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The Canadian Healer

Christmas 2017

For unto us
a child is born,
..... HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
Wonderful Counsellor,
THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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GOD'S PRESUPPOSITIONS FOR HEALING

Colin C M Campbell, PhD

There are presuppositions that have to be met for healing to happen. When were people healed, their children raised from the dead and tax collectors and sinners preferred over the religious? Was it not when the presuppositions of humility and trust in God's Messiah were satisfied?

We are told that God blesses both the just and the unjust with rain. He sends good seed on hard and stony ground as well as on good soil. He tells us that we will discern his followers by their fruit. The seed is always good but good fruit requires good soil. The Good News can find no place in hard and stony hearts.

Moving from the language of metaphor to that of theology, God desires fullness of life for all of us. Like the good seed of the parable, he offers it to everyone. If we do not have it, it is not because God's will is mysterious or that we have it but do not know it or that it happens in God's own time, or for any of the other reasons that are sometimes given to excuse God for his apparent silence. The healing miracles of Jesus make it clear that they happen when the necessary presuppositions exist.

There are two tasks required in healing. God's task is to provide the seed. Our task is to be the receptive soil. If the soil is hard and stony, God's first job has to be to plough it, in order to break it up. Because of our human condition, often spiritual healing occurs only after we are reduced to utter helplessness.



Living a spiritual life is not the same as being a good person. It is only by living a spiritual life that we obtain fullness of life.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation begun by Martin Luther. Like the apostle Paul before him, Luther tried to find God by living a holy life in his own strength, only to join Paul in his cry of despair. "Oh, unhappy man that I am! The things that I wish to do, I cannot do and the things that I do not wish to do are the ones that I do."

The thief on the cross did not enter Paradise with Jesus as a result of his own piety and asceticism but as a consequence of his trusting helplessness.

Virtue performed to gain God's favour is toxic. God grants his favour as a gift when we open our hearts and minds to be his instruments in building His Kingdom by making this world a better place.

Paul characterizes the spiritual life with the virtues of faith, hope and love. Faith is to trust by taking the chance of trying out the Gospel Message. Hope begins when we taste and see that the Lord is good. Love is when we can say with Paul, "I have learned to be content, whatever the circumstances." God always wants to bless us. It is we who prevent it from happening. So, let us be done with all talk of God's inscrutability and our prayers of vain petition. Instead, let us meet our spiritual responsibility in partnership with him, so that he may accomplish his purposes in and through us.

Colin Campbell is a long time member of OSL, former President of The International Order of St Luke the Physician Board of Directors, and was elected the current member for Canada on that Board. Colin is also Interim Director of OSL Region 8 (Ontario). Dr Campbell is Convenor of the newly established OSL Hamilton Chapter. Colin is a secondary school teacher and may be contacted at ccmcampbell@gmail.com

The Gifts of Near-Death Experiences: You Don't Have to Die to Experience Your True Home

Rev Matt Linn with brother Dennis and his wife, Sheila
Guest speakers on the January 2018 OSL Telephone Conference Call

Near-death experiences are common, similar within all faith traditions, and have been carefully studied and documented. Those who have not had them can "catch" their healing power simply by immersing themselves in accounts of NDEs. This presentation will focus on how all of us can integrate the loving and healing message of NDEs into our lives.

Dennis, Sheila & Matt Linn work together as a team, integrating physical, emotional and spiritual wholeness, previously as hospital chaplains and therapists and currently in leading retreats and spiritual companionship. They have taught courses on processes for healing in over fifty countries and in many universities and hospitals, including a course to doctors accredited by the American Medical Association. They are the authors of twenty-two books, including *Healing of Memories*, *Healing Life's Hurts*, *Healing the Eight Stages of Life*, *Good Goats*, *Sleeping with Bread*, and *Don't Forgive Too Soon*, as well as two books for children and those who care for them. These books have sold over a million copies in English and have been translated into more than twenty languages. Their most recent book is *Healing the Future: Personal Recovery from Societal Wounding*. Dennis and Sheila live in Colorado with their son, John. Matt lives in a Jesuit community in Minnesota.

"Our purpose is to support personal growth and the evolution of our planet by integrating spirituality, psychology and science in ways that empower all of us to heal personal and

social wounds and discover our unique gifts for carrying out the special purpose of our lives. Our ministry is committed to the nonviolent resolution of personal and social conflicts, care for the earth, gender and racial equality, economic justice, and respect for all faith traditions. Our roots are in Ignatian spirituality, which emphasizes finding the presence of the mystery we call God in all things."

