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OSL Canada

The International Order of St Luke the Physician

## OSL CANADA LAUNCHES!

*“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” Psalm 127:1-3*

OSL Canada was officially launched in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in late August, 2011.

More than 80 enthusiastic OSL supporters from across Canada and the USA attended the First Canadian National Healing Conference, held at the Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Delegates were treated to a wealth of keynote addresses and workshops on several aspects of Christian healing. A vote during the business meeting resulted in a decision to launch OSL Canada!



Although OSL Canada is better equipped to serve the network of OSL members and chapters with communications specific to Canadian interests and activities, it remains a committed and faithful international partner, and will continue to make a valuable contribution to the growth of OSL in North America.



**Canadian Mennonite University** is a smallish institution with modest but modern facilities. The staff, in the best Mennonite tradition, couldn't have been more congenial or helpful.

The lecture hall, classrooms, dormitories and cafeteria were all within easy walk of each other, and the food, although not lavish, was excellent.

It was good to meet old OSL friends from across Canada and to make a lot of new ones.



## OSL CANADA LAUNCHES!

By Colin Campbell

**T**his summer, I had the opportunity to attend the First Canadian National OSL Conference at the Canadian Mennonite University, in Winnipeg, between August 25-28. It will surely be a historic event for the history of OSL in this country, as much of the discussion at the conference centered around the proposal to establish a stronger Canadian presence within the present North American structure. More than seventy Canadians were registered, together with some of our American friends, who came to show their interest and support.

The decision of the annual meeting was that we open discussions with the North American board to find a way by which we are able to remain within the North American structure but have more autonomy and flexibility, in order to be able to develop a distinctively Canadian OSL - just as Australia, New Zealand and England have their national OSLs.

In order to do this, it was decided to elect representatives, to the newly established Canadian board, from every region in Canada - that is, one member from every province, except for the Maritime Provinces, which would constitute a single region. The Rev Ron VanAuken was elected to be president, supported by myself, as vice president. A Director is yet to be elected.

There was considerable concern expressed that the North American OSL Board do not see this as a desire to separate from them. We have come a long way together and wish to continue our journey in partnership with them. OSL members in Canada will continue to pay their memberships to the OSL Office in San Antonio. They will still continue to receive *Sharing* magazine and other benefits of their membership.

Speaking for myself, this new direction challenged me to rethink the mission of OSL and to explore what fresh opportunities would present themselves with a distinctly Canadian OSL. I should like to share some of my reflections with you.

OSL world-wide has the following strengths: Its theology and spirituality are firmly grounded in historical Christianity. We affirm the great creedal statements of the Church and base our healing exclusively on the practice of Jesus and the apostles. All members of OSL know from personal experience that Jesus Christ still heals today.

OSL North America suffers from the following weaknesses: Although it has many active chapters and even more active members, the organization suffers from poor, person-to-person communication links and, as a consequence, individuals are liable to fall prey to discouragement and dwindling motivation. In 1990 the number of members in OSL NA was 7019. In 2011 the number is 4794. In the US the membership in 2011 is 4329 and in Canada 465. The number of new members in 2011 to May was 447 (422 in the USA and 25 in Canada. 2010: new members 743, and in 2009 new members were 585) We lose as many members as we gain, usually because of a perceived lack of support.

This gives OSL Canada the following opportunities: First the time is long overdue for a young person's OSL to be formed to deal with the specific issues faced by adults between the ages of 20 and 30. A major source of confusion and hurt, that should be addressed, are the consequences of the sexual revolution, particularly its effect on women. Second, Canada is a land of immigrants, many of whom came here as refugees. These persons have often been terribly scarred and need the peace and healing for their souls that only Jesus and the Holy Spirit can give, yet we have not reached out to them. Lack of aboriginal members is a major issue. OSL members are generally white Caucasians over 50. We are obviously not ministering to young people and non-whites effectively. Third, Canada, with its international reputation as an "honest broker," is uniquely positioned to set up links with other OSLs. We can learn a lot from Australia and New Zealand, who, like us, have aboriginal populations. Collectively, we can reach out to the other countries of the world and welcome their insights, as we have all seen how powerfully God has been able to work there.

