



Canadian Healer

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OSL in Canada

The International Order of St Luke the Physician

This issue is about **LIFE**...the beginning... and the end of life... and the thief, who seeks to steal, kill and destroy. It is also about how "Christ in you..." (Col 1:27) can make a healing difference.

The beginning of life...

Is it not heinous enough that unborn babies are being aborted...**but are you aware of the rest of the story?** (Please see [Anglicans for LIFE](#) on page 3)



The end of life...

Are you concerned about the impending threat of Euthanasia in Canada... and the fast approaching deadline for legislation regarding doctor-assisted suicide?

Jesus said: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." (John 10: 10-11)

Concerned OSL Member Speaks Out

The Supreme Court of Canada

Ruling On

Doctor Assisted Suicide



I was dismayed and disappointed by the assisted suicide ruling. We now live in a culture of death, and always the reasons for permitting such things as abortion, and assisted suicide masquerade under a guise of compassion. However true compassion is about helping people to live and, in the case of those terminally ill, providing them with exceptional palliative care.

There are so many risks of abuse from this ruling. How many people will be encouraged to seek their deaths when having a bad day, when in fact it may be the care givers or others who have the greatest problem with the suffering they witness. I don't even want to think about those with their eyes on the estate of the sufferers!

The church as a whole has been lax in failing to provide hope in the form of healing prayer and healing services. I can understand how individual clergy feel they must "toe the line" but if we believe in an all powerful and loving God then we must also believe in His power to heal, or give strength to endure until the final

healing through death into life eternal. The Order of St. Luke has succeeded in encouraging the healing ministry in some churches, but there needs to be a directive from the higher echelons of all denominations to incorporate prayers for healing, and laying-on-of-hands for those undergoing surgery, as well as ongoing prayers for the medical profession as a whole. Every church needs to have a regular healing service open to all comers.

There is a vacuum waiting to be filled and many ungodly agents rush in to fill it. How can we find ways to show Jesus' relevance in this post Christian era?

For further reading please visit <http://www.studiobrien.com/euthansia-crime-act-compassion/> (select "Articles" from Menu)

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Anglicans For LIFE Canada Calls Out To The Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Labour Day has passed, and most Canadians (and Americans) are settling into their Fall routines. Churches are gearing up for a new season of programming and the calendars are quickly filling up. To add to the busyness, here in Canada, there's a Federal Election 'picking up steam' with candidates, both nationally and locally, vying for our attention. So, it's not surprising, that many folks are already feeling overwhelmed and seeking solitude— rather than more issues to address!

**But, at this present time in our Canadian History
The Body of Christ is being called by our Lord
to unite in His Compassionate Love and boldly
- protect the Sanctity of Human Life -
(from conception to natural death)**

What Do You Know About Life From Conception To Birth?

The issue of protecting the unborn is not a new one. The right to abortion in Canada happened in 1969. But, what many Canadians are not aware of is that we have no law. Sadly, at that time, the Body of Christ, the church, (along with most Canadians) was silent in protecting both the child and the mother. Presently:

- All rights belong to the mother—meaning a baby's life is not protected until the child is completely delivered from her body. Abortions, therefore, can legally be performed at any time during the full term of pregnancy in either a hospital or private abortion clinic.
- Statistics regarding the number of abortions in hospitals must be reported to the Federal Government but each province uses its own system of reporting and private clinics are not obligated to report. Therefore, there are no accurate statistics of how many abortions have been or are being performed in our country. The best estimate is that over 4 million (and still counting) babies have died by 'this medical procedure'.
- The millions of Canadians (biological parents, siblings, extended family members and friends) affected by abortion is growing and although many are beginning to speak out regarding their pain and grief many more feel they cannot. Sadly, within churches across Canada there are those who are afraid to reveal their 'secret' for fear of judgment.
- Secular culture offers 'self medication' (ie substance abuse; sexual promiscuity and shallow relationships) to mask the false statements — 'it is only a blob of tissue' and 'the procedure will put an end to your problem—you will be able to get on with your life!'

