



*The Order of St Luke the Physician
in New Zealand*

HEAL-LINK

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***Dedicated to healing the whole person, spirit, soul and body,
and to the healing of situations, of nations, and of God's creation.***



Greetings to you all, from Warden Brian,

I would like to write about three other ministries in NZ (apart from OSL).

OTHER HEALING MINISTRIES!

1. **Bill and Pat Subritzky.** I met this couple on the weekend of 17-18 September 1971 when I was baptised in the Holy Spirit. They had experienced the Holy Spirit in a new way just three months before and their lives were changed irrevocably. Their personal testimonies included some amazing miracles that were occurring in their lives. Bill discovered that God had entrusted him with the gift of healing, accompanied by a related 'Word of knowledge'. Healing teaching and testimonies are recorded in videos from their Dove Ministries lending library.

2. **Father John Rae,** also, is gifted with the Word of knowledge. He comes to a healing meeting with the names of individuals and the name of each one's ailment. This is the result of his prayer preparation beforehand. When attending a healing meeting, Father John looks at his list and calls the name of a sufferer and identifies the problem. This is extremely faith-generating.

3. **Weston Carryer** is an evangelist with a healing ministry. He has published books on healing, nine of which are totally devoted to written testimonies of God's healing power. People who have experienced healing at one of Weston's meetings often write back to him. As written testimonies come in they are gathered together until there are sufficient for another book. I have found these testimonial books irrefutable and powerfully compelling.

God, in his wisdom, has given all of us the responsibility of praying for the sick (Mark 16:17-18). But he also has given some individuals a dedicated ministry gift (1 Cor 12:30).

We need to rejoice in both provisions. 1 Corinthians 12:9 says: "...to **another gifts of healing by the same Spirit.**" The word *gifts* is plural. It could mean both the office (a 'healer') and 'healing gifts' (through believers as a body). It could also mean the healing of many disorders. I believe that God in his wisdom means both of these interpretations. God is not bound. Let us thank God for those he raises up with a healing ministry. Let us thank God that he can also use you and me who have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Our role in life is to seek to please God, gain God's wisdom, knowledge and joy, and become healing vessels to needy people in this world.

Blessings to you all,

Warden Brian

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From Co-General Secretaries

Dear Friends,

We would like to congratulate Rev Lionel Brown of Christchurch on his election as Warden-elect and look forward to working with him. Thank you to all those members of Warden's Council who exercised their entitlement to lodge their votes.

We have just taken delivery of a new glossy coloured brochure promoting OSL and are including sufficient for every member of each chapter in each chapter mailing as well as copies of the new directory for the Chapter Secretary and Chaplain and a prayer calendar for each Member. If you have not received your prayer calendar and a copy of the new brochure then ask your Chapter Secretary for them.

We know it is early yet but as this is the last HEAL-LINK to be published before Christmas would like to take the opportunity to wish all members a blessed and holy Christmas. We have enjoyed our fellowship with you all via HEAL-LINK, telephone and email throughout the year.

May God's grace go with you all.

Your servants in Christ

Brian and Shirley

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New Warden-Elect

The ballot for Warden-elect conducted during September resulted in the appointment of **Rev Lionel Brown**, Chaplain of the Canterbury Area and of the Pegasus/Mt Pleasant Chapter and was Convenor-Organiser of the Kaiapoi Conference & Warden's Council in 2005. Lionel has been a Member of OSL for 27 years but has been interested in Christian healing much longer than that. He has retired after 35 years in Parish Ministry in the Presbyterian Church and his wife Rachelle is an ordained minister and member of OSL.

Lionel will be inducted and take office as our new Warden at the Warden's Council and Conference 2008 which will be held at El Rancho Christian Holiday Park at Waikanae, Kapiti Coast, from **17-19 October 2008**.

Write these dates into your 2008 diary today and plan and save to come!

Please pray for Warden Brian and the Executive as they prepare for next year's Council & Conference. Pray:

- that the Spirit will guide their planning and resources;
- that the right guest speakers will respond to invitations;
- that our healing ministry will be "God breathed" to heal "spirit, soul and body" and inspire all members of OSL.



Editors' Notes

Found on the cover of the Putaruru Chapter (now in recess) Minute Book:

THE HEALER SPEAKS

Come unto me
In your darkness, I am light
In your pain, I am healing
In your sorrow, I am comfort
In your anger, I am love
In your fear, I am calm
In your hunger, I am bread
In your thirst, I am water
In your need, I am fullness
Come unto me
When you are heavy laden,
I am your rest.

