



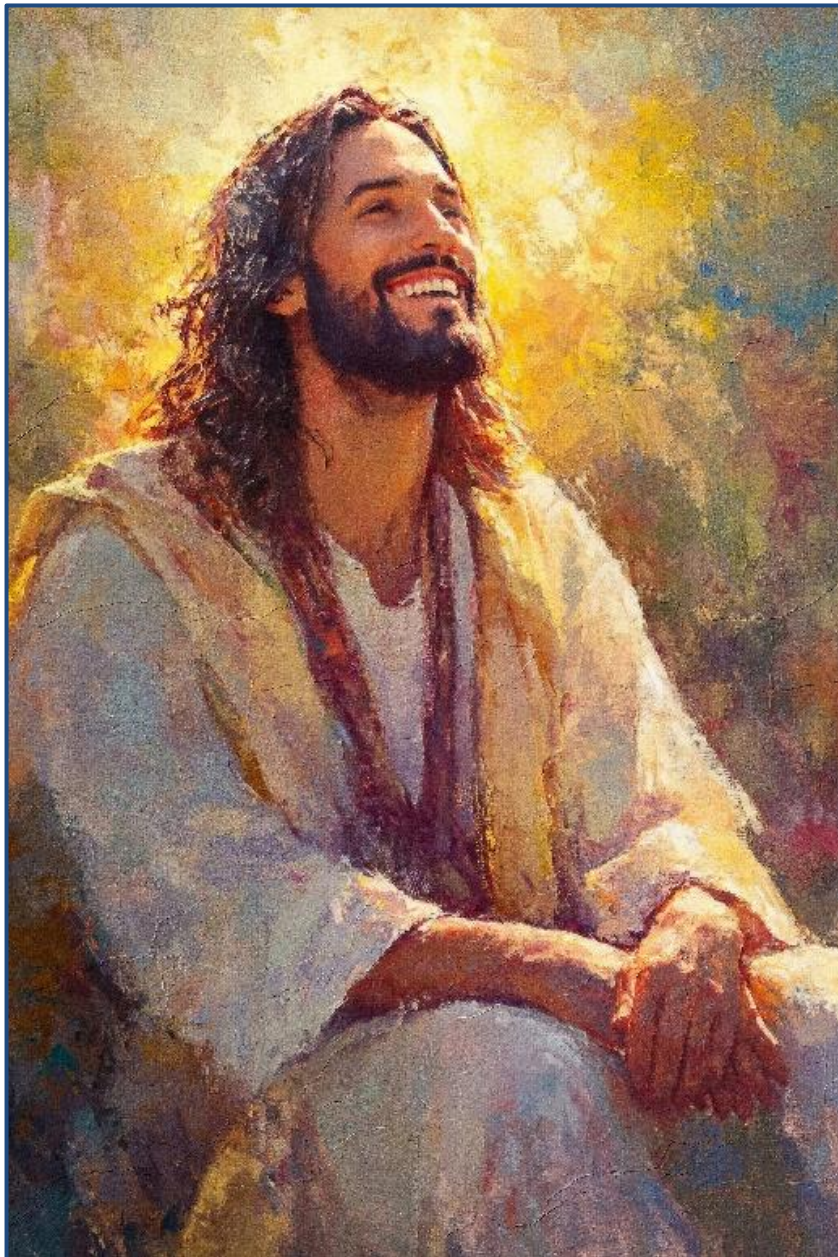
# ACTheals (Acts 4:8-10)

Advancing Christ Centered Healthcare – one healer at a time

Mission Statement: Heal and empower healing professions to bring Christ's healing to others.

## 2025 ACTheals 50<sup>th</sup> 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.”* Philippians 4:4-7



### 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 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.

Marywood Conference Center, St. Johns, Florida  
October 23-26, 2025



# Welcome to the 2025 ACTheals International Conference

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## W elcome to ACTheals 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference Jesus, Our Joy Giver

Welcome home to ACT as we celebrate this momentous and joy-filled occasion of our 50th anniversary!

As we begin our 50th anniversary celebration, I hear our Lord saying: "Draw close to Me. Let Me love and care for you deep in your being. I have been guiding you these past 50 years and will continue to spread My Spirit within and around you to help you on your journey toward wholeness and holiness, healing. Let the anointing of the Spirit continue to be upon you, my Beloved ACT, in your hospitals, in your clinics, in your offices, in your houses of worship so that My healing love may take you forward in the ministry I've called you to do."

"My Precious ACT, the plan I have for you continues to unfold as you listen to My Word." Jesus is asking for our all hands on deck as we celebrate and listen for the new directions His call is taking us. What an exciting time to be a part of this unique ministry as you take My love and care to the world. Do not be distressed or fearful about the future, about the numbers, about the next steps. Stay attached to the vine, Me, and I will tell you all you need to know and do. Our mission is to stay attached to the vine, to listen to what Jesus has to say, his instructions. Now is the time to listen for where Jesus wants to take His Precious ACT in the next 50 years.

As we pause to celebrate the joy and blessings of being God's people, let us boldly go forth in the Spirit's anointing, bringing the love of Jesus, His blessings, and healing to those we are called to care (minister) for. In Jesus' Name, I bless each of you here to relish in that love and to go forth knowing you are the Beloved sons and daughters of the Most High and Glorious God, to bring His love and healing to all you meet.

