



## 10 REASONS

### 10 REASONS FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF ST LUKE

### THE ORDER OF ST LUKE THE PHYSICIAN IN NEW ZEALAND

#### 1) ECUMENICAL

- It is good to listen and learn from others' insights.
- OSL groups are across denominations - they are not parish-based.  
Ecumenical involvement is encouraged.
- In some areas there is little ecumenical contact, yet OSL recognises we are all "baptised in the one Spirit."

#### 2) LAY MINISTRY

- is taken seriously by the Order of St Luke.
- There are Lay Convenors and a number of Lay Chaplains.
- **All** members can exercise the healing ministry.  
(90% of the Order are lay.)
- **All** members are welcome to pray with Laying-on-of-Hands  
(as Jesus often did).

#### 3) A SENSE OF ORDER

- On joining, each person serves a year as an Associate Member, during which they study the Healing Ministry of Jesus and learn from the Order.
- On applying to become a Full Member, each is invited to decide if they have a call to this ministry.
- There is a Handbook which outlines the Principles, Code of Ethics and Worship Services of the Order.

#### 4) A WIDE VIEW OF HEALING

- This derives from Jesus' own perception of his calling.  
(Luke 4: 18-19)
- St Paul discerned that there are "gifts" of healing.  
(1 Corinthians 12: 9,28).
- As Jesus was concerned for people's physical, emotional and spiritual needs, so is the Order.

- Indeed, in a person's coming to wholeness, the physical, emotional and spiritual interrelate.
- Other insights in Christian Healing are also taken seriously and are a part of the Ministry (eg Inner healing, Healing of memories etc).
- The Order endeavours to link with and complement the medical profession where appropriate, (eg Christian Medical centres).

**5) AN OUTREACH MINISTRY**

- Jesus commissioned the disciples to "preach and heal".
- The Order seeks to share the Christian Healing Ministry across the churches and beyond.
- Members are encouraged to witness to Christ's healing activity in their lives, and of others.
- Often there is a 'snowballing' effect, as people hear of Christ's healing, and come with their own needs.

**6) LINKS WITH PARISHES**

- Where there is opportunity, members are encouraged to exercise the Healing Ministry in their own parish. (eg Sunday morning, weekdays, pastoral care).
- Order of St Luke Healing Services held in churches link the Order with the parish churches of a district.
- Order of St Luke members are encouraged to speak on Christ's Healing Ministry.
- Members need to be in good standing with their church.

**7) 'WHOLENESS' MAGAZINE**

- Members are encouraged to support this magazine and use it for outreach (eg to those interested in the ministry, in doctors' surgeries etc).

**8) TEACHING AIDS**

- These are provided for Individual Members and Chapters.
- Basic books on Christian Healing are available.
- Occasional resources (tapes, studies, videos).
- Members are encouraged to read books on Christian Healing.

**9) DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES**

- Devotional cards and booklets are available from the Order.

**10) PROVIDES MEMBERSHIP ALTERNATIVES**

- A Chapter comprises at least 7 members, including a Convenor, Chaplain and Secretary-Treasurer.
- Postal Membership is for those where there is no Chapter, or if it is too far, or they are too busy to attend.
- Sharing Groups are informal meetings of less than 7 participants (members) and may be a preliminary to a Chapter forming.

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**Enquiries are welcomed.**

**For further information visit The Order of St Luke website:**

[www.oslnz.org](http://www.oslnz.org)

Or contact the local Chapter –

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