By Robin E Van Cleef in 'Open Hand'

News from Midland Area

Hamilton OSL Member, **Bob Sherston**, reports on his experience at the September Synod of the Waikato Diocese:-

After morning tea, Synod was introduced to Fr Brian Bainbridge from Melbourne, Australia as Facilitator for the "Open Space Technology" (OST). This is an "opportunity time" for anyone attending Synod to have a topic discussed that they believe the Spirit is calling them to do so. I was one of 43 who put forward a subject: **Healing Ministry** -- Order of St Luke and "Wholeness" as I believe that there needs to be an increased awareness in the Anglican Church of the benefits of Healing Ministry.

Each topic promoter was able to choose one of three time slots and what area they wanted to host their group. I elected to present my topic twice and was pleased that a total of 26 persons attended the two sessions. I was very grateful for the assistance given by Rev Barbara Maxted and Rev John Jones from Orakau Parish, OSL Area Chaplain and Convenor and our Vicar, Bryan Smith (in the second session). As the initiator of a discussion group, I was required to complete a *Session Outcome Report* at the conclusion of the sessions and after it was typed, it was placed on the wall with the reports from other groups for general viewing. These reports were later collated and presented in booklet form to each person attending Synod. At the evening session, every person was given five red stickers to use as votes and they were required to select the five most important reports so that further action could be taken.

I was delighted that the topic that I had introduced was one of the top eight selected. **Praise God!!** As one of the eight, I was then invited to gather interested persons to assist me to develop an "Action Plan" that could be presented to each Parish for their consideration.

Directory 2007-08 and amendment:

The new 2007-2008 Directory is being distributed with a general mailing to all Chapters with this issue of **Heal-Link**.



If you have a copy of the Directory please remember to update it from each issue of HEAL-LINK. This year more detail is included for all chapter officers, instead of just the Secretaries, and also Healing Home websites.

Despite checking and proof reading before printing still errors slip through so in this new Directory **please amend** Derek Cone

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Letter to the Editors Email Spam

Dear friends in the Order,

Those of us on email from time to time receive unsolicited messages called SPAM. At other times we are sent email messages from known persons forwarding a message they have received.

Some of these are what were called Chain Letters we received in the mail. They come in a variety of guises designed to get you to open, read and forward – or else. Some entail invoking a measure of good fortune and the threat of ill-fortune if instructions are not followed. Such draw on the world of superstition, and cut across our practice of the Christian faith. They also may engender fear, if we do not forward to say 10 friends. Just as with chain letters, as Christians we need to break the flow of these. The more who do that the better.

Another version appeals to our emotions where someone (usually in Africa) has desperate needs, and wants not only prayer, but also financial help (which is more in the fine print). In our Christian concern it is not easy to press the Delete key. As far as these are concerned, each church has its mission agencies, and prayer links, and we should use our praying for these purposes.

What then of the fear and superstition arising from these circular emails? Prayerfully, we reject in the name of Jesus the power of suggestion which comes. Focus on God in your relationship, delete the email, and move on, in what you are doing.

When receiving such emails from known friends, you might politely ask them to not send such to you. They may seem harmless, but can be damaging to the spirit. And remember, the more who delete these, the less will be the effect of the intent of the original sender.

Warden Brian and Missioners

New Promotional OSL Brochure

With the provision of a substantial bequest from the estate of our former Literature Secretary, Mrs Rae Minogue, the Order has been able to produce the new glossy brochure which is included in this current mailing using the beautiful illustration drawn by her and used on the OSL banner and the brochure produced jointly with the Bible Society for the 40th anniversary of OSL in NZ and the website. We are grateful to Rae and those who have assisted in its production.

Brian and Shirley

Book Review - "Sent to Heal" Author: Harold Taylor

Some 14 years ago Harold Taylor wrote this book, which has been as authoritative a book on Christian Healing as has been available in recent years. The author is former Development Officer of the Australian Order of St Luke. The book has been revised and reprinted. Those who purchased the original will want to know what is new in this revision. The answer is very little that I could see other than a changed layout. For those unfamiliar with this resource, there is a standard format for each Chapter. They begin with a case story, introducing the theme. Then there is a list of aims for the chapter. Comprehensive teaching follows with questions for discussion and a short reference list for further reading.

What is helpful is the sheer comprehensiveness of the broad spectrum of Christian healing. This includes an overview of scriptural teaching and history of healing. There is consideration of some particular issues such as sickness and suffering, and medical science and healing prayer, and of those not healed as expected. What is less helpful in my estimation is the most revised chapter, on Christian Healing and Alternative Movements. Taylor draws distinctions between the two, based on his extensive recent study in this area. Yet the sheer detail of the New Age healing seems to set it as an alternative alongside Christ's healing. I don't find it helpful to be asked to consider and engage in further examination of such therapies.