Members of the Linn Team are past keynote speakers and workshop leaders at international conferences of The International Order of St Luke the Physician.

**The Linns will be guest speakers on
January 2018 OSL Telephone Conference
Call.**

**The special 90-minute presentation will
begin at the usual time of 4:00 pm Eastern
and end at 5:30**



**Rev. Matt Linn, brother Dennis and his
wife, Sheila**



OSL Canada Network



OSL Canada is committed to finding ways for us all to remain connected and encouraged. "The Network" looks and feels like Facebook, but is a private, social network for now more than 70 OSL Members and invited guests. **'Embers' cool and grow cold when removed from fire. Let's stay connected and encouraged!** Membership is FREE

This is your invitation to join at
<http://oslcanadanetwork.ning.com/?xqi=0dYBiPD8YAKrYj>

There is a Joy in the Journey A popular hymn

By Beula Cooke

There is a joy in the journey
There's a light we can love on the way
There is a wonder and wildness to life
And freedom for those who obey
And all those who seek it shall find it
A pardon for all who believe
Hope for the hopeless and sight for the blind
To all who've been born in the spirit
And who share incarnation with him
Who belong to eternity stranded in time

And weary of struggling with sin
Forget not the hope that's before you
And never stop counting the cost
Remember the hopelessness when you were lost
There is a joy in the journey
There's a light we can love on the way
There is a wonder and wildness to life
And freedom for those who obey
And freedom for those who obey...

Wanted

Your Story of Healing

Would you consider sharing your healing to encourage others? The length of your article can be up to 2 pages in Arial or Times Roman 12 Font. Please include a photo and a short bio. Attach your document and photo in an email to editor@oslCanada.org

If you do not have a photo or are not sure how to attach a document, simply write your story in an email and include your phone number so we can call if we have any questions. We'll do the rest including editing if needed and will return a proof for your approval.

On The Calendar

www.oslCanada.org/calendar.htm



OSL Telephone Conference Calls Encouragement for Healing Ministry

Anointed Teaching
Healing Conversations
Your Questions Answered

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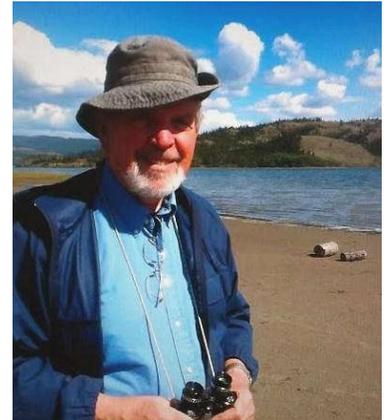
Rev Matt Linn with Dennis & Sheila Linn
The Gifts of Near-Death Experiences

Feb 18

**To be
announced.**

**Watch your
inbox for
details**

Apr 15



Bp Terry Buckle
Retired Bishop of The Yukon

Attention OSL Members in Canada

In the November/December 2017 issue of SHARING Magazine, Jack and Anna-Marie wrote articles encouraging USA chapters to update their contact information on the USA OSL website in order to have accurate information for the flood of requests for healing prayer that are arriving daily. Jack was guest speaker on the Sid Roth TV program, "It's Supernatural." As a result of his talk, prayer requests for healing are arriving daily. Jack and Anna-Marie are pleading for OSL members to get involved to pray. This is an exciting time for OSL, for the opportunity to glorify Jesus and to advance the Kingdom of God. Please take a moment to verify your website listing and make any changes at www.oslCanada.org/chapters.htm

The Goodness of God

By Rev. Lionel Brown

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 106:1b)

I have always believed in the goodness of God and throughout my life I have experienced that goodness many times. However events over the past two years have really tested this and given me cause to reiterate this belief and to give God all the glory.

In September 2015, just before our NZ national OSL Conference, I had a recurrence of pain experienced a number of years before and decided to go to the doctor in case my medication needed adjusting. However the doctor decided to admit me to hospital so that I could have a cardiogram as there seemed to be a problem with my heart. He did not think it was serious but the ECG had shown a slight irregularity. Once in hospital tests quickly showed that I had had a slight heart attack. They still felt that it was nothing serious. However the cardiogram revealed three serious blockages and required a triple bypass operation. The reason why it had not seemed serious was that the secondary arteries had taken over from the blocked ones and I had been able to live quite an active life without any real bother.