Again, Happy Anniversary, ACT members! Let this weekend of celebration be a holy and blessed time to enjoy each other and in worshiping the God we love.

Kris Sendelbach, RN, BSN, PHN, President

# ACTheals Information

## Dear ACTheals IC 2025 Attendees,

Thank you for coming, for answering God's call to celebrate **Jesus, Our Joy Giver**. We are grateful for this beautiful, serene Conference Center location to celebrate this momentous event; for our beloved Plenary Speakers, Judith MacNutt and Rev. Nigel Mumford. Welcome to our worship leader, Josh, as he leads us in praise and worship this weekend. We are blessed to have Ditsie, Fr. John, Fr. Paul, and Dr. Ben as our Presenters, Rev. Dr. Duke Walker as our Master of Ceremonies, and Dr. Charles Zeiders as Emcee of Saturday Evening Event. This weekend, let us cherish the beauty of this place as we learn, experience, receive healing, and worship. God's Love and Peace be with all during this special event.

Lydia K Swalchick, MBA  
ACTheals International Conference Chair  
Kris Sendelbach, RN, BSN, PHN  
ACTheals International Conference Co-Chair

## 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:** Remain the premiere organization advancing Christ Healing Ministry worldwide.

**ACTheals Mission:** Heal and empower healing professionals to bring Christ's healing to others.

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

## LEADERSHIP

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# 2025 Conference Information

## Starting/Ending Times

The Conference begins on **Thursday** with **On-Site Check In** from **3:00 pm** to **8:00 pm**. Then Registration will be located in Wisdom Center. The Registration Desk will be located in Pod B Conference Room.

**Dinner** is at **5:30 pm**. The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Welcome, Introductions and Announcements** starts at **6:45 pm**. The **Catholic Mass/Healing Service** begins at **7:45 pm**. The Conference concludes after **Lunch** at **Noon** on **Sunday**.

Throughout the Conference we will be led in praise and worship by Joshua 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!

## Meals

All meals will be served in the Main Dining Hall. **Dinner** is served at **5:30** on Thursday, **6:00** on Friday. There will be cocktails starting at 6:30 before the **Special Dinner** at **7:00** on Saturday.

**Breakfast** is served at **8:00** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. **Lunch** is served at **Noon** on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## Conference Bookstore/Book Signing

The Bookstore will be in the Inn, back door, with a ramp. The Conference Bookstore will be open during the Conference. Offerings will include books by presenters and musicians and a DVD set by Rev. John Rice. There will be a **Book Signing** on **Saturday** from **5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** in the Bookstore prior to Cocktails starting at 6:30 pm.

## Information Desk

An Information Desk will be open during most of the conference in the Wisdom Center for: General Information, Lost and Found, and Message Board

## Recordings/CEU

No personal recordings are allowed by attendees. The Plenary speakers and the Workshops will be recorded. They will be posted and available on ACTheals website. Certificates of Attendance will be placed in everyone's folder. No CEUs.

## New Member Attendees

New members of ACTheals will be inducted into ACTheals following **Saturday Dinner**. If you are new to the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, please see pages 4-5 for information on the expression and experience of these gifts.

## Specialty Groups

There will be no Specialty Group meetings. Attendees are encouraged to meet up with members of their specialty groups and network during meal times.

## 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, Pod A Conference Room. **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](http://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.

## Chapel/Adoration

**Adoration** is available Friday and Saturday morning 7:00 am - 8:00 am. 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, Fr. Fukes, Fr. MacPherson and ecumenical ministers may be available for confession/counseling.

## 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 and are comfortable with. 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 can be 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.

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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/minister when administering Sacraments. It can be used as a healing balm and/or protection against evil for oneself or another or your home 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.

### **Anima Christi**

**Soul of Christ**, sanctify me,  
**Body of Christ**, save me,  
**Blood of Christ**, inebriate me,  
**Water from the side of Christ**, wash me,  
**Passion of Christ**, strengthen me,  
**O Good Jesus**, hear me.  
**Hide me** within your wounds,  
**Keep me** close to **You**,  
**Defend me** from the evil enemy,  
**Call me** at the hour of my death,  
And **bid me** to come to **You**,  
**To praise You** with your saints,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

# Conference Schedule

## Thursday – October 23, 2025

- 12:00 pm ..... **Board Members Meeting and Working Lunch** ..... Pod A Conference Room
- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ..... **Dinner** ..... Dining Room
- 6:30 pm ..... **Praise & Worship/Welcome/Introductions/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
..... Wisdom Center
- 7:45 pm ..... **Catholic Mass/Healing Service** ..... Wisdom Center  
Fr. Foster Olator, Fr. Gary Fukes, Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA, Celebrants
- 10:00 pm ..... **Conclude**

