



ACTheals International Conference 2024

INNER PEACE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

“In this world you will have trouble, but take heart. I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Conference Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for the great gift of peace that you have given us through Your Son Jesus. Grant us daily the grace we need to be ministers of Your peace, especially for those who live in fear or anxiety, and are overwhelmed by the troubles of this world. Help us to be witnesses of Your peace which passes all understanding, drawing many to You by the power of Your Holy Spirit and giving glory to Your Name. Amen.



Like children who have lost their way, alone and comfortless we wander. Stumbling through woods that grow deep and ever darker, with no direction, we cry for help. And hear our pleas echo through the canyons. Is there anyone who can hear us? Then, like a rushing wind, a voice whispers to our heart. And through tear-filled eyes, we see an outstretched hand—there to lead us home. Though swirling streams may block our way, and slippery stones betray our feet, He leads us on. He knows the way. His feet are sure. And in Him we find safe passage.

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Welcome to the 2024 ACTheals International Conference

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Welcome to ACTheals 49th International Conference 2024

“Inner Peace in Times of Trouble”

As we approach our fiftieth year of ACTheals' ministry to healing, we, as "Wounded Healers" (in the words of Henri Nouwen), are called to be hope and light to a world troubled by difficulties and confusion. *"Only in God is our soul at rest, from Him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed"* (Psalm 62:1-3). May our time together provide the comfort and peace to soothe our troubles, individually and collectively in this world.

The song tells us "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me". Albert Camus stated that "In the midst of winter, I knew that within me was an invincible summer." This spirit within is the power that the Holy Spirit gives us, the spirit of wisdom and truth, that provides the peace beyond all human understanding. May you be filled abundantly with peace and inner healing as you encounter our speakers, liturgies, music, sharing with each other, and times of prayer and reflection.

As our Lord Jesus instructed us: *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you: not as the world gives you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

Many Blessings,

Albert G. Nyland, Ph.D.

Al Nyland

President

ACTheals

ACTheals Information

Dear ACTheals IC 2024 Attendees,

Thank you for coming! We thank God for this beautiful Conference location and our Plenary Speakers, **Dr. Elizabeth Allen, MD** and **Rev. Paul Feider**, our Liturgical Ministers, Workshop Presenters, and Music Ministry. **Please note: No pictures are to be taken inside the chapel or of anything with the University of St. Mary of the Lake logo/buildings. We are not to move any furniture inside the conference Chapel.**

God's Love and Peace,
2024 International Conference Committee

Daily Prayer for ACTheals



Gracious God, thank You for the gift of ACTheals, and for those You have called to membership, past, present and future. I lift each one to You now and ask that You intervene in their lives with the power of your Holy Spirit. Anoint today each member to the ministry to which You call them. Bless them, their families, and their work, and unite all members with You and each other, that as each opens to You, Your will may be done and Your people healed, for the glory of Your name. We ask by the power of Your Holy Spirit, You touch the hearts and minds of all young healthcare professionals. Give them a hunger and thirst for You, Jesus, that they may desire to be healers with Your own Heart, and continue the healing work that You have begun through ACTheals. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

ACTheals Vision and Mission

ACTheals Vision: Advancing Christ-Centered Healthcare—one healer at a time.

ACTheals Mission: An international, ecumenical association providing resources and support to enable Christian healthcare professionals, clergy and associates to:

- Experience personally the healing power of Jesus Christ.
- Integrate their professional skills, spiritual development, healing ministry and theological understanding.
- Extend the healing presence, heart, and mind of Jesus Christ through their work and ministry under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“Heal MY healers and send them forth to heal MY people.”
(1986 prophetic word)

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2023 Conference Information

The Conference begins on **Thursday** with **On-Site Check In** from **4:00 pm** to **8:00 pm**. The Registration Desk will be located in the Hallway adjacent to Building D Room 202.

Dinner is at **5:30 pm**. **Praise and Worship, Welcome, Introductions and Announcements** are at **6:30 pm**. The **Healing Service/Catholic Mass** starts at **7:30 pm**. The Conference concludes after **Brunch** at **Noon** on **Sunday**.

Throughout the Conference we will be led in praise and worship by Josh Goodman, as we celebrate our faith. Please come in time for Praise and Worship, as God inhabits our praises!

ADMISSION to talks, meals and other activities, except for Liturgies and Healing Services, is by **NAMETAG ONLY**. Ushers have been advised, and we ask your cooperation, in wearing your nametag at all times. Anyone is welcome to attend Liturgies and Healing Services.

Please be prompt. All talks will start on time. If talks have begun, please come in quietly. No cell phone use will be permitted during sessions and workshops. Thank you for joining us!

Locations/Quiet Hours

The sleeping rooms and chapel are in **Building E**, Conference Center Chapel/Lodging/Registration. **Building D**, Conference Center Meeting Hall, is across the sidewalk—see **map on page 25**. **Building B**, Dining Hall, is about a 300-foot walk away. There is no driving on sidewalks. Golf carts will be available for those who have difficulty walking. There are elevators in the buildings.

Quiet hours are enforced from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am daily. Anyone taking a late night or before dawn walk are required to obtain a fluorescent vest from the **Building D** office and wear them for safety.

Meals

***Thursday Dinner** will be provided in the outside tent near the **Living Room**, which is located on the main floor of **Building E**, starting at 5:30.

All other meals will be served in Building B, Dining Hall. Please observe the in and out doors. The seminarians eat on one side and the conference

attendees on the other. Obtain your food and beverages then go to the correct side of the room.

Breakfast is served at:

8:00-9:00 on Friday and Saturday – Dining Hall

7:30-8:30 on Sunday – Dining Hall

Lunch is served at:

12:15-1:15 on Friday and Saturday – Dining Hall

Brunch is served at:

10:30-12:30 on Sunday – Dining Hall

Dinner is served at:

5:30 on Thursday – *Outside tent near Living Room

6:00 on Friday – Dining Hall

6:00 on Saturday – Dining Hall

Conference Bookstore

The Conference Bookstore is located in **Building D Room 101**. The Conference Bookstore will be opened during the Conference. Offerings will include books and CDs by presenters and musicians. There will be a **Book Signing** from **5:15 pm – 5:45 pm** in the Bookstore prior to Saturday Dinner.

Information Desk

After Registration, an Information Desk will be open during most of the conference for: General Information, Lost and Found and Message Board. It will be located on the 2nd floor of Building D.

Recording

The Plenary speakers and the Workshops will be recorded. They will be posted and available on ACTheals website.

New Member Attendees

New members of ACTheals will be inducted into ACTheals at the beginning of Social Hour Saturday evening in the Dining Hall. We encourage all to attend the ceremony to welcome our newest members.

If you are new to the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, please see pages 5-6 for information on the expression and experience of these gifts.

Specialty Groups

Specialty Groups will be announced. Attendees are encouraged to meet up with members of their specialty groups and network during meal times.

2024 Conference Information

Saturday Book Signing/Dinner

There will be a Book Signing from 5:15– 5:45 pm in the Bookstore, Building D Room 101, prior to Saturday Dinner. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. After Dinner, we will have New Members Induction and Social Hour.

Prayer Partners

One tradition ACTheals has is praying for one another.

