



# InterACT

The Newsletter of the Association of Christian Therapists: A fellowship of Health Care Professionals and Associates

## DATEBOOK...

### Save the Dates!

#### A Course in Christian Listening

March 23-26, 2009

A Training Seminar in Christian Listening with Russ Parker.

Before the ACT Northeast Conference at the Espousal Center, Waltham, MA.

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### Conferences

#### ACT NE Conference

March 26-29, 2009

"Reconciling Peoples & Healing Places in Christ" with Russ Parker, Doug and Fances Schoeninger and Fr. Bob Sears.

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### Region 10

April 24-26, 2009

"Raising the Bar"

A Therapeutic Framework for Christian Healing K. Fung, MD C. Miura, MD Mt. Carmel, Niagra Falls, ON

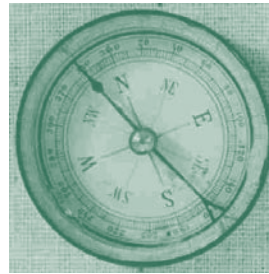
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### ACT Retreat

#### Region 12

May 29-31, 2009

Fr. Robert Faricy, S.J. Cheryl Nuygen, St. Benedict's Abbey Contact: Barbara Carlo 773-493-4867 or bjcar60@sbcglobal.net



## Inner Compass

Clients struggle to know what they are meant to do with their lives. (We are all familiar with the 'travail' of Spiritual Direction.) But Michael Downey, Professor/Theologian from Camarillo, California suggests reframing the question for them. In an article from U.S. Catholic 8, '08, he suggests: "If God is the giver of all gifts, what are the gifts I have received so that I might pass them on to others?" Downey feels it is often a matter of cultivating a sense of "awareness", rather than trying to "read God's mind." There are, he says, "traces of Grace in our ordinary, humdrum lives and if we are alert, they gradually disclose God's intention for us."

In addition, Sr. Maureen Conway, Director of the Upper Room Spiritual Life Center, Neptune, New Jersey "encourages Spiritual Direction as a way to help one reach a place where God's desire and our desire are one and the same." ACT is fortunate in having many trained Spiritual Directors within its

ranks. If someone is not available in your immediate vicinity, the article recommends seeking out Spiritual Directors through the Henri Nouwen Society which offers names and resumes of Spiritual Directors from various religious backgrounds (henrinouwen.org). They conduct their services by phone or e-mail; a method that is new for many, but gaining momentum in today's global environment.

Even with Spiritual Direction, life's events can sometimes lead us to believe that we have missed God's will. On that note, Downey suggests, "God's will, rather than being one big choice, is often closer to a series of smaller choices that gradually determine one's life course." He feels, "God can redeem even the bad choices we make. God's will is never discerned once and for all." His desires for us are an ongoing, unfolding process, a personal *Inner Compass* (Adapted from U.S. Catholic 8, '08).

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## Dear ACT Community



I am asking Jesus daily for an even greater anointing for ACT. Please join me in this asking. Of course, asking boldly in this way means also expecting more healing and transformation so that we may be ready to receive more power and revelation and be ready to act on what we receive. God will have ways and means for us that are sometimes surprising and always stretching. The far reaching prophetic vision ACT has received, healthcare under the Lordship of Jesus moved by His heart and healing presence, requires more healing, deepening trust and intimacy between us and increasing creativity and courage to love and heal according to His guidance.

As we move together into 2009 I am quite conscious of two requirements:

- 1) We are to be encouragers, calling forth each other in ACT and our colleagues and clients/patients where we work, honoring with gratitude the contributions each makes. Bill Johnson in his book, *Dreaming with God* (2006, Destiny Image Publishers, p. 159) makes the profound, scripturally based assertion (Eph 4:29) that encouragement not only edifies, "... it brings transformation .... by attracting the favor of God to the one we choose to serve."
- 2) We are to become increasing clear and focused regarding God's mission for ACT, the specific excellences to which we are called and for which we are graced. I hear repeatedly through others the prophetic word, "*Heal my healers.*" Also, I see in our roots the mandate to *teach and be taught* the integration of healing prayer and Christian spirituality within healthcare practice. And I know that we are to help each other *grow spiritually* so that we are increasingly ready vessels through which God can heal others where we live and work.

