



President's Letter

by Denise Dolff, M.A.

“Who do you say that I am?” In posing this question to His apostles (Matthew 16: 14-17), Jesus was not merely seeking to discover if His closest companions recognized Him as the Messiah. More importantly, Jesus was asking them to search deep within themselves to determine if they were willing to allow the truth about His identity to penetrate the very core of their being and become the foundation of their lives. Peter responded in the affirmative, and in so doing, demonstrated his listening heart and submissiveness to the Holy Spirit. Have we, the members of ACTheals, been willing to do the same?

Forty years ago ACTheals was called into being.

“Redeem My people in your hospitals, in your clinics, in your offices. Make them MY hospitals, MY clinics, MY offices; let ME care for them, and bring them health beyond healing; let Me care for YOU, and bring YOU to health, to wholeness, to holiness. Give Me your professional skills, your credentials; yield them to MY authorization, consecrate them to MY name, for MY glory, and I will be glorified in your healing work.”

This was the foundational call for ACT, and each of us who has become a member of this organization has also accepted this call as foundational to our lives and professional practices or ministries. In so doing, we have responded to Jesus' ques-

tion: “Who do you say that I am?” in much the same manner as Peter, declaring, “Yes Jesus, You are the Messiah, the Healer of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.”

But the gospel story does not end there, for Peter and the Apostles were called to persevere in their faith in Jesus despite many difficulties and struggles. They continued Jesus' mission on earth under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we exist as church today because of their perseverance. If this was true for those first followers of Jesus, so, too, is it true for ACTheals. We have been formed for a purpose, and we equally need to stand fast, not distracted by difficulties we encounter in fulfilling our mission, but firm in our belief that what God has begun, God will see through to completion. The foundational word that we received forty years ago is still relevant today, and perhaps even more so. If God has called us, then God will continue to equip us, day by day, with all that we need to fulfill this mission. What God requires of us is our on-going “yes,” hearts open and yielding to God's Holy Spirit, that same perseverance that God demanded of the Apostles.

In responding to Jesus' question as he did, Peter was called “the rock,” but he did not build the church alone. All the Apostles were involved in the great commission. So, too, with ACTheals – no single one



Denise Dolff, ACT President

of us can fulfill ACT's vision and mission. This is a group project, so to speak, and it takes each one of us contributing at whatever level we are capable in order to be successful. Therefore, when there is a need for service within the organization, please take that seriously; discern if you are being called, and respond accordingly.

But working side by side is not the only reason God has gathered us as an organization. In Genesis we read that it is not good that one would be alone. In wisdom, God knew that to labor in the vineyard of healing, we would need support and encouragement, so God gave us each other. This is the importance of our SEW (Support, Empower, Witness)

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groups, our regional events, and our international conference. These are not simply opportunities for us to grow together as an organization, they are also invitations to learn from each other, to be nourished at the level of personal need, and to be healed and made whole. God has called us for a great work, but God has also given us a great gift in ACTheals. As we prepare for the celebration of our fortieth anniversary at our International Conference in Orlando this September, let us rejoice together and be glad in it. And like all great gifts, it is better when shared.



ACTheals Members Recently Passed

(Editor's Note: *At the request of the Actheals Executive Committee, this column will now become a regular feature of InterACT. Actheals wishes to take this opportunity to thank these Christ-filled men and women for their years of invaluable service. May they rest in the eternal peace of the Lord.*

Info on the death and obit of an ACTheals member should be sent to Francesca Franchina, C&PC chair, ffranchina@aol.com. She will write/rewrite/edit as needed the information sent her by the Regional Co-Ordinator or whomever knew the ACTheals member best and forward it to InterACT at mmwrites@san.rr.com).

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died January 11, 2015

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died January 13, 2015

Elizabeth Alent
died January 30, 2015

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*February 14, 1944 -
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Father Jim Wheeler
died April 7, 2015

Reverend Martin Bradbury
died April 7, 2015

God bless.



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Remembering Father Joe Scerbo O.F.M.

(Part 1)

by Djohariah Toor

Father Joe was not just a spiritual mentor, brother, and friend to many. He was a guide to wholeness and holiness in its most spontaneous form. He said “Yes” to life and lived it fully. As a priest, and a Gestalt therapist, he could lead you into your worst fear, and bring you out the other side cleansed, humbled, and with a new vision of the beauty inside. He could take you on a journey to what Merton calls the True Self, and along the way, encourage you to meet the False Self open-heartedly. No judgments, what ifs, no worries. “Just open the door and go in,” he would say. Learn to love your fears, hurts, failings, your precious body, and the soul it holds—into healing.

This was a vital message to me when I was new to the study of counseling and family therapy. In a group process I could tell you about my children, my husband, my mother, my life through the looking glass, but I could not tell what I was feeling. After knowing Father Joe for a while, I never ceased to be amazed at his open heart. He shared not just his wisdom, but his own faults and fears, his hurts. I never knew him to hide his feelings, his cloak was never a covering, but a commitment to what was real in his life. He so laughed in the face of Shadow, I learned to dance with mine. He mirrored the art of being in touch with who he was as a human being, a follower of Jesus, and he knew the God within. He was at home wherever he went, and was a lover of all people. Although knowledgeable and accepting of all religions, he walked the path of his savior, and his diverse soul reached out to all faiths. Experiencing this was a treasure he enabled me to find in myself.

I first met Father Joe in the spring of 1977 at a retreat he was giving in Oakland, California at Holy Redeemer Center. I was struck by his greeting, arms wide open, his welcome laughter, and wonder. He began the retreat by talking about wholeness, and

how, no matter what we do in our life, it's what God calls us to. In order to be whole people, we must embrace what is broken in us. And embrace it wholeheartedly. When I heard him say that God can turn our weakness and worst fears into a great strength, once we embrace them, I knew this man was living someplace close to the heart of Jesus.