On Sunday morning, please remove your name card from your badge holder and place it in the Prayer Partner basket provided at the Designated Area, Building E. **Before you leave, please select a name card**, so that you can pray for that person throughout the year. And **please place your badge holder and lanyard** in the badge holder basket, so that they can be recycled.



Evaluations

Your feedback is important to us.

At the end of the conference, an evaluation will be available on-line. Simply go to actheals.org and login to your account. The evaluation will appear. Once you complete the evaluation, it will be sent digitally to the office.

Personal Testimonials are a positive way to share the conference experience and to invite others to join us. We are meant to share our healing, grace, signs, mercy, comfort, and joy. *"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.'"* (John 4:39) Please consider sharing your experience by video or on the evaluation form online, so that we can use it in future conference promotions.

Liturgies, Healing Services and more

THURSDAY NIGHT

7:30 pm

Healing Service/Catholic Mass

Fr. Radek Jaszuk

Deacon Patrick Blaney

Deacon Rich

Building D Room 202

FRIDAY MORNING

6:30 am

Catholic Mass

Fr. Foster Olator

Deacon Tim Marshall

Building E Chapel

Adoration

Following Mass

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 pm

Ecumenical Healing Service

Rev. Paul Feider

Building D Room 202

SATURDAY MORNING

6:30 am

Catholic Mass

Fr. Foster Olator

Deacon Patrick Blaney

Building E Chapel

SATURDAY MORNING

7:15 am

Ecumenical Morning Prayer

Chaplain Ken Lewis

Building E Chapel

SUNDAY MORNING

6:15 am

Travelers Catholic Mass

Fr. Foster Olator

Deacon Tim Marshall

Building E Chapel

(Chapel in use by Local

Group 7:00-8:00 am)

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 am

Christian Communion Service

Rev. Paul Feider

Building E Chapel

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 am

Catholic Mass

Fr. Foster Olator

Deacon Patrick Blaney

Building E Chapel

Chapel/Adoration

The **Chapel** is on the second floor of the **Building E**, Chapel/Lodging/Registration. **Adoration** is available Friday morning after Mass. The Chapel will be open for private prayer during the day when it is not being used.

Prayer Ministry

There will be an opportunity for prayer ministry after the healing services Thursday and Friday nights.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is very limited. Fr. Foster is the one working priest after Thursday evening. Please speak to him directly if you wish. There will be no sign-up sheet.

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance will be placed in the folders to all attendees when checking in.

CEUs

There will be no CEUs at this conference.

ACTheals Word Gift Protocol at the International Conference

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 maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:16-18, quoting Joel 2:28-29)

The Charism of Prophecy reveals the Heart of the Father to the Body, in the Name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. These prophetic words, visions and scriptures are given to glorify God and edify the believers, encourage our growth in faith and intimacy with Jesus to LIVE our faith with courage, and to persevere in building up His Kingdom.

In 1 Corinthians 14:29, Paul writes "Let no more than two or three prophets speak and let the rest (attendees) judge the worth of what they say." Certain people may get what they feel is a message from God and wish to share it. Please use the following discerning questions:

1. Does it sound like Jesus?
2. Is the message upbuilding and encouraging to the community? (1 Corinthians 14:3 "The prophet, on the other hand, speaks for their upbuilding, their encouragement, their consolation.")
3. Is there anything going on in your life that makes you want to say this?
4. Is this the time to share this Word, or would it be better to talk with someone about it? If so, the Word Gift team is available to assist you with discerning the message you heard.

5. If the answers to these questions are yes, please stand and a member of the Word Gift team will come to you with the roving microphone. Speak your Word, vision, or scripture into the microphone. Use of the microphone is a MUST so that all can hear.

The speaker at this point does not know if it is a prophecy or not. The people or the person who hears it has to discern if it resonates with them in their spirit. The speaker does not tell the group that this is a prophecy, vision, or scripture for them. The community or person determines if it is a prophecy or not. This is determined by the response elicited from them.

If someone offers a Word, vision, or scripture for the group, the person must do so humbly and wait to see if it resonates with anyone.

"Prophecy has never been put forward by man's willing it. It is rather that people compelled by the Holy Spirit have spoken under God's influence." (2 Peter 1:21)

Gifts/Expressions of the Holy Spirit

You may observe expressions or manifestations which are unfamiliar to you during our liturgical services, healing services and other times at the conference. Everyone may choose to participate as little or as much as they feel led. This is a brief overview of the gifts/manifestations. If you have any questions or want to discuss your experience, please ask one of the members of the Word Gift Team. They can answer your inquiry or direct you to someone who can.

Charisms are spiritual gifts that enable believers to carry out the work of building God's kingdom and proclaiming the gospel. The gifts are many and varied. (1 Corinthians 13-14) They all contribute to the building up of the Body.

Praise and Worship – There is praise and worship music that is a large part of our glorifying God. Many lift their hands in adoration, pray together in "prayer languages" as praise, and at times, some feel led to dance in the Spirit.

Prophetic Word – God often provides his people with "words" from Him to individuals or to the body congregated. It enables one to understand and often illuminates what is known, in which both Speaker and listener are conscious of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Language can be personal prayer and a means of spiritual growth for those who yield to it. Private prayer language does not need interpretation. Prayer Language can also be for the community, where it is meant to release God's message to the community. It is not for everyone and should be followed by interpretation.

Laying on of hands – Prayer is offered by laying hands gently on the recipient for healing or in response to a request for some need.

Release of the Holy Spirit/Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a special prayer to release the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are in us through Baptism, through which God draws us to a deeper personal intimacy with our Triune God and confers gifts for use in our daily lives.

Resting in the Spirit – It is the power of the Holy Spirit so filling a person with a heightened awareness that the body's energy fades away until it cannot stand. It is not fainting. The person keeps consciousness but is under the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is the purpose of Resting in the Holy Spirit?

Many of the people who experience Resting in the Holy Spirit experience not just the rest and peace, but God himself in some way. While under the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus may release the person from the bondage of sin and/or heal some area of the inner person. The Holy Spirit is free to do any spiritual actions in the person's memory, mind, will, imagination and emotions when one completely rests and relaxes in His love.

What should I do before the experience? Do not make anything happen and do not prevent His power from coming upon you by being frightened, how you will look and what people will think about you. Release yourself from any of these fears. Relax in His love and gently praise Him for loving you. Release yourself from all guilt feelings about not being worthy. This is not an experience for the worthy; it is for release, inner healing and infilling by the Holy Spirit.

What should I do during the experience? During the experience, relax in His love. Trust that something is happening to you even though you don't feel it emotionally. Stay in the position of relaxation as long as you feel you should.

What should I do after the experience? When returning to the normal level of mind consciousness, calm any thoughts of condemnation, self-analysis, concerns of self-image and any disappointments you may have. Remaining in the resting experience for five minutes or five hours is not a sign of greater holiness or greater sinfulness. Words of love and worship to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit from our heart keep the healing flowing in the heart continuously.

Be open to living in God's will every day. This experience of Resting in the Holy Spirit is only a beginning. The Lord will continue His work throughout the hours to come of the remaining week, month and maybe even a year.

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Ecumenical Unity

Besides being open to the expressions of the Spirit, ACTheals is also ecumenical in the sense of respecting each religious tradition's guidelines for communion while encouraging members to pray for and work

towards greater unity. Since ACTheals strives for integral healing of body, mind/emotions and spirit both individual and communal, we desire not only to respect each other's religious traditions but also to gain knowledge and experience of one another's beliefs and practices.