May the Lord bless and guide you in this coming year.

*Doug*

Douglas Schoeninger, PhD  
President ACT



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Gloria Doino, MA

As this Winter Issue '09 goes to press I am keenly aware of the team effort it takes to produce InterACT. Busy members take time to write, guest writers share freely of their gifts, an outstanding office and volunteer staff humble me with their skills and the Editorial Board keeps me going. A loud drum role for Christy, Nicole, Meg, Lisa, Gaylene, Fr. Joe Scerbo and Sr. Betty Igo! You allow a right-brained editor to sleep at night. Together, we wish our readers a multitude of Grace in the New Year and a Spirit-led Lent and Easter. With this issue we commence a new column TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Send in your inspirational stories; witness to the workings of the Holy Spirit in your personal and professional lives. But for now, reflect with Doug Schoeninger as he invites us to be "Encouragers"; share Jeremy Ashton's enthusiasm in JESUS, *Ecumenical Example* and be inspired by Prophetic Words from the International Conference '08. (Be sure to read the full panel of Prophetic Words on the ACT Website.) Then join us in sharing this issue with others; we believe every issue is an interview for ACT!

## SPOTLIGHT PAST PRESIDENT SALUTE

Fr. Joe Scerbo is a multi-faceted man who was drawn to ACT through Sister Betty Igo. As a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement he readily shares the charism of his community with ACT. Endowed with a listening heart and an ecumenical spirit he has led the way in taking ACT's mission and vision worldwide. Fr. Joe was elected President of ACT in 2001. Under his watch ACT underwent a reform in governance. New Bylaws were passed and new policies and procedures were developed. Circles of inquiry were initiated. Ecumenical Guidelines and Principles and Guidelines for Ethical Engagement were adopted. Past-President, Margaret Jeffers, commissioned Fr. Joe as ACT's Ambassador abroad. At last count Fr. Joe had established ACT Chapters in Kenya, India, Nepal and Tanzania, with hopes of continuing his outreach into other cultures. ACT is tremendously grateful for his international work, a lasting legacy. His many contributions, beautiful liturgies, and loving manner make him a favorite among ACT members for whom he is Friar, teacher, missionary, mentor and friend. (Chuck Weber)



**InterACT NEXT DEADLINE:** *April 1, 2009* (Spring Issue)  
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# JESUS

## ECUMENICAL EXAMPLE

Jeremy Ashton, MDiv

In ACT's desire to have a loving exchange between members of various Religious Traditions, we have the ultimate role model in Jesus. As we explore His "ecumenical" actions it becomes apparent that His approach was the ideal.



Take the Gentile woman of Syrophenician origin. In response to her plea to heal her demon possessed daughter, Jesus insists that "the manifestation of the kingdom (food) is primarily for Israelites (children) (New Oxford Annotated Bible, Mark 7:26)". Without missing a beat her quick retort is: "Even the dogs under the table take the bits dropped by the children." Jesus responds, "Because of that answer your daughter is healed". The woman had won the debate and Jesus immediately honored her faith, persistence and even humor. This demonstrates a great flexibility, on the part of Jesus, with outsiders.

Then there is the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4). Jews did not acknowledge the authenticity of the Samaritans religious observance; hence they did not interact with them. But here is Jesus having a full-fledged conversation with a Samaritan and a woman at that. He uses the encounter as a teaching moment and even though she is considered an outsider, He reveals himself to her as Messiah. Jesus ignores the prejudices of his people toward Samaritan's, shares of his wealth... "Salvation is from the Jews" (John 4:22), yet He does not recruit nor impose His way. She freely shares what she has heard with the town's people. The results are marvelous.

And what of the Centurion, another outsider, (Mt. 8)? He comes to Jesus begging for healing for his paralyzed servant. The Centurion believes that, just as he can command servants and soldiers, Jesus can command or control disease. Jesus praises his faith mightily. He points out that the Centurion shows greater faith than "even in Israel". Jesus is affirming and quick to reward this powerful faith. The servant is healed.

