



The Order of St Luke the Physician
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**Committed to Jesus' healing of people,
situations, nations, and creation**



Greetings from National Chaplain Brian

Dear Friends

I write with some trepidation as we start on a new era for the Order. First of all, thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I follow many very talented Wardens and am aware that I cannot walk in their shoes.

While I have my own contribution to make, I make no claim to be an academic but I am totally committed to the healing ministry, having been involved since 1965 and in the Order since 1967.

I have been interested in the healing ministry since the late 1950's when the Rev Jim Chambers was conducting healing meetings in Maungaturoto and Whangarei, and a new vicar where we were living began a healing ministry.

Moving house to a new town, we were in a situation where no clergy help was available. We took note of James 5 and stepped out in faith with measurable effect. That, in a nutshell is our story, much abbreviated.

I have shared at Conference my vision of teams of missionaries, husband and wife where possible, to visit chapters, areas and postal members, to minister in whatever manner seems appropriate. For the South Island, Lionel and Rachele Brown, John and Enid McClean and Kevin and Sheryll Gwynne. For the North Island, Frank and Gwen Rigg and Shirley and myself make up the teams.

At the time of writing, we have just returned from the National Council and Conference which was a time of great fellowship and inspiration, and are now packing ready for moving house on 11 November. However, we will not be at our new address until 10 December (see contact details on back page).

There is evidence of renewed interest in the healing ministry of the Order and we have still a task to do, as commissioned by Jesus. All Christians are called to this task in whatever role they have to play, which may be holding the hand of a distressed person or praying for a sick person or sharing in a healing service. We can minister to others regardless of how we may be feeling in ourselves. In fact, our own physical weaknesses may make us more in tune with the needs of the person we are visiting. So in the words of St Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

God's blessings be with you all, **Brian**

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A final word from Lionel Brown, outgoing National Chaplain

Dear Friends

Three years have passed very quickly and as the Triennial Conference at Matamata came to a close, I inducted Brian Flower as the new National Chaplain. I am very grateful to all of you who supported both Rachele and myself with prayer and in other ways over those three years. We were very conscious of your support and enjoyed meeting many of you and staying with some of you. The Conference last week was a very joyful occasion with much evidence of the healing power of God at work in our midst. It was great to celebrate 50 years of OSL in NZ and remember those who saw the vision of a Christian healing ministry and were prepared to run with it, even at a time when it was not a popular idea in most churches. We have much to thank God for these men and women of faith. It was also good to hear from some of our newer members as we look to the future.

Rachele joins with me in thanking you all for your support and in wishing Brian God's richest blessings as he and Shirley move into the next four years.

As we look to the future I leave you with this word from Isaiah 43:18

But the Lord says:

*Do not cling to the things of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.
Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already - you can see it now!
I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.*



The peace of Christ be with you all. Yours in his service, *Lionel*



Conference 2011

A joyful gathering of around 100 people met at Totara Springs Christian Camp near Matamata from 17-20 October. There were many happy reunions of members who hadn't seen each other for a while, and a lot of chatting over the tea cups during breaks in the programme. The staff at the camp went out of their way to assist us in many areas of need during those days, and I would like to give a personal 'thank you' to those who helped me with technical matters which were beyond my comprehension. I was learning the hard way, on the seat of my pants! 'Thank you' too to members who came alongside me and gave me support and encouragement as I struggled to keep up with the proceedings. Although I have been a member of the Order for eight years, this was my first Conference.

We enjoyed the teaching of our wonderful guest speakers – Dr Annette Rice, Australian National Chaplain; the Most Rev David Moxon, Honorary Chaplain; and Murray and Janice Talbot from Hornby Presbyterian Church in Christchurch, keynote speakers.

There were morning prayers before breakfast, centering our thoughts on God before we launched into each day. On Tuesday evening we shared in a public healing service led by Dr Annette Rice. Members of local churches and visitors were warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate. There was a time for personal prayer for healing and many came forward to be ministered to by healing teams.

