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## FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

Our Spring Council Meeting was held May 16 to 19 at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale AZ where we will be holding our October retreat. The Renewal Center sits at the edge of the desert, with beautiful grounds, an outdoor chapel for morning prayer, and even a swimming pool! It is a lovely, restful, spiritually grounded place. I hope many of you will



**Sr. Abbot  
Elizabeth Moore**

be able to join us there in, October. Mark your calendars for October 3-6. That is two weeks earlier than we usually meet (the center wasn't available our usual week.) Br. George is hard at working planning all the details for our gathering, and will be sending you information as it is available. At the risk of announcing something before the schedule is finalized, the current (and probable) plan is to begin with dinner on Monday and end with lunch on Thursday. Airline fares have risen considerably, so do make your reservations as early as possible if you plan to fly.

Reporting for OSL Publications, I announced at the Council meeting that we have

made a decision to stop warehousing most books and go almost exclusively to books that are printed on demand (pod), i.e., we have a copy printed and mailed when an order is received. That means that several very low volume sellers for which we don't have digital files will be removed from our catalog. The majority of our books are already available via on-demand printing. Br. Dean Emerson has provided warehousing for us for a number of years, including the packing and shipping of books. He will still manage the orders, but no longer have to dedicate a room in his parsonage as a warehouse. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has done for us with regard to Publications. Thank you, Br. Dean!

One reason that I am bringing this up so far in advance is to remind you that our By-laws (Sect. 5) indicate that "(Travel) Expenses for the representative to the Council are the responsibility of the local Chapter." I realize that most of our chapters don't have financial resources, but you might consider creating a modest fund so that in two years you can provide financial support to your prior or convener to be able to attend the Spring Council meeting. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

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## A Desert Oasis

**The Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale offers a physical and spiritual oasis in the Arizona desert and in our spirits. We'll meet here Oct. 3-6 for annual Retreat. SEE PAGE 3 for more details.**



## FROM THE CHANCELLOR GENERAL

Sr. Jeanette Block  
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It was a joy to be together in one place! The weather at the Franciscan Renewal Center was perfect and I needed a break as life has been so stressful. I hope all of our siblings will consider coming in the fall to reset, recharge and rest.

We put forth a budget of \$52,650.00 which will require a vote by the General Council in the fall. The good news this

year is that we had revenue of \$62,202.27 due to your generous donations, our publications and a bequest from an estate. I encourage all of us to think about making the Order part of our



Sr. Jeanette Block

estate planning. For my personal planning, I value the work and ministry of the Order of Saint Luke and we are the group I would like to continue supporting long after I am gone.

I am blessed by Br. Aidan (Joshua) Allison as he helps me enter the data that come in every year on your Affirmations. If you have moved or are planning to move, please provide me your new address via email at [oslchancellor@gmail.com](mailto:oslchancellor@gmail.com) so that your annual mailing and Doxology will arrive at the correct address.

Thank you so very much for your patience this year and for your generosity in supporting the Order of Saint Luke. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Chancellor General. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace and blessings,

Sr. Jeanette Block  
Chancellor General



Consider making OSL part of your estate planning. (iStock Photo)

## FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

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As part of the Daily Office Revision Team report, Br. Brendan (Dwight) Vogel led us in a discussion of the first draft of "A Customary for Praying the Offices and Services of The Order of Saint Luke in Community." This is not meant to be a rulebook about how each service must be led, but instead is a review of how the services "customarily" have been organized along with some theological reflection on why these customs developed. As I listened to the conversation, I realized that this document is not a meant to be a mandate, but an invitation to reflect on our worship and to find ways to enhance its depth and beauty. Keep tuned for further developments from Br. Brendan, who welcomes your comments.

As we enter the summer, I pray that

you will find time to rest and renew your spirits. It has been a difficult Spring. We have lost innocent children to senseless violence. We have lost Black and Asian brothers and sisters to racial hatred. These are difficult times for all of us, and doubly difficult if you must cope not only with your own feelings, but with those of a frightened congregation. I hope you can find solace and strength in the affection of your siblings in the Order.