Finally, in Mark 9:38 Jesus is told that someone is casting out demons in His name. Jesus remains calm and unthreatened by the use of His name in a parallel, unaffiliated movement. "Whoever is not against us is for us", He replies. Jesus is neither defensive nor controlling in His response. He sees the good in it.

All the while, Jesus remained rooted in His Jewish Tradition. He was not seeking a new one. His desire was to see its

fulfillment. Like the Prophets, before Him, he spoke the truth even if it might cost Him His life. Yet, He walked freely and lovingly among those of other Traditions. He stood in His integrity, quick to point out the riches of Judaism, but equally quick to criticize its faults. He treasured His times of solitary prayer, preaching the golden rule, reading the psalms in the Temple; yet He rejected the legalism that burdened many at the hands of the few. And when He saw wrongdoing, He spoke out. Consider His reaction to the money-changers. He honored the Faith outsiders had in Him. He was flexible, open, affirming, quick to respond, non-controlling in his encounters, honest and present to all. And always He was forgiving and merciful to the person, before Him. A background check was not on His agenda. He was a model of Ecumenical understanding.

Before He left us, He prayed for the disciples and for those who would come to believe through their words. It was a powerful prayer and an impressive vision... "that all may be one". Gratefully, he did not leave us to our own devices. He promised to send us the Holy Spirit. He kept His promise at Pentecost. Under the aegis of the Holy Spirit the barriers of language were suspended. Wonders followed. Perhaps our call is not to pray for unity, per se, not to expect a common packet of rules, but rather to throw ourselves upon the mercy of the Holy Spirit. Let us thirst together, asking for the grace of the Spirit to come upon us and then await His move. What we cannot imagine can come and it will be far better than anything we could have dreamed of for ACT. What we cannot imagine *can* happen. 'His eye is on the sparrow', (Mt 6:26 Adaptation).

## BLESS YOUR WORKSPACE

Once a year pick a specific Day to Bless your Work Place privately . (Most places have policies about public religious displays.) You might wait 'till after work. Invite a co-worker who is like-minded. Bring a sense of celebration to the moment by having flowers or a treat to share. Then Pray. Bless the tools of your trade. Follow up daily by praying protection over yourself and your clients, in Jesus name. Use sacramentals (Holy water/Blessed Salt) if they are part of your Tradition. Ask angels to minister to you as you work; pray for co-workers. Ask Jesus to be the Lord of your Day. Dedicate your work to Him. Is there a time during the day when you can pray or meditate quietly behind closed doors? How can you put a holy closure on your work day? Wherever you work can become a place where the Divine is acknowledged. If your work space includes co-workers and you would feel uncomfortable doing any of the above, pray silently. Remember, "Bidden or Unbidden, God is present. There is nowhere He is not."



# PROPHETIC WORDS ACT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008



You are now called, “My Wounded Healers with the Heart of Jesus & Mary”. You’ve come and Gathered to Comfort and Confirm My Call. It is urgent, OBEY. The time is Now to Move Mightily in the Holy Spirit. It is time to shore up the ship. ACT has been drifting and Now Must call forth all of its membership to do their part in this battle for Souls - Evangelization means Christianization of the Nation as Never Before: Wherever You Are: Step forward - Commit, commit More. I will empower you for this Sacred Mission. Go in My Name. Jesus

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I am the Alpha and the Omega. I have the universe in my hands. Why are you afraid? Do you not know that I will give you all that you need to be my apostles? You are here by My call-I have called you each by name. I have called you here to stir up the flame! I am placing my heart in your heart as an everlasting flame to evangelize in my name-by my power-by my authority. I give you a mission. Bring me souls on fire with love for me. I have given you my heart in the heart of ACT. Use it! Be not afraid. I have gone before you and prepared the way. Be not afraid!

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1Peter 1:13-16  
Therefore gird up your minds. Be sober. Set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children do not be confirmed to the passion of your former ignorance. As He who called you is holy, be holy yourself in all your conduct since it is written, “You shall be holy as I am holy.”

Full panel of IC 2008 Prophetic Words will be on the ACT Website.