## Friday – October 24, 2025

- 6:30 am – 7:00 am ..... **Catholic Mass** ..... Chapel
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am ..... **Adoration** ..... Chapel
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am ..... **The Life in The Spirit Session I** ..... Pod C Conference Room  
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am ..... **Breakfast** ..... Dining Hall
- 9:15 am ..... **Praise & Worship/Announcements/Welcome** ..... Wisdom Center
- 9:30 am - 11:30 ..... **Four Kinds of Healing, Judith MacNutt, M.A.** ..... Wisdom Center
- Noon – 1:00 pm ..... **Lunch** ..... Dining Room
- 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm ..... **Praying with Power and Authority and Blessings to Cure Serious Illness**  
Rev. John Rice ..... Wisdom Center
- 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ..... **Healing Miracles of Jesus Workshop, Fr. Paul Feider** ..... Wisdom Center  
**The Life in The Spirit Session II** ..... Pod C Conference Room  
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div
- 4:45 am - 5:30 ..... **Special Presentation, Dr. Ben Keyes, Ph.D, Ed.D, D.Min, D.Div** ..... Wisdom Center
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm ..... **Dinner** ..... Dining Room
- 7:15 pm ..... **Praise & Worship/Ecumenical Healing Service** ..... Wisdom Center  
Rev. Nigel Mumford, Judith MacNutt, M.A., and Prayer Teams
- 10:00 pm ..... **Conclude**

## Saturday — October 25, 2025

- 6:30 am – 7:00 am.....Catholic Mass, Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA Celebrant .....Chapel
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am.....Adoration .....Chapel
- 7:00 am – 8:00 am.....The Life in The Spirit Session III ..... Pod C Conference Room  
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div.
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am.....Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Rev. Dr. Duke Walker.....Labyrinth Area (*rain Pod B*)
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am.....**Breakfast** ..... Dining Room
- 9:15 am .....Praise & Worship..... Wisdom Center
- 9:30 am – 11:30 am.....Well Done Good and Faithful Servant: A Message of Encouragement  
Rev. Nigel Mumford..... Wisdom Center
- 12 noon – 1:00 pm.....**Lunch** .....Dining Room
- 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm .....Replenishing Joy Workshop, Ditsie Scobie..... Wisdom Center
- 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm .....The Life in The Spirit Session IV ..... Pod C Conference Room  
Anne Behneman, LCSW-C, and George Guschwan, LCSW-C, M.Div.
- 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm .....Special Presentation, Dr. Len Sperry, M.D., Ph D, D Min..... Wisdom Center
- 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm.....ACTheals Members Meeting..... Wisdom Center
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm .....Book Signing.....Bookstore at The Inn
- 6:15 pm .....**Cocktails, followed by Elevated Dinner** ..... Dining Room
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm .....**Special Event**, Emcee Dr. Charles Zeider
- 10:00 pm .....Conclude

## Sunday — October 26, 2025

- 6:30 am – 7:00 am .....Travelers Catholic Mass.....Building E Chapel

***Room Keys are to be dropped off at the Designated Area in Pod A Conference Room***

*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. **Suitcases may be stored in Pod A Conference Room.***

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am.....**Breakfast** ..... Dining Room
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am.....Christian Communion Service..... Wisdom Center  
Rev. Nigel Mumford, Rev. John Rice, Celebrants
- 10:15 am – 11:15 am.....Catholic Mass, Fr. Gary Fukes, Fr. Foster Olator, Celebrants ..... Wisdom Center
- 11:15 am - Noon .....Commissioning/Going Forth ..... Wisdom Center  
President Kris Sendelbach, RN, BSN, PHN; President-Elect Dr. Len Sperry, MD,  
Ph.D, D.Min; Past President Al Nyland, PhD
- Noon – 1:00 pm.....**Lunch** .....Dining Room

**Conference Concludes**

# Liturgies and Healing Services, Communion Guidelines

**THURSDAY NIGHT 7:45 pm**  
**Catholic Mass/Healing Service**  
**Wisdom Center**

Fr. Foster Olator  
 Fr. Gary Fukes  
 Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA  
 Deacon Patrick Blaney  
 Deacon Tim Marshall

**FRIDAY MORNING 6:30 am**  
**Catholic Mass**  
**Chapel**

*Adoration following Mass*

**FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 pm**  
**Ecumenical Healing Service**  
**Wisdom Center**

Rev. Nigel Mumford  
 Judith MacNutt

**SATURDAY MORNING 6:30 am**  
**Catholic Mass**  
**Chapel**

Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA  
*Adoration following Mass*

**SATURDAY MORNING 7:30 am**  
**Ecumenical Morning Prayer**  
**Labyrinth Area (if rain, Pod B)**

Rev. Dr. Duke Walker

**SUNDAY MORNING 6:30 am**  
**Travelers Catholic Mass**  
**Chapel**

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 am**  
**Christian Communion Service**  
**Wisdom Center**

Rev. Nigel Mumford  
 Rev. John Rice

**SUNDAY MORNING 10:15 am**  
**Catholic Mass**  
**Wisdom Center**

Fr. Gary Fukes  
 Fr. Foster Olator  
 Deacon Patrick Blaney  
 Deacon Tim Marshall

## 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.

# Plenary Conference Speakers



## JUDITH S. MACNUTT, M.A. Ecumenical Healing Service

### Four Kinds of Healing

#### Friday Morning 9:30 am

**Judith MacNutt**, President and co-founder of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, FL, holds a Master's degree in psychology from Eastern Kentucky University and is a licensed psychotherapist in Florida. Early in her career she discovered the need to address her client's spiritual needs as well as the psychological. After working in psychiatric hospitals in Boston and Kentucky, Judith moved to Jerusalem where she directed a House of Prayer.