When you are feeling overwhelmed, I offer you this prayer by Father David Fleming. May it help you find peace.

*Abbot Sr. Elizabeth*



Holy Christ Jesus,  
once incarnate in one time and culture,

now reaching out to every nation and people:

Through your ascension  
teach us that you are for everyone.

Make us aware that you are present  
in every context,

and that we are called to embody the  
gospel.

of your reconciling presence, love  
and justice

throughout the world. Amen.

*Adapted from the reflections of David A. Fleming, S.M.*

*on the Anglican Community of the  
Ascended Christ, Delhi, India*

*– Lukan Book of Feasts and Holy  
Days, page 145*



## FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL

Br. George R. Crisp, OSL  
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Our annual retreat tradition continues with a gathering at the Franciscan Renewal Center, 5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. The dates are October 3-6, earlier than usual, due to the availability of the retreat center.

Our guest speaker will be Robert Hurd who is the author of *Compassionate Christ, Compassionate People: Liturgical Foundations of Christian Spirituality*. In this book, Bob Hurd brings insights from scripture, theology, philosophy and liturgical tradition to bear on the task of laying the foundations of Christian spirituality. Bob's widely used liturgical music, published by Oregon Catholic Press, is featured in numerous hymnals in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Australia.

Most seminaries across the country

returned in-person ceremonies to present their academic awards this year. This included offering the Order's Hoyt L. Hickman Award, at 17 schools, to a graduating student who has shown exceptional ability in liturgical scholar-

ship and/or exceptional ability in leading worship. Ceramic chalice and paten sets, crafted by E. Preston Rice, were presented to the recipients. (In addition, one award was a ceramic bowl offered to a student not pursuing ordination.)

We will return "home" to St. Paul of the Cross, 148 Monastery Ave., Pittsburgh, PA for our 2023 Spring Council meeting. The dates are set for May 8-11.



Br. George  
Crisp

Likewise, our 2023 Retreat of the Order of Saint Luke will be held October 16-19 at St. Paul of the Cross. Our presenter will be Debie Thomas, a columnist and contributing editor for *The Christian Century*. Her Topic for our Retreat: *Sacred Connection: Engaging Spiritual Practices in a Turbulent World*.

From 2014 to 2022, she served as a staff writer for *Journey with Jesus: A Weekly Webzine* for the Global Church. Her first book, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories*, is forthcoming from Cascade Books in Spring 2022. Her published work includes spiritual memoir, book reviews, and reflections on the Revised Common Lectionary. She also serves as the Minister or Lifelong Formation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, California.

## Scenes from the Franciscan Retreat Center, Site of Our 2022 Retreat



Join your OSL siblings Oct. 3-6 in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona, for our annual Retreat. The Franciscan Center offers a serene environment for contemplation and plenty of amenities for our meetings. Plan now to attend!

*Photos Courtesy of Br. George Crisp*



## IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS

Br. Robert-George Schall, OSL [bhagwon@earthlink.net](mailto:bhagwon@earthlink.net)

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.

