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Fostering Connections Within The Order of Saint Luke

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THE CALL TO SERVICE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the great moments this summer was praying Evening Prayer perched on the edge of the Grand Canyon! Sr. Mary O insisted that my bucket list include that amazing and humbling place. I hope that you have prayed the daily office in some unique, soul-awakening places this summer.

In mid-July Sr. Mary O and I returned to



Br. Abbot Daniel Benedict our home in Hawaii after a four-and-a-half-month sojourn on the mainland that included the OSL Spring Council meeting, visiting family in upstate NY, travel in New Mexico and Arizona, a presentation on adult catechesis at the NAAC annual gather-

ing in Albuquerque (see www.catechumenate.org), teaching my first seminary class on UM sacramental theology, and the biggie—supervising construction and furnishing our new apartment in our daughter and son-in-law's home in northern Virginia. The latter allows us to spend more time with family on the east coast. Our primary home will still be in Hawaii.

Meanwhile, the life of the world for which we pray and live by water and the Spirit has gone on: denominational conferences and assemblies have convened and wrangled, bishops have been elected, humans have committed acts of violence and terror, political spin doctors are attempting to manage public perceptions, and fear and tensions in the world have escalated. In the face of all of this, the gospel of Jesus Christ continues to call the world to "follow me." In fact, the gospel calls us to go out in confidence that Christ Jesus is already in all of those places where creation suffers and groans, and so, we go to meet him where evil menaces and fear and hatred act out. We go to live in the shadow of the cross and tomb in hope of the resurrection.

I know that for many of us the shadow of the cross is not only cosmic and global; it is personal. Illness, death of loved ones, setbacks in home life and destruction of property, and bouts with depression are afflictions that call for faith lived in community, church and Order.

It is in this world, in these struggles, and in this community that the Spirit calls us to live the Rule of Life and Service. I call each of you to take seriously the call to the 2016 Convocation of the Order in Pittsburgh October 18-21. (See details and registration form below.) For those of you in the Philippines, I call you to participate in the annual convocation November 17-19 in Manilla. (Both Sr. Elizabeth Moore, abbot elect, and I will be traveling there to share with our Filipino sisters and brothers in the Order's first visitation to that part of the world.) I call each of you to pray for the newly elected general officers who will be invested at the Convocation: Sr. Elizabeth Moore, Br. George Crisp, Sr. Jeanette Block, and Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson. They will be our gracefilled leaders leading in the next four years.

Let us bless the Lord,

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+Br. Abbot Dan

IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, OSL hjosselyn@hotmail.com

Faith communities have fre-



quently 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 18 Sr. Linda Murry (2015) Missouri

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 in Texas

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 at hjosselyn@hotmail.com so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

Br. Jonathan Hehn Appointed Editor of *Sacramental Life* Magazine

By Sr.. Dianne Tobey Covault

Please welcome Brother Jonathan Hehn, OSL to the position of Editor of Sacramental Life. Br. Jonathan is currently Liturgical Minister and Director of Worship at St. Leo University in St. Leo, FL. He holds a Doctor of Music from Florida State University, a Master of Sacred Music from the University of Notre Dame, and a Bachelor of Music from Florida State University. include sacred music as an interdisciplinary field and Christian worship in the Reformed tradition. He is involved in the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada, the American Guild of Organists, and the Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship.

Br. Jonathan is excited to begin his work and has already begun soliciting articles for our next issue!

Sr. Dianne Tobey Covault, OSL
Director of Periodicals

Br. Jonathan's research interests

Progress Report of Daily Office Revision Team (DORT)

By Br. Dwight Vogel

We continue our labors on:

* Selection and editing of propers for Ordinary Time before Advent (Sept-Nov) and Ordinary Time after Epiphany

* Preparation of A Lukan Book of Festivals and Holy Days: Basic Forms of the Daily Office.

*A Lukan Daily Lectionary (based on Revised Common Daily Lectionary)

Our work on the Lukan Psalter includes:

* Completed preparation of Psalms 1 through 60 for use in public and private prayer

* Current work on Psalms 61 through 100

* Completion of a psalm lectionary for use in with the OSL Amplifed Daily Office

Help wanted!!

We'd like to consider including your creative work as we prepare the amplified form of the Daily Office for Ordinary Time after Epiphany and the basic forms in A Lukan Book of Festivals and Holy Days.

Join our work by submitting prayers and hymn texts (set to familiar hymn tunes) to me at dwight.vogel@garrett.edu. It is our practice to assume that contributions from members are part of our answering the call the service. Therefore, the more components we can use from OSL members the less we have to pay for royalties! Even more important, it incarnates our work as a common endeavor by all members of the Order. I hope to hear from you!

