salt Lake City, UT during the 2015 session of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church of America. Let us keep them in prayer as they participate in this important event in the life of their church. I have also heard word that the UMC and the ECA are making steady if slow progress towards recognizing each other's ministry and worship.

At *The Font's* deadline we also learned that **Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards'** mother, **Gaila Edwards**, suffered two transient ischemic attacks and has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Br. Taylor requests prayers for his mother and for his sister **Marie Young** and her husband **Eric** as they care for Gaila in a Florida hospital while they also move into a new home!

**Br. Bill and Sr. Mabel Doser** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in May. They send their love to their OSL siblings from their retirement home in Lincolnton, NC.

**Sr. Nancy Cartwright** and her husband **Jeffery** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this month. May God continue to bless and preserve them.

**Sr. Cynthia Astle** recently suffered a compound sprain to her ankle when she stumbled while out walking her "darling companion," Sheena the Wonder Dog. May God strengthen her with healing grace.

Speaking of OSL pets, **Br. David Eichelberger** and **Br. J. Howard**

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## FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL

# *A New Breviary is Coming at Fall Retreat*

In October of this year OS� Publications will release “A Lukan



Sr. Elizabeth Moore

Book of Hours: Basic Forms of the Daily Office.” A copy of the book will be included in the October Retreat registration fee, and additional copies will be

available for purchase at the retreat. At the same time it will be available for order from [oslpublishations@gmail.com](mailto:oslpublishations@gmail.com) and from Amazon. The list price will be \$15.

This is a slim volume (132 pages) that provides basic forms for the daily office for the entire liturgical year. It stands alone, although people may wish to use a

Bible for complete readings from the lectionary.

Work continues on a fuller “amplified” version of the daily office, which will include more hymnody, more suggested scripture readings, and more variation for days and weeks within a season. This amplified version is tentatively anticipated to be completed in 2017.

When the Daily Office Revision Team began our work, our expectation was that the amplified version would be the only volume we published. We developed basic forms with the intention of providing options for expanding them. What we discovered was that members of the team began to use the basic forms in their own daily prayers and found them very

meaningful. Their brevity makes it easy to maintain the discipline of praying the offices daily, even when we are under pressures of time and responsibility. They allow time for silence.

We want to share these basic offices with you as soon as they can be prepared for publication. Our hope is that they will be as much a gift to you as they have been to us. Please continue to hold us in prayer as we develop the amplified Daily Office.

**Sr. Elizabeth Moore**

(Formerly Sr. Sue)

**Prior General and**

**Director, OS� Publishing**

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## PASTORAL CARE

Cherry’s dog Maggie was recently injured while out playing with her locally famous little red ball. Her one rear leg has been damaged and we ask that you keep us in your prayers. A 70-pound dog is not easily carried and Br. David has been known to have back trouble on occasion.

**Sr. Barbara Lee** is mourning the passing of her beloved husband, **Br. Wayne Lee** who succumbed after a valiant fight against his affliction (see the May-June issue of *The Font* for Br. Wayne’s obituary). Let us hold her in our prayers as she, their family and friends mourn his departure from our present lives. Although our grief is immense, we are comforted by the

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promise of the resurrection in the presence of our Risen Lord.

We join with many across the nation in prayer for the families and loved ones of the nine members and pastors of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charlestown, SC. May your grace be made manifest in their lives, O Lord, as we entrust our brothers and sisters in faith into your abiding care. We pray that the young man who took their lives may repent of his actions and be transformed by the witness of love and forgiveness that was given by the Emanuel families.

We also remember all who are in the midst of leave-taking from current appointments/ positions and transitions to new parishes

and new jobs. We pray for those who are still seeking employment.

Gracious God who has blessed us with this beautiful planet to shepherd and steward: Forgive us for our blind eagerness to be in control and to subvert your designs. We pray for the healing of our world. May we learn that we are all fellow creatures together and put aside the distortions of bigotry and hatred. Help us to understand our place in the universe. Teach us to learn from our mistakes so that we can begin to make amends to the harms we have inflicted. We have blinded ourselves with pride of position and have not sought to live in harmony with our world or with the other peo-

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# New Jersey Chapter Captures Retreat with Poetry

The New Jersey Chapter of the Order of St. Luke met May 5-7, 2015 for our annual spring retreat at the Community of St. John the Baptist Retreat Center in Mendham, New Jersey. Thirteen of us gathered with Sr. Eleanor Francis who facilitated our study of lectio divina. We focused on four ways of using lectio in our life of prayer: The African Bible Study Method, Lectio on Life: Applying Lectio Divina to our personal salvation history, using lectio in place of a sermon in our BOS and listening for the Spirit creatively. The creative session was based upon our reading of Matthew 25:31-46 and led to the following musings of the Spirit. – Sr. Jeanette Block