June 2	Sr. Kimberly Ann Echols	(2002) California
June 5	Br. Gerald Louis Mann	(2007) Wisconsin
June 9	Br. Cornelius (Neal) Bogart Irwin, III Conference	(2016) New York Annual
June 12	Br. Clark Allen Walz	(2004) Ohio
June 12	Br. Willard Earl Kampmeier	(2018) Great Plains Annual Conference
June 16	Br. Jerry Wilson	(2009) West Virginia
June 19	Br. Richard Hoffmann	(2008) Florida
June 20	Sr. Karen Teresa Moody Chrisley	(2007) West Ohio
June 27	Br. Kenneth Hill	(2004) Indiana
	Br. Stephen Fraser-Soots	(2009) Michigan
July 5	Br. Thomas Davis	(2005) Texas
July 9	Sr. Gloria E. Manning Smith	(2020) New Jersey
July 18	Sr. Linda Murry	(2015) Missouri
July 19	Br. Alfred Burton Haas	(1987) Faculty, Drew University, Central Pennsylvania Conference
	Br. Ted Hoffmann	(2013) North Carolina
July 21	Sr. Julia A Doutaz (Thomas-Doutaz),	(2021) New England Conference
July 24	Br. Jerry Allen Smith	(2003) Kentucky
July 26	Br. Mark Dwight Mashburn	(2007) North Carolina
July 27	Br. Tom Hill	(2003) West Virginia
August 5	Br. Thorwald Torgersen	(2001) Northern New Jersey
August 12	Br. John Hope	(2009)
August 17	Br. Eugene Covington Holmes	(2016) South Carolina
August 19	Br. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr.	(2006) Bishop in Texas
August 21	Br. David J. Bort	(2017) Bennington, Vermont
August 24	Br. Ken Buth	(2014) Louisiana, Florida
August 27	Br. Gary Lawrence Smith,	(2020) Eastern Pennsylvania; Tennessee
August 28	Sr. Rebecca Ellen Augustine,	(2021) Unitarian, North Dakota
September 7	Br. Hoyt Hickman	(2016) California
September 8	Sr. Miriam Louise Olson	(2019) California
September 9	Sr. Amy Margaret Anderson Beveridge	(2015) Connecticut
September 11	Br. Bill Hunter	(2011) Texas, New York
September 17	Br. Howard Sterling	(2014) New Jersey
September 18	Br. Kenneth Brian McKee,	(2019) Ohio
September 19	Br. Lindsay Churchman	(2015) Illinois, previously Iowa and Texas
September 21	Br. James M. Ault	(2008) Bishop, GBGM, Drew Theological Seminary
September 22	Sr. Christine Farrar	(2011) Missouri
September 23	Br. Russell E. Sonafrank, II	(2003) Indiana
September 29	Sr. Jeanne Audrey Powers	(2017) Minnesota

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



# Br. Eugene Covington Holmes (1932 - 2016)

Br. Eugene Covington Holmes, a retired United Methodist Pastor, passed away on August 17, 2016 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was born on December 17, 1932 in Aberdeen, Mississippi; the son of Howard Eugene Holmes and Emma Maye Covington Holmes. As a child, he lived in Kosciusko, Mississippi, where his father owned and operated Royal Crown Cola and Nehi Bottling Company.

*Requiescat in pace*

**Br. Robert-George Schall, OSL**  
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He was a Graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, A.B., 1955 and received his Masters of Divinity at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in 1957. Br. Holmes was licensed to preach May 29, 1950, Columbus District, North Mississippi Conference. He was Admitted On Trial and Ordained Deacon by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, June 8, 1956, North Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Holmes then transferred from North Mississippi Conference to South Carolina Conference, June 1958, and ordained Elder.

Br. Holmes was privileged to serve at numerous appointments. He was Associate Pastor, then Pastor at Sallis UMC, MS. Further appointments included Inman Park UMC, Atlanta, GA; Sturgis UMC, Sturgis, MS; Bethel UMC, Spartanburg, SC; Four Churches in Nichols, SC charge; Suber-Marshall Memorial, Columbia, SC; St. Paul UMC, Ninety Six, SC; Wesley UMC, Hartsville, SC; Virginia Wingard Memorial UMC, Columbia, SC; First UMC Church, Conway, SC; Broad Street UMC, Clinton,

SC; Saint Mark UMC, Seneca, SC and Mauldin UMC, Mauldin, SC.

As an advocate of worship, the current United Methodist hymnal's liturgy was written and developed under Br. Holmes' leadership. He also served the United Methodist Church on the SC Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, 1960-64; SC Conference Commission on Worship, 1963-72, Chairman, 1964-68; General Commission on Worship, 1968-72; Chairman, Committee on Creative Sources of Worship; Member, Alternate Rituals Editorial Committee General Board of Discipleship, 1972-76; and Chairman, Section on Worship Member Executive Committee.

His civic duty included being a member of Civitan, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, Director, Greater Hartsville (SC) Chamber of Commerce, 1974-76, and Director, United Way of Oconee County, 1986-90. Br. Eugene Holmes was a member of the Order of St. Luke.