That concern aside, this is a helpful book to have available for OSL members to read and the cost (\$35 plus postage) is very reasonable considering the information therein.

Derek Lightbourne, Missioner

RESOURCES:

New Study or Reading Material

For those who have used or read 'Channels of Healing' and 'Searching Questions', there is a new Resource recently become available in the same series: "**In search of Wholeness – a Christian Perspective**" price \$10 plus postage. This was reviewed in the previous issue of **HEAL-LINK**. Another new book reviewed above is "**Sent to Heal**" price \$35 plus postage.

Please do not send money when ordering OSL resources. You will receive an Invoice with your order.

Order from: Mrs Betty Meyers, our Resource Assistant,
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News from Chapters

From **Whangarei Chapter:**

A testimony from Jean, who is a member of St. James Church, Onerahi: Missioners Frank and Gwen Rigg were in Whangarei earlier this year conducting a Seminar with our Chapter and I invited Jean (mid 70's) to come with me. Over the past year Jean has been in and out of hospital for operations, tests, re-examinations and adjustments for bowel cancer and associated problems. Jean went forward for prayer. She felt something move from her bowel and bladder going out through her body in the shoulder area where Frank and Gwen laid hands on her.

Since the Seminar Jean has had normal bowel and bladder control and she is able to have a normal diet, enjoying renewed energy. Jean, with all of us, is rejoicing, praising and thanking God for His restoration and healing.

Marcelle Chambers

From **Tararua Postal:**

At 3.15pm one afternoon the Lord directed us to go and pray with a Christian lady, but not to get there until 4pm. We had no idea what the problem was, or why we had to wait until 4pm. At the due time we knocked on the door and told the lady that the Lord had sent us to pray with her.

Her immediate reaction was to tell us that she was so pleased that we had not arrived earlier, because she had been out and had only just got home. We prayed for her as directed. She told us that our visit was a miracle, because she had been suicidal, but had told no one on earth of her problem. So besides her the only one who knew was the Lord, and he had directed us to visit. It made her, and us, realise just how much the Lord cared about her well-being. **"Isn't the Lord awesome!"**

Pat and Anne Clinch

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The Order of St Luke the Physician in NZ is a Registered Charitable Trust. Donations can always be sent to the General Treasurer who will send you an official receipt for Tax rebate purposes. Please make use of these opportunities to support the Healing Ministry in New Zealand.

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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: We welcome into the Order the following:

Kaitia: Mrs Dorothy Cowen, Mrs Gil Price, Mr Tom Price
Tararua Postal: Mr Peter Major, Mrs Averill Major Miss Fay Mangin,
Mrs Cheri Pinner, Mr Russell Robinson, Mr Robin Whitehead
Ashburton: Mrs Althea Grieve, Mrs Mary Williams
Invercargill: Mrs Lorraine Cooper, Miss Margaret Hurd,
Mrs Dorreen Metzger, Mr Alistair (Ack) Soper



NEW FULL MEMBERS: Congratulations to:-

Auckland: Mrs Lorraine Vercoe
Kaitia : Mrs Mary Sylva
Northern Postal: Ms Natasha Robinson
Hamilton South: Mr Ronald Peet, Mr Bob Sherson
Palmerston Nth: Mrs Parkinson
Wellington Nth: Mrs Linda Burnside
Cheviot: Rev Helen Ensor, Rev Jessie Moffitt, Mrs Felicity Grigg,
Mrs Kathryn Lancaster, Mrs Sunita Martins,
Mrs Jean Robertson, Mrs Betty Edlin, Mr Earl Edlin
Mt Pleasant/Pegasus: Mr Denis Power
Rangiora: Rev Margaret Good



ROLL OF HONOUR: Members called to Higher Service



Dargaville Chapter: Mrs Maurine Stevens
Hibiscus Coast Chapter: Mrs Gaye Moran
Mairangi Bay Chapter: Mrs Betty O'Meara
Midland Postal Chapter: Mrs Betty Bowater
Central Postal Chapter: Mrs Marion Cornes
Levin Chapter: Mrs Audrey Ayson
Takaka Chapter: Mrs Elizabeth Kennedy

GENERAL INFORMATION:- The OSLNZ Website is <http://www.oslnz.org> where there are links to other OSL Websites. (This is managed and operated for OSL by Brian & Shirley Flower)

HEAL-LINK is now available and can be downloaded from the website.

Reminder: Next dead-line for **HEAL-LINK** is **21st January 2008.**

All members are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; it is your newsletter! We look forward to receiving your stories, letters, testimonies, obituaries or any suitable contribution. Let us have any quotations that appeal to you; others may also enjoy it! Please send your copy to the Editors:-

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