## The Question

O Lord, when was it?  
 O Lord, who am I?  
 Was it at the Beginning?  
 Am I in The Word?  
 Was I on thy Right Hand?  
 Am I blessed with joyful obedience?  
 Was I on thy Left Hand?  
 Is my back turned to thy Love?  
 Do I see with a vision extended and wide?  
 Are my eyes closed to the great bounty of thy Love?  
 Do I find you in the distressing poverty around me?  
 Can I serve where I do not see?  
 Do I seek the prisoner, the hungry, the homeless?  
 In whose presence do I see your face?  
 In the painful cry of the wretched, whose voice do I hear?  
 Do I open the door of the home of warmth and plenty?  
 Whom do I invite in?  
 What is truth?  
 Is my spirit large enough to testify?

Sr. Lila Joyce Trainer



Was it on the right side or wrong side or left side or the sheep side or the goat side what side was it when I gave a home to a failing alcoholic kicked out of the halfway house?  
 I know the result seemed a disaster.  
 Was it on the right side or wrong side or left side or the sheep side or the goat side what side was it when I yet again gave a home to a homeless

alcoholic who I fed and welcomed into the parsonage?

I know the result seemed like a glorious transformation.

Was it on the right side or wrong side or left side or sheep side or goat side when I turned the channel when I saw the bodies piling up in Nepal, the crowds in Baltimore?

Did we think of any concrete response?

Too much disaster overload, did we do anything to help?

Did our helpless feeling put us on the fence?

Whose side am I on anyway?

Jesus, I know nothing done in your name for the least of these is ever wasted; whatever the outcome it is you Lord, not me. I pray to inherit your kingdom.

Don't let me sit on the fence worried about my ego or my pocketbook.

May I be on your side, doing for the least of these, always.

Sr. Lin Smallwood



There "I was."

Then came a herd of sheep.

With them, I lost all the "I was."

A door opened to the new.

And from one of the least to now part of the foundation of the world.

Br. Tom Trainor




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ples and creatures of this planet. We are reaping the harvest of our sins. We rejoice and give thanks that you, O God, are a God who brings redemption and second chances. As you once washed away the sins of the world, help us to begin anew the important ministry of rebuilding your garden. May we clear away the thorns, the weeds, and all the obstructions that have hidden and distorted its beauty. May we one day rejoice to live in the beauty of holiness. We pray this in the name of the Eternal Word through whom all things were made. Amen.



## COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 2015

**May 20, 2015**

Members present: David Eichelberger, Brent Sturm, Heather Joselyn-Cranson, Bob Jarboe, Dianne Tobey Covault, Geoffrey Moore, Scot Bontrager, Elizabeth (Sue) Moore, Scott Alford, Dan Benedict, Dwight Vogel, French Ball, Fran Ballenger, Jeanette Block, Rusty Beals, Mark Stamm, Matthias Tanner, Alice Kay Lovelace

Council was convened at 1:15 p.m. by Abbot Daniel Benedict. After a reading from Fr. Henri Nouwen as a way of centering, he led the Council in a time of “check in” where members were invited to share pieces of their current lives. When all had shared, Council paused for Mid-Afternoon Prayer led by Bob Jarboe.

Br. Abbot commended to God those who have joined the Church Expectant in the past year.

Council took time to review the minutes of the General Council meeting and the October Council meeting (see Book of Reports). Both were approved as presented.

Br. Dan shared his report as Abbot (see Book of Reports). Particular attention was brought to the timing of elections for the general officers and to the question of having a future Retreat in Hawaii.

The action item in Br. Abbot's report was discussed, and there was consensus that the 2016 election be closed one month following the end of the May Council meeting.

Sr. Elizabeth (Sue) gave the Prior General report (see Book of

Reports). Alternate dates for the May 2016 Council meeting were proposed as being the week of May 23, rather than what she presented in her written report. These dates are subject to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center availability.

She requested that people examine the list of schools that present the Hickman Award to see if we might be missing some.

Br. Scott Alford gave the report of the Chancellor General (attached and made a part of these minutes). He reviewed the retreat scholarship policy as proposed and tabled during the October 2014 Council meeting. Discussion ensued around the policy as proposed. Br. Dwight noted that the officers could use their discretion in applying the policy with flexibility. Br. Scott Alford offered to reword the policy so that the percentage was not defined, and indicated “reasonable” travel expenses as defined by the general officers would be the idea. The change, to be appropriately worded by the Chancellor General, was approved by consensus.

Br. Scott Alford reviewed the financial reports, including the income/expense report and balance sheet attached). He noted that the financials are currently in a favorable state, and is due in part to some difficult decisions we have made in the past few years. We are now in a position where we can consider promoting the Order more, including the prayer books we are producing.