After returning to the US, Judith established Christian Counseling Services in Clearwater, FL, integrating her work as a psychotherapist with healing prayer. She and the late Dr. Francis MacNutt founded Christian Healing Ministries. They traveled extensively together and co-authored the book, *Praying for Your Unborn Child*. Judith also authored *Angels are for Real*, *Encountering Angels*, contributed to *Angels All Around Us* (Guideposts) and the new revised and expanded *Deliverance from Evil Spirits: A Guide to freedom from the Demonic Realm*. Francis and Judith have two adult children, Rachel and David. Judith continues to write, travel, and teach about the power of healing prayer.

Judith is an Honorary member of ACTheals. She is part of the South East Region and the Psychotherapists Specialty Group.

[www.christianhealingmin.org](http://www.christianhealingmin.org)

## CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES

**Vision:** To make Christian healing prayer a way of life in families, churches, and medical professions.

**Mission:** To be a visible presence of Jesus' desire to heal in the world today by:

- Providing healing prayer for the sick
- Training for those who want to learn to pray
- Lending leadership support to pastors, churches and seminaries
- Offering a bookstore and resource center for ministry and training materials
- Expanding the role of healing prayer in medical professions

### Organization History

The foundation of CHM was laid many years ago with the beginning of the ministry of Francis MacNutt, one of the first Catholic priests to become involved in the charismatic renewal movement and the ministry of praying for healing. Although he was ordained in 1956, it was in 1967, when Francis was baptized in the Holy Spirit, that he experienced a dramatic turning point in his ministry. Soon after he became involved full-time traveling the world speaking about spiritual renewal and praying for healing.

In 1980, Francis married Judith Sewell, a clinical psychologist and former missionary in Israel. Together they founded Christian Healing Ministries, the goal of which is to make Christian Healing Prayer a way of life in families, churches and medical professions. In 1987, at the invitation of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, the MacNutt's relocated CHM to Jacksonville, Florida where they expanded the ministry to include Schools of Healing Prayer®.

The blending of Francis and Judith's spiritual gifts created a unique healing ministry. Their combined ministry of teaching and praying for physical and emotional healing brought completeness to their individual ministries. As two of the most recognized and respected early leaders in the healing ministry, Francis and Judith traveled the world teaching about the love of Jesus Christ, and the power and effectiveness of healing prayer. Since its inception, CHM has operated as a Christ-centered, ecumenical and non-profit organization dedicated to the practice and teaching of healing prayer.

## Plenary Conference Speakers



**REV. NIGEL MUMFORD**  
**International Speaker**

### **Ecumenical Healing Service**

**Well Done Good and Faithful Servant:  
A Message of Encouragement**

**Saturday Morning 9:30 am**

**Synopsis:** In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear, "His master said to him, 'Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy!'"

During these past 50 years, ACT has not only been birthed but listened to as Jesus has led us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Nigel will share a message of encouragement and empowerment with us from the Book of Acts. "Brothers, if you have any exhortation to address the people, please speak up." Jesus, please speak up and guide us.

A **practicum** will follow.

The **Reverend Nigel Mumford** is an International Speaker, Author and Founder of By His Wounds, Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit organization,) focusing on Christian Healing. Nigel is also Priest Associate for Prayer Ministry, at Galilee Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Nigel was born and educated in England. He served for six and a half years in "Her Majesty's Royal Marine Commandos." His last two years as a Marine were spent as a drill instructor at the Commando Training School (CTCRM).

since 1993. His conviction to pray for healing came in 1989 when his sister, Julie Sheldon, a ballet dancer with the Royal Ballet in London, was healed by God through the late Canon Jim Glennon. This was a very dramatic healing from a disease called Dystonia. Being a witness to her healing has had a profound effect on his life.

In 2007, Nigel created WELCOME HOME INITIATIVE® services, a program of healing for veterans. This program invites men and women of our Armed Forces (from all wars), who have served in combat, to come "free of charge" and be "welcomed home." The focus is on healing for post-traumatic stress and moral injury.

In 2017, the House of Delegates at the Capital in Richmond, VA honored Nigel, with a Commendation for his work with Veterans. Since Covid in 2019, his one-on one ministry has tripled thanks to ZOOM. He has been ministering to people in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Russia, France, Brazil, New Guinea, Canada, and USA.

Nigel is a published author; all his books and CDs are available on By His Wounds website: [www.fathernigel.com](http://www.fathernigel.com) as well as Amazon and Kindle. Nigel has contributed articles to the Sharing Magazine (OSL). His ministry has been reported by the New York Times, broadcast on CBN/700 club, K-Love Radio as well as local news broadcasts. Nigel was recently interview on a podcast for his "Near death experiences."

Nigel has been honored to speak at many seminaries around the USA and UK. He has served on the Advisory Boards of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville Florida, (with the late Dr. Francis and Judith MacNutt) and Board of Directors for Order of St. Luke (OSL).

Fr. Nigel is a long-time friend of ACTheals, who was last with us in 2018 as a conference speaker. He is a Partner in Mission with ACTheals. Outside the ministry, Nigel enjoys boating, writing, playing the violin and spending time with his grandchildren. He and his wife Lynn live in Virginia Beach, VA.