Does the Church Care?

With the release of this summer's shocking videos revealing the truth regarding Planned Parenthood's selling of human baby parts, the abortion debate increased briefly in media attention, but what was the Body of Christ's response? Has it changed anything in your church?

- What does it mean to respond with Christ's Compassionate Love? To speak out and defend the unborn?
- What will you do for those who have experienced abortion, and are suffering from the reality of the death of their child (and in some cases children)?
- Is your church community equipped (both clergy and laity) to assist them with post abortion counselling programs and a compassionate loving community of support?
- What will you do for those who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy? Are you aware of where the nearest Christian Crisis pregnancy centre is located?
- Are you willing to help and support a pregnant woman (and the father) as they prepare to parent or to adopt their child to a new family?
- What does it mean for your church community to be 'A Life Affirming Church'?
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What Do You Know About The Assisted Suicide Legislation?

*selected points from article 'Slippery Slope...' by V. Hedelius & Dr. N. Craig

On February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the existing Criminal Code prohibition on euthanasia and assisted suicide, on the basis that these are constitutional rights, and gave Parliament one year to replace the law with new regulations.

- There is the opportunity to create and pass a law with very stringent qualifications and safeguards – but, if the deadline is not met, there will be no law – no protection!
- Although, there are supposed to be 'strict' guidelines for each Province and the Country as a whole; there are already serious divisive issues presenting themselves.
- Recently, the Province of Quebec which has a different civil law structure, than the rest of Canada, passed a bill permitting doctors to administer lethal injections to select mentally fit patients who desire 'assisted dying'. Quebec will be issuing doctors 'standardized kits' and instructions in order to be ready for the legal administration as of *December 10, 2015*. (The package is 'unlike anything in the history of Canadian medicine,' in the words of the National Post)
- August 2015 –the Canadian Medical Association held their Annual General Meeting. A poll of general members present on one day was 66% *in favour of protecting conscience rights for physicians objecting to euthanasia*. The following day, the 79% vote of official delegates and Board *rejected a motion supporting the right of physicians NOT to refer for euthanasia*. Canadian physicians are clearly conflicted in their ideas of how to deal with this issue!
- Quebec Proposals to the Physicians is for them to withhold the patient's request for assisted suicide from the family and to state only the basic pathology on the death certificate. This raises huge questions of ethics – what about physicians who refuse to write anything other than the truth? And how can any accurate statistics be possible?
- There are strong lobbyists in Quebec pushing for funding cuts to palliative care physicians who object to euthanasia and to palliative hospices who refuse to permit euthanasia! Brothers and sisters in Christ who will speak up and protect the vulnerable and offer safety for all involved through Compassionate Love End of Life Care?

Does the Church Care? Does the Body of Christ Dare?

We, at **Anglicans for Life Canada** say **YES!** Because the Body of Christ has been created to uphold the Sanctity of human Life of each human being –from conception to natural death – and to bring the Gospel of Good News to all humanity! **Regardless of church denomination, individuals and churches are invited to participate with Anglicans for Life...**an organization whose mission is to equip the church for such work. We are biblically grounded, mission minded, pastorally engaged. To learn more about the organization, please go to our website: www.anglicansforlife.org. Click on the

Canada button for Canadian content. (American materials are also available!) **All Christians are invited – resources are user friendly for all denominations.**



Project Life Canada is an eight-week, DVD, Christian education series produced by Anglicans for Life Canada. (There is also a USA version). This new Canadian version gives a comprehensive snapshot of life issues and how Christians can make a difference for life. During this course, you will learn:

- the biblical basis for a commitment to life (Historical, biblical Overview); what abortion is and how it is used in our society (Abortion);
- the effects of abortion on people and society (Post-abortion);
- ways we need to respond to unexpected pregnancies (Adoption);
- what we need to say about sex (Abstinence);
- how euthanasia/assisted suicide further erodes the valuing of human life (Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide);
- what challenges biotechnology presents (Stem Cell Research) and practical ways that we can affirm Life (Action Plan).