*"If God is with us, who can succeed against us."* There is nothing too difficult *"for those who love the Lord."* The mission of OSL Canada is to offer the healing ministry of Jesus to all who desire it. We are committed to an ecumenical leadership and membership and welcome all those, who affirm a faith based on the great historical creeds of Christianity.



## Reflections on OSL Canada

by

**The Rev. Canon David (DAP) Smith**

First of all, I must congratulate Keith Bird on his appointment as the editor of *The Canadian Healer*. He brings to the job his professional expertise on computers, his many years experience as editor of the Region 8 Newsletter, his long-time involvement in the OSL, and his love and insight as a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus. It is a powerful combination.

Secondly, I must apologize to readers of the Region 8 Newsletter for reporting in the last edition that an OSL Director had been appointed for Canada. This, in fact, did not happen. I thought it had. I do not hear well, and so I purposely sat myself well up-front at the business meeting in Winnipeg and heard Archdeacon Larry Mitchell speak about his hope that there would be such a director. And then when everyone began to clap and acknowledge him I thought that the new director had been acclaimed! To make sure I asked for a copy of the minutes of that meeting but they never were sent, and so I acted upon my presumption. But the proposal for a Canadian director is still in the offing and is, in fact, presently before the North American Board. If a Canadian Director is to be elected, as I hope will happen, the Board will have to make a few adjustments to our Bylaws.

**All this has been the result of a recent desire for a more emphatic emphasis by Canadians upon the life of the OSL in Canada and certain proposals have been made to the North American Board to this effect. And the Board, as it turns out, could not be more supportive. Already, at a Skype Meeting held just last Monday, the Board unanimously approved the inauguration of a Canadian OSL website connected to the NA website, and supported the concept of all-Canadian conferences.** These are just a couple of the ways that Canadian members can promote the OSL in Canada. And no doubt a Canadian OSL Director will soon be in place for the same purpose. But at the same time we do not want to lose our connection with the OSL in the United States. Our membership in the NA OSL provides us in Canada with tremendous opportunities not the least being *Sharing Magazine*, and the expertise of the office in San Antonio. What is being proposed is a delicate relationship, but with faithfulness and patience, the Lord will give us the necessary insight and wisdom, and he will make it all work out. So the Order grows and develops and the Lord is glorified, and his ministry of healing is extended more and more, not only throughout Canada, but indeed throughout the whole of North America.

*The Rev. Canon DAP Smith is immediate Past Director of OSL Region 8, and holds the Canadian seat on the NA Board of Directors for The International Order of St Luke the Physician in San Antonio, Texas.*

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## **The Rev. Ronald E. VanAuken**

Ron is the Regional Director for OSL Region 8, and President of OSL, Canada. He is an ordained minister in The Reformed Church in America and The Presbyterian Church in Canada and has served in congregations in New York, Alberta and in Ontario. Ron is currently serving a transitional parish 2/3 time while concurrently working in the areas of counseling, mediation, and spiritual direction.



## **Colin Campbell, PhD**



Dr. Colin Campbell is a long time member of OSL and former board member of the North American International Order of St Luke the Physician. Colin resides in Hamilton, Ontario, is a member of OSL Region 8 Council, and Vice President of the newly formed OSL Canada. Following a challenge at OSL Canada conference to be intentional about staying in touch with one another for support and encouragement, Colin took the initiative to begin the “Mustard Seeds” network for Region 8, but it has developed into our national newsletter, *The Canadian Healer*.

## **Mrs. Lynne Sampson**

Lynne is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan. Even though her training was in Education, she found herself employed for 18 years as hospital chaplain for the United Church of Canada, working in 3 Saskatoon hospitals. She was first a member of the OLS in Saskatoon about 30 year ago and recently became involved again. Lynne lives in Saskatoon, SK, is married, has 2 sons, and 3 grandchildren.