**Northeast Region**  
Listening Course (March 23-26)  
NE Conference (March 26-29)  
Reconciling Peoples and Healing Places in Christ  
Visit [www.ACTHeals.org](http://www.ACTHeals.org)  
Click Regions, Click Regional Conferences, Scroll to Northeast Region, Click details

# HEALING EXCHANGE THE POWER OF POSITIVE PROCLAMATION



The Power of Positive Thinking, and Cognitive Behavior Therapy are two popular interventions for changing negative thought patterns. As Christians, however, we can accomplish even greater things, simply by pairing these approaches with the Word of God.

Consider the lies that satan enforces. Whether these are rooted in shame messages that were adopted in childhood, words spoken that targeted vulnerable spirits, or lies imparted directly by the enemy, all of them are contrary to truth revealed in Scripture.

For example, when caught in fear, anxiety or worry, God says “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity.... but... of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7 Amplified). For one struggling with a victim mentality, feeling helpless, powerless, or hopeless God encourages “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). “The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10), and “no weapon formed against you will prosper” (Isaiah 54:17). For lies regarding worth, physical appearance, intelligence, God assures that we are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26) and “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14). To one feeling abandoned, alone, rejected God says “I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15) and “I will never desert you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). The greater familiarity one has with Scripture, the greater number of truths one can learn to proclaim.

Begin by listening internally for negative thought patterns. Immediately upon identifying them, even if well into them, sharply and forcefully say, “stop!” and in Jesus’ Name, renounce the lie and claim the Scriptural truth, thanking God for His healing Word. As the process is repeated, it becomes easier to recognize the lies, with increased healing and freedom. “For the WORD of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow” [truth and lies] (Hebrews 4:12).

**2009 ACT International Conference**  
HEALING THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE  
Meeting Jesus in the Marginalized  
September 17-23, 2009  
Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, FL  
*Workshop Abstracts deadline March 13, 2009*

# TO GOD BE THE GLORY !

## HEALING THE FAMILY TREE

My older brother walked into the kitchen looking solemn. “Sister, Gloria”, he said affectionately, “I have something to tell you.” He paused, before continuing, “It appears that, we have another brother.” Nothing short of a fist to the stomach, could describe what I felt. I fought back tears as anger, confusion, betrayal, fear, and compassion swept over me. He asked softly, “What should we do?” He had just returned from a trip to South America, where a cousin had filled him in.



The news took us all by surprise. Then I remembered something. Years back, I had attended a workshop on Healing the Family Tree led by ACT member, Sister Betty Igo. It was a powerful weekend and thereafter I had often prayed, “Lord if there is anything that needs to be healed in our Family Tree, please do so.” Now, here it was. I knew that I wanted to contact this half brother, but I also knew that I needed discernment. I spoke to counselors, priests, family. I pondered and prayed. Would this unknown brother be upset? Would his family resent our intrusion? Would it hurt as it healed? Should I ignore it? Ultimately the clinicians encouraged me to contact him. I did so.

I invited him to come to the States to meet us. After extended correspondence, he came. A long weekend of dinners, photos and stories created a healing bond. The next year his daughter came to our daughter’s wedding. She even came back to the sacraments during her visit! And she told us clearly of the effects our contact had had on her Father.

Where once her father had been closed about his past, he began to open up with her. There was a lightness to his step. Where there had been shadows there was now light. Where there had been pain there appeared to be inner healing. He had changed before her very eyes, she said, thanking us for taking the initiative.

He later shared that he felt his father had done the best he could in a difficult situation. He had given him his family name, supported him financially and embraced him emotionally. They would meet yearly, when he traveled through New York. Then sadly, he told of how one day he had arrived in New York, only to find that our Dad had died. On a subsequent visit we took him to the gravesite where he received closure with father’s death. He continued to visit his new found siblings, attending family reunions until the time of his own untimely death. In his final hour, we siblings were on the phone speaking words of comfort to him. He could not answer, but at some level we felt he received our love.

Later, while on retreat, I had an inner vision/word of knowledge. My father was about 12 and he went into a swimming pool. He then emerged from the water dressed in cap and gown, as if it were his graduation. There was an innocence about him. I’d like to think that the Holy Spirit touched him, on the other side, as He did us. “Sing to the earth a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth.” (Is. 42:10) To God be the Glory! (Gloria Doino)

## PAUL MAN OF ACTION

Paul’s career is one of the greatest epics lived out by a mere man. He undertook gigantic ventures that were destined to change the world. It was essentially Paul who penetrated the Roman Empire with the message of Christ. In modern terms he brought the gospel from Israel through Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Greece, as far as portions of Bulgaria, Albania, and Yugoslavia.