Because of our current surplus, Br. Scott Alford recommended

that we use a small amount to replace some “holy hardware.” Br. Geoffrey noted that we could expense this to the general operating budget rather than to the holy hardware reserve fund, and we should do this before the new fiscal year begins July 1.

The proposed 2015/2016 budget was approved. Br. Rusty applauded the efforts of our officers in helping to establish the current positive financial situation.

In Br. George Crisp's absence, Sr. Elizabeth offered the Provincial General's report (see Book of Reports). Br. Matthias is the Provincial Companion to the New England area. Discontinuance of the requested chapters was approved. Suspension of the requested chapters was also approved.

Meeting recessed for the day.

**May 21, 2015**

Council was called to order by Br. Abbot at 9:05 a.m. As a way of centering, he invited us to recall the individual stories shared the day before and to continue to hold one another in prayer.

Br. Rusty led Mid-Morning Prayer.

Sr. Elizabeth said that the 2016 Council meeting will meet May 23 (beginning around noon) and go to May 25 (early afternoon), and the Daily Office Revision Team will meet May 25 (following Council) and go through May 26. All will depart the morning of May 27.

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Sr. Alice Kay offered the report of the Chaplain General (see Book of Reports). Some housekeeping items were addressed for the scheduled worship services at the Council meeting, and there was general discussion regarding Retreat and Council worship. Br. Rusty highlighted information on repairs made on the crozier, and general conversation took place around the inventory of the Order's "holy hardware." Br. Abbot asked that the Chaplain General secure lectionary books for use in worship.

Sr. Elizabeth provided the report of the Interim Director of Publications (see Book of Reports). Special thanksgiving was made for Br. Dean Emerson in Camden, TN, for his work on order fulfillment. More people are stepping up to help proofread and assist OSL Publications in other ways as well.

Br. French talked about the website. The redesign has been largely been done, but there are a few tweaks still to be made. Documents of the Order can be found there. A scrolling banner on the homepage may not be possible due to the website plug-ins making the images too large for our page. A shopping cart for OSL Publications will be available in the future.

Sr. Dianne gave a report from the Director of Periodicals, beginning with a summary of Sr. Cynthia Astle's (The Font editor) report (sent via email and reprinted below)...

The Font has published with few problems in the past 12 months. By moving to email distribution

via MailChimp, delivery and list update functions have been simplified and improved. The Font mail list still is drawn from the member directory kept by our Chancellor General, Br. Scott Alford, so it's imperative that members who wish to receive The Font make sure to send Br. Scott their annual renewal of vows. Br. Scott forwards email addresses to both new members and removed members to Sr. Cynthia Astle, Font editor, for input.

Newsletter content continues to document the business and relationships of the Order. In addition, as space allows, the newsletter strives to include creative offerings from OSL siblings. Most recently, Br. Abbot Daniel Benedict contributed a photo from an adult baptism during Easter Vigil, and Sr. Jeanette Block sent poems generated during the New Jersey Chapter's recent retreat. The latter will be published in the next issue.

Sr. Cynthia Astle expresses her thanks for the consistent collaboration of the Order's officers and abbatial appointees. Everyone has been patient with her first year of "shakedown" and all have responded promptly and with kindness to short deadlines and requests for proofreading. The latter includes Br. Richard Miller, who has stepped in to serve as general proofreader. Sr. Cynthia's goal for the coming year is to produce the newsletter in time for readers to make complete use of the Ordo provided by Br. Jack Fahey — in other words, by the

first of the month.

There is concern about the timeliness of Sacramental Life being produced. Br. Dan Doty will be stepping down as editor of Sacramental Life. There is a comprehensive index of articles that should go on the website in the future. It was suggested that an archive section for Sacramental Life and The Versicle be placed on the website. There was no objection.

Br. Geoffrey talked about Doxology (see Book of Reports). Discussion took place on whether it would be helpful to add a section for articles not quite on the "academic" level, but are too long for Sacramental Life and that also have content that would appeal to a wider audience than just the Order. There was consensus that this should be done.

After breaking for Eucharist and lunch, Br. Abbot called the meeting together at 1:15 p.m.

Br. Dwight brought a report from the Daily Office Revision Team (see Book of Reports). Br. Brent moved and Br. David seconded that A Lukan Book of Hours be "commended by the Council of the General Chapter of the Order of Saint Luke, May 21, 2015." Motion passed. Br. Dwight admitted that the work on the amplified volume continues, and things are always evolving, including the possibility of digital formats. Br. Scot Bontrager offered the Council a run-through of what a possible digital format might look like.

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### OSL Brother Earns Hickman Award

The Order of Saint Luke each year presents the Hoyt Hickman Award to a graduating seminarian who shows proficiency in worship. This year one of our own, Br. Jim Denton, received the Hickman Award at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Br. Jim is shown with his wife, Sr. Sheri LoCasio, displaying the paten and chalice that are given with the honor.

