

# Monthly Newsletter

April, 2025



**ACTheals**

Working in the Healthcare Community since 1975



## *ACTheals 2025 International Conference*

Jesus, Our Joy Giver  
October 23-26, 2025

Marywood Conference Center  
St. Johns, FL

Join us for our 50th  
Anniversary Celebration

## **Plenary Speakers**



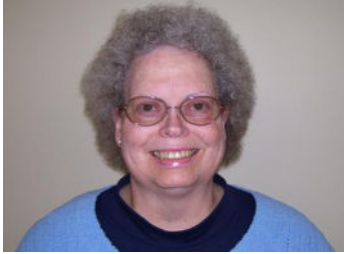
Judith MacNutt



Fr. Nigel Mumford

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# Letter From Our President



*"For my part, from the time I first heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the members of the church, I have never stopped thanking God for you and recommending you in my prayers." (Eph 1:15-16).*

As I think back over the years while we prepare for our golden anniversary of being an organization, I am remembering all the people I have met, learned from and walked beside. Thank you for listening to Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit which birthed ACT into being and guided us through the years. I'm so grateful for your ongoing membership and leadership, whether you are a current member or part of the ACT prayer group in the heavenlies, I am grateful for you, for sharing the vision of ACT.

During my role as president, my vision is not only to grow healing prayer in our workplaces, but for each of us to live as a blessing to others, creating a community for us to become the healthiest people possible working in the field hospitals of healthcare. This is achieved first by listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit for where Jesus wants to take ACT next, and working in collaboration with those ministries with similar missions. Together the prophetic word given us in 1975: "Redeem My people . . . Let Me care for them and bring health, wholeness and holiness. Give me your professional skills, your credentials. Yield them to MY authorization, consecrate them to MY name, for MY glory and I will be glorified in your healing work."

In closing, may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, grant you (us) a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly. May he continue to enlighten our innermost vision that we may know the great hope to which each of us are called and the wealth of his glorious heritage. May we go forth sharing the love and healing power of Jesus into the next 50 years.

May you be blessed in Abba's great love for you.

*Kris Sendelbach RN, PHN, FCN*  
Your Servant Leader (President of ACTheals)

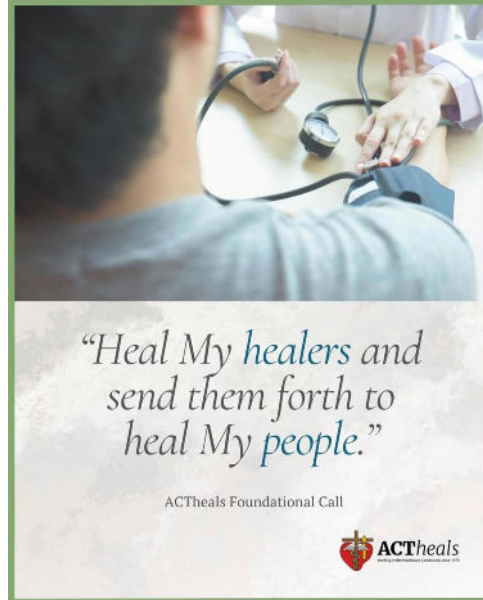
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## Welcome: Come Home to ACTheals



“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



“Heal My healers and send them forth to heal My people.”

ACTheals Foundational Call



We invite you to join us in commemorating an extraordinary 50-year legacy of ACTheals, the Association of Christian Therapists, which has been a beacon of hope and healing since its inception in 1975. This remarkable organization unites healthcare professionals, religious leaders, and interested persons involved in healing ministry under the transformative vision of integrating the healing love of Jesus into healthcare. Over the decades, ACTheals has not only focused on the advancement of Christ-centered healthcare but has also emphasized the profound importance of healing prayer, fostering a deep connection between faith and professional practice. As we reflect on our shared journeys and the experiences that have shaped this association, we invite you to celebrate this milestone with us!

*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 person 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, and continue the healing work that You have begun through ACTheals.*

*In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.*

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ACTheals

## News

Spiritual Enrichment to  
Start the New Year



This January, the ACTheals Southeast region embarked on a transformative Spiritual Enrichment Retreat, held online for six enriching weeks via Zoom. This remarkable journey was guided by the beloved Rev. Paul Feider, MDiv, a dedicated member of ACTheals since 1979. His passion for teaching and healing, anchored in his insightful book "Living a Transformed Life," served as the foundation for this retreat. Participants shared heartfelt testimonies, reflecting on

their experiences of waiting and listening to the Lord—an act that not only unveiled answers to their deepest questions but also reignited their faith in hearing His voice. It's truly awe-inspiring to witness how the Holy Spirit can transcend physical distances, utilizing virtual connections to foster renewal, healing, and a vibrant sense of community among us. As we look ahead, we invite you to join us in future events, where ACTheals continues to provide resources and support to enrich your personal and professional journey, reminding you that together, we can cultivate a spiritually fulfilling life. If you have any questions or would like to express your interest in attending the next retreat, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Praise Reports