After a while he invited us into a meditation into the depths of the heart. We were asked to close our eyes and gradually drop down inside ourselves as though entering an inner passageway. We were then guided to image two doors, one of which was familiar to us, representing our life, our work, our relationships, talents, ambitions, shortcomings, what we knew and liked of ourselves, what we trusted and could feel good about. The door next to it represented what we didn't know, or didn't want to know about ourselves; that part of our life or our feelings we hadn't opened up to or reckoned with, perhaps were afraid or ashamed of.

**...he could lead
you into your worst
fear, and bring
you out the other
side cleansed,
humbled, and with
a new vision of the
beauty inside.**

After a while, carried on the wings of our amazing music ministry, we were invited to open this other door and to imagine Jesus



Father Joe Scerbo, OFM

on the other side of it, His hand stretched out in welcome. As I opened the door to my unloved side, I stood looking in at, and sensing my lack of self-confidence as a woman, my need to prove myself, my mistrust of my deepest feelings, the body that I had never fully welcomed. As I stood there, Jesus took my hand (which was no longer a woman's hand but my own hand as a child) in His. He then bent down and took that child into His arms. She began to laugh freely. It was beautiful seeing the two of them, like at a family reunion.

Then after a while Jesus handed her to me. “Love her as much as I do,” He said, looking deep into my eyes. As Joe continued to surrender us to Jesus, letting Him guide us into our deepest hurts, and into a place of release, I wept with relief and gratitude.

That evening as the healing teams began to pray over the people on retreat, Father Joe and I wound up praying together as a team. Our friendship began in this richly Spirit-filled church in Oakland while Father Joe was still in Berkeley. I was a painter, happily married, and a mother of four, yet my heart was longing to find a deeper calling. It was Joe, in the following summer of 1978, who encouraged me to go back to school and get my master's in counseling. I was at the time a charismatic, and a recent convert to the church (after following

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Islam for some years), and was skeptical about being in an academic environment.

At lunch one day as I was sharing my doubts, he said: “Imagine you are standing in a desert on a railroad platform and you are waiting for a train that only comes through on certain times of the year. Imagine that you want to travel, and your bags are packed, and you are standing there waiting, but you are unsure what you’re getting into, so you think ‘I can’t do it.’ Just get on the train. If you don’t like it, you can always get off. But don’t miss the train.”

I got on.

It was also Father Joe, who in the fall of that same year, invited me to attend my first ACT convention, which was to be in Houston that year with Francis MacNutt, the Linn Brothers, Barbara Schlemmon, Father Paul Schaff, Sister Jean Hill, and many others. And, in his excitement to offer this fledgling the gift of ACT, he promised to introduce me to a group of wonderful and Spirit-filled women from Mexico whom he had met and grown to love. “You will love these women, they are so passionate, so in love with the Lord, and so alive. You’ll be right at home.”

I went to Houston with several others from the Holy Redeemer Community, and we were not disappointed. We fell in love with the Body of Christ that ACT was, and still is to this day. I felt immense gratitude

that I had this precious time out, no assignments, exams, no being responsible for anything, or anyone—just a direct encounter with the Holy Spirit. The covering of prayer, the music, the singing in tongues, the co-celebration of the Eucharist, God’s Oneness was everywhere.

As my studies were drawing to a close, I occasionally visited Father Joe after he moved back East to Pennsylvania where he had begun to work at the Institute for Christian Healing. In the mid-eighties I visited him in Pennsylvania and got to know many of his wonderful colleagues. One day I was invited to share a few sessions of co-therapy work with Joe. One of the women we saw talked for most the session, and seemed quite anxious, and neither Joe nor I could calm her. Then I spontaneously took her foot in my hands and started to massage it, and she sat back in her chair, relaxed, and started to tear up; as a peace fell over her she began to say what was on her heart.

He mirrored the art of being in touch with who he was as a human being, a follower of Jesus, and he knew the God within.

“I love the way you did that, Joe said later. She calmed down and went inside for the first time.” I didn’t know what else to do, I said. He just laughed. I had many supervisors as a budding intern therapist, but none with the depth of Spirit and unabashed love of God as Father Joe professed, lived by, and shared with anyone who had a yearning for the Holy. Thankfully, he was seldom bound by the medical model in his treatment of clients, but remained open to the spontaneity of the Spirit, God’s leading, and an unwavering trust in the wisdom and voice of the heart. It was even okay to hold someone’s foot.

One year, when the ACT conference was to be in Toronto, I went again to Pennsylvania as Father Joe had invited me to come with him and his healing team for a retreat they were doing in Toronto before the conference. He had asked me to be an intercessor during that retreat, and to pray for God’s grace over the team. I remember this retreat with a great deal of delight, because after Father Joe’s talks, the Italian women couldn’t wait to sit with him at mealtime; he was like a honeybee. The women followed him everywhere, but especially at meals. One woman, insisting he sit at her table, pulled a large Italian sausage and a whole cabbage out of her bag and set it before him. “Mangel!” she said. And he did. A few days later, when the ACT conference began, it was even more of a feast. During a morning Mass in the hotel ballroom, a white candle had been lit for the Eucharistic service. We were all just sitting in prayer (perhaps after the Mass) when I heard voices of acclamation toward the front of the hall. Joe and a few priests had returned to the altar, and were bending over to look at something. Then we heard Father Paul Schaff announce that a perfect white heart had just flowed onto the altar from the candle. A covering of amazement and thanksgiving fell over us.