What struck me about Paul was his amazing energy. He traveled about three thousand miles on foot and almost ten thousand on ships. He surmounts all sorts of difficulties. He boasted of the abuses and beatings he suffered as though they were trophies.

He could turn up in a city knowing no one, and leave it with a new Christian church firmly established there. He seems to have been able to be at home everywhere, and had a power of attracting people to him. The network of house churches he left behind became the foundation for the biggest and most enduring institution in history.

Paul was a man of action, but he knew how to write. His letters contain passages of moving eloquence. His passage in First Corinthians on love (13:1-13) is a sublime poetic creation, one of the most beautiful passages in literature.

Paul can express himself in unforgettable words, say so much in few words, for example:

“With Christ I am nailed to the cross.” (Gal.2:20)

“It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal.2:20)

“the wages of sin is death.” (Rom.6:23)

“we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.” (Rom.8:28)

“when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2Cor.12:20)

And many other formulas that are like compact gems.

There’s my favorite, words I hope can be my own when my time comes: “I have fought the good fight, I have run the race, I have kept the faith. Now a crown of justice awaits me, and the Lord will give it to me on that day.” (2Tim.4:7) (Thomas Hicks, PhD)



## INSIDE ACT

### REGIONAL heartbeat . . . heartbeat . . .heartbeat . . .heartbeat . . .



Region 5 is proud to announce a new co-coordinator, in Bob Corrao. Bob will work with Marilyn Dolcetti, existing coordinator. The region gathered at the home of Nina Cowell for an Epiphany social in January. The favorite part of the meetings is always praying with one another...Region 10's, Eva Staneff, received recognition for the time and talent she shared with ACT in establishing the policy and procedure manual and setting out office procedures. The awarding of the Certificate of Appreciation took place at the International Conference'08 ...Region 3 reports with pride that Kate Murphy and Yvonne McRory-Kukielka have agreed to lead the region. At their last meeting, on Healing, they gathered 3 groups for a joint presentation. Represented were ACT, Healing Rooms Inc., and Living Hope Ministries. Topics covered included ACT's Vision and Mission, The Miracle of Healing, and The Many Gifts from God. Cape May, the meeting site, was fertile ground for Jesus. God healed and refreshed those who came. Likewise, His instruments of Healing (those who prayed over others) grew in understanding of the authority to do things in Jesus name. The fruits of the day can be seen in the many who want the leaders to "do it again" and in new member, Dr Anthony Campo. Region 13's Rev. Paul Feider traveled to Uganda with Chuck and Rachel Friesema and completed a second School of Healing Prayer. Once again, God's love transformed the wounded people of the area. Seventy-seven students, both old and new attended. They testified to the many healings that had taken place after the first school. One woman told how she and her child had been healed

from the HIV infection. The people of Uganda are financially poor, reports Fr. Feider, but they have a deep love for Jesus and they are living testimony of God's healing love for them...Region 21's own Rhea Zakich has done it again. Internationally known for her creation of the globally successful UNGAME (a non-competitive game); she has now put together: GOING OUT OF YOUR MIND, expected to follow in the footsteps of the UNGAME. Thus far it has had rave reviews. Visit her website to see Rhea's many accomplishments. Among them note the book, *Adventures in a Laboratory of Prayer*, which has an informative page on "Some Ways God Speaks To Us", which incidentally,

complements the lead article (*Inner Compass*) in this issue. Region 43 news from Nancy Morgan leaves us with food for thought. Her 20 year old niece, Ali Morgan, is a missionary in South Africa where she cares for the most vulnerable of the poor. She has a website worth viewing to get a broader picture of the tremendous spirit, reflections and work that Ali is engaged in. Truly her heart is fashioned after the



EVA STANEFF/Region 10

Father's heart. Visit [www.missionarymorganzgserv.com](http://www.missionarymorganzgserv.com). Further information can be gotten through Nancy at ([nanlar@cox.net](mailto:nanlar@cox.net)). Jackie Sitte, Region 4 reminds us of the upcoming double program being sponsored by the North East Region. A Training Seminar in CHRISTIAN LISTENING with seasoned speakers, Russ Parker, Doug and Fran Schoeninger, Fr. Bob Sears followed by The North East Conference, "Healing our Wounded Histories". See Datebook, page 1, this issue for details. We welcome Regional and personal news that relates to ACT. Send to ([storsunday@optonline.net](mailto:storsunday@optonline.net)). Mention ACT in the subject line. Godspeed!