We are not yet in full communion, but we recognize each other's Baptism in the name of the Trinity, which means we share the same Holy Spirit who empowers all our spiritual gifts and is working toward the fuller integral unity that Jesus shares with the Father and Spirit and that He prayed would also be given to those who believe in him (John 17:21). We acknowledge our ongoing divisions, but we are also open for Jesus to show us how to work for the full unity He longs for. Please pray that God's Will and universal Love, not our adherence to human traditions, be advanced.

ACTheals is an ecumenical Christian organization, historically primarily Catholic and eucharistically centered. It is biblically rooted and open to the gifts of the Spirit and inclusive of the healing traditions of its various Christian members. The pain, as well as the healing, of church divisions are felt in ACTheals. We recognize that our common Baptism gives us a basic unity in the one Holy Spirit, while at the same time our different theologies and church traditions prevent our full communion. ACTheals respects the Eucharistic guidelines of its various member denominations and so makes available different communion services. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit in each Eucharistic Service will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us, "that they may all be one." (John 17:21)

Blessed Salt and Blessed Oil

Salt blessed by the liturgical prayer of a priest/minister, may be used non-superstitiously in small amounts as an instrument of grace, its power derived from the redemptive act of Jesus, elicited by the Church's intercession. Its general use is for preservation from sickness or demonic influence and/or for cleansing and purification as based on 2 Kings 2: 20-21 when Elisha was instructed to put salt into brackish water to decontaminate it.

Oil blessed by a priest/minister and used for anointing or blessing by a lay person is also understood as a sacramental. It is important not to confuse Blessed Oil with the Holy Oils (Chrism) used by a priest when administering Sacraments. It can be used as a healing balm and/or protection against evil for oneself or another provided that this distinction is made clear. As with Blessed Salt, it is not to be associated with superstition or considered to have magical power in itself. Rather, it is a symbol of God's grace working through the Christ-centered faith of the believer.

Conference Schedule

Thursday – September 12, 2024

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| 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Board Members Meeting | Building D Room 104 |
| 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm | On-Site Check In | Registration Desk, Hallway Building D Room 202 |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Dinner | Tent off Living Room, Building E |
| 6:30 pm | Praise & Worship/Welcome/Introductions/Announcements | Building D Room 202 |
| 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm | Catholic Mass/Healing Service Fr. Radek Jaszuk | Building D Room 202 |
| | <i>Followed by Encounter Prayer Teams</i> | |
| 11:00 pm – 7:00 am | Quiet Hours | |

Friday – September 13, 2024

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| 6:30 am – 7:00 am | Catholic Mass Fr. Foster Olator, Celebrant | Building E Chapel |
| | After Mass | |
| | Adoration | Building E Chapel |
| 7:00 am – 8:00 am | The Life in The Spirit Session I Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div | Building D Room 102 |
| 8:00 am – 9:00 am | Breakfast | Building B Dining Hall |
| 9:15 am | Praise & Worship/Announcements | Building D Room 202 |
| 9:30 am | Medicine & Ministry Immersed in Prayer Dr. Elizabeth Allen, MD | Building D Room 202 |
| | Five minute Break/Stretch | |
| 10:45 am | Walking in Moonlight: Release, Refreshment and Rejuvenation for Caring Hearts Dr. Elizabeth Allen, MD | Building D Room 202 |
| | Practicum | |
| 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm | Lunch | Building B Dining Hall |

Conference Schedule

Friday – September 13, 2024 continued

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Workshops with Practicum Experiences

Life in The Spirit Session II Building D Room 102
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div

**Faith Based Techniques for Rapid & Permanent
Mind/Body Healing:** Craig Miller, LMSW, ACSW Building D Room 202

Inner Peace Making in the Christian Context: The Jesus Prayer- Building D Room 201
A Pearl of The Christian East-Dr. Anna Pecoraro, Psy.D, RN

4:00 pm Personal Time with the Lord

6:00 pm **Dinner** Building B Dining Hall

7:00 pm **Praise & Worship/Announcements** Building D Room 202

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm **Ecumenical Healing Service** Building D Room 202
Rev. Paul Feider

Followed by ACTheals Prayer Teams

11:00 pm – 7:00 am Quiet Hours

Saturday – September 14, 2024

6:30 am **Catholic Mass** Building E Chapel
Fr. Foster Olator, Celebrant

7:15 am **Ecumenical Morning Prayer** Building E Chapel
Chaplain Ken Lewis

7:00 am – 8:00 am **The Life in The Spirit Session III** Building D Room 102
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div.

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Breakfast** Building B Dining Hall

9:15 am **Praise & Worship/Announcements** Building D Room 202

9:30 am **Journey to Inner Peace** Building D Room 202
Rev. Paul Feider

Five minute Break/Stretch

10:45 pm **Using our Head to Change Our Hearts** Building D Room 202
Rev. Paul Feider
Practicum

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm **Lunch** Building B Dining Hall

Conference Schedule

Saturday – September 14, 2024 continued

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Workshops with Practicum Experiences

Life in The Spirit Session IV Building D Room 102
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div

Gestalt Underpinnings in the Heart Model & Its Design in Building D Room 201
Working with Complex Trauma: Dr. Ben Keyes, Ph.D, Ed.D, D.Min, D.Div

Forgiveness: Letting Go & Moving On Building D Room 202
Chaplain Ken Davis and Debbie Kalinyak, LMHC

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm- 5:15 **ACTheals Members Meeting** Building D Room 202
Installation of New Board Members

5:15 pm – 5:45 pm **Book Signing** Building D Room 101

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Special Dinner** Building B Dining Hall

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm **New Members Induction/Social Hour** Building B Dining Hall

11:00 pm – 7:00 am Quiet Hours

Sunday – September 15, 2024

Room Keys are to be dropped off at the Designated Area, Building E, by 9:00 am.

Take your Name Card out of your Name Badge and place it in Prayer Partner Basket.

Then take another person's Name Card from the Basket. This will be your Prayer Partner for the year!

Place badge holder and lanyard in Badge Holder Basket. Check out bags may be placed in Living Room.

6:15 am **Travelers Catholic Mass** Building E Chapel
Fr. Foster Olator, Celebrant

(Chapel in use by Local Group 7:00 – 8:00 am)

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Breakfast** Building B Dining Hall

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Christian Eucharist** Building E Chapel
Rev. Paul Feider, Celebrant

9:30 am Break

9:45 am – 10:45 am **Catholic Mass** Building E Chapel
Fr. Foster Olator, Celebrant

10:45 pm **Commissioning/Going Forth** Building E Chapel
President/Past President/Rev Paul/Dr Elizabeth

10:30 am – 12:30 pm **Brunch** Building B Dining Hall

(1:15 - Shuttle to O'Hare Airport)

Conference Concludes

Conference Speakers



REV. PAUL FEIDER

Journey to Inner Peace

Using Our Head to Change Our Hearts

Rev. Paul's first presentation will take us into the awesome challenge of living every day with a deep inner peace, of finding **inner peace in times of trouble**. We will explore the essential components of arriving at true peace, the peace that Jesus displayed in the gospel and promised to his followers. We will examine the power of inner quiet and the healing that flows from repentance and surrender.