(Editor’s Note: for Part II of this story, please [click here](#) and read it on the ACTheals website.)



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ACTheals Social Media Update

by Joe Duddie

SOCIAL MEDIA

(Website, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter) Communication in today's digital age comes in the forms of tweets, posts, pulses, MP3, WMA files, and much more. ACTheals is moving forward with its effort to use these various social media sources to promote its vision and mission and to invite new members. Our ultimate goal here is to optimize the use of our social media engagement to reach potential members, other like-minded organizations, and to create a recognizable identity for ACTheals. Using social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter gives us a voice in the ever-growing digital world. We are not alone in this quest. The traditional means of communication and expression such as cable television, radio, movies, newspapers, and books have also been forced to adjust to life in a rapidly changing digital age.

The contents of this article hopefully will provide the reader with a brief summary of ACTheals' efforts with using four of the many online digital services.

ACTHEALS WEBSITE

Our old website no longer exists and has been replaced with a new site that is well-organized and presents information using a standardized layout and functionality that helps to improve both members' and visitors' experience. The ACTheals design team has been working quite diligently with our management partners to build our new website which was launched in early April and offers both public and members-only sections. We used a three tiered approach to developing the new site.

Phase I was dedicated to building the public section of the site; Phase II of our tiered approach focuses on building the members-only section; Phase III will focus on enhancements that will improve the site. Phase I is almost complete as of this writing and soon we'll begin work on Phase II. Please take some time to familiarize

yourself with the various components of our new website at the same old address www.actheals.org.

ACTHEALS WEBSITE

(Public Pages)

The public section of the site is fully functional except for the store which is still a work in progress. The homepage has a new "Welcoming" statement and the customary drop-down menus and navigation tools used for accessing information about membership, regions, events, specialty groups, products, services, and more. The homepage has two new and exciting features: The first is the "Coming Events" panel that is used to showcase upcoming national and regional activities. The second is a "News" section for showcasing information about new members, and highlighting publications such as *InterACT* or other releases produced by our members. Members can also submit information about personal involvement in outside activities that support ACTheals' vision and mission.

ACTHEALS WEBSITE

(Members-only Section)

The members-only section offers an easy-to-use information dashboard which allows members to access account information, the member directory, events data, and more. The "My Account" feature allows members to view their account data and update personal information. The next time you update your "My Account" information, please use the "Title" field to identify your region affiliation (e.g. Canada, San Diego Region, or African Region). Remember, we no longer use numbers to identify regions. You can find information about region affiliation by viewing the information found under the "Regions" tab in the blue navigation panel near the top of the page.

FACEBOOK

(www.facebook.com/actheals)

Facebook (FB) is a social networking



Joe Duddie

website that makes it easy for people to connect on a personal level and share information with family and friends online. ACTheals uses Facebook to promote our organization. While our FB presence is fully operational, we are in the process of updating this site to reflect our current vision and mission and the products and services available to members and visitors. A basic membership in Facebook is free, but fees are charged for using advertising tools and running campaigns for promoting events and other activities. With a membership of 1 billion people worldwide, Facebook is a good place to be. Our member activity on our FB page has been minimal, but I know we can do better. We need our members who have FB accounts to follow our business page, as well as post information and participate in online discussions with network members and organizations. We currently have approximately 75 friends on FB. We need more participation to get a good return on this investment.

LINKEDIN

(www.linkedin.com/company/3265529)

LinkedIn is an online social network for business professionals. It's different than other social networking sites like Facebook

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or Twitter because it's designed specifically for professional networking. It is for finding a job, discovering leads, and connecting with potential business partners rather than simply making friends or sharing photos, videos, music, or information about our latest vacation. LinkedIn has a network of approximate 400 million professionals worldwide and is another good pace for us to be. There is no cost for the basic membership to LinkedIn, but they too offer a premium account for a fee that will significantly increase the return on investment. Like Facebook, LinkedIn offers advertising and promotional tools for a fee. We are looking at costs for running a campaign to promote the 2015 International Conference and exploring the possibility of promoting content ads for *InterACT* and other ACTheals products. Here too, we need more participation from our members. If you have a LinkedIn account please use the "Follow" feature to follow our business page. Consider asking your network members colleagues on LinkedIn to follow our business page. This would help to improve our presence on the LinkedIn news feed and with other media sources that use search engines to find people and organizations.

TWITTER

(<https://twitter.com/ACTHeals>)

Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service used to communicate with network members. Twitter allows users to send "updates" known as "tweets" (text-based posts, up to 140 characters long) to the Twitter universe using instant messaging services available on their computers at home or work, and on their portable devices such as smart phones and tablets. Some people use Twitter as a way to simply report their "status" to friends, and some use it as a marketing tool. ACTheals uses Twitter to disseminate important time-sensitive information and for marketing.

NEXT STEP

Your help is needed! Engagement is the most powerful tool we have to tell the ACTheals story. Engagement is done face-to-face and electronically. If ACTheals is going to survive in the digital age, we need to use both means to their fullest extent to get the word out. We must adapt to communicating with highly mobile professionals who use computers, digital TVs, and other hand-held devices to find information, view emails, and purchase products and services from their home or workplace. We too must use social media

to follow important people, join discussions, and communicate with colleagues. You know this is true. The next time you go to an airport, go to lunch, dinner, or even attend a conference, look around and you will see people using hand-held devices to keep on top of things; they are connected. Every organization of influence (large or small) has a voice on social media.

ACTheals needs a loud and strong voice in this digital arena to promote Christ-centered healing interventions as part of healthcare practice. The more we engage people on social media, the better the results will be for our organization.