- Dwight Vogel, OSL

For the Daily Office Revision Team

We Have an Election! Actually, Four of Them

By Br. W. Brent Sturm

As clerk of the recent election of General Office for our Order, I am pleased to announce: We have an election! The membership has affirmed the discernment of the nominating committee and elected the following slate for the coming four years by unanimous affirmation.

Our Abbot serves as the spiritual and temporal leader of The Order. The Abbot presides at meetings of the General Chapter and the Council of the General Chapter, casts a vision for the Order and its work, and serves as what the world would call the chief executive officer. You have elected Sister Elizabeth Moore as Abbot of The Order of Saint Luke. Sr. Elizabeth has served the Order of Saint Luke for the past eight years as Prior-General, and for the past seven years as the Interim Director of Publications. She served as the editor of *The* Font for ten years. She joined the Order in 1999 as part of the Greater New Jersey Chapter. Sr. Elizabeth is a retired Elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. She lives in Ashland City, Tennessee with her husband, Bob. They participate in the life of Edgehill United Methodist Church in Nashville. Prior to her ordination. Sr. Elizabeth worked in systems engineering and strategic planning.

The Prior General is roughly analogous to a Vice-President. The specific tasks of the Prior General are worked out with the Abbot, with each concentrating on the work to which their own gifts and graces are best aligned. Should the Abbot be unable to carry out her/his duties, the Prior General assumes those duties. You have elected **Brother George Crisp**



Elected to lead The Order of Saint Luke for 2016-2020 are (from left). Sr. Elizabeth (Sue) Moore, Abbot; Br. George Crisp, Prior General; Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, Provincial General; and Sr. Jeanette Block, Chancellor General.

to serve as Prior General for the coming four years. Br. George has been a member of The Order since 1984, and has lived out his relationship with the Order in the California-Pacific Chapter. The Order has been his spiritual touch-stone throughout 32 years in United Methodist ministry. For the past sixteen years he has served The Order as Provincial General, monitoring the chapters and associations to gauge the strength of The Order.

Our Chancellor General is the business manager of The Order. The Chancellor serves as secretary of the General Chapter and of the Council and manages The Order's finances and membership records. You have elected **Sister Jeanette Block** to serve as Chancellor. Sr. Jeanette joined The Order in 2006 and lives out The Rule of Life and Service in the New Jersey chapter. She currently serves the Order as Provincial Companion for the State of New Jersey. She writes, "When we gather for council or convocation, it is like coming home to be with my brothers and sister. It is the place I call my church as I am able to participate and plan worship with my 'family'." She believes that her commitment to daily prayer through the Order has formed her spiritual bedrock. She is pastor of the Cape May United Methodist Church.

Finally, the Provincial General supervises and coordinates the work of the Provincial Companions, and tracks the strength of The Order through the work of its various chapters. You have elected Sister Heather Josselyn-Cranson to serve as our Provincial General. Sr. Heather joined the Order of Saint Luke through the Boston University Chapter in 1999. Since her graduation in 2005, she has lived out the Rule of Life and Service in northwestern Iowa, teaching music ministry and accompanying at the Church of the Savior in Orange City. She has also participated in the NW Iowa As-

FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL

The results of our General Office election have been announced (see Page 3), and I am pleased to welcome **Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson** as your new Provincial General.



Following my final request for chapter reports this September, she will be in touch with you for chapter information. Many chapters take a summer

Br. George Crisp

break, so the news is light this time around. Meanwhile, here are the reports as of May 2016:

The East Ohio Conference Chapter

continues to meet monthly, for Eucharist, Spiritual Formation, and business. Our usual venue is Trinity United Church of Christ, in Wadsworth, Ohio, where Br. Dan Doty is pastor. Trinity is more-or-less centrally-located in our Conference. In 2016, we have been forced to discontinue our tradition of holding a

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sociation, and has served as Provincial Companion in Iowa and Kansas. As I write this, she together with husband Matt and daughter Seraphina are moving to Massachusetts, where she will begin teaching Music and Religion at Regis College in September

I know that you join me in prayer as these four prepare to assume their duties this fall. Also be in prayer for the two officers stepping down, Brother Scott Alford and Brother Dan Benedict. These transitions take place across many miles. They take service of Eucharist during one evening of Annual Conference. This year, there are "official" Annual Conference services every evening. In order not to compete with these services, we decided to take this year off. We will re-evaluate this service in the spring of 2017. Officers are as follows: Dan Doty is Prior, O. French Ball is Sub-Prior, David Powell is Chancellor, and Steve Sullivan is the Spiritual Formation Officer. *[P.G. Note: Br. French Ball, Canon of the Order submitted this report.]*

The Northwest Iowa Association met for conversation, Eucharist and lunch in January. We're planning a couple of meetings for May/June, because not everyone can come to the same date – May 17 is the first of those. Moving forward, we'll need to see if one of the other members will be a primary contact person since Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson will be moving in June.