Second Presentation: The New Testament challenges us to not conform to this age but to be transformed by the renewal of our mind. In this presentation, we will explore the core bedrock scriptures that offer us a transformed way of thinking and relating. These insights change our thought patterns and bring new energy to our hearts. They give us the inner desire to change our hearts and live the fullness of life as Jesus promised.

Practicum: I will encourage attendees to take a long quiet time to hear God's voice and answer some questions:

1. What is God saying to me right now?
2. How is God blessing me now?
3. What does God want me to change in my life to feel a deeper inner peace?
4. What study can I do to transform my mind as God directs?

An opportunity to journal your thoughts will be provided.

Rev. Paul Feider, M.Div is the Spiritual Advisor for ACTheals. From Wisconsin, he studied at the

University of Innsbruck in Austria and received his Masters of Divinity degree in Milwaukee. He was ordained in 1977 and took Anglican studies in 1994. Fr. Paul, as he is fondly known, has spent his 46 years of priestly ministry passionately leading people to a deep love for God, teaching about the power of God's word, and bringing God's healing touch to many. He has traveled extensively, both nationally and internationally, teaching and ministering God's healing love.

Joining ACT in 1979, he is an active member of the Wisconsin Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group. He became a Lifetime member in 1980. In 1996, he became a member of the Order of St. Luke, a national organization dedicated to equipping God's people with the healing ministry of Jesus. He served three terms as President on their Board of Directors. He is also on the National Board of Directors for Christian Healing Ministries, directed by Judith MacNutt.

Fr. Paul retired seven years ago from serving as pastor of St. John's Church and the Center for Inner Peace in New London, Wisconsin. He was able to initiate growth in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to the point where they went from nearly closing the church to needing a new building, which he designed and was the main builder for. From this place he taught the School for Christian Healing, the Spiritual Enrichment Seminars, weekly bible studies and many opportunities for healing prayer.

A prolific author he has written eight books. Among them are *The Christian Search for Meaning In Suffering*; *St. Paul's Letters for Today's Christian*; *Journey to Inner Peace*; *Sacrament: Encountering the Risen Lord*; *Resting in the Heart*; *Healing Miracles in the Acts of the Apostles*; *Where Do I Come From? My True Identity*; along with the Spiritual Enrichment DVD series. He will release his latest book: *Living A Transformed Life: The Core of Christianity* during the conference.

Fr. Paul is a wise and gentle pastor. He is married to Julie, who is a retired Licensed Professional Counselor. He has a fire in his heart for inviting people into the heart of God. His gifts of preaching, teaching and administering have been anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring many people to greater wholeness, holiness and inner peace.

Conference Speakers



DR. ELIZABETH ALLEN, MD

Medicine & Ministry Immersed in Prayer Walking in Moonlight: Release, Refreshment and Rejuvenation for Caring Hearts

Dr. Elizabeth Allen will share her passion for exploring the intersection of medicine, mental health, and prayer—that place where healing thrives. When providers live a lifestyle of blessing and prayer, ripples of healing flow out into the lives of all those they touch. Blessing prayer can minister deeply to people in healthcare settings. It is powerful, acceptable, safe, and surprisingly effective—especially in situations where spoken healing prayer may not be appropriate. Intercessory prayer empowers people and amplifies healing when offered for a ministry/practice and its providers, clients, families, and staff. We will dive into and practice specific ways of immersing our professional work and ministry in prayer. We will then discuss how we can actually form the habits that will allow us to do this consistently.

Plenary Workshop

Caring is costly, especially for healthcare professionals, clergy, caregivers and prayer ministers. This workshop will discuss the objective costs of caring and the subjective ways they affect us in our healing ministry. Dr. Allen will introduce memorable metaphors and prayer practices that encourage us to experience release from the burdens of ministry; to be refreshed in spirit, mind, and body; and to be rejuvenated in our walk with the Lord.

A. Release: Healers need healing. We all carry burdens of patients, clients, or prayer recipients to whom we have ministered.

Practicum: Participants will silently name some of the persons/concerns they continue to carry. Each participant will be invited to write those names on a disposable surgical gown, later putting on the gown. At the appropriate time, in small groups, we will gently remove the surgical gown from each participant's shoulders, disposing of it (and the burdens it symbolizes) in the trash cans provided.

B. Refreshment: Over years of ministry and medicine, we experience secondary trauma, accumulating other people's pain and memories, like the brown film in the home of a chain smoker.

Practicum: Together we will savor the experience of living water soaking away these layers, leaving us squeaky clean and refreshed.

C. Rejuvenation: Ministers of healing often feel anxious, tired, or discouraged by our work. We will name persons who have experienced healing in the course of our ministry, then together celebrate and give thanks for them.

Practicum: Participants will be invited to lay hands on one another for the refilling of blessings, symbolically placing Jesus' mantle of joy on each person's shoulders and sending them out into the world.

Dr. Elizabeth Allen, MD is a developmental and behavioral pediatrician from Winston-Salem, NC. She works in a private practice, where she collaborates with a team of pediatric providers, mental health coordinators, and counselors, alongside parents, to bring a calm and healing presence to children and youth impacted by mental health concerns. Dr. Elizabeth has an amazing testimony of healing of metastatic cancer, her personal miracle. Her experience is wide: private practice, teaching courses, including spirituality, in a medical school and in clinics. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Order of St. Luke (OSL) and authors the OSL Cycle of Prayer for members.

She graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in 1985, completing pediatric residency there in 1988. Additionally, she completed a Developmental and Behavioral Pediatric Fellowship at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, in 1991. She currently works at Novant Health Twin City Pediatrics. She and her husband, Warren have two sons and daughters-in-law and two grandchildren, who live in Ecuador and Charlotte, NC.

Healing Services/Liturgical



REV. FR. RADEK JASZCUK

**Thursday Evening Catholic Mass/
Healing Service**

Fr. Radek Jaszczuk, C.SS.R. is a Redemptorist priest from the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL. He is pastor of St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds parish in Berwyn and Cicero, Illinois. Born in Poland, he experienced a radical encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit at age 17, which transformed his life. He was ordained in Poland in 1991.

Fr. Radek, as he prefers to be called, spent 22 years as a missionary in Argentina and the last 12 years as a missionary in Chicago. He holds a doctorate in Missiology from UKSW (Cardinal Stephan Wyszynski University), a public Catholic University in Warsaw. In addition to his parish duties, he is the Director of Encounter Ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Fr. Radek has a heart for God's people. He desires to bring healing, evangelization, and the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit to bring all to the heart of Jesus where we can find healing from the wounds of life and peace.



REV. PAUL FEIDER

**Friday Evening Ecumenical Healing Service
Sunday Christian Communion Service**

Rev. Paul's Bio is on the Conference Speakers Section, page 10.



REV. FR. FOSTER OLATOR

**Friday & Saturday 6:30 Masses/Adoration
Sunday 6:15 Travelers Mass
Sunday 9:45 Catholic Mass**

Fr. Foster Olator joins us for our International Conference, as we learn that **Jesus shows us the way out in Times of Trouble**. Fr. Foster holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Ghana, Legnon. He attended St. Paul's Catholic Major Seminary in Accra, Ghana, for his philosophical studies. His theological studies were at St. Peter's Regional Seminary in Cape Coast, Ghana, where he

received a postgraduate diploma in Education from the University of Cape Coast. In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana in Rome, Italy. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on July 10, 2004, for the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, West Africa. The Diocese of Gaborone, Botswana, needed a charismatic priest to help the church grow there. In February 2015, Fr. Foster was asked by his bishop to go to Botswana.