SUBMITTING REQUEST

We have established a process for submitting requests to post or change information on our social media venues. Please send all requests to add, update, or delete information to me (Joe Duddie) at JoeDuddie22@yahoo.com. I will facilitate and track the status of each request and ensure that applicable information is posted on all our media sites. I will also notify you when the work has been completed.

God bless.




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The Holy Spirit in Clinical Practice

by Douglas Schoeninger, PhD

In this issue I am featuring excerpts from a paper by Mary Jean Ricci on promoting peace through healthcare practice. The full paper will be published in the next issue of the Journal of Christian Healing, Spring Summer 2015. So, following is a taste of what is to come in JCH.

In her work I am impressed by the many immediate and simple ways healthcare practitioners can be a leaven for peace and non-violence through their everyday presence with patients, colleagues, and in the specific practices, clinics and hospitals where they care for others.

Pursuing Nonviolence through Jesus in Healthcare

Mary Jean Ricci, MSN RNBC

The evidence of violence is everywhere. Violence, in all aspects of our lives, is greatly impacting the way we live. Anxiety regarding violence permeates our communities. Our children are exposed to violence on a constant basis, at school, in the media, in games, and, for too many, at home. Verbal violence in our families and media communications contributes to this culture of violence. Violence is becoming multigenerational. Continued exposure to rampant violence is leading to a culture of learned violent behavior in our youth. Profanity is being used in epidemic proportions in all communication in everyday life. Our social fabric is being torn apart by a culture of violence that quarantines families to their homes due to fear that confines them. Our communities often seem indifferent to the suffering of their inhabitants. The world is caught in the pursuit of material goods rather than fulfilling our obligation to love and protect family and neighbor.

As dedicated healthcare professionals, we can assist in constructing a foundation for a nonviolent way of life. It begins with ensuring the dignity of every person. In health-

care, valuing and respecting human life is the starting point for confronting a culture of violence.

In chapter 22 verse 49 of the gospel of Luke, the verse asks, “shall we strike with the sword?” “When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’ And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.” The disciples did not yet comprehend this nonviolent way even though they shared everyday life with Jesus. Jesus had instructed them to love thy neighbor. The disciples had already shared Passover with Jesus. They had heard the Sermon on the Mount and witnessed the loaves and the fishes multiplied, yet even at the end of Jesus’ ministry they still did not grasp a nonviolent way of life.

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Scripture calls us to hold God in awe and with the utmost respect and to walk in His ways. Deuteronomy 10:12, 20-21 records, “And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear [to reverence] the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” The reverence of God is the basis for our walking in His ways, and serving Him.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS CAN FOSTER PEACE

Healthcare professionals have the experience which can be used to facilitate dis-



cussions aimed at decreasing violence in hospitals, clinics, and communities. As faith filled professionals, we are called to conversion to peaceful ways. As healthcare professionals, we are poised to commit to a peaceful lifestyle. This commitment will lead to conversion in others. Conversion will continue to facilitate peaceful lifestyles which will change our society one individual at a time. Person by person, conversion will enable the communities to realize a decrease in violence. Healthcare professionals, who have faith-rooted values, as well as hope for a nonviolent future, can assist many clients to change their lives thus facilitating a nonviolent change in our culture. They can advocate for the most vulnerable populations including the elderly and medically indigent in society.

Healthcare professionals have much to contribute to decreasing violence in the world. As valued members of society, they have the opportunity to assist others to understand dangerous choices in life. As professionals, they possess education on human dignity, justice, and peace.

Healthcare professionals see the loss of lives when caring for the victims. They minister to those afflicted by violence. Sharing their convictions and describing their experiences with violence can assist others in forming their value systems. They listen to clients describe the fear in their lives. Healthcare

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professionals can confront this growing culture of violence with a vision of hope and a call to action.

What can healthcare professionals do?

...every health care professional is in a position to pray and role-model the values associated with faith.

Healthcare professionals can educate the populations they serve as they work with the indigent and vulnerable. They can advocate for social responsibility in all areas of society. They can offer counseling and volunteer in facilities serving the underserved. Most healthcare workers have the opportunity to work with families. They can teach families to respond in nonviolent ways. Healthcare professionals can assist all in their care to find common ground with others in all areas of life.

Healthcare professionals are bound by regulation to assess individuals for domestic violence and child abuse. They can access resources and develop education programs needed to assist families and victims. Healthcare professionals can heal people in mind, body, and spirit if they use their positions in healthcare to increase awareness of the scope of the problems plaguing society. They can role-model concern for others therefore contributing to rebuilding a moral foundation in society. Professional leadership can negate violence by teaching the skills needed to overcome violence. Members of the healthcare profession can take the lead in the development of programs focusing on alternatives to violence.

While many of healthcare professionals are not in a position through their employ-

ment to develop programs; every health care professional is in a position to pray and role-model the values associated with faith. Every healthcare professional can commit to change one's own world. Each day one can examine her/his conscience for areas in daily life where one was unkind, selfish, or acted with violence, or did not show mercy to others or to self.

This self-reflection can lead us to peaceful ways. Have we forgiven those who hurt us? Unforgiveness can consume us. Do we accept ourselves in our human state? Have we forgiven ourselves? We can resolve to change. We can commit to change one aspect of our not-so-kind humanness? If we have a mouth like a, we can resolve to stop cursing. We can commit to biting our tongue instead of lashing out in anger. We can resolve to respect others. We can give thanks for all we have. People desire that mercy be shown to them when they make a mistake? Do we consistently show others mercy? Do we respect all areas of life?

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Healthcare professionals can focus their energy to procure and maintain resources to help society combat crime, to overcome poverty and violence. They can advocate for policies to assist people to escape poverty, leave behind less desirable lives, and provide hope for a better future. They can choose to commit to family and community. Healthcare professionals can care for the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of their clients.