## **Bev Otsuka**



I have been on this spiritual journey, by way of the Anglican Church, for most of my life. My faith has built from a child, through a slow, deliberate and determined way. I have spent the past 43 years in the same parish in Saskatoon. Through those years, I have worked on almost every committee of the church, I have been Diocesan and Provincial Synod delegates and a member of Vestry most of those years. For the past 30 years, I have acted as a Lay Reader and Lay Eucharistic Minister within the parish.

Ten or so years ago I was invited to participate with a member of the OSL, who was also a member of our congregation, in promoting a course on Healing Ministry within our parish. His hope was to develop a caring Prayer Team that would be available at the call of the Rector and for any in need for our prayers. Unfortunately he moved out of the country a short time later and his leadership was greatly missed. Our newly formed Prayer Team kept together, sometimes by strings, but always by faith. Through Alan’s involvement with the OSL as a past Convenor, I entered into the Order and received my membership and kept on the road of studying and being an active part of God’s plan for Healing.

Through my association with the OSL Chapter in Saskatoon and The Ven. Larry Mitchell, I have become involved in the larger group as the treasurer of OSL Canada. As a student of our Lord, I find that every day is a new day of learning, appreciating loving and healing. I look forward to the future – to where we will be led and to what we will be doing – through Christ our Lord.

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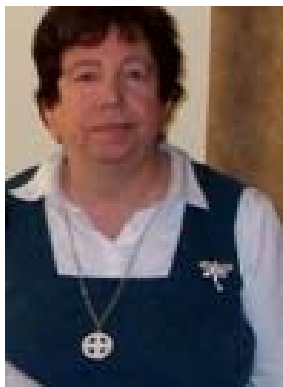
**The Rev. Douglas Lewis  
Berit Anderson, and Penelope Olive**



## The Rev. Lesley Hand

Lesley joined OSL while in seminary and was involved in the healing ministry in her local church for several years before that. She and her husband, Charlie, have trained many lay healing ministry teams, written and led Bible studies on prayer and healing, and have given presentations on the foundations of a parish healing ministry.

Lesley and Charlie emigrated to Canada as newlyweds in 1978. They made their home in Fort McMurray, Alberta, where they raised their two daughters. Charlie worked in the oil sands industry and Lesley worked with health-related non-profit organizations before answering a call to ministry. After ordination, Lesley served as a missionary pastor with *On Eagle's Wings Ecumenical Ministries*, providing training, pastoral and resource support to churches and individuals in remote northern communities. Lesley is currently the Rector of St Helen's Anglican Church in Fairview, Alberta.



## The Rev. Clare Edwards

Clare is a wife, mother, and grandmother and has been in the healing ministry for 27 years and a member of the Order of St. Luke for over 25 years. Over the years she has been Convener, and then Chaplain for her local Chapter and Regional Director for Region 10 since 2007. She has been the Honorary Assistant in Flin Flon, Manitoba since her ordination as Deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada in 1999. In 2003 - 2009 Clare was appointed a half-time position in charge of the parish of Snow Lake. Since May 2009 she has been employed as the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Flin Flon and Snow Lake in the NorMan Regional Health Authority.

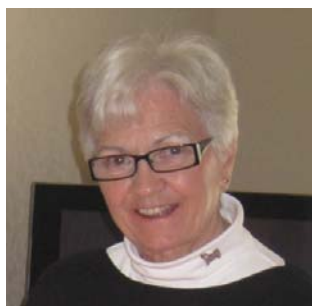
## The Ven Larry Mitchell

Larry Mitchell is known and respected internationally for his leadership in the Order of St Luke. Elected as North American Director to The International Order of St Luke the Physician, he became the first Canadian to hold the post. Larry's resigned in 2011 so he would be free to help establish and grow OSL Canada.