He married Eleanor Leigh Haynes of Albany, Georgia, on June 10, 1954 and together they had three sons: David Christopher, Marcus Eugene (predeceased) and Jonathan Wesley. Grandchildren at the time of his death included Stephanie Holmes, Jessica LaValley, Jonathan Holmes, Jr., Jeremy Holmes and three great-grandchildren.

Br. Holmes funeral service was held on August 20, 2016 at the Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist



**Br. Eugene Covington Holmes**

Church, Columbia, SC. The family received friends following the service at the church. Memorials were made to Virginia Wingard Memorial United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC

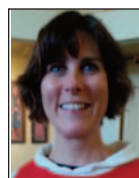
Requiescat in pace, Brother Eugene Covington Holmes, OSL, as we remember you this day.

**Sources: Ancestry.com; the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; The Greenville News, Greenville, SC; and the Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, W. Columbia, SC**

**If you would like to make any comments or further additions to this obituary, please contact Br. Robert-George, OSL Necrologist, at: [Bhagwon@earthlink.net](mailto:Bhagwon@earthlink.net) )**



## FROM THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL



Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson  
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Chapter	Prior	Participants	Activity since October	Prayer Requests	Other
Philippines Chapter	Br. Ador Tolentino	81 members; 26 inquirers	Officer Meeting Feb 25; May 2 Manila F2F meeting	That God increases their aspiration to do the missional work of the church.	Sub-chapters in Manila, Tarlac, Pangasina, Ilocos, South Nueva Ecija, and Mindanao
Charles Mosebrook Chapter	Sr. Lynn Basan	12 Participants <sup>1</sup>	Regular Friday Night Prayers		
Koinonia Chapter	Br. Aiden (Joshua) Allison	10+ members <sup>2</sup>	Weekly Thursday AM prayers, quarterly Zoom meetings; possible in-person in June		
Perkins STH Chapter	Br. Mark Stamm	5 members <sup>3</sup>	Re-beginning with weekly Tuesday morning prayer.		Gratitude for a fresh start after a hiatus!
Dayspring Chapter	Sr. Laura King	34 on e-mail list <sup>4</sup>	Tuesday PM and Thursday AM prayer weekly	Prayer for Sr. Laura's health	
Greater New Jersey Chapter	Sr. Fran Noll	19 members <sup>5</sup>	Monthly Zoom meetings for liturgy and book discussion (recently Courageous Christianity and The Imitation of Christ)	Grief at the passing of Sr. Shirley Mitchell	Celebrations for the life of Sr. Gloria Smith in July
Illinois Great Rivers Chapter	Br. Mick Laflin <sup>6</sup>	14 participants <sup>7</sup>	Monthly Wednesday AM meetings,	Prayers for Sr. Anne Ferguson at the death of her husband Rodney	
Winged Ox Association	Br. David Collette	3 <sup>8</sup>	On-line AM prayers, participation in OSL Lenten AM prayers	Prayers for Taylor who plans on entering a time of discernment about the Order	Hopes to invite more participation in Bend, Oregon
Singapore Chapter	Br. Anthony Goh	Same as last October/May	COVID measures in Singapore have made gathering impossible	Pray that the clergy in our Association may be able to swing quickly back into the work of the kingdom in this new era of hybrid onsite/online attendance for	Celebrating the return of live worship April 26!
				worship, classes and meetings.	
Cal-Pac Chapter	Br. George Martzen	15 <sup>9</sup>	Regular Wednesday PM prayer; retreat in Valyermo Jan 27-28; October 28 Chapter meeting via Zoom		
St. Francis Chapter	Sr. Alice Kay Lovelace	13 active <sup>10</sup>	Reorganizational meeting; leading the Order in Lenten prayer; in-person July 13 meeting scheduled	For renewed vitality	Celebrating Sr. Alice Kay's certification as a Pet Loss Grief Specialist

Chapter	Prior	Participants	Activity	Prayers	Other
Upper New York Chapter	Br. Brett Johnson	12 <sup>11</sup>	Inactive since October	Discernment for leadership and direction	
Trinity Chapter	Br. Terry Heislen	Not reported	Dormant		
Hoyt Hickman Memorial Chapter	Sr. Kimberly Greway	Approx 20-25 people	Mid-Afternoon prayer twice a month via Zoom, Compline once a month via Zoom, meet at Council and Retreat in-person each year	Prayers for those with health concerns, those facing exhaustion, and those going into new appointments or other life changes	Including more members of the chapter in prayer leadership – a celebration!