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To learn more about **Project Life** for your small group or church, please contact Anglicans for Life National Director, Rev. Vicky Hedelius at Canada@AnglicansforLife.org or 905-220-0292



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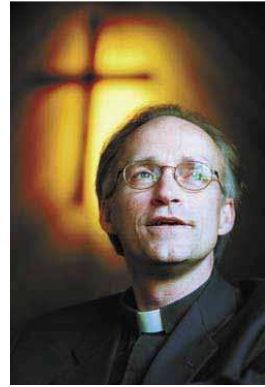
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Regardless of your church affiliation, you are invited to contact **Anglicans for LIFE** and find out how you can get involved in making a difference.
2. After the election on October 19th, consider making your views known to the Prime Minister and also your elected MP... encouraging them to raise this important issue for debate in the House of Commons as soon as possible. To locate your MP using your postal code click the following link:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>

The Cost of Embracing The Death Solution

The Rev. Dr. Ed Hird



Saint Luke the Physician was committed to preserving life and health. In first doing the OSL 'Healing Ministry of Jesus' study project in 1981, I was struck by the strong emphasis in the Gospel of Luke on medical terminology. Saint Luke the medical doctor included seventeen healing encounters, far more than Mark's thirteen healing encounters, or John's four healing encounters.

Jesus was always willing and able to heal the sick. Over three years, he trained the twelve and then the 72 in the healing ministry. In the book of Acts, after the Day of Pentecost, the healings in the name of Jesus continued to flow, getting the early disciples in much trouble. Many of us remember singing the camp song "Silver and Gold have I none, but such as I have give I you, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

If euthanasia becomes normalized and even potentially mandated for our Canadian doctors, there is a significant danger that the medical mandate for preserving life and health will be compromised. Can you imagine Saint Luke the Physician embracing the death solution? Euthanasia, if embraced, will desensitize and jade our medical caregivers. With over one hundred thousand of our youngest Canadians being medically eliminated every year, a shadow has been cast over our Canadian

commitment to preserving life and health. Let's not add a further shadow through removing the sacredness of life for those Canadians at the other end of the spectrum of life.

If euthanasia becomes normalized, there will inevitably be social pressure on many seniors to end their lives as a way to saving their families from the financial burden of expensive health care. When human life ceases to be treated as sacred, economics can often trump care for those who are vulnerable and unable to defend themselves. Our Canadian health system must not give up its mandate for treating all people equally, regardless of convenience, age, or medical condition.

I give thanks for the Hospice movement which shows that we can care for the dying in ways that are caring and respectful. I give thanks for pain medication that enables people to live out their last few days, largely free from suffering. I give thanks for the ministry of healing prayer at every stage of our lives. Jesus Christ the Great Physician is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is always willing and able to heal the sick, either on earth or through the perfect healing that comes with death. We as believers do not need to fear death. We know where we are heading. I always pray for healing for the sick, until Jesus prophetically tells me to pray a prayer of release. I have

found that sometimes dying people hang around longer than they need to, because family members have not yet released them. In my experience, when the time comes to pray a prayer of release, many of the terminally ill pass away quickly and peacefully. We don't need to poison terminal people because they are taking too long to die. The key is surrender, giving them back to Jesus, putting them in his arms. Jesus knows the right

moment to take people home to be with himself. Rather than taking the matter into our own hands, let us put our terminal loved ones into Jesus' arms. He will receive them at just the right time.

Let us as Canadians say no to euthanasia and yes to surrender!

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FINDING CONSISTENCY IN HEALING PRAYER

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One of the issues discussed at the recent OSL North American conference in Charleston was how to be more consistently successful in praying for healing. All of us have seen powerful examples of God's response to prayer – but not every time, leaving some of us perplexed.