He is currently working in the Diocese of Gaborone, Botswana, in Southern Africa, where he is the Dean of the Western Deanery and a parish priest for Lapa La Lerato Parish. He is also the chaplain for the Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese.

Fr. Foster has a passion for helping the less fortunate. Many of the students from these classrooms have graduated high school as well as some receiving vocational skills training allowing them to have good jobs to support themselves and their families.

Fr. Foster came to know ACTheals through a family friend of his in the United States, Joseph Patanella. Joseph helped Fr. Foster, visiting him many times in Africa to aid his mission work to provide food, clothing, shoes, and shelter for the underprivileged, building classrooms, a mission house, a church building, and a well for safe drinking water. Joseph was tragically killed in a plane crash in Alaska on July 19, 2019. Fr. Foster came to the United States for his funeral.

During that time, Fr. Foster connected with another friend, Raymond, whom he had known since 2009 and often visits with his family when in the United States. Through Raymond's family, he became acquainted with members of ACTheals and the Mid-Atlantic Region. They sponsored him to attend the 2019 International Conference in Texas, where he joined ACT.

Since joining, Fr. Foster has attended every International Conference. At the conferences, he assists in teaching the Life in the Spirit seminar and celebrates the sacraments with us. In 2022, he led a virtual Lenten Retreat for ACTheals, sponsored by the South East Region. Fr. Foster is the Regional Coordinator for the Kenya Region and part of the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group.

Conference Musician



JOSHUA GOODMAN

Joshua Goodman is a freelance worship leader based in the Chicago area who travels across the country for conference events and retreats. He is the Assistant Music Director at St. Issac Jogues in Hinsdale, Illinois. Josh, as he prefers to be called, has been in music ministry for over a decade and studied music for over two decades. Josh will lead us in praise and worship during the conference. He is married to Clare and the father of two daughters, Cecelia and Zelie.

A.C.T. Song

1. *You come from near and far away,
the healers of this land.
Hand in hand together, to carry out God's own plan.
You lift your voice and call God's name,
a gift to you and me.
You will make a difference in this world, the A.C.T.*

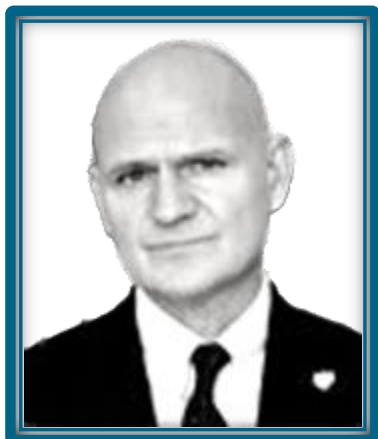
Chorus:

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus, His only Son.
Send the Holy Spirit, Lord,
to work throughout this world.
As we take this journey to do your will.*

2. *With healing voice and healing hands,
go forth to do God's will.
For broken minds and bodies that only God can fill.
With confidence and power that
comes from the Trinity.
You will make a difference in this world, the A.C.T.*

The author is Bill McDonald and was written in June 1992, prior to the name change, ACTheals.

Master of Ceremonies



CHARLES ZEIDERS, Ph.D

Dr. Charles Zeiders is Practice Director of Christian Counseling and Therapy Associates of the Main Line, and T. S. Eliot Lecturer for Humanities and Spiritual Psychology, Reformed Episcopal Seminary. He received his B.A. (English) in 1985 from Elizabethtown College, his M.S. in Counseling in 1990 from Villanova University and his PsyD. from Immaculata College in 1996.

A Diplomat in Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (CBT), with certification in forensics, Dr. Zeiders is known for integrating depth-psychological insight into the spiritual unconscious with the ego psychology of CBT. As a member of the Delaware Valley Region, he has been a member of ACTheals since February, 1998.

He is a frequent and well-loved workshop presenter and a Pre-Conference seminar leader at ACT conferences, as well as the Panel Moderator. He is a frequent contributor to the *Journal of Christian Healing*. From 2005-2008, Dr. Zeiders served on the Board of Directors as an At-Large Member. From 2006-2009, he served as Chair of the Psychotherapists Specialty Group, presiding over the Best Practices Psychotherapists Initiative. Author of multiple publications, his most recent book is *Malignant Narcissism*.

Something More, Something Glorious

By Dr. Elizabeth Allen, MD

"I am calling you to something more.
The details will be revealed in time.
Make room in your life.
Prune away the dead and dying branches.
Make room for new growth.

Listen for My deep calling.
Nurture the dreams I have planted in your heart
and the hearts of those you love.

I am about to do something glorious!
Trust Me. Depend on Me.
Put all your eggs in My basket.

I love you. I love you. I love you!
You are My darling child.
I love to spend time with you,
even more than you love to spend time
with the children of your life.

Rest. Be still. Receive. Look up into My eyes,
twinkling with joy in your presence.
Let Me hold you and hug you.
Let Me warm your heart with My smile.
I am so proud of you.

Thank you for catching My vision
and passing it on—with joy and imagination,
playfulness and passion!

You are a catalyst for the growth of My family.
You welcome them to come into My home.
Inside, by the fire,
they are warmed and encouraged
—revived, renewed, and made whole.

Listen to Me. And keep listening.
There's so much I want to show you.
Together, we can do everything
I am calling you to do—
with childlike joy and innocence and wonder.

It will be quite an adventure!
Just do what I do and say what I whisper to you.
I am with you always.

Joyfully, Jesus.

Workshop Facilitators and Descriptions

Friday Morning: 7:00 am

Friday Afternoon: 1:30 pm

Saturday Morning: 7:00 am

Saturday Afternoon: 1:30 pm



GEORGE GUSCHWAN, LCSW-C, MDiv



ANNE BEHNEMAN, LCSW-C

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR SESSIONS I, II, III, IV

Building D Room 102

This four-part Workshop is scheduled for Friday morning and afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon. Attendance is encouraged for all four sessions.

In this workshop we will look at transforming our relationship with God through the use of a life lived more fully in the power and presence of the Holy

Spirit. We will look at shame and unforgiveness and how it affects our relationship with God, our self-esteem and our sense of self. We will discuss how shame-based beliefs and unforgiveness distorts our relationship with God and with ourselves and others. We will process some of these distorted beliefs and unforgiveness so we can better experience God as a source of Life and Unconditional Love and be strengthened in our inner selves.

During this four session workshop series, we will take participants through a process of forgiveness and grieving. Through an ego-state process and imagining prayer, we will invite God to remove our unforgiveness and to heal our self-esteem. As part of this Life in the Spirit process we will be praying with people for a further release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Participants who have not attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar previously must be present for Friday morning's session, if they wish to participate in sessions II, III, and IV. Participants who have attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar previously are welcome! *You must take Sessions I, II, III, IV for completion.*

Practicum: Interactive process of dialogue, internal reflection, and praying with others.