<sup>1</sup> Regular participants: Srs. Lynn Basan, Maila Bautista, Earlie Pasion-Bautista; Brs. Paul Bilaoen, Jonathan Marcos, Allen Munda, Pablito Melchor; Irregular participants: Brs. Jonathan Razon, Norlie Vilog, Brylex Sosa, Dennis Colorado, Melvin Sulit

<sup>2</sup> Br. Aidan (Joshua Allison), Sr. Gail Joyner, Br. Michael Collis (Wales), Br. Christopher Skillen (Northern Ireland), Sr. Lorinda Hoover (Iowa), Br. Steve West, Br. Jim DuFriend, Br. Wayne Perry, Sr. Becky Walker, and honorary members Sr. Elizabeth Hoffman (Texas; discerning the inquiry process) and Sr. Abbot Elizabeth.

<sup>3</sup> Br. Mark Stamm (Faculty advisor), Br. Aidan (Joshua) Allison, Sr. Debbie Wade, Sr. Elizabeth Hoffman, Br. Ed Gabrielson, and Sr. Jennifer Kilpatrick

<sup>4</sup> Frequent participants are: Sr. Candace Hallett, Sr. Barbara Blackmon-Fortune, Sr. Becky Walker, Sr. Barbara Lee, Br. Matthias Tanner, Sr. Debbie Neill, Br. Bob Schall, Sr. Corrine Piper, Br. Neil Gastonguay, Sr. AK Lovelace, Br. David Lovelace, Jay Saldana, Br. Daniel Benedict.

<sup>5</sup> Sr. Fran Noll, Sr. Jeanette Block, Ciann Hingston, Sr. Sandie Hingston, Br. Jay Brown, Br. Tom Trainor, Sr. Joyce Trainor, Lin Smallwood, Sr. Debbie Neil, Br. Dan Kaufmann, Sr. Dee Kaufmann, Sr. Ginnie Kaiser, Sr. Heather Elkins, Br. Tony Gazzello, Sr. Karen Gazzello, Br. Rich Whittig, Br. Chuck Wolferman, Br. Peter Jamison, and Br. Ken Smith.

<sup>6</sup> Other officers: Br. Brian Caughlin, Sub-Prior, Br. Stephen Wilson, Scribe, Sr. Beth Fender, Cellarer.

<sup>7</sup> Sisters Beth Fender, Gifty Smith, Gail Joyner, Jennifer Woodruff-Tait, Kathy McCafferty-Rudolph, Melanie Hoth, and Brothers Brian Caughlan, Caleb McGregor, Roger Boyd, Jerry King, Dennis Tuchalski, John Taliwaga, Stephen Wilson, and Mick Laflin.

<sup>8</sup> Br. David Collette, Andrew Owen, Taylor Nauta.

<sup>9</sup> Br. Daniel Benedict, Sr. Cheryl Brown, Br. Bill Clements, Br. George Crisp, Lee Cunningham, Br. David Jamieson, Br. Terry Van Hook, Br. George Martzen, Sr. Elizabeth Moore, Sr. Beryl Moore, Br. Fairbairn Powers, Br. Gilbert Stones, Sr. Ann Marie Sullivan, Sr. Barbara Troxell, and Br. Brendan (Dwight) Vogel

<sup>10</sup> Br. G. Alan Brown, II, Sr. Anna Crocker, Sr. Elise Eslinger, Br. Richard Eslinger, Br. Neil Gaiser, Sr. Barbara Lee, Sr. Alice Kay Lovelace, Br. David Lovelace, Br. Shawn Morris, Br. Kevin Orr, Sr. Corinne Piper, Br. Matthew Van Winkle, and Sr. Becky Walker