Many, including myself, discovered OSL in the seventies, during the heady times of the Charismatic Renewal Movement. All of a sudden, we found out that there seemed to be little connection between the gifts of the Spirit and advanced personal holiness. In our case, God seemed to have bypassed the rules that qualified people to be healers. Quite unremarkable people received quite remarkable powers, until then thought to be the prerogative of monastics, and, even then, only granted after years of prayer and fasting. God had shown us that he required not our ability but our availability.

It was natural to draw a number of conclusions. First, it seemed that praying for healing was easy. We knew that in the Scriptures, God had promised

us life in all its fullness. In our time, the promise was being fulfilled. To us, the main obstacle seemed to be that the mainline churches, that we belonged to, were unaware of their latent power. Our mission was to help them realize this. Just as Jesus was rejected by the church of his time for his unfamiliar teachings, we fully expected to be misunderstood. And we were not disappointed, as mainline churches, for the most part, turned their backs on us.

The most common objection to the practice of healing prayer came from those, who had prayed for a healing and had been disappointed. There were two reactions: One submissive, the other rebellious.

The submissive reaction was to invoke the mysteriousness of God. His ways are inscrutable to us. Our task is to live by the light that we have and to "endure the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" - not quite the fullness of life that Jesus promised to his followers!

This was not enough for one woman of my acquaintance. She snapped, “I can no longer offer submissive love to an omnipotent God, who heals or does not heal those we love, in ways that can only seem arbitrary to us.” This is the rebellious reaction – often inflicted on some hapless OSL member, rash enough to offer healing prayer. In my view, she is entitled to an answer!

One way to start is to reflect on the psychology of those drawn to the Charismatic Movement. Perhaps, after all they have something in common with the monastics!

In my own case, I was a seeker. I wanted to find out the true meaning of life. In Scripture, God promises an answer to the seeker. In the Renewal, I found this to be true. Some who joined the Movement were seeking support as they struggled with a personal loss. Still others were burdened with caring for a relative or friend. Whatever our situation, we were all open to the ministrations of a loving God. Just as Jesus always responded to an expression of genuine need, the Holy Spirit spoke in our hearts and minds.

A characteristic of the monastic life is asceticism – a suffering that is self-imposed in order to become open to God. We charismatics had simply leap-frogged asceticism by taking advantage of circumstantial, rather than self-imposed, suffering and forming a movement from it as wounded healers.

During the Conference, a number of us expressed a desire to visit Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, where nine of our fellow Christians had been gunned down, while at prayer. Our leader was a street evangelist, who expressed some disdain for churchified Christians, remarking, “I cannot teach you boldness and compassion.”

I was grateful to him. He had answered our question for us. Just as Jesus combined boldness with compassion, to be consistently successful, we must also pray with boldness and compassion. To be able to do this we need the foundational virtue of humility.

Both pagans and Christians worship a God of power. However, our God’s power is the power of love. Here is how the logic works: God is love. Jesus is humble. Jesus lived as God among us. So, the power of love lies in the power of humility.

Humility requires the willingness to be hurt and so it is counter-intuitive for us to show a God-like love! When we experience rejection, we fight or flee; Jesus remained vulnerable. When we are unhappy we turn to an addiction; Jesus turned to God. When others misbehave, we coerce to correct them; Jesus invited them to think again.

This, of course, flies in the face of modern culture’s mantra that fullness of life consists of us “finding ourselves” by “meeting our needs.” Jesus promises that, if we do not lose ourselves first, we will be unable to find our true selves. Trying to fulfill the Great Commandment to love our neighbour is the only way to do this. Peter put it well: “God will bless [your prayers] if you endure the pain of undeserved suffering. Christ himself suffered for you to follow in his steps.”

(1 Peter 2:19)

In conclusion, consistency in healing prayer is the meeting of God’s universal promise of fullness of life with our openness to do his will. There are many different ways for us to this: Seeking truth, asceticism and the willing embrace of redemptive suffering are some of them.

Thanks be to God! He has called us to a wisdom that is not of this world in order to extend the Kingdom of his healing power throughout this world!

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