Anne Behneman and **George Guschwan** have been married 19 years and live in University Park, MD, attending St. Mark the Evangelist Parish. They have been actively sharing in Jesus' healing ministry for over 30 years. They both are Clinical Social Workers with active psychotherapy practices. They have been members of ACTheals, leading the Healing Teams at Conferences, for many years. They are extensively trained and actively ministering healing in four areas: spiritual, emotional, physical, and deliverance. Both have witnessed and experienced thousands of people healed through prayer and laying on of hands in Jesus' Name.

Workshop Facilitators and Descriptions

Friday Afternoon 1:30 pm



CRAIG MILLER, LMSW, ACSW

Faith Based Techniques for Rapid and Permanent Mind/Body Healing

Building D Room 202

In this workshop, attendees will be able to identify relevant evidence-based research defining the Emotional connection to mind/body conditions. This workshop will identify how emotional conditions hinder healing. We will explore multiple advanced techniques for rapid isolation of conditions/illnesses and permanent healing. A demonstration will be included.

Practicum: Attendees are invited to participate in a practice session with each other.

Craig Miller has been speaking, counseling, and ministering to individuals, couples, and families in medical, mental health, and church settings for over forty-five years. He is a licensed Christian therapist, lay pastor, and co-founder of MASTERPEACE Counseling in Tecumseh, Michigan. Recently retired from MASTERPEACE, Craig now is in full-time ministry.

Craig ministers to the spirit and soul (mind, will, and emotions) for God to identify the root causes that block healing to bring restoration to challenging physical and emotional conditions and broken relationships. Until the trauma (hurt) is identified and released, it will continue to hinder emotional/physical healing and interfere with personal, family, and employment life until experiencing the healing power of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, which will bring inner peace to each person.

Craig teaches and ministers through TV, radio, and conferences and is the author of several books. For more details, go to www.insightsfromtheheart.com. Several of his books will be in the conference bookstore.

Joining ACT in 2021, Craig is part of the Michigan Region and the Psychotherapists Specialty Group. In 2021 Craig presented a workshop at the conference and in 2023, he was a plenary speaker. He holds a Master's degree in Social Work from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in Health Service Administration from the University of Detroit, Michigan. Married to his wife, Marilyn, for forty-two years, he has two sons and daughters-in-law and three grandchildren.

Friday Afternoon 1:30 pm



ANNA PECORARO, PSY.D, RN

Workshop Facilitators and Descriptions

Inner Peace Making in the Christian Context: The Jesus Prayer- A Pearl of the Christian East

Building D Room 201

Dr. Anna Pecoraro will share The Jesus Prayer, which is over 2000 years old, is an integral part of Eastern Christian spirituality. Eastern clergy, monastics, and laypeople pray the Jesus Prayer. However, it is little known in the West. The words are: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me [a sinner]." It is an extremely powerful prayer that can be used to both deepen one's spiritual experience and attain inner peace. It is also an example of Christian mindfulness.

Other than Luke 18: 38, "And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me (King James Bible 1769/2008), "the first-known written reference to this prayer occurred in St. John Chrysostom's (347-407 AD, n.d.) 'Letter to an Abbot' in which he wrote the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy [on us]" being used as a ceaseless prayer.

In terms of its use, those who pray the Jesus Prayer pray it repeatedly—usually as part of a 'prayer rule'. There are three major "stages" of growth or use of the prayer, including the prayer of the lips, the prayer of the mind, and the prayer of the heart. The prayer can be said vocally (spoken or sung), mentally, and nouetically. It can be done during any activity and often accompanies religious artwork, such as icon writing or carving. It is also useful in the battle against assaultive, intrusive negative thoughts (logismoi/automatic negative thoughts). The research literature shows that regularly practicing the Jesus Prayer may positively influence well-being (Rubinart, 2017) and psychospiritual development (Van Kuren, 1992) and help to lessen depressive symptoms (DiLeo, 2007).

Practicum: This workshop will utilize lecture and experiential activities. It will enable participants to: discuss the importance of respecting clients'/patients' spirituality as diversity factors and integrating their spirituality into clinical practice when they desire this, describe the research literature on mindfulness interventions and the Jesus Prayer, describe the history and practice of the Jesus Prayer from the desert fathers and mothers to the

present, describe the role of the Jesus Prayer in guarding the heart and mind against intrusive, assaultive thoughts, and apply the Jesus Prayer in their own lives and with patients'/clients' in a multi-sensory way.

Dr. Anna is a licensed psychologist (PA, NJ, VA) with an interjurisdictional (PSYPACT) practice credential. She is also a registered nurse in PA. She earned master's and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology at Widener University in Chester, PA, and completed a National Research Service Award postdoctoral fellowship in addictions research and practice at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She has worked as a clinical investigator for the Delaware Valley Node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network and taught in the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences at Divine Mercy University, where she currently teaches in the online Masters in Psychology program as an associate professor. Dr. Pecoraro specializes in the treatment of people with trauma-related disorders and addictions. She is interested in the integration of spirituality and the arts into practice. She is a musician and visual artist, competes in figure skating, and promotes peace between people and groups.

Joining ACTheals on October 3, 2012, Dr. Anna is a member of the Delaware Valley Region and the Psychotherapists Specialty Group.

Joining Dr. Anna in this Workshop is:



The Rev. Fr. Raymond (David) Henker, Ph.D., an Orthodox Christian priest, who will speak from the Orthodox Christian perspective. He earned a M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology in 2010 and a Ph.D. in International Psychology in 2014 at the

Chicago School of Professional Psychology. He has taught undergraduate and graduate psychology and has served as an Industrial Organizational psychology consultant.

Fr. Henker is a priest serving the Holy Elders of Optina Mission in Des Plaines, IL., with the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (Diaspora District of the Russian Orthodox Church).

Workshop Facilitators and Descriptions

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 pm



BEN KEYES, PhD, EdD, DMin, DDiv

Gestalt Underpinnings in the HEART Model and its Design in Working with Complex Trauma

Building D Room 201

Over the years the HEART Model has been presented in segments as workshops. It is now complete and published. One of the main underlying principles that helps the Model work is its use of the "two-chair method" (Perls), founder as one of the seminal techniques of Gestalt therapy. The HEART Model uses this technique to move the inner child work leading to self-forgiveness and the dialogue with God leading to God's forgiveness as central issues in the healing of complex trauma. These two factors are the most important components of the HEART Model process and the key to healing.

By remediating the dissonance and allowing the two parts to form an alliance it is possible to bring these parts together, relieving the conflict altogether. When used in a spiritual sense it can bring a person to a greater awareness of self-processes and to a resolution of emotional pain and difficulty. In a world filled with violence of all types, difficulty exists in working with complex trauma, this technique can offer a way of resolving the situation, its complex factors, and spiritual issues bringing about inner peace, creating a situation where times of trouble ultimately create times of blessing.

Practicum: In this workshop, participants will be able to practice the use of this technique with one another.