A cradle Anglican, Larry recently celebrated his 45th year of ordination. He has a long history of promoting healing in churches, conduct healing services and is much in demand as speaker at healing events. Larry believes that the healing ministry is the ministry of the Body of Christ and therefore is a function of the whole people of God. Because of that belief he encourages lay people to be involved with the clergy in all aspects of liturgical worship and the ministry of healing



## Rita M. O'Rourke



Born in Stanley, N.B. Rita is married with three children, and grandmother to nine. She got her B.A. at Concordia University, and is now retired as a teacher for many years. A member of OSL since 1975, Rita was Co-Convener, West Island Chapter, in Montreal, and founder of the Passamaquoddy Chapter, St. Andrews, N.B. She is Past President of Women Aglow, Montreal, PQ, is passionate about basketball and the Montreal Canadians. Rita enjoys a healthy active lifestyle in St. Andrews, N.B.



## Spreading the Gospel by the Instrument of Divine Healing

### “Just Do It”

By the Rev. John Adetunji

One of the signs that Jesus said will follow believers is healing: *“And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”* (Mark 16.17)

He also said, *“Except people see signs they will not believe.”* (John 4.48) Jesus himself left us in no doubt that healing is very important. Act 10.38 tells us, *“Jesus healed all.”* Amazing! As Jesus healed, he made more disciples. This is power evangelism... or healing that will draw people to the kingdom of God. We should go back to the basics... do it Jesus' way and we will be able to win more souls with the help of the Holy Spirit.

What is Power Evangelism? John Wimber, that great man of God, describes power evangelism as, *“Evangelism that transcends the rational through the demonstration of God's power in signs and wonders and introduces the numinous of God. This involves the presentation of the good news of God's reign accompanied with the manifest presence of God. Power evangelism is spontaneous and is directed by the Holy Spirit. The result is often explosive Church growth.”* Jesus wasted no time. Jesus began healing after his baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-19). He knew it was the right thing to do and he did it.

Jesus delivered all who came to him from every kind of sickness (Matthew 8:16; 15:30-31; 17:14-21; Mark 7:31-37; John 11:43-44). The Gospel writers frequently note that Jesus' healing works were motivated by compassion and pity for the sick (Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 20:34). Especially in this end time, the Church of Jesus Christ needs to demonstrate the power of God in order for it to stand out from all the deceits of the enemy that are out there. We have the power. Jesus said *“Greater works we will do.”* *John 14:11-13.* But we need to **use it.**

Who can have this power? Any believer of Jesus Christ who dares to exercise their faith. *Mark 16:15-20*  
How do we receive the Power? Jesus said, *“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* *Acts 1:8*

Where and when to use the power? Everywhere opportunity presents itself.

A member of my house fellowship went to Vancouver about two weeks ago, venturing into preaching and praying in the street for the people to be healed. He sent me a series of text messages on August 11, 2011; which I reproduce here in his own words

“I did street ministry in Vancouver and laid hands on people in wheel chairs. I saw a leg grow longer and the limb was healed! Lots of people were able to walk again... some for the first time. Praise God! I am so on fire! I am heading out again this week to do more healing. We video-taped some of it and will share with you guys at Bible Study. I am learning to walk in the gifts God has given me. Keep me in prayers.”

Conclusion: Just do it! Don't question your ability or your inability... **just do it!**

*John Adetunji is the Regional Manager of Projects and Plant Operation, Norman Regional Health Authority. He is also an ordained minister of The United Missionary Church of Africa, and is an itinerant speaker at conferences and revival meetings. Since moving to Canada John has witnessed God heal people of cancer, stomach ulcers, barrenness, heart conditions, and addictions. He believes God heals sick businesses too.*

# The Backside of Easter

## My Healings

By Chad Sampson



I have received miraculous healings, gifts and guidance from Jesus Christ! These healings have affected my life in enormous ways, effecting employment, education, and hobbies, both mentally and physically. I give all the credit to Jesus! All this came about because of my connection with the Order of St. Luke.

The most miraculous healing was to my brain. No longer do I have seizures caused by epilepsy, and there are dramatic improvements in my aptitude and speed for learning new information. All areas of my life have been renewed!

I have also had a miraculous healing in my ankle and knee. The result was immediate improvement giving me the strength and ability to return to physical activities that I had not been able to do since being injured. This healing also allowed me to return to many hobbies for which I have a passion including goal tending, Taekwondo, and fitness training. The fast recovery shocked many people. It started with shadow healing through another man's healing at a Kingdom Healing Workshop.