## Get Ready for the October Retreat

By Sr. Elizabeth Moore

One of the dilemmas in planning our retreat is to find a balance between worship, study, reflection, and just enjoying being together. We try to have a thought-provoking leader, and I am very pleased that Br. Don Saliers has accepted our invitation to lead our study sessions this year. It will be a real treat for us to spend time with him.

For some of our siblings, the “main event” at retreat isn’t the speaker – it is the worship. The chapel at Saint Paul of the Cross is a special space, and our worship there is truly holy time. Some people choose to wear their habits when we gather in the chapel, but that is not required. (In fact, a majority of people only vest for the Eucharist or for the service of profession of vows.)

Although the schedule is quite full, there are breaks planned throughout the day. In the evening some people will go to Carson Street to enjoy the hospitality there (the code name for this is “going on pilgrimage”) but many of us will just go to the refectory where we will find good conversation and plenty of snacks, soft drinks, and wine.

We have learned across time that it is almost impossible for us to observe silence during the retreats – we are just too excited to see each other and we want to visit – but there are many places where you can find solitude if that is what you need. There is a lovely park where you can go for a walk or just for quiet reflection, and the chapel is almost always open.

If you have any questions about the retreat, don’t hesitate to contact me at [esmoore@alum.mit.edu](mailto:esmoore@alum.mit.edu).

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Br. David shared his report as the Pastoral Care Officer (see Book of Reports). He also talked about the Historical Task Force (see Book of Reports).

Br. Matthias shared his report as the Companion to Inquirers and New Members (see Book of Reports). Each month he sends a blog to members who joined in the previous three years.

Br. Brent talked about the Community of Saint Luke. They have been inactive for several years. A balance from an old, inactive bank

account is held by the State of West Virginia. Br. Brent will continue to investigate and make attempts to secure this lost money.

Council took a short break and Mid-Afternoon Prayer.

Br. Abbot suggested that when there is a death of a member that we send an email notice to the membership as soon as possible upon learning of it. There was no objection.

Br. Abbot brought up the cur-

rent version of the Customary. Br. Dwight told more about its history (originally called the Ordinary), which was more or less accumulated thoughts of abbots, general practices, and traditions. It does not have the “rule of law,” but is, in essence, the spirit of the Order.

Council adjourned at 3:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Br. Scott Alford,  
Chancellor General

Sr. Dianne Tobey Covault,  
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# THE ORDO

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## JULY

W	1	G
T	2	Anna Howard Shaw G
F	3	G
S	4	Jashwant Rao Chitambar G
<b>S</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	6	John Hus G
T	7	G
W	8	G
T	9	G
F	10	G
S	11	Benedict of Nursia G
<b>S</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	13	G
T	14	G
W	15	G
T	16	G
F	17	John Coltrane G
S	18	G
<b>S</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	20	Belle Harris Bennett G
T	21	G
W	22	Mary Magdalene W (comm. James Varick)
T	23	G
F	24	Thomas a Kempis G
S	25	James the Elder R, PM-G
<b>S</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	27	G
T	28	Johann S. Bach & George F. Handel G
W	29	Mary and Martha of Bethany G
T	30	Susanna Wesley G
F	31	G

## AUGUST

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

### Notes on The Ordo:

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.

*\*If not observed on the Last Sunday after Epiphany*



*2015 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke  
Liturgy and Moral Imagination  
October 20-23, 2015*

St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center,  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Nametags will use the title Sr. or Br. unless you request otherwise.)

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

Please note that some rooms have private baths, but many do not. Most rooms are singles. If you want to room with someone, then please indicate that preference on this form. If you need to have a room with toilet facilities, please let me know and I will do what I can to accommodate you.

☐ Please register me for the **2015 Retreat** (Tuesday afternoon, October 20, through Friday lunch, October 23) at a cost of \$375.00

☐ Please register me for **early arrival 2015 Retreat** (Monday night, October 19, through Friday lunch, October 23) at a cost of \$425.00.

(For those attending the DORT meeting and any others who wish to arrive on Monday)

NOTE: Transportation will not be provided from the airport. A convenient way to get to the monastery is by Super Shuttle. The cost is \$26 one way. Additional passengers are \$9 so it pays to meet up with others at the airport if possible. Reservations must be made in advance at <https://reservations.supershuttle.com>.

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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration deadline is September 15, 2014.**

Please return a completed registration form for each individual attending to:  
Sr. Sue Moore, O.S.L., Prior General  
The Order of Saint Luke  
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You are welcome to send your information via email to [esmoore@alum.mit.edu](mailto:esmoore@alum.mit.edu) if you are not attaching a check.





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## MEDITATION

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*

– Revelation 22:1-2



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