*"I have had the opportunity to participate in a Spiritual Enrichment Retreat lead by Fr. Paul Feider at the beginning of 2025 via zoom meetings. The sessions were completely online with teachings and instructions given during the zoom meeting, some sharing or break out groups and supported by readings from his book, Living a Transformed Life.*

*Each day during the six week retreat, we practiced setting aside fifteen minutes at the beginning of the day to "listen" or learn to recognize and "listen" to the Lord. Then each week we discussed or shared our experiences or moments we felt the Holy Spirit was moving in our lives.*

*For me, it was a time to renew a practice of waiting and listening to the Lord, and then a gradual unveiling of an answer to a question that had tugged at my heart for a long time. The Lord gave me not only His answer that satisfied my longing heart but renewed my faith in being able to "hear" Him speak.*

*It is amazing how the Holy Spirit can move and use the connections on zoom and similar platforms to renew us, heal us, and bring us into a community even though geographically we are many miles apart."*

*-Testimonial Submitted to Rev. Feider*

**April Awareness: National Minority Health Month**

*As we gather in spirit during National Minority Health Month, we come before You, Lord, united in our prayers for the well-being of minority communities who face unique health challenges. We ask for Your compassion to envelop those who are struggling, granting them strength and resilience to overcome disparities. May our collective prayers not only uplift their spirits but also inspire action within our healthcare systems, fostering unity and understanding among all. We in ACTheals commit ourselves to being vessels of Your love, offering support and encouragement to those in need. Together, as Christian healthcare professionals, healing ministers, pastoral counselors, clergy and associates, let us empower one another to advocate for holistic healing and equitable care for all.*

*In Your holy name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.*



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## Announcements



We are thrilled to announce that Angeli Pemberton has stepped into the role of Social Media Manager at ACTheals! Since joining our community in 2018, Angeli has been a passionate advocate for our mission, actively engaging with fellow members as part of the Psychotherapists specialty group. We encourage you reach out to Angeli with any questions or ideas at [apemberton@actheals.org](mailto:apemberton@actheals.org). —her warm and supportive nature embodies the nurturing atmosphere we cherish at ACTheals. We are

excited about the positive impact Angeli's efforts will have in advancing our mission and strengthening the bonds within our community.

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## Are You New to ACTheals and Seeking Prayer?

We warmly invite you to join our newcomers prayer group, a nurturing space where ACTheals members from all Christian denominations can come together in fellowship and support. At ACTheals, we believe that the power of shared experiences and collective prayer can significantly enrich our personal and healthcare ministries. Our next gathering will take place on **April 24 from 8-9 pm EST** on Zoom. The group will be led this month by Beth Ford, RN, who is a member of our Nurses specialty group. We'll share stories of how God is working in our lives and uplift one another through prayer. Please click below to send a request for the monthly Zoom link.



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Link

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## Upcoming Events

April  
**24**

**ACTheals 40th Annual Canadian Conference**  
*April 24-27, 2025*

Mount Carmel Spiritual Center, Niagara Falls  
7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 7B7  
P: 905-356-4113  
Email: [www.carmelniagara.com](http://www.carmelniagara.com)

**Contact:** Toni Bianchi (ACTheals Regional Coordinator-Canada)

P: 416-670-9546

After 4.30pm -Emergency phone calls only

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May  
**31**

**Born of the Spirit: Celebrating Pentecost (Los Angeles Region)**

*10:00 am-2:00 pm PST*

American Martyrs Church, Manhattan Beach  
Fr. Alexei Smith and Fr. Bill Delaney

**Contact:** Bernadette St. James (ACTheals Regional Coordinator- Los Angeles)

P: 310-991-2256

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October

**23**

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*"Stay connected to a community of believers, make self-care a priority, and pray, pray, pray."  
-Deborah Kalinyak,  
LMHC*

### Ask A Mentor

In our conversation with Deborah Kalinyak, LMHC, she shared invaluable wisdom for young Christian healthcare professionals navigating the challenges of their demanding roles. She emphasized the importance of staying connected to a vibrant community of believers, where mutual support and encouragement can flourish. Additionally, she highlighted that self-care must take precedence, reminding us that nurturing our own well-being is not just beneficial but essential for effective caregiving. Most importantly, Deborah, who has been a member in ACTheals for over 20 years and has served as a mentor for newer members, urged us to embrace the transformative power of prayer—encouraging us to pray fervently and frequently, as it serves as a profound source of strength and fulfillment in both our personal and professional lives.

# ACTheals: Where God and Healthcare Meet

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