Jesus is the way to meet societal needs. When we are focused on Him, when we become His eyes, ears, and hands, when we live from His life, we are able to see the world as it is, and not through the distort-

ing lens of fear and hatred. We are able to discern His call, the tasks He has for us to do. When God calls, God provides the motivation and the means. In all we do, we can therefore depend on the Holy Spirit, God's presence and power in us, through us, and with us. God's burden is light. We are called to serve and foster peace in society.

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Region Reports

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Paul

Father Ed Henhoeffler from Saint Paul the Apostle in Burlington will be leading a pilgrimage October 27-November 6, 2015 to Greece and Turkey to discover the places where Saint Paul travelled and preached. This journey will take us through Athens, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Istanbul, Ephesus, and much more, plus a 7-night cruise. For further information please contact Joanne Cothran at Skylink Holidays at 1-866-296-3345 or joannecoathan@skylinkholidays.com.



More About Word Gifts

by Ann Arcieri, LMSW

*This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and
your young men shall see visions, and your old
men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants
and my maidservants in those days I will
pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy....”
(Acts 2:16-18 quoting Joel 2:28-29)*

Since the inception of ACTheals, God has spoken to us consistently about His radical love, mercy, and holy will. He has wooed us back to Him when we have wandered, corrected us when we have erred, and embraced us in the Heart of the Trinity when we have been hurt. Through the charism of prophecy, the Holy Spirit has evangelized and sustained us.

We occasionally have inquiries about how the Prophetic Word Gift (WG) Team functions. We are blessed in ACTheals that throughout our history many Board leaders rely on the Lord's prophetic input to help define organizational goals and member services. They long for and desire to yield to the Spirit's prompting. So at the President's invitation, Word Gift Team members “pray and listen” from home several times a year for prophetic direction. Additionally, we gather as a team at the annual International Conference to seek the Lord's Heart for His beloved people.

What follows is the recent protocol used at the 2014 International Conference. This process was established initially in the 1990s under the guidance of the Spiritual Life Committee, and has been refined over the years by various WG coordinators. Many of the WG members have served for over 20 years. Currently we are seeking additional members from each region, and would like the Regional Coordinators to identify those members gifted in the prophetic. Those who are interested should contact us directly to discuss this exciting ministry. (Note: You

do not have to attend the IC annually to be a Team member.)

The charism of prophecy reveals the Heart of the Father to a specific body, in the Name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. These prophetic words/songs, visions, and Scriptures are given to us to glorify God and edify the believer; to encourage our growth in faith and intimacy with Jesus, to empower us to live our faith with courage, and to persevere in the building of His Kingdom. Some words are gentle exhortations to promote change in our hearts. Some lovingly correct spiritual resistance or obstacles to our belief and trust in God's will for our lives. Others are invitations to surrender and thus enter more deeply into the Abyss of Divine Love as His precious Beloved One.

1. Service on the Word Gift Team moves at a hectic pace at the International Conference (IC). The Team generally meets prior to each time of proclamation, to discern the submitted written words received from the Team members and the body at large. This ministry involves early rising to meet before the conference day begins and often ends late at night, with additional listening in the night-watches for God's voice. This ministry is not for the faint of heart. The listeners are asked to seek the Lord's Face for a word for this particular body and their leaders, and then submit their word to the Team for discernment.

2. If a home ACTheals Region has confirmed that a member has been given this prophetic charism, that person should be identified to the WG site Coordinator at the IC, and be given a copy of the IC format. If they are comfortable with this plan and willing to submit to Team process as defined here, they would be invited to sit with WG team. They would then share their verbal and written words for discernment at the daily Team meetings prior to the scheduled time of proclamation.



Ann Arcieri, LMSW, Michigan resident

3. The role of the WG Team is to discern the validity of the content, potency, relevance, and timing for all the incoming words. They often reflect the theme of the conference or the daily liturgical themes. Some words come in the first day and go with the theme of the third day, etc., so the WG Team saves them to proclaim later. Written words help the Team organize the material, watch the flow of the Spirit, and keep order—a calm, reverent, serene, gentle pace—so the tender Love of Jesus can come through the words. His Love quenches the thirst of the wounded healer's parched spirit. His Love heals the brokenhearted.

4. Impromptu words are rare in our history and difficult to discern at time of proclamation, due to time constraints. Most often if a person has a spontaneous word, they can just ask Jesus how to comply with the IC format. He has never let us down. He knows and wants right order as much as we. That person should approach the Coordinator and share a general “sense” of what God is placing on her/his heart. The WG Coordinator retains the right and privilege to either accept the word on-site, or redirect the listener to submit the word in writing to the full discernment Team.

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5. Content and Identified Group: Words at the IC generally fit into three categories: for the board, for the body, for the person him/herself that received it. Some words that are initially sent to the board are also read to the body at the IC at the direction of the board.

6. All written words submitted from conference attendees are gratefully accepted for discernment. Grounds for not using a word are simple. Words discerned to be “personal” i.e., only for that person, not the body or board, will be returned to the listener, with thanks and encouragement to keep listening and submit again. We ask that listeners do not take it personally if their word is returned to them or not proclaimed. We really try hard to listen and discern in the Power of the Spirit, not in our humanity, as we watch the Spirit weave the fabric of His words together each day. About one third of the words

received are “confirming words” of a prior discerned word. If time permits, the Coordinator can give a summary of confirmations, and then submit them for print later in *InterACT*.