The Singapore Association met

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hours of conference calls, zillions of bytes of internet traffic, and, even in this day of a "paperless society," not a few cases of "stuff" being shipped here and there. Lord, have mercy!

It has been my high honor to serve you first as the Convener of the Nominating Committee and then as Clerk of the Election. I thank you all for the privilege.

Brother Brent

(Br. W. Brent Sturm)

Br. George R. Crisp, OSL, Provincial General revgrc@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 27, at Mt. Alvernia Hospital (a Catholic hospital where one of our members works). We discussed the dissertations of two members who completed doctoral programs in worship during the last two years (one on the similarities between worship and hospitality, and the other on the primacy of scripture reading in congregational worship), selected two new leaders and celebrated the Eucharist, after which we toured the hospital's new chapel. The new leaders are: Br. Anthony Goh, Prior and Br. Yeo Teck Beng, Chancellor. Br. Teck Beng is in the process of making his first affirmation. [P.G. Note: Br. George Martzen, who submitted this report, has served as a missionary to Singapore. He has returned to the Cal-Pac Conference for a new appointment.]

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



REPORT OF THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Order of Saint Luke:

As I greet you in this edition of the Font we are celebrating the election of the new slate of officers for the term



Br. David

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of office 2016-2020. We are truly thankful for the services rendered by our outgoing Officers: Abbot Daniel Benedict, Prior General Sr. Elizabeth Moore, Provincial General

Br. George Crisp and Chancellor General Br. Scott Alford. Each has enabled the Chapter to weather some very challenging times and have shaped our work with their particular gifts and graces. We have been blessed by their leadership! I hope many of our Sisters and Brothers will plan to attend the installation service at our October Convocation and will take the time to thank them in person.

We rejoice to welcome our new officers who will be installed in October: **Sr. Elizabeth Moore** as Abbot – the first woman so chosen in the Order's history; **Br. George Crisp**, as Prior General, **Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson** as Provincial General, and **Sr. Jeanette Block** as our Chancellor General. We look forward to a new chapter in our life together under their leadership. Please be in prayer for each of these as they prepare for this call to service on behalf of the Order.

We are also called to be in prayer for the following Brothers and Sisters:

Br. W. Brent Sturm has asked for prayers for the many communities and families affected in West Virginia which were devastated by severe flooding and loss of life, especially in his former parish, White Sulphur Springs, WV. Two of his sons still live there and have given on-thespot reports of the harm caused.

Br. Roger "Br. Rog" Baker continues to ask for prayers as he faces ongoing treatment for his cancer.

Br. John Allison and his wife rejoice to announce the birth of their daughter Stella Kirksey on June 1.

Sr. Cynthia Astle and husband John are still not able to live in their Dallas home, but they are thankful to the Order for the love gift to assist them while their home is gutted and cleared of mold and mildew that resulted from a broken water pipe leaking for two weeks while they were attending the 2016 United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Ore. Thankfully a qualified contractor is at long last able to begin the work, which will likely last several months.

Br. Bill Doser reports that he has put his house on the market and has moved to a retirement community in Charlotte. He and his beloved late wife, **Sr. Mabel**, had lived in the home for many years. Since Sr. Mabel died, it became too much for him to manage.

Br. Daniel Doty has been enjoying a return trip to Germany. Those of us who are Facebook friends have been blessed with pictures of the many places he has visited.

Br. Canon French Ball has also relocated. Br. French recently closed on his former house in Ohio and is house hunting in Nashville where he will be closer to family.

In addition to taking on a new duty

with our Order as Provincial General-elect, **Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson** is also looking for a new home in Massachusetts where she has moved for her new teaching position. The move also brings Sr. Heather, husband Matt and their

Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards shared the news that his wife, the Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, an Episcopal priest, is in the final pool of candidates who are being considered for election to the office of Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indiana.

daughter Serafina closer to their New

England relatives.

Br. Sky McCracken was recently nominated for election as a United Methodist Bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. He was not chosen for that office, but we know his many talents are continuing to bless the churches of his district in Kentucky where he is the District Superintendent.

Sr. Fran Ballinger has asked for prayers. She has been diagnosed with a serious condition and will be undergoing surgery in the near future. Please pray for her to be at peace while all is being evaluated and for a speedy recovery afterwards.

Br. Jim Caffrey shared the good news that he has found that his church choir at First UMC in Greensburg, PA, is very interested in the Order. He plans to host a gathering there Oct. 22 to see if a new Chapter can be formed again in Western Pennsylvania.

We also invite your prayers for all who are taking up new responsibili-

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ties in their professions and new workplaces.

We offer this prayer:

God of grace and hope, we remember that this day is an excellent day in which to offer you our thanks and praise. You have blessed us with your love and sustain us in our daily activities. We lift our prayers on behalf of these individuals we have named as well as on behalf of the unnamed whose needs and situations are known only by you.