<sup>11</sup> Br. Brett Johnson, Br. Charles Smith, Sr. Kimberly Smith, Br. Carl Chamberlain, Sr. Steph Brown, Sr. Patricia Burgess, Br. Lawrence Lundgren, Br. Jim Knapp, Sr. Rachel Stuart, Sr. Marilyn Kasperek, Sr. Elisabeth Kisslestein, and Br. Alan McCormick



## Mid-Morning Prayer

Mondays at 10am (Eastern)  
Hosted by the (unofficial) Virginia Association

## FROM THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

Br. David Eichelberger, OSL  
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Beloved Sisters, Brothers and Siblings

It has been a while since I last wrote, so brew a cup of your favorite beverage, get comfy and let us be in a prayerful attitude for these joys, concerns, and witness:

Br. **John Taylor** is alive and well and has resettled in retirement in the Julietta Fowler Community. He can be reached at jetvct@att.net. Howdy, Brother John Taylor!

Sr. **Nancy Cartwright** has had an ultrasound recheck of her recent surgery site and she has been cleared to not have another for a whole year! She asked prayers for Marybeth Zollar who fell and broke her arm in five places.

We pray healing for Sr. **Laura King**, prior of the Dayspring Chapter, who while being operating on for a bypass surgery had to undergo the removal of a kidney due to a surgical error in which her kidney was knicked.

Sr. **Kimberly Greway** asks for prayers as she is undergoing tests concerning difficulty with her hands for possible arthritis and for discernment about choices she must make going forward.

She also asked prayers for her husband's family as his aunt and grandmother both died recently. She is enjoying her appointment in a Evangelical Lutheran parish as their pastor and is starting a new year there.

Sr. **Sarah Francis** Mount Elewononi seeks prayers for discernment of clarity concerning her vocation. She also asked for prayers for her friend Barbara, a colleague in New England who died.

Br. **Logan Kondrich**, Hoyt Hickman Chapter has received new stents, valves and a replacement aorta. He asks for prayers as he recovers from the rigors of the surgery and for ongoing good health.

Our Abbot Sr. **Elizabeth Moore** has



Hear our prayer, O Lord. (Photo by Aaron Burden on Unsplash)

been having some health issues and asks for your prayers as she seeks treatment.

Sr. **Magdalene Ruth** (Cynthia) Astle has had a number of health issues for the last several months, culminating in April with hospitalization and surgery for cellulitis. She gives God thanks and praise for her complete recovery as of June.

Br. **Christopher Skilling** and family all suffered with cases of Covid. Pray for complete recoveries.

**Blaine Wenger** is completing his time of Inquiry with Br. Daniel Benedictt and is looking forward to making his first Annual Profession of Vows. He has been a very active member of the Hoyt Hickman chapter.

Br. **Theodore Somes III** has asked for prayers for his Grandfather who is suffering with advanced cancer. Brother Theodore completed his second year of studies at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Br. **Guy Goewey** asked for continuing prayers for his wife, Sr. **Nancy**, as she has undergone surgery and will continue with chemotherapy and recovery from cancer. He reports she is in good health.

Sr. **Anne Marie Sullivan** is recovering from a hip replacement.

Br. **Dwight Vogel** is living into his new "traveling name among us" as Br. Brendan.

Sr. **Anne Ferguson**, our former Chaplain General with Abbot Mark Stamm, suffered the loss of her husband, Ron. Br. **Mick Laflin**, Prior of the Illinois Great Rivers Chapter shared this concern.

Br. **Erik Hoeke** has taken a special appointment with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and will also be studying at Boston University for a M. Theol. in the coming year.

Br. **Dean Emerson** has been appointed to a new parish in western Kentucky where he will have the joy of having fewer OSL publications to be concerned about, but has the challenge of educating a new parish about the official UMC theology of the Eucharist in This Holy Mystery.

Sr. **Heather Josselyn-Cranson** asked for prayers for Kim Roten whose younger daughter Kate dislocated her knee cap and broke her leg.

We rejoiced that Sr. **MaryO Benedict's** health was stabilized to the degree that she and Br. Canon Daniel were able to travel to Hawaii to visit with family.