7. Listeners are most often asked to proclaim their own words, if willing. If not, a Team member will read the word, the Scripture or share the vision. At the time of delivery, the Team Coordinator often stands behind each speaker and places a hand on their shoulder to provide covering from evil and strength for delivery. Proclaiming God’s word in public can be intimidating. It is always a Team approach. As we intercede, we pray for an anointing on their voice and clarity of speech so the word will go forth to pierce the hearts of God’s people. We recall that God watches over His word to perform it, and we are forever aware of the heavy responsibility to discern God’s Voice rather than speak our own.

8. Each day the entire WG Team takes time to praise and thank God for the movement of the Spirit, His gentle Presence, and His willingness to give us His Heart-Thoughts. It is lovely to watch His themes unfold, embracing us and empowering us once again to be healers with the Heart of Jesus. Use of this prophetic charism in ACTheals is a holy privilege entrusted to us by a loving and wise God. We must handle it with care, seeking always to speak the truth in love.

For additional information on how you can provide prophetic support for ACTheals, contact annarcieri@comcast.net or Antoinettemcd@att.net With added interest, a mentoring/ accountability group could be established through the Spiritual Life Committee to help members grow in this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.



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On Being One: Suffering

by Karen Kozjica Cichon, PhD

Dang! I did not want to have to write on this topic! There is so much new life abounding this spring, the Resurrection has happened; why go back to the Cross? But that is so much of our lives, isn't it? So many different kinds of suffering allowed by that Suffering Servant God of ours.

It is always one of the hardest questions to answer, that one about, "If God is all-good, loving, and all-powerful, why are we allowed to suffer so much?" Good question. God sure isn't about doing it the easy way.

I have long held that one of the main tasks before us on this earth is to learn to suffer gracefully. By that I mean to be open to, cooperate with, and give out God's grace, even in the most trying of circumstances. Tall order; takes a lifetime. Faith tells us that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves, some process that gives meaning to our travails in ways that are mostly mysterious to us. What I have become aware of recently is just how much suffering is a pathway to unity—a breaking down of our own realities in the interest of giving birth to a deeper and more conscious connection to God and others. This will, potentially, lead us to holy action—an awakening desire to actively love.

What kinds of suffering have you been going through lately and where has it taken you? I have recently been carrying a sorrow that has expanded my heart right into my throat after getting some shocking, horrible health news about my office partner, sailing buddy, brother-in-Christ of over thirty years. He has been there for me through all of life's vagaries, especially during the last eight years of my own cancer journey.

Our minds refuse to accept such news; it is like coming too close to falling into the abyss, where nothing makes sense.

Dread at the potential loss wells up within and shuts down systems. We must suffer those moments, those losses, and move into love. We want to do something, to make it better, to bring healing. We open our hearts to emotions that ordinarily stay out of consciousness. Our bursting hearts impel us to give generously, to go above and beyond our typical behavior in order to offer support, to let them know they are not alone, and that we are in this with them. We find ways to express the closeness we feel with them through knowing their pain.

Such suffering is the price of an open and loving heart. And it exists all the time, in every aspect of our lives. As we respond with compassion to the atrocities reported on the news and allow ourselves to share in the pain of families of victims of atrocities, we are binding the world in the Name of Jesus. As we open to our heartbreak over the wounds our earth is suffering from the greed of humankind and send money to save those magnificent creatures endangered by our careless actions, we are moving in the Great Love to heal that which has given us life. When we go to work in the soup kitchen or even just smile and talk with a homeless person, we are living out the cycle of suffering. We are seeing it, and it is all prayer, a response to the Heart of Christ through the suffering of our own hearts.

Sometimes, it all gets to be too much. The only way to keep re-entering that arena of suffering is to be able to take in long drinks of the Light, to know that we are but a vessel of Christ's loving Presence in moving life forward to total inclusion in Him; that, while so much seems "wrong," all is well. It is part of the process. Death and destruction are tools to bring forward more life. We must trust the Source of our being that we can walk through the fire and move more fully into Resurrection. And we



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need to see that it is not just about us and our own transformation, but that allowing it in our own lives brings healing to our loved ones and beyond, reaching out to the whole world.

What is crucial is that we suffer gracefully, not projecting our pain outward in judgments and accusations and blame, but holding it, fully holding it, one with Jesus on the Cross, holding it all together, humanity and divinity, dying to self for Love, to be One in Christ. Then suffering has done its work, the world is a little more healed, and the "heavenlies" rejoice.



Preview of ACTheals 2015 International Conference

By Cheryl Marsh

ACTheals members in Florida, under the leadership of Deborah Kalinyak and Melissa McKenna, will host the annual International Conference, “Healing Families in Christ: Past, Present, and Future” at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Orlando Airport, September 17-20, 2015. The conference highlights Dr. Rene Pelleya-Kouri, the acclaimed author of *Praying Doctors: “Jesus in the Office”*; Father Robert Sears SJ, Ph.D, teacher, author, spiritual director, current past-president of ACTheals; and Judith MacNutt M. A., Director of Ministry and President of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, FL. Plenary and workshop presentations will address the psychological, spiritual, and physical components of family healing that include intergenerational, individual, and relational transformation which affects our present health and the life of future generations. The conference will also celebrate ACT’s 40 years of mission and ministry to health-care providers.

Father Yozefu-B. Ssemakula (Father Joseph), Douglas Schoeninger Ph.D. , and Judy Shelly will provide in-depth presentations on healing families in the Christian tradition during the pre-conference program on September 17, 2015. Father Joseph, the renowned author of the critically acclaimed book, *The Healing of Families*, will be describing his “Healing of Families Seminar.” Dr. Schoeninger and Judy Shelly will be presenting on “Intergenerational Healing.”