Dr. Ben Keyes is the Executive Director of The Green Cross Academy for Traumatology as well as a Professor at Divine Mercy University, Director of Training and Internship, and Director for the Center for Trauma and Resiliency Studies. Dr. Keyes holds Doctorate Degrees in Theology, Ministry, Divinity, and Counseling, and is ordained (Full Gospel Church in Christ). Ben received his BA and MA from the University of South Florida. He received his Ph.D. in rehabilitation counseling from International College in 1985 and his Ed.D. from the University of Sarasota in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Keyes works as a Professor and Director of the Center for Trauma and Resiliency Studies at Divine Mercy University in Sterling, VA, a Catholic Graduate University. He is a Fellow of the International Association for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation and a Fellow of the American Mental Health Counselor Association as a Trauma Specialist. He and his colleagues have received the Richard Kluff Research Award given through ISSTD and the Journal of Trauma and Dissociation for his work with Differential Diagnosis in the People's Republic of China between Schizophrenia and Dissociative Identity Disorders and the Hope Award through Restoration Ministries (DC).

His book, *The HEART Model: An Integrated and Faith Based Psychological Approach to Heal Trauma and Produce Balance in the Mind, Body, and Spirit* was published this year and is in the bookstore. In 1999, he co-authored *E. Pluribus Unum: Out of Many, One* with Dr. Sandy Sela-Smith. In addition, Ben has coauthored a manual for compliance for programs treating Human Trafficking Survivors through Rehab Therapeutic Comm (RTC) or (PHP) Partial Hospitalization Program (2014) and in 1997, *Addiction in Alaska* with Joan Hurlburt.

Dr. Keyes is a frequent contributor to the Journal of Christian Healing as well as a workshop and Plenary Conference speaker for ACTheals. He joined ACT in July 1989 and is part of the Psychotherapists Specialty Group. He has served as an At-Large Board member, completing his term in 2015.

Workshop Facilitators and Descriptions

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 pm



DEBBIE KALINYAK, LMHC
CHAPLAIN KEN DAVIS

Forgiveness: Letting Go and Moving On

Building D Room 202

Letting go of a hurt and moving towards forgiveness can be difficult. Too often we believe that forgiveness means letting the person(s) who hurt us 'off the hook' because they should pay for what they did. Jesus tells us to forgive and avoid hardness of heart . . . to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Walking around wounded and unhappy keeps us stuck and unable to live the abundant life Jesus calls us to. Spiritual alternatives to the negative impact will be explored as well as how this leads to achieving inner peace.

Practicum: A short self-examination stemming from the Our Father prayer will be used to begin moving out of unforgiveness and letting go.

Debbie Kalinyak has been in private practice since 1996 as a mental health counselor. She also worked for Catholic Charities as a counselor from 2010 to 2012. Joining ACT on October 12, 1999, she is a member of the South East Region, a past Regional Coordinator, and a current (At-Large)

Board Member serving on the Information Technology and Social Media Committee.

Also, she is a mentor. She is part of the Psychotherapists Specialty Group as well as a past Chair of this Specialty Group. Debbie is the author of *Hope for the Wounded Heart*, which is available in the bookstore. Debbie specializes in anxiety, depression, grief, spirituality, and addiction issues. She views her counseling work as a ministry of listening, staying in the present moment while encouraging clients to grow, and feel peace and hope again.

Chaplain Ken Lewis joined ACTheals in February 2023. He is a member of the South East Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group. He is an Anglican priest and retired U.S. Navy chaplain, ordained in Guam. His post-military career includes teaching life skills to Marines, anger and stress management, suicide prevention, grief recovery, and facilitating ongoing critical-incident stress management workshops for returning warriors. Married to L.A., his current emphasis is on the efficacy of healing prayer.



*“I’ll give you a new heart
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.”*

Ezekiel 36:26

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*We celebrate those who have touched our lives,
made a difference and have ascended to be with Christ.*

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GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT A ROMAN CATHOLIC LITURGY BY CHRISTIANS OF OTHER CHRISTIAN ECCLESIAL COMMUNIONS

Because the 1993 decree on intercommunion of the Catholic Church teaches that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of full union not only with Jesus but also with the Roman Church's faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom Catholics are not fully united ordinarily are not invited to receive Holy Communion during a Roman Catholic Eucharistic Liturgy. However, the Catholic Church "recognizes that in certain circumstances, by way of exception and under certain conditions, access to the Eucharist may be permitted or even commended for Christians of other churches and ecclesial communions."

The conditions under which the sacrament of the Eucharist may be received by a baptized person of another Christian ecclesial communion are "that the person be unable to have recourse for the sacrament desired to a minister of his own church or ecclesial community, ask for the sacrament of his or her own initiative, manifest Catholic faith in the sacrament and be properly disposed." Catholic faith holds that the Eucharistic bread and wine are substantially changed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus and involves an openness to union with the whole church. Also, those conscious of "grave sin" normally do not receive the Eucharist until first having confessed. "The Eucharist is for the baptized, a spiritual food which enables them to overcome sin and to live the very life of Christ, to be incorporated more profoundly in him and share more intensely in the whole economy of the Mystery of Christ." Finally, there must be a "grave and pressing need" for the person to receive the Eucharist.

In sum, it is our prayer that while "ACTheals' process lives in the context of the larger movements toward dialogue and unity among denominations," we will by our respect for one another and common prayer be growing in the unity of Spirit that grounds all healing. At either Catholic Mass or Protestant Communion Service, if one does not plan to receive Communion for any reason, however, wishes to move forward at that time to receive a "blessing" from the Celebrant, please approach the Celebrant with your arms folded across your chest.

Protestant Communion Service

There is not a universal position which binds together all Christian traditions when it comes to either the interpretation of or participation in Holy Communion. Over the centuries different meanings have been given to this outward sign of the invisible reality of Jesus presence by various Christian denominations.

Annual Member Meeting on October 28, 2023 at Bon Secours Retreat Center

- I. The Annual Meeting was **called to order** at 3:10 pm EDT by President, Al Nyland.
 - A. Prayer of Protection: John Lambert, Past President.
 - B. Scripture: *Philippians 4:4-9*. Shared by Debbie Kalinyak, At-Large Board member.
 - C. 42 members are present. Quorum is established.
 - D. No conflicts of interest were declared.
- II. Secretary Report: Kris Sendelbach, President-Elect for Nancie Lofgren
 - A. The 2022 Member Meeting Minutes are printed on pages 21-22 in the conference booklet.
 - B. No changes were requested. No discussion.
 - C. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by John Lambert and seconded by Penny Klestinski.
Unanimously approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Al Nyland, President, for Jack Frost, Treasurer
 - A. The Treasurer's report is printed on page 23 of the conference booklet.
 - B. Introduction of Nick Vaccaro from AEC Management was made to the membership. He and Amy West, the data specialist, were thanked for their work.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Nomination Committee: John Lambert
 1. Elected this year were Lydia Swalchick, At-Large Board Member; Nancie Lofgren was re-elected as secretary (second term), Charles Zeiders as an elected member of the Nomination Committee and Tamila Hennessy as the Council of Regional Coordinators Chair.
 2. Called for the elections of a President-Elect, Treasurer, and one elected position on the Nominating Committee. No At-Large Board position will be needed. Please notify John of any potential candidates.
 - B. Membership: Dr. Patrick Blaney.
 1. The Membership Manual (Chapter 16) of the Policy and Procedures was updated.
 2. The new member welcome letter was updated.
 3. Collaboration with the social media subcommittee promoting ACTheals to potential members.
 - C. International Conference Committee: Lydia Swalchick
 1. Conference attendance is up 25% this year over the past years.
 2. The conference is September 12-15, 2024 with a goal of 150 attendees in Chicago. Information is on the last page of the conference booklet.
 - D. Information Technology and Social Media: Debbie Kalinyak
 1. Debbie is the new Chairperson.
 2. Angeli Pemberton works with the social media subcommittee and posts many of the items. We use LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook. We are looking to upgrade our YouTube presence and use Google Ads to fund many of our posts. The subcommittee is looking into the use of other media formats.
 - E. Spiritual Life Committee: open position.
 - F. Finance: Please see the Treasurer's report above.
 - G. Training and Development/Mentorship subcommittee: Anne Behneman, Chair. Called for mentors to sign up. The training and development, resource list is in place.
- V. New Board Business: Al Nyland, President.
 - A. The updated Membership Manual has been approved by a plurality vote of the membership. It will now be added to the website.
 - B. The elimination of one At-Large Board member, bringing the Board number to 9 people has been approved and will begin with the 2024 election. This was approved by a plurality vote of the membership,
 - C. Fr. Paul Feider has become the Spiritual Advisor to the Board.
 - D. An honorary membership was awarded to Fr. Patrick Crowley of California for a lifetime of service to ACTheals, particularly in California. He has been notified.
 - E. Thank you to outgoing Board members: Sheilamarie Racicot, At-Large Member, and Dr. Mary Chakkalackal, Council of Regional Coordinators Chair.