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# Pastoral Care

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We ask for prayers for Br. Canon **O. French Ball's** daughter Bronwyn and grandson Landon. Landon was born with a congenital cyst on his skull that had to be surgically removed soon after birth. Since then he has needed additional surgery. Please pray for him and his family as they care for him in his delicate condition.



Br. David Eichelberger

Br. **Tom Hermans-Webster** successfully defended his Ph.D dissertation at Boston University. Br. Tom is a former Perkins Chapter Prior.

We rejoice with Br. Canon **W. Brent Sturm** at this Facebook announcement: "I am pleased to announce that I will join Ebenezer Medical Outreach in Huntington as Executive Director on (or about) June 20th. Ebenezer is a free clinic, providing medical care (general practice, orthopedics, and internal medicine), dental care, and pharmacy services at little or no cost to people who are uninsured or under insured. Ebenezer also provides medical and pharmacy education, hosting physician and dental residents as well as student pharmacists." Congratulations, Br. Brent, on your new ministry of health and wellness.

We continue to ask for God's com-



passion and mercy to be with the victims of gun violence around the world, whether it be in the war in Ukraine, the conflicts in Yemen, Mali, Nigeria, the gang violence in Central America or the assault weapons attacks in the United States which have caused so much tragedy in a continuing basis. May families be comforted in their suffering. May citizens be fortified in their determination to call upon their governments to bring an end to the stalemates in legislation to end the violence.

We pray for those suffering from the weather disasters affecting our globe as we prepare for summer in the Northern Hemisphere and winter in the Southern Hemisphere. Protect those who are in harm's way and enable us to work cooperatively across our planet to address the effect of our use of carbon in the industrial age so that future generations will not have to pay a severe penalty for our selfishness.

We pray for our Associations and Chapters, their inquirers, members, and officers; we pray for the recipients of the Hoyt Hickman Award recipients that they will continue in their study and interest in worship and liturgy; we pray for all who will travel to retreat this fall in Arizona that it will be a time of renewal for them and for our Order; we pray for our General Officers as they guide our Order in these challenging times. We ask for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the Churches of the World that we may proclaim afresh and in an empowered manner the life-giving Good News of Jesus Christ to a perishing world. Beloved Siblings, let us open our hearts to Our God and pour out our concerns, our joys, and invite God's presence to be more powerfully present with us! In the name of the Blessed and Holy Trinity we ask this, AMEN!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Br. David A. Eichelberger



## OSL Facebook Page Weekly Posting Volunteers

These OSL siblings have volunteered to post content each week to keep our Facebook page fresh and interesting.

June 5	Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson
June 12	Br. David King
June 19	Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards
June 26	Sr. Celia Halfacre
July 4	Sr. Jeanette Block
July 11	Sr. Lin Smallwood
July 18	Sr. Celia Halfacre
July 25	Br. George Martzen
Aug. 7	Br. Anthony Goh
Aug. 14	Sr. Sarah Francis Mount Elewononi
Aug. 21	Sr. Bron Yocum
Aug. 28	Sr. Rebecca Holland
Sept. 4	Sr. Celia Halfacre
Sept. 11	Br. Jonathan Hehn
Sept. 18	Sr. Lynn Basan
Sept. 25	Sr. Jeanette Block
Oct. 2	Sr. Rebecca Holland
Oct. 9	Sr. Magdalene Ruth (Cynthia) Astle
Oct. 16	Br. Luke Sojourner Francis (Daniel) Benedict



## MOMENT FOR MEDITATION



The woman who suffered from a long-term hemorrhage was so convinced that Jesus could heal her, she believed that all she had to do was to touch the hem of his garment. At the moment she did, Jesus felt healing power go forth from him, drawn out by her profound faith. Where is our faith when we are faced with trials that sap our physical strength and cloud our minds and souls? Surely the coronavirus pandemic has been one such example. Can we envision having faith strong enough that it will carry us through the worst life can bring? (Matthew 9:20-22)

*Credit: Christ and the Woman with the Issue of Blood, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58325> [retrieved June 18, 2022]*