Christian healing in family systems is a timely theme given the daily stress on all relationships, especially the family system. The rich array of medical, professional, and healing ministry speakers will provide a Trinitarian grounding for family healing, address the impact of broken relationships on physical, emotional, and spiritual health,



identify blocks to familial healing, share prayer models for relational healing, and give witness to the transformative power of relational healing. These presentations will enrich the lives of professional health providers, their patients, clients, and those individuals who are just basically interested in acquiring more knowledge about healing of families in the Christian tradition including healing prayer and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to the plenary and workshop presentations, there will be time daily for Adoration, Meditation, Praise and Worship, and Eucharistic celebrations. Healing services on Thursday and Friday night are open to the public and provide opportunity to receive individual healing prayers.

No ACT conference is complete without a party; this year’s theme is “Most Outrageous Tourist.” Come prepared to relax, let loose and dance to the music of Carl Granieri dressed in your most outrageous tourist attire.

By now, all ACT members should have received a conference brochure with full details for the 2015 International Conference. Save when registering early for both the pre-conference and the conference. Please continue to check the website, www.actheals.org, for details on registration, speakers, workshop presentations, and accommodations. Conference room rates are available for three days before and after the conference, plan to come early and stay later to enjoy Orlando’s many attractions.



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at Orlando Airport, the conference hotel



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REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

All cancellation must be made in writing. Written cancellations before September 5, 2015 are subject to a \$50 processing fee. Refunds are not possible after September 5, 2015 except for emergencies. All refunds will be processed after the meeting. ACT reserves the right to cancel any event due to lack of enrollment or other factors.

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Her Favorite Prophet

by Ginny Antaya

God meets us where we are and offers us wonderful experiences if we choose to accept and respond.

My husband and I were meeting our realtor at the local Lexus repair center. It was a convenient place for our discussion while our friend's car was being serviced. I was not involved in the discussions between the two men, and I began to wander around.

The facility lacked nothing in providing a comfortable atmosphere for the "Owners in Waiting." To my delight, a food banquet awaited me as I turned a corner. It was like a magnet that beckoned me to come quickly. As I perused the vast offerings set before me, I realized I was not alone. Equally bedazzled, two young girls, ages nine and eleven, joined me in our calculated choices.

We became quick friends in our search and new discoveries. With dripping ice cream cones and juggling a few other choices, the girls gravitated to their mother. The mother asked me to join them which I did. She was very pregnant and noticeably ready to deliver a new child. This Muslim family was a joy to be with and conversation flowed comfortably between us like we had known each other before.

As the ice cream disappeared, and we came to the end of the cone, the mother inquired as to whether I had a job. I was caught by surprise and responded that I was the Director of a healing ministry within the Catholic Church. The older girl eagerly asked if that means people get better from their sicknesses. I sensed the caution of the mother, but she nodded her head trusting me to answer the question.

I began to search for a way to speak that would not be offensive, but truthful about my calling to serve. With the



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help of the Holy Spirit, I found myself cautiously talking about God in general and how there are many approaches to God in all faiths.

The younger girl seemed impatient and asked, "Do people get better if they are sick?" That sure seemed to be an invitation to simply answer the question.

I began to tell the story of Jesus and how He walked the earth and yes, He would heal people who were sick.

After eye contact with her mother, I began to tell the story of Jesus and how He walked the earth and yes, He would heal people who were sick.

The younger girl said, "Tell us a miracle."

I was surprised by this request and realized that these girls knew about Jesus already. As I nervously looked back at

their mother, she again nodded in approval.

The next half hour was filled with excitement as I shared with them story after story and they asked many questions and wanted to hear more. They were particularly interested in the raising of Jairus' daughter.

The mother received the call from the service department that her automobile was ready. She smiled at me, and I felt her trust in me to be with her children in her absence.

When the mother returned, she still had some time to wait for the final call regarding her vehicle. We chatted casually, and I asked her about the new baby. The girls interrupted with their joy about their new baby brother.

I asked the mother what would be the name of this child. She said, "His name will be 'Jesu', my favorite Prophet."



Wholistic Massage- A Case Study in 2014

by Ping-Tak Peter Chom, Msc, RMT

A 50-year-old client of mine had suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis since his 20s. I observed minor deformity and swelling on the joint capsules, especially in his wrists and fingers. He was still functional in his daily activities, but very weak and in pain while enduring acute and subacute stages. His condition could be stabilized by medicine with ongoing recurrences and remissions. Sometimes his pain became so intense that it would wake him in the middle of the night, and sometimes he couldn't even move. But through exercise and an active lifestyle, he could remain fairly functional.

Four years ago, I did some massage treatments on him and it seemed that his right wrist got better and he could maintain it by appropriate movement, stretching, and exercise. In Christmas, 2014, he asked me to work on his left wrist and arm where he now suffered from pain, weakness, and occasional immobility. His right arm seemed better. This time I proposed the Wholistic Massage protocol. I explained about the process, the risks and benefits, and how it may trigger any unresolved issues still in his body. If that happened, he would have to deal with them separately.

I suggested a treatment plan that I would administer to his body for two sessions without any restriction of time--one and a half hours to two hours, depending on how his body adapted to the treatment. Then, from there we would discuss the situation and see if any patterns of reaction, resistance, and response arose in his body that still needed to be addressed.

I treated him two times on two alternate days for two and one-half hours. The prognosis was good. His body totally released itself from any restrictions with moderate freedom of movement and range of motion when passively assessed. Every part of his body including the structures, the bones, and capsules were

aligned and the muscles relaxed, ligaments intact. Extremity swelling was down, and I observed marked improvements on his left wrist and arm; his pain and discomfort had also greatly diminished.