## THE JOURNAL OF CHRISTIAN HEALING

The *Journal of Christian Healing* is enjoying great success as an e-journal. It is available for downloading on the ACT web site ([www.actheals.org](http://www.actheals.org)). Dedicated to expressing ACT's mission to transform healthcare practice through the healing ministry of Jesus, it invites the submission of articles in a variety of styles and content. It welcomes information on research, theory, theology, case studies, healing topics, healing experiences and integrations of healing prayer into professional healthcare practice. The Journal's Board of Editors includes Francis and Judith MacNutt, Barbara Shlemon-Ryan, James Fitzpatrick and Russ Parker of the CHM National Advisory Board. JCH also publishes outstanding material from presentations at the Act International Conferences. Volume 24, number 2 Fall/Winter 2008 now available.[www.Actheals.org](http://www.Actheals.org).

## MEMBERS MARKETING ACT THE KEYS TO SUCCESS

Bonita Lay, MA

Having Confidence is key. The only way of getting confidence is through practice. Build Up a Data Base. Establish contacts with people who have expressed any kind of interest. Choose a seminar topic you are passionate about and speak to it. Don't reinvent the wheel – use a topic ACT has already addressed.

**Potential Seminar Topic:** Healing.

**Speech Topics:** Review ACT material. Listen to what people are saying. Be prepared to speak on any topic pertinent to ACT. When in doubt, ASK for help. Seek out the Journal, Primer and InterACT quarterly for examples

**Where:** Churches, Schools, Hospitals, Strategic Alliances.  
Focus on image not cost!

**Marketing:** Flyers, E-Mail/Newsletters, Word of Mouth, Current clients, Referral groups.

**Miscellaneous:** Day & Time of event, avoid early mornings, Mondays and Fridays. Offer refreshment. Focus on image and reputation of ACT. Length of Seminar; 2 hours MAX. Participants need to pre-register

**Event Day:** Get there at least 30 minutes early. Bring receipts for those paying at the door. Bring change for those using cash. Have a door Prize (*The Primer* for ex.) Have time for critique. End early or on-time!!

**Workbooks and Handouts:** Always have a handout. Make sure it represents you and ACT. Include listing of future seminars and retreats etc.

**Facilitating the Session:** This is your chance to show what you can do. Make sure your script is timed. Always ask for audience participation.

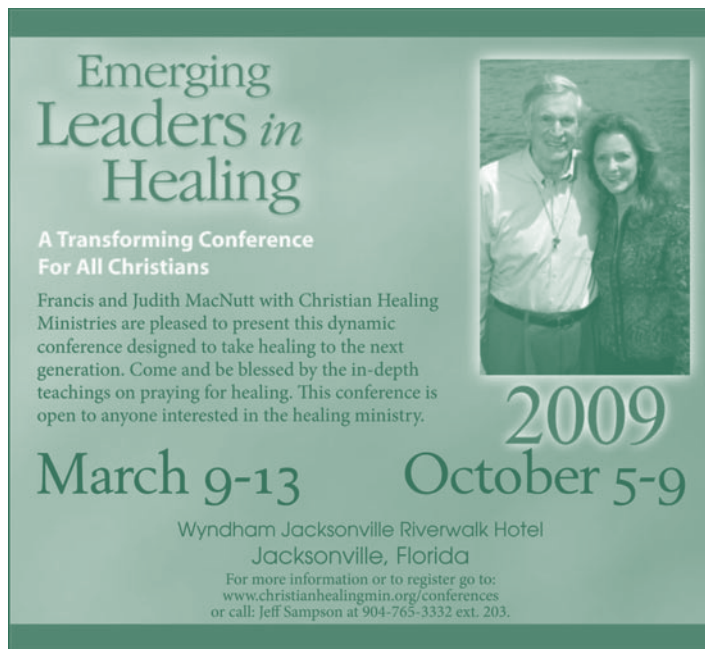
**Follow Up:** Make sure critique has a place for referrals. Follow up with referrals within 5 business days. Always thank participants for coming!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Barbara L. Butler...Region 1&2  
Laurene Clossy...Region 1&2  
Denise Clements...Region 10  
David Blair Corbett...Region 10  
Kathleen Gough...Region 10  
Jocelyne Saleh Region 10  
Sharon Smith...Region 10  
Collins Kisaka Nyache...Region 12  
Janet Blaney...Region 12