I am very grateful to Jesus for healing me and for His guidance in making important decisions that have also affected others. The results in my life are amazing and positive, and continue daily through reading God's Word, and signs which I believe Jesus provides.

The main avenue to my connection with Jesus Christ has been learning Kingdom healing with the top priority being expectancy for the healing, and the second most important, persistence, in waiting for healing or guidance. I have also learned to believe and trust in the person of Jesus, not just about Him.

I bless Jesus for all he has done for me and all He will do for me in the future. It is my privilege to pass those blessings on to many others. I have been a part of the Order of St. Luke for approximately 5 years now, and plan to stay for many more.

*Chad has been a member of the Saskatoon OSL for 5 years and attends McClure United Church. He has attended two North American Conferences, an International Conference, the first Canadian National Conference, and workshops with The Rev. Mike Endicott, one being in Wales, UK. He is currently studying for ministry at St. Andrew's College.*

## Feedback

This is the place where your feedback will be shared to encourage others. Please let us know:

- what you would like to see in the newsletter
- if the newsletter is helpful to you... and how
- your experience sharing the newsletter with a friend or new person to introduce them to healing

- any suggestions you may have.

## Wanted

- Your story of healing
- Your testimony and how you discovered OSL... what it means to you
- Your faith journey and how you came to be interested in healing
- A poem... a teaching on healing... whatever you want to share!

Please email your feedback, testimony, poem, or story of healing to... [editor@oslregion8.org](mailto:editor@oslregion8.org)

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## THE BOOK SHELF

From Rev Clare Edwards – “Re: Mike Endicott Books now in Kindle eBook format: Please pass this on to all who may be interested. Thanks, Clare.” His other books are available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca)

Title: *PILGRIMAGE* - <http://www.amazon.com/Pilgrimage-ebook/dp/B006ZQXBFE>

Title: *HEALING AT THE WELL* - <http://www.amazon.com/Healing-at-the-Well-ebook/dp/B006WEOREI>

Title: *TRUST YATES! Stories of a Guide Dog with a Dog Collar* - <http://www.amazon.com/Trust-Yates-ebook/dp/B006W0PJ9Y>

Title: *CHRISTIAN HEALING: Everyday Questions and Straightforward Answers* - <http://www.amazon.com/Christian-Healing-ebook/dp/B004FPZ5I8>

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**FEB 19 – Sunday, 3:00 pm EST**

Speaker: Bishop Alex McCullough, Director of the Oratory of The Little Way

**APR 15 - Sunday, 4:00 pm EST**

Speaker: Dr Colin Campbell, Past Member, OSL International Board of Directors

**MAY 20 - Sunday, 4:00 pm EST**

Speaker: The Rev. Mike Evans, Director, Wholeness Ministries

### OSL Healing Conferences in Canada with Guest Speaker The Rev. Mike Endicott

**May 4-5 – Oakville, ON**

Region 8 Healing Conference

Theme: Rivers of Grace: The Restoring Kingdom

For more info please visit

[www.oslregion8.org/conference.htm](http://www.oslregion8.org/conference.htm)

**May 11-12 – Winnipeg, MN**

Winnipeg Healing Conference

Theme: Kingdom, Power, Glory!

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**May 13-15 – Yorkton, SK**

**May 16 – Regina SK**

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Want to start a Young Adults OSL chapter? Contact Colin Campbell [ccmcampbell@gmail.com](mailto:ccmcampbell@gmail.com)

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**OSL Members** - Online Chat 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mon [www.oslCanada.org/healer.htm](http://www.oslCanada.org/healer.htm) (updates)

### NEXT STEPS

If *The Canadian Healer* only entertains and informs, then its mission has failed. The main purpose for delivering the newsletter is two-way communication with you... to partner with you... not only to encourage you in ministry... but to encourage you to take the next step... however God leads. What will **your** next step be?

Would you provide feedback to *The Canadian Healer* at [editor@oslCanada.org](mailto:editor@oslCanada.org) about what next steps you have taken? Only the action you have taken will be published, not your name... unless you give permission.

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