## Conference Workshops



**George Guschwan, LCSW-C, MDiv**



**Anne Behneman, LCSW-C**  
**Life in the Spirit Seminar**  
**Sessions I, II, III, IV**

**Friday Morning 7:00 am**  
**Friday Afternoon 3:00 pm**  
**Saturday Morning 7:00 am**  
**Saturday Afternoon 1:15 pm**

### **Pod C Conference Room**

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-

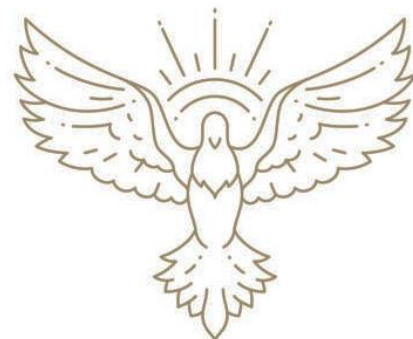
esteem and our sense of self. We will discuss how shame-based beliefs and unforgiveness distorts our relationship with God and with ourselves and others. We will process some of these distorted beliefs and unforgiveness so we can better experience God as a source of Life and Unconditional Love and be 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 many 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 Licensed 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.





**REV. PAUL FEIDER**

**The Joy in Healing Miracles**

**Friday Afternoon 3:00 pm**

**Synopsis:** This workshop will explore the scope and purpose of Jesus' healing miracles. Using his new book, *Experience the Healing Miracles of Jesus*, participants will explore some of the healing accounts in the gospel, reflecting on what enables them, what blocks healing, and the spirituality of the healing ministry as well as the relationship between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the healing ministry.

**Practicum:** Attendees will be invited to break into small groups of four and examine one of the healing accounts and then share what we can glean from that account to enrich our healing ministries. Then participants will have the opportunity to pray with each other for healing.

Discuss how *Living a Transformed Life* (book) adds to our understanding of living the fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit that began in Confirmation, and the healing ministry each is called to.

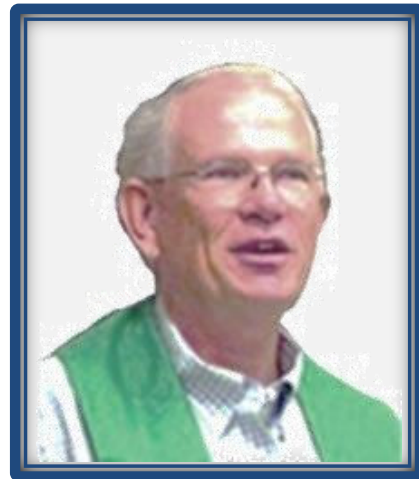
**Rev. Paul Feider, M. Div.** is the Spiritual Advisor for ACTheals. From Wisconsin, he studied at the University of Innsbruck in Austria and received his Masters of Divinity degree in Milwaukee. He was ordained in 1977 and took Anglican studies in 1994, Fr. Paul as he is fondly known, has spent his 48 years of priestly ministry passionately leading people to a deep love for God, teaching about the power of the God's word, and bringing God's healing touch to many. He has traveled extensively teaching and ministering God's healing love.

Joining ACT in 1979, he is a member of the Midwest 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. He served three terms as president on their Board of Directors. Also, he is on the National Board of Directors for Christian Healing Ministries, directed by Judith MacNutt.

A prolific author, Fr. Paul will be speaking from his newest book, *Experience the Healing Miracles of Jesus: A Journey into the Mystery* (2025) and *Living a Transformed Life: The Core of Christianity*. (2024) His other publications include: *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.

Fr. Paul is married to Julie, 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, spiritual coaching, administration and healing have been anointed by the Holy Spirit.



**REV. JOHN D. RICE**

**The Joy of Blending Blessing Prayers with Jesus' Power and Authority to Heal the Sick**

**Friday Afternoon 1:15 pm**

**Synopsis:** "He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." (Luke 9:2) Before heading out, Jesus equips his disciples with "power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases." (Luke 1) It worked . . . and still does! Jesus gives us the same power and authority to heal illnesses.

## Conference Workshops

In this workshop, Fr John will be sharing how the Holy Spirit has been equipping and teaching him how to pray with cancer patients and those with serious illnesses who have experienced the joy of healing through blending blessing prayers with Jesus' power and authority.

**Practicum:** Participants will be invited to pray together for themselves and/or loved ones battling cancer and other serious illnesses.

**Rev. John Rice** comes to us from The Blessing Place of Western North Carolina. Fondly known as Fr. John, he is an ordained Episcopal priest. He graduated from Seabury Western Theological Seminary in 1988, then located in Evanston, Il. Fr. John spent 24 years as a parish pastor in Vermont and North Carolina. He left parish ministry in 2012 as a response to God's call to focus time and energy on restoring and growing the healing ministry of the church universal . . . the call to "encourage, equip, and empower" God's people for Jesus' healing ministry. Fr. John is a member of the Order of St. Luke where he has served as a Regional Director, President, and Chaplain to the National Board. He is a popular conference speaker and workshop leader.

An invitation was extended to and accepted by Fr. John in the summer of 2016 to come and restart a healing ministry at High Pastures Retreat Center near Burnsville, N.C. Six months was devoted to discerning God's vision, listening for the leading of the Holy Spirit, as they studied books on Grace and the Ministry of Blessing. By mid-winter 2017, The term Blessing Ministry kept rising up in the prayer sessions. Blessing prayer would be the focus, and it would be called The Blessing Place of Western North Carolina. Today this ministry includes monthly online prayer services, onsite and virtual retreats, and workshops around the country, and it has branched out to 14 other locales.

Fr. John has produced a DVD teaching series, *Equipping the Saints for Jesus Healing Ministry*. In May 2024, Fr. John's book, *Called to Bless: Restoring God's Ministry of Blessing* was released.