On Wednesday evening we shared in a wonderful celebration of 50 years of OSL in NZ. A banner designed by Alexis Hooper and a friend was unveiled, and a beautiful cake made by Margaret Eason was paraded into the room. Various founding members spoke of their memories of those early years as the Order became established and membership grew. Marcelle Chambers gave her testimony, and Kathryn Badrick read her poem celebrating 50 years of OSL. Both are included in this copy of Heal-Link.



On our final day, the Induction of Officers, National Chaplain's charge to the Order and Communion were celebrated. Our new National Chaplain, Brian Flower spoke of his early years in the healing ministry of the Order, and his memories of those who had been founding members – some still with us, while others have gone onto higher service.

The Conference closed on Thursday following lunch, **Mary**



National Council Meeting 2011

This took place on the Monday and Tuesday during the Conference with Rev Lionel Brown, our outgoing National Chaplain, as Chair. Lionel thanked the members present for their support over the last three years, and for all the work that had gone into preparing for Conference. He also expressed his thanks to Dr Annette Rice for Australia's prayerful support following the earthquakes in Christchurch, and messages of concern and support from the leadership of OSL in other countries.

Rev Frank Rigg thanked Lionel and Rachelle on behalf of the Warden's Council for their three years of faithful service as leaders of OSL in New Zealand.

Rev John and Mrs Enid McClean from TeWaiora House, Canterbury, spoke at the Conference, bringing us up-to-date information on the rebuilding of the healing centre. Plans for a new building have gone to tender to replace the old Vicarage which was extensively damaged during the September earthquake, and it is hoped the rebuilding can begin soon. However, the new building will need to be refurbished, hopefully without debt. A donation of \$40,000 has been received, and other donations would be welcome.

Rev Brian and Shirley Flower thanked everyone for their prayers over the many months they had had their home in Waipu Cove on the market. It has now sold and they are moving to Papamoa. Address details are on the back of this Heal-Link.

During the meeting, Michael Bain presented his last financial report as National Treasurer. He was warmly thanked by the National Council for almost twelve years of faithful service to the Order. Kevin Gwynne and Derek Lightbourne expressed the grateful thanks of the Order for Michael's stewardship of OSL funds. They spoke of a long and happy association with Michael, and brought to mind his ministry and his teaching skills. Michael was then made an Honorary Life Member of the Order. Michael's final message to everyone was to keep praying in the Spirit. Michael joined the Order at the Conference at Levin in September 1999.



When a chapter or healing group is considering going into recess

It was agreed by the Executive and National Council that the following amendment be made to the Constitution.

Using the form provided, a report on the Chapter's request to go into recess shall be forwarded to the Area Chaplain, to the National Chaplain, to the National Secretary and the Membership Secretary.

The recessing Chapter shall dispose of all monies lodged in their chapter bank account by forwarding it to the National Treasurer for the credit of the Kathleen Cole Mission Fund. If the chapter is revived the money will be returned for the use of the new chapter.

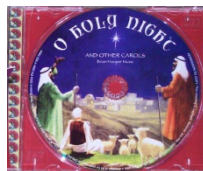
The Minute Books and a financial statement certified by the Convenor and Secretary showing the realisation and disposal of all assets and money belonging to the Chapter shall be sent to the National Secretary who shall forward the financial statement to the National Treasurer.

The Chaplain's stole, badge, copies of the Constitution, circulars, literature and other official papers in their possession shall be returned to the National Secretary.



A Truly Christmas Carol CD for Christmas Music

Brian Hooper has produced an instrumental version of 25 Christmas Carols to bless your home this Christmas season. You will not find "I saw momma kissing Santa Claus" or "Rudolph" with the red proboscis.



The CD opens with that very delicate "O Holy Night" and includes "Away in a manger", "Ding dong merrily on high", "Long time ago", "TeHarinui", "What child is this?", "Go tell it on the mountain", "OTannenbaum", "As with gladness". With the CD, is a small 24-page booklet briefly describing the history of each carol and supplying a verse of the carol that was part of the original. Brian has recorded these carols on his orchestral organ complete with bells and other appropriate symphonic sounds.

