

Speakers

Lori Mountain, RN, BC, ONS, has been a registered nurse for over 40-years and currently serves in the field of research oncology. She spent several years in Thailand as a Lay Mission Helper and is a member of the Dominican Laity. Anointed and serving in the healing ministry for many years, Lori has been a member of ACTheals for over 35-years.

Albert G. Nyland, Ph.D., holds a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from USC, and facilitates therapy groups at a psychiatric hospital in Pasadena serving both the outpatient programs and the residential chemical dependency treatment center. Al is the past president and a longstanding member of ACTheals serving in many leadership capacities, and the proud father of one daughter.

Maureen O'Neill, M.D., graduated from UCLA School of Medicine and has worked as a pediatric doctor at Little Company of Mary for 31-years and as an assistant professor of clinical pediatric medicine at Cedars Sinai. Serving as a PMA board member and site lead, she was interested in creating cultural change to promote clinician and staff excellence and patient satisfaction. Currently, Maureen serves as Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister in the Spiritual Care Department of Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance.

Joseph David Rodrigues, MTh, MPh, is a student of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, where he is pursuing a licentiate degree with the intentions of continuing his studies toward a Ph.D. in Theology. As an Orthodox Christian, his academic interests center on the relationship between the ascetic practices of the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Twelve-Step model for recovery from alcoholism and addiction. He brings his research into practice through his facilitation of the St. Anastasia's Fellowship at his home parish and ministers to Orthodox Christians in San Quentin State Prison.

Fr. Alexei Smith, MDiv., earned his bachelor's degree from USC in the field of International Relations working for several years in private industry prior to his entering Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston. He was ordained a Greek Catholic Priest in 1987 and assigned as Pastor of Saint Andrew Russian Greek Catholic Church in El Segundo the following year. Alexei is dedicated to a vocation of healing, serving in multiple capacities as the Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Archdiocese by promoting dialogue, mutual understanding and human flourishing among diverse communities. Alexei is a university lecturer whose teachings focuses on interreligious relations fostering understanding in today's global context. He is a member of ACTheals.

Bernadette St. James, TOCarm, MPsy, MTheo, Psy.D., holds a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology and is working in clinical practice. As an educator, Bernadette has taught theology and psychology to high school students for 34-years, offers adult formation, spiritual direction and teaches contemplative spirituality to the Holy Silence prayer group of St. Andrew and the lay Carmelite community of which she belongs. Currently, Bernadette is the Regional Coordinator of the Pacific West Region of ACTheals and is inspired by its vision to develop healing communities that addresses an integrated approach to healing the whole person.

David Svensson, BA, graduated from UCLA in Motion Picture and Television and worked for 20-years in the entertainment industry as a Propmaker. He has authored the *Heart Man Max* series of children's books, is certified in Christian Ministry from King's College and Seminary, and is a member of ACTheals. David has been married for 28-years and is the father of two young adult children.

Dina Tahan MTheo, MTheo, earned a degree in Pastoral Theology from Loyola Marymount University is a Catholic Chaplain who has serves in an interfaith capacity at Cedars-Sinai Marina Hospital. Dina served as a hospice chaplain at AccentCare Hospice and Palliative Care and as a clinical chaplain at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance. She is currently pursuing board-certification with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC).