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FROM THE ABBOT'S DESK

Siblings,
“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy...”

That’s the dream, of course, but maybe not the reality for many of us. When I get frustrated about the oppressive heat here in Claremont, I remember those of you who live in Texas or Arizona. When I wish we



Sr. Abbot
Elizabeth Moore

would have rain for our parched lawns, I remember those of you who have dealt with terrible flooding. My prayers are with you as we learn to live with a changing climate.

It’s naïve to expect summer to be “easy”, but I do hope that your summer has been both a time of rest and a time of challenge. A time of getting to know a new pastor, or a new congregation. A time of looking ahead to new challenges, and a time of enjoying the blessed support that surrounds each of us on our life’s journey.

One thing that has made my life easier this summer is WADO – the Web Accessed Daily Office. Have you tried it yet? It is an online resource from praying the Daily Office that was originally envisioned by the Daily Office Revision Team (DORT) and brought into existence by the technological genius of our brother, Scot Bontrager. WADO recognizes the time of day

that you are logging in and takes you to the correct office for that time of day. It includes prayers, hymns, and scripture appropriate for the day of the week and the liturgical season. It contains the Psalms as they are found in The Lukan Psalter. Everything appears on your computer screen so you do not need to use multiple books. (Great if you are travelling.)

You can log into WADO by going to <https://saint-luke.net/wado>. You can use it as a guest, or you can create a login using your Google or Facebook accounts. Creating WADO has been a huge data entry exercise, with the inevitable occasional input error. I don’t think there are many, but I know there are some. It would be very helpful if you let either Br. Scot or me know if you come across something that needs to be corrected.

Here is my challenge to you for the second half on this summer. If you haven’t already done so, try WADO. I find it an excellent resource for individual use. The morning prayer group in which I participate on Monday mornings has started to use it by having us each bring the service up on our computers or tablets and have found the services to be very meaningful. I would love to hear your feedback.

May your summer be blessed. May the love of God uphold you.

Living under God’s mercy,
Abbot Elizabeth

**JOIN YOUR OSL SIBLINGS AT OUR RETREAT
IN PITTSBURGH.
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FROM THE PRIOR GENERAL

Br. George R. Crisp, OSL
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A Rich Retreat of Worship, Fellowship and Learning Awaits

A rich experience of worship, fellowship and learning awaits you at the 2023 Order of Saint Luke Retreat.

Br. George
Crisp

Our annual retreat is being held Oct. 16-19 at St. Paul of the Cross, 148 Monastery Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1498.

Our guest speaker is Debie Thomas, a columnist and contributing editor for *The Christian Century*. From 2014 to 2022, she served as a staff writer for Journey with Jesus: A Weekly Webzine for the Global Church. Her first book, , was published last spring and is available. Her published work includes spiritual memoir, book reviews, and reflections on

the Revised Common Lectionary. Debie also serves as the Minister or Lifelong Formation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, Calif.

Her topic for our retreat is "Sacred Connection: Engaging Spiritual Practices in a Turbulent World." With Debie, we will grapple with the question of how Christian leaders can make a case for robust spiritual practice in a culture that is harried, distracted,, wounded and wary.

How to Register: We are using electronic registration via the OSL website (www.saint-luke.net), and you enter your credit card payment information on the registration form. The Retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16 and concludes with lunch on Thursday, October 19. Note: Limited scholarships are avail-

able; please contact Br. George Crisp (information below).

Registration Cost: Early registration is \$475 by Sept. 29, 2023. Registration after Sept. 29 is \$525.

Travel Information: The airport to use is Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT). Transportation will NOT be provided from the airport. A convenient way to get to the Retreat Center is by ride share service (shuttle, Uber, Lyft). Additional passengers may reduce the rate, so it pays to meet up with others at the airport if possible. You must make your own ground transportation arrangements.

For more information about the 2023 Retreat please contact Br. George R. Crisp, OSL at revgrc@yahoo.com.

Introducing 2023 Retreat Speaker Debi Thomas



Debi Thomas will speak on **Sacred Connection: Engaging Spiritual Practices in a Turbulent World.**

Debie Thomas is a columnist and contributing editor for *The Christian Century*. 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*, was published this spring and is now available.

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.

Her topic for our Retreat:

Sacred Connection: Engaging Spiritual Practices in a Turbulent

World.

How can Christian leaders make a case for robust spiritual practice in a culture that is harried, distracted, wounded and wary?

Session 1: Replenishing the Well.

We can't share from wells that are dry. We can't lead others into places we haven't discovered for ourselves.

Session 2: Giving Away What We Seek

How might we engage 21st century parishioners in the practices of our tradition?

Session 3: Lost in Translation

What is missing in contemporary spiritual practice?

Cohort One Introduces Inquirers to the Order

By Br. Daniel Benedict

To respond to men and women wanting to know more about the Order of Saint Luke, the Novitiate Team initiated a series of ZOOM sessions on May 1 and 2, 2023. The first of five sessions in all, the series will conclude in September. I have hosted the sessions for the 17 members of Cohort I. Cohort Inquirers range from California to Rhode Island and each has a companion from the Order.

Earlier in our history geographic chapters were the norm. Inquirers came to know the Order in face-to-face chapter meetings. Now, in the digital world, seekers find us on the web and relate to us through our website and Facebook group pages. It is the wild, wild west. In 2018 the Order initiated a “novitiate” process, pairing Inquirers with OSL companions. Self-guided resources were offered. Still, something more was needed. Sr. Barbara Lee suggested that Inquirers would benefit from a more direct and guided approach conceived as a cohort “traveling” together over several months.

In the first cohort session, one of the Inquirers said, “I sense that Lukans are my people, but I need to see if that is so.” The cohort, along with relationships with companions, is a way for Inquirers to see if the Order is a good fit.

In each session the cohort prays the appropriate daily office and engages a presentation. The sessions include:



Br. Daniel Benedict



Session One: Cohort Group Formation (introductions and Orientation to The Rule of Life and Service)

Session Two: History of The Order (a look at the history of the long history of religious orders as context and at our stories as the Order of Saint Luke)

Session Three: The Daily Office (our published daily office resources, why the daily office is a core practice, and getting real about the practice in a dispersed community)

Session Four: Lukan Spirituality (how our Customary, Constitution and By-Laws illuminate who we are, what we do, how we stay in love with God, each other, and the world)

Session 5: The Rule of Life and Service (The rule as our distinctive approach to vowed religious life and what living the Rule would look like in daily life, including consideration of lay members living the Rule of Life and Service)

The Time of Inquiry concludes with a mutual determination of readiness to continue to the Time of Final Discernment or to terminate the process, sensing their vocation lies elsewhere. As Sr. Barbara Lee says, “If someone decides not to continue, that is a good outcome too.” The point of the novitiate process is a discernment of God’s call one way or the other.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL

Beloved Siblings:

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray you are well. Life in the Rio Grande Valley is . . . hot. Very hot. This is to say life is normal here. As we approach our annual time of retreat, I am beginning to prepare for our worship experiences. As your chaplain general, I look forward to your eagerness as you answer the call to serve at our retreat. Just a note, I’m

still getting to know you all and this position, so if there is something (preaching, presiding, leading, acolyting, etc.) you want to do, please let me know. Our time together is always wonderful, and we are fortunate beyond measure to have so many siblings with so many gifts to share.

Sr. Celia Halfacre
pastorcelia@gmail.com

Hickman Award Honors Seminarians' Gifts for Worship

By Br. George Crisp, OSL

The 2023 Hoyt L. Hickman Award was presented at 14 seminaries on behalf of The Order of Saint Luke. This award is presented to a graduating senior who has shown exceptional ability in liturgical scholarship and/or exceptional ability in leading worship.

The Hickman Award comes with the gift of a handmade ceramic chalice and paten plus a certificate suitable for framing. (If the recipient is not someone seeking ordination, an alternative gift of a ceramic bowl is given.) These beautiful and functional ceramics are crafted by E. Preston Rice of Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

This year's recipients and their schools are as follows:



Hanna Hathaway receives her Hickman Award from NAME TO COME during graduation at Boston University School of Theology.

Name

Dawson Lane
 Justala Simpson
 Marta Floriti
 Darrin Isaac
 Ashton Dupler
 Hunter Bethea
Recipient not reported
 Brad Cortese
 Sam Jones
 Jeffrey Peters
 Robert Gulledege
 Adrian Mendoza
 Hanna Hathaway
Recipient not reported
 Jillian Crisci
 Patricia Shope*
Award not given in 2023
 Alana Ireland
Recipient not reported

School

Duke Divinity School
 Candler School of Theology
 Iliff School of Theology
 Christian Theological Seminary (IN)
 Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)
 Asbury Theological Seminary (KY)
 Wesley Theological School
 Asbury Theological Seminary (FL)
 Memphis Theological Seminary
 Palmer Seminary, Eastern University
 Perkins School of Theology
 Drew Theological School
 Boston University School of Theology
 Dubuque Theological Seminary
 Claremont School of Theology
 United Theological Seminary
 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
 Saint Paul School of Theology
 Gammon Theological Seminary

*No Photo

Hoyt Hickman Award Recipients 2023



Hunter Bethea
Asbury Seminary - Kentucky



Jillian Crisci
Claremont School of Theology



Brad Cortese
Asbury Seminary - Florida



Ashton Dupler
MTSO



Marta Floriti
Iliff School of Theology



Robert Gulledge
Perkins School of Theology



Hanna Hathaway
Boston Univ. School of Theology



Alana Ireland
Saint Paul School of Theology



Darren Isaac
Christian Theological Seminary



Sam Jones
Memphis Theological Seminary



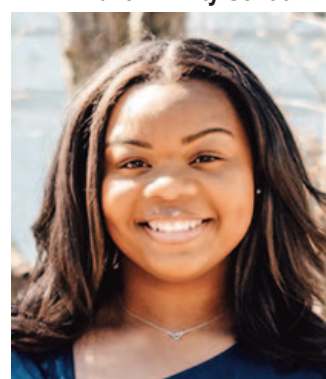
Dawson Lane
Duke Divinity School



Adrian Mendoza
Drew Theological School



Jeffrey Peters
Palmer Seminary, Eastern Univ.



Justala Simpson
Candler School of Theology

IN THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTSBr. Robert-George Schall, OSL 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 siblings.

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 9	Sr. Miriam Louise Olson	(2019) California
	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
October 5	Br. Robert E. Gordon	(2002) Virginia
	Sr. Lucile Beasley	(2015) California
October 9	Br. Bob M. Fuqua	(2004) West Virginia
October 11	Sr. Marjorie Erickson	(2016) New Jersey
October 12	Br. Thomas Frank Beveridge	(2014) Connecticut
October 16	Rev. Dr. Laurence Hull Stookey	(2016) Friend of OSL
October 17	Br. Thomas Theodore Trainor	(2022) Greater New Jersey
October 21	Sr. Jane Anne Ferguson	(2008) Illinois
October 22	Br. Robert Fletcher Thomas, Jr.	(2005) South Carolina
October 30	Br. James Turner Mussman	(2020) St. Francis Chapter, West Ohio
October 31	Br. Arthur J. Landwehr	(2003) Illinois
	Rev. Dr. James Floyd White	(2004) Friend of OSL

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Br. Robert-George Schall, OSL bhagwon@earthlink.net

Br. Thomas Frank Beveridge, OSL (1939 - 2014)

The Rev. Thomas Frank Beveridge died unexpected at the age of 75, at the Hartford Hospital on October 12, 2014. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Bloomfield, CT. Br. Beveridge was the loving husband of Amy (Anderson) Beveridge. He was born on July 9, 1939, in Middletown, CT, the son of the late Clayton and Margaret (Auten). He grew up in Middletown. Br. Beveridge was a graduate of Grinnell College and had a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University Theological School, a Master of Arts in Counseling from the University of St. Joseph, and a Doctor of Ministry in Psychology and Clinical Studies from Andover Newton Theological School.