From North Carolina, he is a member of the South East Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group. Fr. John, and his wife, Rev. Debra, have been married for 54 years. Their son, his wife and two granddaughters live close by.



**Ditsie Scobie**  
**Replenishing Joy**

### Saturday Afternoon 1:15 pm

**Synopsis:** In this workshop, we will look at the reasons that joy is important to us as children of God, and address the way events in our lives and our own behavior hinder joy. This is an interactive workshop, and those attending will be invited to participate in a variety of activities relating to replenishing joy.

**Practicum:** This workshop will utilize experiential activities to examine things in our lives that steal our joy, particularly our own negative emotions and thoughts, and will invite participants to engage in several activities for replenishing joy.

**Ditsie** has been an active member of OSL (Order of St. Luke) for 30 years, and has served for many years as a prayer minister and OSL Convenor at her church in Florida, as well as Region 3 Director for six years. She taught in both public and private schools for 32 years, then was called into full-time healing and teaching ministry. She has been a workshop leader at Healing Winds Conferences, OSL Conferences, The Blessing Place of Western North Carolina, Daughters of the King Retreats, and many Florida healing ministry workshops. For the past three years, Ditsie has been a member of The Blessing Place Board of Directors and currently serves as Co-Director with the Rev. John Rice. She is a frequent contributor to the Sharing magazine.

A friend of ACTheals, she is our guest workshop for this anniversary weekend. Her mission is serving God by encouraging/equipping people in the healing ministry, bringing people freedom/healing from wounds of their past. Now from North Carolina, Ditsie is married to Bob, has two daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

## Special Presentation



### **BEN KEYES, PhD, EdD, DMin, DDiv**

#### **Joy is for Everyone Else Except Me: Cognitive and Spiritual Distortions of Christians Experiencing Trauma**

**Friday Afternoon 4:45 pm**

**Synopsis:** One of the effects of trauma, especially in early childhood, causes the child to blame themselves, keep silent, and feel that they are broken and can never be fixed. The result often sets up a dichotomy as they become adults, where they turn to Christianity and faith, praying that God will intervene, yet do not feel connected to God or believe that they can be healed completely. Instead, they defend themselves with childhood psychological defence mechanisms, feel anxious, and/or depressed, and keep God at a distance, denying their power and ability as Christians. This Special Presentation will explore the essence of self and God's forgiveness and experientially give participants an experience with a loving, caring God who wants us to be at peace with ourselves and to fellowship with Him. That is, to fully embrace our rightful place as Children of God, where we flourish and grow, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and protect our hearts and minds.

**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.

#### **Psalm 100**

*"Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him with joyful song. Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise; Give thanks to him; bless his name, for he is good: the Lord, whose kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations."*

## Healing Services/Liturgical



**REV. FR. FOSTER OLATOR**

**Thursday Evening  
Catholic Mass/Healing Service  
Sunday 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, studied philosophy and theology, has a postgraduate diploma in Education, and 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. In 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, a parish priest for Lapa La Lerato Parish, and chaplain for the Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese.

Fr. Foster came to know ACTheals through a family friend in the U.S., Joseph Patanella. Joseph helped Fr. Foster, visiting 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.

Fr. Foster became acquainted with members of ACTheals and the Mid-Atlantic Region through another friend, Raymond. Raymond's family 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 African Region. and a member of the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group.



**REV. GARY FUKES**

**Thursday Evening  
Catholic Mass/Healing Service  
Sunday Catholic Mass**

**Fr. Gary Fukes** was originally from Syracuse, New York. Fr. Gary attended the St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Florida. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on June 4, 1988, for the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, where he ministered in parishes until September 2002. Fr. Gary joined the US Army in September 2002 and served until March 2014. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Religious Education in 1983 and a Master of Divinity degree in 1988. Since September 2014, Fr. Gary has been a staff chaplain at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida, Archdiocese for Military Services, in addition to being part of the Diocese of Syracuse, NY.

Fr. Gary joined ACTheals on October 26, 2019. He is part of the South East Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group.

# Liturgical, Master of Ceremonies and Music



**REV. ALBERT MACPHERSON, OSA**

**Thursday Catholic Mass/Healing Service  
Saturday Morning Catholic Mass**

**Fr. Albert** is a native of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, born into a family of 13 children. He joined the Augustinian order in 1962 and was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in 1974. He did undergraduate studies at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia and Villanova University before pursuing graduate theological studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. After 14 years in pastoral and spiritual renewal work, Fr. Albert began a full time healing ministry in 1983. Joining ACTheals on January 1, 1983, he became a Lifetime member in 1986. He is part of the Canada Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group. Currently, he is the pastor of Our Lady of Grace Monastery Church in Monastery, Nova Scotia.

## Master of Ceremonies



**REV. DR. H. W. (DUKE) WALKER**

The **Rev. Dr. Duke** (as he prefers to be called) has experienced deep peace, joy, firm hope, and the bold

courage of Jesus in his journey of total surrender to Christ. His background includes study at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte (BA, Political Science); Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div. with specialty in Spiritual Formation); The Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation (Center for Action and Contemplation); Christian Healing Ministry School (Levels I-IV); a D.Min in Spiritual Direction from the Graduate Theological Foundation, and a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at a Level 1 Trauma Center.