The CD costs \$25 and may be obtained by contacting Mrs Betty Meyers, OSL's Resources Assistant, 34A Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington 6037. Her email is: ecmeyers@xtra.co.nz and phone number 04-478 7412.



A Testimony given at the Conference in Matamata



1956 was a momentous year for my husband Jim and me. For many years Jim had been interested, by study and reading God's Word, in the Healing Ministry. For the past fifteen years I had experienced constant headaches with no relief from doctors or the medical profession.

In 1956 we learned some elderly friends from one of the churches in which Jim had pastored, were being used by God in this ministry through prayer and the laying-on of hands. At our invitation, they came to stay with us and were used by God in this way to release the headaches, but not completely cure them, before they needed to return home. With their encouragement, prayers and support, Jim was used to carry on, and through God's love and healing power, brought about the complete healing for me. I felt as though I had been born again, physically, mentally and spiritually, and a new life was in front of me.

Little did we know where this incident would lead us, as the news that Jim was being used by God to bring healing to others, quickly became known. Jim continued to be in contact with other people also involved in this ministry, both in NZ and overseas. This lead eventually to establishing the Order of St Luke in NZ. And Jim continued travelling far and wide, both here in NZ, in Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, United States of America, India and some Islands in the Pacific, up until his sudden death in 1994.



I have maintained my commitment to the Healing Ministry, and one member of our family, Ken, is involved in healing in his pastoral ministry. I moved from Raumati, on the Kapiti Coast, seven years ago to live in Whangarei. In 2004 I underwent an operation to have dual hip replacements. While under anaesthetic, I suffered a major stroke and was in a coma for five days, not expected to live. During those days, Ken and his wife Delwyn, spent many hours at my bedside praying for me, so it's through their prayers and the prayers of many of my friends that I am here today.

Thank you and praise you, Father, and to you be all glory and honour. You are a great and mighty God.

Marcelle Chambers
early member of OSL NZ and Life Member.



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of OSL in New Zealand

*Celebrating the Order of St Luke the Physician,
praying for healing our special mission.
Asking the Lord to make people whole,
for wholeness of body, spirit and soul.*

*Originally founded in the US of A,
fifty years ago it came here to stay.
Members meeting for prayer in many places,
praying for people of many races.*

*Lifting up their needs to the Lord each day,
as Jesus our Lord taught us to pray.
Working hand in hand with the medical profession,
keeping in touch with each patient's progression.*

*Reaching up in faith to heaven above,
remembering Jesus' wonderful love.
May we all continue to faithfully pray,
being truly blest in every way.*

*We give thanks for our members who faithfully pray,
reaching out to Jesus every day.
May they always know the Lord's presence and peace,
and love and joy that will never cease. Hallelujah!*



Kathryn Badrick, foundation member of Orakau-TeAwamutu Chapter

Christmas Day in New Zealand by Lady Barker 1831-1911

"We were in the middle of mustering on this 25th of December, and the weather had not been quite so propitious as usual. A great deal of rain had fallen among the hills at the back of the run, and very few mornings dawned as cloudless and clear as the musterers desired. Of course Christmas Day would be a complete holiday, and we had invited shearers and musterers, and all the odd hands which flock to a station at shearing time, to come up to our house, which stood in a valley a mile or so away from the sheep yards, wool shed, etc. and attend first a church service and then a good dinner, the day to wind up with athletic games....The shepherds brought their dogs with them, and these dear sensible animals behaved in the most exemplary manner, lying down by their masters' saddles and never moving aught but their intelligent eyes until church was over, when they greeted their owners with rapture...."