The day following the last treatment, I attended morning Mass. Afterwards, during contemplation, there was a sudden urge that indicated to me that I should perform a spiritual dimension of Wholistic Massage to this client. A passage of scripture came to mind from Ezekiel 37:2-3. One line said, "The bones were very dry." This is exactly what I had felt when I treated this client's body. The scripture continued, "Mortal, can these bones live?" At that moment, I could only surrender myself to God and respond as the scripture was written, "O Lord God, you know."

I asked God to give me strength to continue my treatment and protect me.

I sent a message to my client and his wife with an invitation for the spiritual aspects of a Wholistic Massage. I said I am ready, if he is ready. Since it is God's work, I will not charge them.

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God, you know."***

He replied positively. That day, this client and his wife welcomed me to their home; they thought it would be a healing prayer



that I would pray over him when we sat together. His wife said that healing prayer had given her husband some relief two years ago. I explained what I perform is different from healing prayer.

We recited the scripture Ezekiel 37. I asked his wife to use Holy water to cover every bone in his body. We began by praying together and invited the Holy Spirit to come. Then I prayed over his body while he lay down on the table supine, and I let the Spirit guide us through the process.

I started at the left stomach areas and performed massage while maintaining touch and contact. My client started to complain about the discomfort he experienced, and asked why I have to touch those areas that are causing him pain?

I explained the process again and received his consent to continue.

As he became very unstable emotionally, the Spirit guided us and he lifted up both arms anteriorly at shoulder levels and 30 degrees to the side and lifted up the legs bilaterally with his foot flat on table so that the whole spine is level on the table.

Supporting his head, I asked him to concentrate on breathing. I loosen up his neck muscles and the front intercostals

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to facilitate better breathing and open up the musculatures covering the shoulder, arms, chest, diaphragm, and abdomen of his body. I asked him to let every breath come down the spine from cervical to lumber and sacro areas.

At that time, I sensed the image of a baby in this position in his mother's womb, which I communicated to my client and asked him to feel the freedom within it and let go of any worry. "Feel the love from your mother that can provide you with everything you need to survive." I continued. He started to move his head and body, legs and arms to freely rotate in his mother's womb, enjoying the lightness. These experiences went on until he sensed the peace arise from his being. Then we finished up with a prayer. After that, we scheduled an appointment to meet again in two days.

When I entered my client's house, the first words he spoke to me were, "At our last treatment, your spiritual healing was not so effective."

"He is angry," his wife said. "He is asking why you make him feel pain and discomfort? Why do you do that without his knowing?"

"Because..." I started to explain the concepts of Wholistic Massage again.

Finally he calmed down and asked me to continue.

I explained that when I treat or come into contact with his body, I may be affected as well. It is not something that we need to be scared of. It is an opportunity for both of us to grow. "I, too, am wounded, but heal others with the heart of Jesus. So I thanked him for his openness and trust to allow me to continue to treat him.

"Is there anything that happened as you remember in the areas that I worked on you, say your stomach?" I asked.

"The only incident I can remember," he replied, "is that I was hit by a guy when I

was young and went out with friends; it is very painful. I swore that if I see that guy again, I will beat him up. I did not tell my parents."

I performed a therapeutic massage treatment on him on that day. I observed the same pattern in his body; however the resistance is a bit less. We scheduled to meet again in two days time.

On the day of that appointment, we had a chance to talk before treatment. My client's wife smiled at me and asked her husband to share with me what had happened to him after the last appointment.

***"I, too, am
wounded, but heal
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heart of Jesus..."***

"We do not know how to deal with the anger that was triggered by remembering the guy who hit me, and I understand that it may affect my body and intensify my pain and discomfort in the body," he said. "My wife suggested for me to pray with her, asking Holy Mother Mary to come to assist me, to release the anger and forgive the guy who hit him. I am sure I cannot do this on my own, I would still beat that guy if I saw him," he continued.

"After praying for a while, strange memories came back that I did not remember. I saw myself beating up a younger fellow not only once, but several times. More memories came, it was not the only incidence I did that. Oh God, I am the same guy that uses power to control other people. At that moment, I felt so shameful and asking for forgiveness from Holy Mother Mary, also Jesus, and finally I reconciled with God. I also asked for forgiveness from the one beaten by me. I experienced a release and my anger for the guy that hit me subsided. I was able to forgive him and promise to talk to him if I ever met him again."

He was so joyful and excited explaining all this.

"He was so alive yesterday," she said. "He pretended to be one of the Magi from the East to visit baby Jesus in the manger and asked me what gift I would like to have. Of course, I love gold. He joked with me that he is the one who brings frankincense and the one with gold has not yet come."

I was amazed how God works in wonderful ways and at the right time and right moment to let healing happen. Of course, it is the client's choice and action that matters.

I treated him on that day, the pattern that appeared on his left body resolved. "I do not feel discomfort and pain when you touch that left lower area, now. Thank you, God," he said after the treatment.

We were able to say a prayer and bless each other before I left. "Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'" (Matthew 8:3)

Wholistic Massage may work for some people but not everyone. Remember that it is your client's journey. We are just the healer with the heart of Jesus and witness to the process. The perception, the choices, and action that your client takes are important to the whole healing process. Of course, the building up of trust and faith with the therapist leading to the client's willingness to open up and take risks is an essential factor too.

The whole being of your client reveals through the Wholistic Massage.



Submission Guidelines For *InterACT* (June 2015)

by Mike MacCarthy, Editor

(Editor's Note: *The following Guidelines are being published as a reference for those who may have written an article/poem for InterACT. Submissions are due no later than the 15th day of the month, following the end of a quarter, i.e. 1/15, 4/15, 7/15, and 10/15.*)

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