A week later I had a triple bypass operation that went very well and I was soon home again. However a few days after coming home I was rushed back to hospital with severe bleeding from the bowel caused by some of the medication. They tried to stop the bleeding but were unable to do so. They decided that I needed emergency bowel

surgery to remove part of the bowel and replace it with an ileostomy bag. The surgeon informed us that if they did not operate I would most likely not last the night. However if they did operate there was 20 - 30% chance that I would not come off the operating table alive. Talk about Hobson's choice!

Now I had been in parish ministry for over 35 years before I retired in 2003 so I had seen some pretty horrific things that happened to people and had helped many face tragic circumstances; praying with them and encouraging them to trust in God. I had seen many people in such circumstances find great help from their faith. I often used to wonder how I would manage under such circumstances. Would my faith be sufficient?

Well, after the surgeon had given me the news an amazing thing happened. I experienced a real sense of peace from God. I wasn't afraid. I did not experience any anxiety. There were no bright lights or audible voices. Not even an assurance that I was going to survive. There was just a real sense of God's peace. My wife Rachelle experienced this same peace. God was present in a very real way. I found that words of scripture came flooding in:

Do not worry about anything...let your requests be known to God. Philippians 4:6

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will

*keep your heart and mind...Philippians 4:7
.....underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27*

So the surgery went ahead and was very successful and I came through it all fine but very weak.

I had several more trips to hospital in the following weeks. On one occasion my heart went out of rhythm and took a while to go back but eventually it just went back on its own quite unexpectedly. Later I had a rather severe infection in the urinary tract which went into the blood. On that occasion the specialist was surprised at how quickly I responded to the intravenous antibiotic. All through these events I felt a real sense of peace.

I finally left hospital on the 1st of December 2015 very weak and having both a catheter and an ileostomy bag. Since then I have had a prostate operation and the catheter has been removed. I had another bowel bleed late in 2016. Then finally at the end of January 2017 I had surgery to reverse the ileostomy.

Throughout all of these events I have never doubted the goodness of God and have experienced his miraculous touch several times. The sudden recovery of my heart rhythm and the quick response to the antibiotics were just two such occasions. There were a number of others along the way. At present I am in good health and leading a fairly full life.

I have thought a lot about the events of the past two years and have come to certain conclusions. First and foremost I

want to stress the importance of both medicine and prayer. We cannot and must not try to separate them. Good medical treatment must go hand in hand with solid prayer backing. I was very fortunate to have both. The medical and surgical staff, who cared for me, were top class and exercised their God given skills whether they recognised them as from God or not. There were definitely a number of Christians among them.

I rather like the passage from the Apocrypha in Sirach 38: 1-15 where the writer speaks about doctors as a gift from God. It also mentions the importance of prayer.

*Honour physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
2 for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.....
6 And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvellous works.
7 By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
8 the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.....
9 My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.....
12 Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
13 There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
14 for they too pray to the Lord that he grant them success in*

*diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of
preserving life.....*

I was also fortunate to have very strong prayer backing which was extremely important. I was in no condition to pray much for myself so I was grateful for all of those who did. All I really could do was to give thanks to God for each day and those who had helped me through the day. That is why intercessory prayer is so important. People who are ill or who are in some difficult situation are often not up to praying much for themselves.

The second thing that I have come to recognise is the importance of our own spiritual preparation for such an event. While we cannot foresee what and when we will be laid low with some illness we can take certain steps to ensure that we are spiritually ready to face something like this. For many years now I have had a quiet time of Bible reading and prayer every morning. My wife and I have separate readings but always pray together with particular emphasis on praying for others. As I reflected on how I responded to the challenges I faced I realised the value of this discipline. It gave me a well of scripture and spiritual strength to draw on in time of need. I acknowledge that God does hear the emergency cry from those who turn to him in distress but one really needs a depth to draw on when the difficulties occur over a period of time. Spiritual preparation is very important.

Physical preparation is also important. While not doing exercise in a gym I did keep reasonably fit by working in the garden. I also went walking regularly sometimes over quite steep terrain. Also

I was fairly careful with what I ate but was not 'fanatical'. I did not smoke and drank very little alcohol. All these things meant that I was in reasonable physical shape and was able to cope well with all that happened. It is important after we have been healed to continue taking good care of ourselves physically, remembering that 'our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit' (1Corinthians 6: 19, 20)

As I reflect on my life and the events of the past two years I cannot get past the goodness and mercy of God right from the beginning of my life. I was brought up on a remote New Zealand sheep station without any contact with the church. But the goodness of God was at work even then. One day just before Easter, when I was about 10, a lady came to our school and told our class the story of Jesus and Mary in the garden that first Easter morning. (John 20) She then invited us to enrol for postal Sunday School lessons. I completed these lessons for a number of years and developed a reasonable knowledge of the Bible and Christian faith. In 1959 Billy Graham came to New Zealand and I attended his Wellington Crusade. Because of the Sunday School lessons I had done I could understand what he was talking about when he was quoting from the Bible and I realised that God was calling me to give my life to Christ. Not long after this I sensed the call of God to full time ministry. That was over 50 years ago. All these years I have experienced the goodness and grace of God opening doors, closing others and performing miracles of love and mercy.