Wholeness

It was recommended to the Council Meeting that the sum of \$500 be donated to Wholeness. This was agreed to following an up-to-date financial statement being received. Wholeness is struggling financially at present and OSL members were also encouraged to donate to Wholeness as it has an excellent reputation around the world. It is distributed widely, including into prisons and other institutions where the love of God and his healing love is desperately needed by those in the bondage of darkness.

Members were encouraged to visit the Wholeness website at www.wholeness.co.nz

Missioners for a four year term

National Chaplain Brian spoke at the May 2011 Executive meeting of his intention to appoint more Missioners for the North and South Islands, each team to be a husband and wife. These teams have been appointed for a four year term, rather than three years. The reason for this is that we are hosting the International Conference in 2013, and the next National Conference is in 2015, making a four year period.

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| North Island | Rev Frank and Gwen Rigg
Rev Brian and Shirley Flower |
| South Island | Rev Kevin and Sheryll Gwynne
Rev Lionel and Rachelle Brown
Rev John and Enid McClean |



The appointment of these mission teams was agreed to by the National Council.

Area Chaplains and Convenors for a four year term

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| Northern | Rev Jenny Quince and Janice Cooper |
| Midland | Revs Barbara Maxted and John Jones |
| Central | Revs Faye Davenport and Marian Emslie |
| Tararua | Rev Dr Brian Hooper and Jim Bentall |
| Blenheim-Tasman | Rev Alan Cummins and Richard Thorpe |
| Canterbury | Revs Rachelle Brown and Graham Hawkey |
| Southern | Revs Bill Sim and Alison Latton |
- (until replacement found)

These appointments were agreed to. A new National Treasurer has been appointed. She is Susan Howard and she will take over from Michael Bain in the New Year.



OSL 50 Year History

Rev Derek Lightbourne has produced a draft publication called **Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow**, (inspiration for the name coming from Hebrews 13:8 that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever). There were three drafts of 10 chapters available to read at the Conference. Derek would appreciate any further information or amendments to go to him – 297 Main Rd, Tawa, Wellington 5028, ph 04 232 2245 or email dereklightbourne@xtra.co.nz

The matter of the size of the Executive was discussed

This had been discussed at the Executive Meeting the previous day with concern expressed that the number of people on the Executive seemed disproportionate to the size of the Order of St Luke in NZ. Also, the cost of accommodating members at the annual meeting was considerable.

It was recommended to the National Council that the Executive should consist of the National Chaplain, National Secretary, National Treasurer, plus one officer from each area; and that Missioners and the non-attending area officers be corresponding members, not attending meetings. This was agreed to. In future, our Executive meetings will be considerably smaller in numbers and able to be accommodated more easily, perhaps by being billeted in the homes of members rather than hiring an expensive complex in which to meet.

OSL House Raumati

Rev Dr Brian Hooper advised the meeting that Michael and Valmarie Yates, who have been renting the property from the Order for seven years, are moving on 18 October 2011 (St Luke's Day). The property was left to the Order by Mrs Edith Stoupe.

Brian expressed his hope, and that of others within the Order, that the property become a healing centre in the future. In the meantime, it is to be assessed for repairs and revaluation prior to new tenants being sought for the property. If it should become a healing centre, a name would need to be given to it. Several have been suggested, including Edith Stoupe Memorial House.

The OSL library is housed on the Raumati property and would need to be removed and kept elsewhere, plus items of furniture and an ageing photocopier. Brian Hooper advised the meeting that the library holds a comprehensive selection of material which is worth preserving.

It is hoped that the new tenants may be sympathetic to the healing ministry and agree to continue housing the library on the property.

OSL Forms

Members are reminded that OSL forms, and other items of interest, are available for printing from our website, www.oslnz.org. When completed, these should be forwarded to the Membership Secretary.

Your creative ideas

Thank you for returning your AGM reports and including your creative ideas for meetings and social events. It seems we are an adaptable crowd of believers, judging by the venues we meet in and the activities we engage in. Venues include private homes, churches, halls, chapels, and outdoors, surrounded by God's creation.