F. Intercessors at the Wall Prayer Support group: Kris Sendelbach

1. ACTheals has been asked to join with ten other ministries in support of each other's ministries and prayer support during events held by each ministry. The group is led by the Blessing Place of Western North Carolina under the direction of Fr. John Rice and Ditsie Scobie. Kris is the contact person.
2. The purpose is to join with other ministries to be watchmen on the wall for one another, and to hold each other up in prayer for increased covering and protection, as well as for support and encouragement in our ministries and for greater connection between group members as well as intercession for each other during events. In a world of increasing attacks on Christian ministries, greater prayer covering is needed. Being together in ministry strengthens us in our prayers and ministry. When we join together in prayer, Jesus comes to stand over our circumstances. Together our prayers are so much more powerful.
3. Kris is forming the ACTheals Intercessors team for this ministry. If interested, please see Kris Sendelbach.

G. Changes in the Sunday schedule were announced.

VI. Board Induction Ceremony: Al Nyland, President; Kris Sendelbach, President-Elect; and John Lambert, Past President.

- A. Welcomed were Lydia Swalchick, At-Large Board position, and Tamila Hennessy, Council of Regional Coordinators Chair. They then joined the Board.
- B. Nancie Lofgren was re-elected Board Secretary. She was unable to be present.
- C. Charles Zeiders was elected to the Nominating Committee.
- D. All received a DVD about the Healing of Memories from The Blessing Place in preparation for their ministry terms.

VII. Closing:

- A. Blessing given by Fr. Foster Olater.
- B. Motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Fran Begonja and seconded by Janet Blaney. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm EDT and transitioned into the Board. The meeting was **adjourned**.

Respectfully submitted;

Kris Sendelbach, President-Elect

2024 Financial Report

Status of ACTheals' 2024 Actual Receivables & Expenditures to the 2024 Budget

Through the first five months of the year, ACTheals receipts and expenditures are progressing closely to the 2024 budget approved by the Board of Directors at the April Board meeting. An updated Treasurer's report will be given at the September membership meeting. The following report is based on revenues and expenditures through the end of May 2024.

Revenues to Date

- Our revenues to date have exceeded our expenses by \$8,636 (Revenue \$51,070, Expenses \$42,434). This is a short-term situation as our major expenses annually result from the International Conference, being held in September this year, which to date, have consistently exceeded the receipts generated, and many expenses for 2025 are paid in the fourth quarter of this year.

Expenses to Date

- It's always good to see expenses come in less than one's revenues, but this report is only based on five months of data. Based on experience, we should not expect this trend to continue.

Investment Status

- Our total Stock-Bond Portfolio (ACTheals + CA funds) value on April 30, 2024 (the monthly report received from ASSETMARK is always one month behind) was \$766,690, a gain based on

the recent favorable stock market conditions, of \$63,401 for the year based on the December 31, 2022, amount of \$703,289.

- Our one remaining CD is currently valued at \$104,518. It matures on September 22, 2024.

Treasurer Comments

ACTheals remains in a very favorable financial position, thus we can continue investing in social media platforms as we seek to attract new members in the face of decreasing revenues from membership fees (refer to detailed budget to actual analysis). If annual investment returns continue to pay \$50-60,000 annually, it will replace the amount drawn out of the fund each year to cover budget shortfalls.

Submitted by:

Jack Frost
Treasurer

June 11, 2024

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Map



CAMPUS MAP

- A Chapel of the Immaculate Conception (600P)
 - B Bookstore/Dining Hall/Mundelein Hall (601U)
 - C Administration Simulation Lab (500P)
 - D Conference Center Meeting Hall (400P)
 - E Conference Center Lodging & Registration (300P)
 - F Vicariate I Archdiocese of Chicago The Institute of Religious Life (101P)
 - G School of Parish Leadership & Evangelization/ILP Escuela de Liderazgo para la Evangelización IT, Marketing and Communications (201P)
 - H Gymnasium (301P)
 - I Column of the Immaculate Conception (DIME Statue)
 - J Mall, Belvedere, Tomb, Pier
 - K Francis Cardinal George, OMI Memorial Garden Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Stations of the Cross
 - L Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium (901P)
 - M Feehan Memorial Library/McEssy Theological Resource Center (700P)
 - W Divine Mercy Shrine
- ### Private Buildings
- N Classroom Building (800P)
 - O Theology Building (900P)
 - P Faculty Building (1000P)
 - Q Faculty Garages (705U)
 - R Greenhouse (701U)
 - S Laundry (600U)
 - T Warehouse (500U)
 - U Powerplant (300U)
 - V Boathouse (601T)

Campus Map

- ★ **B** Dining Hall/Mundelein Hall
- ★ **D** Conference Center Meeting Hall
- ★ **E** Conference Center Chapel, Lodging and Registration

★ **Buildings B, D and E are used by ACTheals IC 2024.**

Upcoming Events

2025 ACTheals 50th Anniversary International Conference JESUS, OUR JOY GIVER

“Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds, in Christ Jesus.”

Phillipians 4:4-7



October 23-26, 2025
Marywood Retreat and
Conference Center
St. John’s, Florida

Conference Prayer

O Lord, rain down your grace and peace on us as we commence our 50th annual International Conference. Praise be to You, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Holy Spirit, called ACT into being in 1975 to redeem Your people, in your hospitals, in your clinics, in your offices, to make them Your hospitals, Your clinics, Your offices for all Your glory, and that You would be glorified in ALL our healing work. Lord, we continue to be faithful to this foundational call. Cover this conference with the protection of Your holy angels. Guard the facility, the speakers and the technology being used, from any demonic forces to seeking to disrupt this time with you. We make this petition to You, with joy and thanksgiving, knowing Your praise which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds as we meet to learn and fellowship in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen..

Confirmed Speakers: Rev. Nigel Mumford and Judith MacNutt

Emcee: Dr. Duke Walker, Catholic Chaplain: Fr. Foster Olator

Confirmed Workshop Presenter: Mrs. Ditsie Scobie

Other speakers/presenters to be announced on website actheals.org