Christmas is just around the corner when we read again the words from John 1:14, 16:

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son: full of grace and truth..... ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Rev. Lionel Brown is a retired Presbyterian Minister who served for over 35 years in parish ministry in New Zealand. His wife Rachelle is also a retired Minister and they have been married for 51 years.



They have 4 sons and 10 grandchildren (plus one in heaven). Lionel has always been interested in Christian Healing and has been a member of OSL NZ since 1980.

He served in various positions in the Order and in 2008 became NZ National Chaplain (Warden) for three years. In that capacity, Lionel attended the OSL International Conference at Kelowna and gave one of the key note addresses.

At present he is the Canterbury Area Convener and Rachelle is the Area Chaplain. They live in a retirement village in Christchurch NZ.

Achieving Usefulness

by Mike Flynn

“The series of articles that began with Part 1 in the Sept 2017 issue of The Canadian Healer is largely taken from the last chapter of a book I wrote entitled *How To Be Good Without Really Trying.*”

Part 2 - “Seven steps that need to be dealt with in order to achieve usefulness” – will continue in the Easter edition in March 2018.



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Mike has been Keynote speaker on more than one occasion for The International Order of St the Physician international conferences and has led many OSL

regional conferences. Rev Flynn is a frequent guest speaker on the OSL Telephone Conference Call series. His recorded teachings are available in the library: www.oslRegion8.org/recordings.htm

For a list of Mike's books and contact information regarding availability for leading healing conferences, please visit <http://freshwindministries.org/>

THE EMPTY STOCKING

By Rita O'Rourke

The phone was ringing and I was not feeling great that day so did not answer it. I did not recognize the number so did not respond to the next few calls that followed. This did not deter this persistent caller.

I eventually checked to see if there was a voice mail and there was. It was a man's voice saying he was a friend of mine from long ago. I am an octogenarian so have many friends from long ago. That night I retired very early and again the same number appeared on my phone. I decided, what the heck – here goes, I will see who this mystery caller might be. It was a woman's voice this time pleading with me to please give her husband five minutes of my time. Still feeling quite ill and getting worse, I told this woman, "OK", they could come to my home the next morning at 10:00 am. She was as persistent as her husband and kept practically yelling, "What is your address?" as it is not listed in the telephone directory. I felt a little uncomfortable giving it out, but did so. While speaking to this anonymous woman, she did mention that her husband's name was Bob but said he wanted to surprise me so she would not reveal his surname. I told her if this is Bobby G., I often thought about looking him up when I visited his home town yearly. She knew then that I had figured out my mystery man. Can this be, after sixty-one years, one of my first students I ever taught, was looking me up. His wife said he had talked about me all his life. I was 19 years old when I started teaching and this little fellow was in Grade five. He told me he had a crush

on me. He said I used to give him little hugs and he knew he was my favorite. Bobby had an excellent grades 1-4 teacher and I thank God for her to this day.

My girlfriend told me about Bobby and some of the students before my first day of teaching. She said he was very poor, living with his grandparents and no money to spare. I still remember seeing him going up to receive his prize at the end of the year, wearing his well worn little grey sweater.

Now, back to the present. The time arrived, 9:55 am to be exact and my special, no longer mystery guests arrived. Hugs were plentiful, followed by a big welcome! No sooner had Bob settled in and he started talking. He said he went to work after completing grade 7; he revealed not doing well socially and getting in with the wrong crowd, so at 16 he decided he had better do something productive with his life. His choice to make a change was either to join the Army or Air Force. The Army responded first so he signed up. He completed his education in the Army, becoming an instructor, en francais for several years, then a parachute jumper making over 2,000 jumps. His eyes lit up when he was sharing about flying with the Snowbirds. He was highly honored and received many medals including being presented one from the Governor General while in service.

Memories of his young life started to unfold. When speaking about his early childhood, it broke my heart when he

said how he would hang up his little sock every Christmas but on Christmas morning there never was anything left by Santa. After awhile, he quit hanging up his sock on Christmas Eve. I am sure his little brother's sock remained empty as well. One of his big hurts on Christmas Day was when his mother was in town and he knew she was there but did not come and visit her boys.