Topics of interest covered by some: healing the family tree, the problem of pain, euthanasia and book reviews on various topics of common interest. Activities include: Bible study, Communion, hospital/home/rest home visiting, healing and leading services, seminars and area days, prayer/anointing/laying-on of hands, worship/singing, telephone prayer chains, a shared chapter convenor roll so that each one has a turn at leading, and speaking to others about the Order, guest speakers, advertising stalls in various locations, sales tables, bus trips to places of interest, and picnics/shared meals/family gatherings.

The common concern seems to be, how to reach younger people for Christ and his love for each one.

If you have any other contributions or bright ideas, please contact **Mary**.

Payment of subscriptions

A reminder that subs for the year ahead, 2011-2012, are due - \$20 per single member, and \$30 per couple, for all chapter, healing group and postal members. These are paid by cheque to Michael Bain, the National Treasurer, in Wellington. His address is on the back page. It seems some of us are in arrears with our payments, so please check if you have paid your sub and, if not, send it to Michael. Thank you!

Prayer

"Prayer is not about words, but about love. This prayer of love connects us to God - who has already given us the answers! So we come away refreshed and wiser - to then put into action whatever God asks of us. The health of our heart, mind, and spirit cannot help but improve - and maybe, even our body! Never forget, changed action must follow prayer.

Wherever love is, healing can begin. So let us love God, love others, love ourselves!"

Gwendolyn Needham, Whangarei.

A Testimony to the Living Jesus

The Lord spoke to me in the middle of the night. I had just heard that the Rev Derek Lightbourne was to stop over in Kerikeri on his way to take a Seminar at Whangarei Chapter. I had recently moved to Kerikeri and had been challenged to start OSL, but knew I must WAIT.

The Lord said, "See if Derek could take a seminar in Kerikeri."
"Yes, on Friday morning," was his reply.

I contacted the churches in Russell, Paihia, Kawakawa, Kaikohe, North Hokianga and here in Kerikeri. I had a hard board and that was passed around for names, addresses and phone numbers, and a cross beside their name if interested in an OSL group.

Out of that came the Bay of Islands Order of St Luke Chapter. We have had a deep Path with losing our beloved Chaplain, the Rev Sue 15 months later, and walking that journey with her for two months prior to her death in joyous, victorious FAITH.

All members have shared their Faith Journey. We do a Bible Study each meeting which they prepare, and one leads from the OSL Book, and we have had some Jesus centred speakers and seminars.

Every member knows the Lord, and loves and reads the Bible and KNOWS JESUS personally. We are based on Acts 2:47, "As the LORD added to their number." We do not look for members; the Lord has brought each one to us! Without Jesus we can do nothing. It is His work. He is in our midst. We have a wonderful 'Jesus filled and led Chapter'...who LOVE one another in Jesus.

My central text since 1965 has been, "I will show you the Path of Life... My Presence there is fullness of Joy" (Ps 16:11)
He leads...we follow....To God alone be all the Glory and ALL the Praise.
Yes, we are blessed by a wonderful group that our Lord has given to us, that Love one another in Jesus and who seek to be His Channels of Love, Peace, Healing and Joy. *In His Love, Rev Pat Bawden, Kerikeri.*

*May the peace and hope of Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead.*



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Bayswater Mrs Prudence Cooke
Mrs Peggy Dawson
Rev Hilary Leith
Hibiscus Mrs Janet Furlong
Cambridge Mrs Doreen Morriss
Taieri Mr Gary Pearson

NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Bayswater Rev Hilary Leith
Cambridge Mrs Jean Robinson
Ashburton Mrs Joan Green
Taieri Mr Gary Pearson
Mrs Fay Richardson
Ms Bon Smith

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Southern Mr Anantham Pillai



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This issue is the turn of the **Blenheim-Tasman Area** to lead with contributions - (Blenheim, Greymouth, Motueka, Nelson, Takaka and Postal Members from these areas)

All members are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**, it is your newsletter!
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