Joining ACTheals on December 6, 2011, Duke is part of the South East Region and the Religious and Clergy Specialty Group. He guided the Leadership Retreat Weekend in 2019. He is an ordained minister through the International Ministerial Fellowship, a nondenominational group.

Currently, he works as a chaplain in a continuing care retirement community in Georgia and is the founder of The Inner Hue, where he teaches and offers spiritual direction. Married to Grace, he is the father of a son, Nevy.

## 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.

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Thank you! Thank you!

### In Memoriam

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

ACTheals Members and Family Entering the Kingdom of God

**07/20/2019**

**Phyllis Krumholz**  
LA/San Francisco Region

**06/12/2024**

**Stephen R King**  
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Midwest Region

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## Meeting on September 14, 2024

### St. Mary of the Lake University, Mundelein, Illinois

- I. The Annual Meeting was **called to order** at 3:50 pm CDT by President, Al Nyland.
  - A. Holy Spirit Prayer: Tamila Hennessy, Council of Regional Coordinators Chair
  - B. Scripture: John 16:33. John Lambert, Past President
  - C. Establishment of Quorum: Nancy Lofgren, Secretary. Quorum is established with forty-one of the registered attendees present.
  - D. No conflicts of interest were declared.
- II. **Secretary's Report form 2023:** Nancy Lofgren, Secretary
  - A. The 2023 Member Meeting Minutes are printed on pp 22-23 of the conference booklet.
  - B. No changes were requested. No discussion.
  - C. **Motion** to approve the minutes as written was made by Cheryl Marsh and seconded by Robin Caccese. **Approved.**
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Nick Vaccaro, AEC Management, for Jack Frost.
  - A. The Treasurer's report is printed on pp 23-24 of the conference booklet.
  - B. ACTheals is in a good financial position at this time. There were no questions or discussion about the report.
  - C. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Rev. Fran Begonja and seconded by Barbara Graham. **Approved.**
  - D. Nick is thanked for all his work provided to ACTheals.
- IV. **New Board Business:** Lydia Swalchick and Fr. Paul Feider
  - A. Some regions are being consolidated. A review of the regions with their respective coordinators are:
    1. Northern New England: Bernard Marshall. Includes the states of Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Western Pennsylvania. New Jersey was removed.
    2. Central Atlantic: Jack Frost. Includes all of New Jersey, Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania. The name Delaware Valley was changed.
    3. Mid-Atlantic: George Guschwan & Anne Behneman. Includes Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia and now West Virginia.
    4. South East: Tamila Hennessy. Includes Florida, Alabama, Georgia, North/South Carolina. Excludes Tennessee (change).
    5. South Central: Francil Hymel. Includes Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas.
    6. Great Lakes: Kris Sendelbach. Includes Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, North/South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. Name change.
    7. Mid-West: Janet Blaney assisted by Patrick Blaney. Now includes Illinois, all of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Name change and Tennessee added.
    8. The Ohio Valley region is disbanded and divided among other regions.
    9. Pacific Northwest: Kris Sendelbach. Includes Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. No change.
    10. Los Angeles/San Francisco: Bernadette St. James. Includes the California counties of Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Orange plus all of Northern California and Arizona.
    11. Western US: was disbanded in 2023. The states of Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Colorado have no current members. This can be readded to the Los Angeles region should members be added.
    12. San Diego/Hawaii: Contacts are Nancy Morgan and Barbara Graham. Includes the Southern California counties of Riverside and San Diego plus the state of Hawaii.
    13. Africa: Fr. Foster Olator. Includes the countries of Kenya, Nigeria and all of the continent. Name & boundary changes.
    14. Italy: Fr. Alessandro Olivieri Pennesi. No change.
    15. Canada: Toni Bianchi. Includes the country of Canada. No change.
    16. International Virtual: Tamila Hennessy. Change in leadership. Includes all countries other than Africa, Italy & Canada.
  - B. Zoom: The Board completed the Spiritual Enrichment Retreat via Zoom. This was fruitful and beneficial to all. ACT wants to facilitate this retreat for all regions & specialty groups. We will explore the number of administrators with access to use the Zoom account in order to host meetings and events to grow the organization. Lydia Swalchick reviewed the vision and mission of ACT. Fr. Feider spoke about the use of Zoom for meetings, classes, and teaching to be accessible for all leaders. Tamila Hennessy encouraged all regions and specialty groups to hold hybrid (in person and via internet) events.

- C. Thanks were spoken to Fr. Paul Feider for his role as Spiritual Advisor as well as to Fr. Bob Sears for his long-standing service to ACT.
- D. The Necrology and Life Stories books were reviewed by Kris Sendelbach. Fr. Paul spoke of the history of the heart which was formed by candle wax on the altar during the liturgy at the Canadian conference in 1980. Mary Chakkalaka spoke about community outreach in Canada. Al Nyland noted how much of the work and events of ACT can be found on the website.