John Barsotti...Region 12  
Daniel Schwarz...Region 12  
Benjamin B. Hawley...Region 12  
Josephine Patricia Simpson...Region 16  
Joan Therese Clare Meaney...Region 16  
H. Norman Wright...Region 21  
Kevin Alexander...Region 3  
Donna Alberici...Region 3

Rose D'Adamo...Region 3  
Karin Waller...Region 3  
Scott Waller...Region 3  
Anthony G. Campo Jr...Region 3  
Katherine Baltazar...Region 3  
Jackie M. Komar...Region 4  
Mark Sheehan...Region 41  
Jean O'Neil...Region 43



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Leaders in  
Healing

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2009

March 9-13      October 5-9

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel  
Jacksonville, Florida

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or call: Jeff Sampson at 904-765-3332 ext. 203.

## CONDOLENCES

**Sister Margaret Mary Nugent, SSC**, passed peacefully into the loving arms of God on November 17, 2008 from complications following a fall in early October. She was active in the AIDS ministry as well as in pastoral work and Scripture classes for the elderly. Sister Meg, as she was known affectionately, was a member of ACT since 1978; most recently a member of Region 13.

**Helen Mullen** passed away on December 20, 2008 after a long struggle with cancer. Helen was a long time ACT member and intercessor for Barbara Ryan and her ministry. She was known for being wise, sensitive, caring and having sound discernment in her ministry of healing.

Our sincere sympathy to Fran Franchina, Robin Caccese and the Sandelbach families on the loss of their mothers. Our hearts are with you.

Region 10 regrets the loss of ACT members: Patricia Roddy, Patrick Gomez, Teresa Quinn and David Covell. May all the souls of the faithfully departed Rest in Peace.

# A-M-E-N!

## Prayer for the Dying

Lord, please finish what needs to be finished,  
Heal what needs to be healed,  
Free what needs to be freed,  
Reconcile what needs to be reconciled.

Forgive what needs to be reconciled,  
Forgive what needs to be forgiven,  
Fill what needs to be filled,  
Fulfill what needs to be fulfilled.

Console what needs to be consoled,  
Shorten the time,  
Ease the suffering,  
Deliver what needs to be delivered,  
Receive this precious child into your kingdom  
And console all who grieve.

I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph,  
The patron of the dying.

Amen.

*Received in Prayer by Joan Lundell*

# click...

Henri Nouwen society/Spiritual Directors  
([henrinouwen.org](http://henrinouwen.org)).



# thought...

God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now.

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

# coincidence?...

Two men were flying a plane in New Zealand when they ran out of fuel and the engine cut out; a crash would surely mean death. One of the men, Grant Stubbs, later told the local paper, *The Marlborough Express*, that he asked his friend, Owen Wilton what to do. Wilton's response was, "You just pray". So they did. And whether it was due to skilled aviation or divine intervention, they landed safely beside a 20 foot sign reading, "Jesus is Lord – The Bible".

# book review...



*Dreaming with God* is about releasing the people of God to their eternal purposes as co-laborers with Christ. Author, Bill Johnson says that God is interested in our desires and would like for us to partner with Him in the unfolding of world events. The fullness of the Spirit, obtained in the intimacy of prayer, is what qualifies us for such a role.

# sights and sounds...

Rhea Zakich New Games (Out of Your Mind) [www.rheazakich.com](http://www.rheazakich.com).

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