In this perilous world, O God, we look to you for our place of refuge. On every hand we are confronted with the violence that destroys lives and plunges communities into turmoil. Save us from our inclination to violence toward one another, whether it be in locations of war, civil conflict, or lands afflicted by terrorism. Help us to cherish each other as your beloved creatures, our sisters and brothers. We pray too for those who have been impacted by natural catastrophes. May our hands be ready to offer assistance and support.

We lift up our prayers on behalf of all the Christian churches of the world that we may learn to focus on being transformed by your love and becoming ambassadors of your grace. We especially pray for the Order of Saint Luke and for our General Officers. Bless those who will soon retire from office and those who will be installed in October. Give them a vision of the purposes you have in mind for us as your people. All of these prayers we offer to you through your Holy Spirit, O blessed and Holy Trinity. Amen.

Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman Convocation Speaker

Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. is a Sister of the Precious Blood from Dayton, Ohio, who taught high school mathematics and religion for 15 years and then taught in universities and seminaries. Since 1991 she has worked full time in pastoral liturgical education. She is the founding director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton, Ohio, and is the founding editor (1992) and columnist for *Liturgical Ministry* (published originally by the Institute for Liturgical Ministry and then by Liturgical Press; it went out of print at the end

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of 2011). For 18 years she has been the editor and lead writer for the annual publication *Living Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration, and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities.*

Sr. Zimmerman is an adjunct professor of liturgy at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati and is a liturgical consultant; and an award-winning author of numerous books and articles on liturgy and spirituality. She holds both civil and pontifical doctorates and is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy.

Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Pittsburgh PA



Convocation of the Order of Saint Luke October 18-21, 2016

A time of:

- Great worship
- Thought-provoking presentations
- Renewal of Vows
- Installation of new officers

Convocation begins Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 2:00 pm And concludes Friday, Oct 21 following lunch. You are invited to attend the Convocation of the Order of Saint Luke in Pittsburgh October 18-21. We are honored to have Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CPPS, (Sisters of the Precious Blood) as our leader this year as she shares her experience of living life under a Rule. Sr. Joyce is the President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. She is also the Director of the Institute for Liturgical Ministry, Dayton, Ohio. She is the author of numerous books, including *Worship with Gladness: Understanding Worship from the Heart* (Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (CICW)) and *Silence: Everyday Living and Praying.*



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(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 **2016 Retreat** (Tuesday afternoon, October 18, through Friday lunch, October 21) at a cost of \$375.00

Please register me for **early arrival 2016 Retreat** (Monday night, October 17, through Friday lunch, October 21) 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.



Registration deadline is September 15, 2016.

Please return a completed registration form for each individual attending to: Sr. Elizabeth Moore, O.S.L., Prior General The Order of Saint Luke 1002 Hunters Lane, Ashland City TN 37015

You are welcome to send your information via email to esmoore@alum.mit.edu if you are not attaching a check.

THE ORDO

Prepared by Br. Jack Fahey, OSL

		AUGUST			SEPTEMBER
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Т	4	G			
F	5	G	S	4	16 th Sunday after Pentecost G
		Eve of Transfiguration W*	Μ	5	G
S	6	G	Т	6	James Bradley Finley G
		The Transfiguration W, pm-G	W	7	G
			Т	8	G
S	7	12th Sunday after Pentecost G	F	9	Mary Bosanquet Fletcher G
Μ	8	Dominic G	S	10	G
Т	8	Edith Stein G			
W	10	Laurence G	S	11	17th Sunday after Pentecost G
Т	11	Clare of Assissi G	Μ	12	Jesse Lee G
F	12	G	Т	13	Anthony Bewley G
S	13	Florence Nightingale G	W	14	Holy Cross Day R
			Т	15	G
S	14	13th Sunday after Pentecost G	F	16	G
Μ	15	Mary W	S	17	Hildegard of Bingen G
Т	16	Charles Grandison Finney; Br. Roger of			
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W	17	G	Μ	19	G
Т	18	Francis John McConnell G	Т	20	G
F	19	Jonathan Myrick Daniels G	W	21	Matthew R
S	20	Bernard of Clairvaux; William & Cather-	Т	22	G
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			S	24	G
S	21	14th Sunday after Pentecost G			
Μ	22	G	S	25	19th Sunday after Pentecost G
Т	23	G	Μ	26	Freeborn & Catherine Garrettson G
W	24	Bartholomew R	Т	27	John Dickins; Alejo Hernandez G
Т	25	G	W	28	G
F	26	G	Т	29	Michael and All Angels W
S	27	G	F	30	Jerome; George Whitefield G
S	28	15th Sunday after Pentecost G	Notes on The Ordo: All Sundays, Solemnities		
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*If not observed on the Last Sunday after Epiphany

John Bunyan G

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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.