For two and a half hours Bobby poured out his life to me. I don't remember anyone pouring out so much love and hearing about so much pain in a couple of hours, and this was all because I gave this little guy hugs when he was in grade five. I think it might be fair to say, it was the only love my young student received. Bob's wife said her husband had never opened up and talked so much before.

This year I thought it appropriate to thank my student for his service of 35 years to our country, so on Remembrance Day, I telephoned his home wanting to say thank you again for his many years of service but he had already gone to be part of the Remembrance Day parade. His wife took my message for him and she and I agreed to all meet again very soon.

My agreed five minutes turned into 2 ½ hours and I wouldn't change a minute of it. Just before this long-ago friend left my living room, he looked up at a very large cross that is mounted on the fireplace and said to me "I don't believe in God." My only reply was 'but He believes in you.' He told me he had post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Sometimes just listening can be a great tool for inner healing. As we said our au revoirs, more hugs for all but I know there will be more.

Everyone who reads this story, please pray that Bobby's socks will be filled with prayers this Christmas.



Rita O'Rourke has been involved in the healing ministry and a member of the Order of Saint Luke since the early 70's. She was instrumental in forming the Passamaquoddy Chapter in St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

She served as co-convenor for the West Island Chapter, while living in Montreal, PQ. The Lord called her to a ministry of inner healing while in Montreal. She is presently the OSL director for New Brunswick.

Rita graduated from Teachers' College, Fredericton, New Brunswick and earned her B.A. from Concordia University, Montreal, PQ. Rita is retired and now resides in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick

Book Review

By Beula Cooke

The Immanuel Approach For Emotional Healing and For Life

by Karl D. Lehman, M.D. 2016

The Immanuel approach to inner healing is not only powerful and effective, it is a healing journey in joyful relationship with Jesus whose presence increases our capacity to receive the healing that brings freedom from fear, and every obstacle that hinders us from growing in intimacy in our relationship with Jesus. The Immanuel Approach to emotional healing becomes a life long adventure discovering the depth of Jesus' love for each one of His people. Interacting with Jesus in the context of the Immanuel Approach can provide beautiful solutions at every point of potential difficulty. The ultimate goal with the Immanuel Approach for life is getting to the place where we perceive the Lord's presence, and abide in an interactive connection with Jesus as our usual, normal, baseline condition as we walk through life each day to steadily increase our intimacy with God.

The process begins by helping the recipient perceive God's presence and establish an adequate interactive connection with Him. This is a safe place to be with Jesus and a safe place to return to if the healing process seems stalled. Jesus enjoys being with us. His interaction with us brings joy that increases our capacity to deal with any unresolved trauma we have experienced.

The Immanuel Approach is for everyone, laypeople, lay or ordained prayer ministers, clinicians, or psychiatrists. Lehman presents a model for basic, intermediate or advanced processes. Lehman encourages his readers to use the book and the approach he teaches at whatever level you are doing ministry. One does not have to understand all the brain science to facilitate the prayer ministry. Jesus understands as leads as He interacts with the recipient and the prayer minister prays and encourages the recipient to interact with Jesus.

Dr. Lehman is a psychiatrist with thirty years of clinical experience. He integrates his personal Christian faith with medical science and modern mental health care; he has especially worked to integrate faith-based emotional healing with insights provided by psychological neurological research. He approaches all life situations using the Immanuel lifestyle in his marriage to Charlotte and his interactions in church and community. In addition to this book Dr. Lehman also has a number of videos on YouTube that give the viewer an understanding of the ministry. <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=immanuel+approach+youtube&qvvt=immanuel+approach+youtube&FORM=VDRE>

Every time I open this book to search out a solution or just refresh what I know about the Immanuel approach, I am excited and uplifted knowing that Jesus is so willing to bring us into the joy of His abiding presence. Each prayer ministry session with someone, facilitating their connection with Jesus (like a five-bar cell phone connection), brings me great joy as well. We get to hang out with Jesus who has the resources to bring healing to any aspect of our lives, emotional, physical or mental. Often the root of a physical problem is emotional and when Jesus is leading the ministry,



the direction He takes leads to the greatest healing.

I recommend this book to anyone who does prayer ministry at any level and to anyone who just wants to grow and mature in relationship with Jesus. It is such a joyful approach to a Christian lifestyle that reading it will strengthen you with the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Merry Christmas!***



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