In June 2014 Br. Beveridge celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon in the New York Conference of The United Methodist Church. He was ordained an elder and became a full member of the conference in 1966. "Retirement" officially began for him in 2002. Since 2006 he served as an Ecumenical Associate at Christ Church Cathedral of The Episcopal Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Br. Tom served at a number of United Methodist churches in Connecticut and New York, including: Sharon & Cornwall Bridge, CT (1965); Bedford Hills (1968); Staten Island: St. Paul's (1971); At School (1975); Bloom-



Br. Thomas Frank Beveridge

field, CT (1978); Pastoral Counseling Center of West Hartford (1982); Shalom Ministries Pastoral Counseling Center, Windsor (1993); Wallingford: First (1995); and Rocky Hill (2000). He was also a Resident Chaplain at Hartford Hospital and spent many years in pastoral counseling. At Christ Church Cathedral, he was active in its Church Street Eats ministry which served the homeless and others in need. He was a leader in the Cathedral's healing ministry and Adult Christian Formation. Br. Beveridge was also a member of the Order of Saint Luke, a religious order whose calling is to liturgical/sacramental scholarship, teaching and practice. For several years, he served the Order as its first Pastoral Care Officer. A devout and

dedicated pastor, Br. Tom used his special gifts in helping others on their spiritual journeys, and was able to reach out to many in personal and meaningful ways and especially to those who asked for healing. He had a passion for ecumenical and inter-faith ministries, and has been deeply missed by all who were privileged to know him.

In addition to his wife, he was survived at the time of his death by their son, Thomas Andrew Beveridge, of Wilmington, NC, his sister Lois Czachorowski and her husband Phillip, of Walpole, MA, and their children Adam, Paul and Margaret.

A celebration of Br. Tom's life and ministry was held at 11 a.m., October 18, 2014, at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT. A reception followed in the Cathedral House Auditorium at which his family greeted friends. Memorial donations were made to the Christ Church Cathedral Feeding Program Church Street Eats.

Requiescat in pace, Brother Thomas Frank Beveridge, OSL, as we remember you this day.

Sources: Ancestry.com; New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT.; Wallingford Record Journal; and the Carmon Community Funeral Homes, Windsor, CT.

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

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2023 Retreat of The Order of Saint Luke
"Sacred Connection: Exploring Spiritual
Practices in a Turbulent World"

October 16-19, 2023

Retreat Speaker: Debi Thomas

St. Paul of the Cross
 148 Monastery Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Please Note: In order to have meaningful participation in the retreat (singing, hugging together), we are requiring that you have your COVID vaccination by October 1 in order to attend the Retreat. This is for the mutual benefit of our Order and the retreat house.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Are you an OSL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No CELL PHONE: _____

Is this your first time attending an OSL retreat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your first name as you'd like it to appear on your Nametag: _____

☐ Sr. ☐ Br. ☐ Sibling ☐ Other

☐ I have special dietary or mobility needs as follows:

☐ I prefer a single room ☐ I wish to share a room with _____

Most rooms have private baths and are reserved as singles. If you want to room with someone, then please indicate that preference above.

☐ Please register me for the **2023 Retreat** – Arrive Monday, Oct. 16, leave Thursday, Oct. 19 (three nights) at a cost of **\$475.00** per person. The retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on Monday. Includes these meals: M = D / T = B, L, D / W = B, L, D / Th = B, L.

☐ DORT Members: Please register me for an overnight room Thursday, Oct. 19 at a cost of **\$75.00**. Includes two additional meals: Th = D / F = B

NOTE: Transportation will NOT be provided from the airport. A convenient way to get to the Retreat Center is by a ride-share service. *You must make your own transportation arrangements.* Additional passengers may reduce the rate, so it pays to meet up with others at the airport if possible.

For the Retreat, please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ My check is enclosed.

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Exp. □□/□□

Signature: _____

Early registration is \$475.00 by September 29, 2023.

Registration after September 29 is \$525.00.

Complete registration and payment at www.saint-luke.net

For additional information, contact Br. George R. Crisp, OSL (revgrc@yahoo.com)