#### V. Committee Reports:

- A. Nomination Committee: John Lambert. Pastoral leadership should come from the membership body. This year, Dr. Len Sperry was elected as President-Elect. No volunteers came forward for Treasurer; Jack Frost agreed to continue as Financial Consultant for up to two years or until a new person responds to the call. No one was selected for the elected position on this committee. John thanked his committee of Mary Chakkalaka, Bob Gale and Charles Zeiders for their prayerful work. John then called for nominations for the 2025 election: one At-Large Board position and two elected positions on the Nominating committee (one for 2 years since not elected this year and a three-year term).
- B. Other committee report summaries: Kris Sendelbach, President-Elect
  - 1. Membership: Dr. Patrick Blaney is Chair. There are 223 members currently.
  - 2. Information Technology and Social Media: Debbie Kalinyak is Chair. We hired a social media company named Missio and they are actively posting on Instagram and Facebook. Angeli Pemberton, a member, posts on LinkedIn. We have reactivated our YouTube account. A second Missio contract advertises our conferences and events. The ACT brochure was updated also this year.
  - 3. International Conference and Program Development Committee: Lydia Swalchick is Chair. The 2025 conference has confirmed speakers, site, theme, scripture & prayer. It will be held at Marywood Conference Center near Jacksonville, FL. They have also begun making plans for the 2026 conference. The Program Development arm of this committee assists with planning the Spring Leadership retreat.
  - 4. Spiritual Life: has an open position at this time.
  - 5. Finance: see Treasurer's report. Jack Frost is Chair.
  - 6. Nomination Committee: see above. The Past President is the convenor.
- C. An honorary membership was awarded to Fr. Richard McAlear in December 2023 for a lifetime of service to ACT.

**VI. Open Forum:** Discussion about how members can be aware of open positions: on the website in the Jobs area in the Members only section. The Spiritual Enrichment retreat is open in each region and specialty group via Zoom. Mary Chakkalaka feels many people need assistance in accessing the website: Denise Dolff suggested a technology workshop for those who are technologically challenged be made & placed on the website. Kris commented that she assists those in need with accessing the website & finding information needed. Fr. Foster from Africa commented that the internet is expensive, difficult to access related to cost. The Board is exploring the prorating of dues based on the economy in Africa and Italy. Angeli Pemberton reported that we are receiving responses to social media posts. She states that from May to August this year there were 2600 users to our website, 198 were returning users, and 1500 have come to our website through Google Ads. This includes viewers from other countries as well. Everyone received a QR code in their conference packet to give to others, directing them to our social media posts. Since the addition of Google Ads, we are getting leads from Facebook as well.

#### VII. Thank you to Outgoing Board Members:

- A. John Lambert on completing his term as Past President.
- B. Welcomed Dr. Len Sperry as President-Elect
- C. Announced Jack Frost changing to Financial Consultant
- D. Al Nyland was presented with a blessed olive-wood crucifix with thanks for his service as president. He then welcomed Kris Sendelbach to the role of President as he now begins his tenure as Past President.

#### VII. Closing:

- A. Prayer: Patrick Blaney
- B. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Denise Dolff and seconded by Madeline Mauro. **Approved.** The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted;  
Nancie Lofgren, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

### 2025 Income and Expenses versus the Board Approved Budget

With 4 months of income still to be accounted for, we have received 67% of our budgeted revenue (\$73,575 vs. the income budget of \$109,550). Experience indicates we will not approach the budgeted number which means we will sell stocks from our investment portfolio to make up the deficit. The revenue shortfall is most obvious in Membership Dues and Conference Registrations. At this point in the year, we have received 44% of the membership budget and 60% of the Conference revenue targets.

Some good news on the expense side as we are spending at a lower rate than expected. Through August, our expenses total \$91,229, only 53% of the expenses budgeted (\$171,609). Fifty percent of our annual expenses are attributed to the Conference and so far, only 10% of the \$60,000 budget has been spent. Also not accounted for in the 2025 budget is a \$25,000 gift being made to Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) as approved by the Board in their August meeting.

### Investments

Our corporate investment account with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors was valued on August 31, 2025, our latest report, at \$461,521, up by 5.7% from \$436,380 on January 1, 2025. One year's growth (September 2024 to September 2025) shows it has grown by 7.5%. A recent security sale of \$110,000 to provide working capital for the remainder of 2025 has reduced the portfolio to approximately \$351,521.

### Analysis

The Board approved 2025 budget called for a revenue deficit of \$62,000 to be balanced by selling securities from our portfolio. The 2025 securities account value growth of some \$25,000 will partially offset the deficit so that we end up selling only \$37,000 to balance the budget (income = expenses) as the IRS requires for not-for-profit organizations. The picture will brighten with increased Conference attendance and new membership growth.

In Christ's and ACTHeals' service,

*Jack Frost*

Jack Frost, Financial Consultant

September 20, 2025

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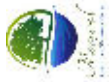
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## Upcoming Events

# ACTheals International Conference 2026

## CHANGE OUR HEARTS

*"I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and call you to live by my statutes." Ezekiel 36:26-27*



**Kanuga Conference Center, 130 Kanuga Chapel Drive  
Hendersonville, NC 28739**

**October 22-25, 2026**



Nestled on 1,400 peaceful acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Hendersonville, NC, Kanuga's historic setting features a 30-acre lake, 20 miles of hiking trails and full service meeting and lodging facilities for up to 440 guests.

### Conference Prayer

Lord God, we come to you desiring a change of heart. We recognize that we, and the world, are not as it should be. We desire to have our spirit grow in strength and love to overcome the weaknesses of the flesh. Shine your light and reveal the areas of our brokenness and need to be healed, loved, and strengthened, filling us with Your peace that we might go forth renewed to serve You. Amen.

**Speakers, Chaplains, and Workshop Presenters  
to be announced on website [actheals.org](http://actheals.org)**

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