



ACTheals
Working in the Healthcare Community since 1975



Monthly Newsletter

June 2026



President's Corner

It's June already. Welcome to summer!

By now, our gardens are in and coming up nicely. Field crops have been planted and are peeking their heads out of the soil. We have filled our yards and flower gardens with seeds and annual plants. Our pets and farm animals have given birth and are raising their young. Our gardens and crops depend on Jesus to send the sun, warmth, rain in proper amounts, and gentle breezes to grow, bloom, and flourish for our enjoyment and income. Our young animals depend on the love, nourishment, and care of the mother to grow and be healthy.

Our spirits too, need this caring love and nourishment. We just celebrated the feast of Pentecost when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us on life's journey (Acts 2:4). Having the Spirit in our lives makes a huge difference! It allows us to go forth in love (Acts 1:8), to be His witnesses throughout the world. To stay vibrant in this love, we need to remain attached to the vine (John 15:5) to receive nourishment, His word, and to bear abundant fruit.

Just because it's summer when life slows down a bit, and vacations occur, please remember God doesn't take a break from us. He is always there for us as we stay attached to the vine in our healing communities, our Zoom event prayer meetings, small groups, and our weekly worship, wherever we may be on a weekend. I invite you to join me in these activities this month, and all summer long. In Jesus' Name, I bless you to continue growing in the Holy Spirit's love and graces, as I plan to.

Kris Sendelbach, RN
Your Servant Leader

Regional News



Gathered in the Spirit: ACTheals Canada Annual Conference at Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre provided a peaceful environment for the Canadian ACTheals Conference on Journeying with Pain: Less of Me – More of Him. The topic provided a meaningful and thoughtful exploration of how faith, emotional resilience, and human suffering intersect in both personal and professional contexts. As a clinical counsellor and conference moderator, I observed a high level of engagement from the attendees, particularly during discussions surrounding grief, trauma, spiritual struggle, and the search for

meaning during adversity. Participants appeared appreciative of the balanced integration of faith-based perspectives with psychological insight and practical application.

Speakers addressed suffering with honesty and compassion rather than offering overly simplistic answers, which contributed to an atmosphere of authenticity and reflection. Many attendees resonated with themes of hope, spiritual growth, and the importance of supportive community during times of hardship. From a clinical perspective, the conference effectively normalized emotional struggle while encouraging healthy coping and spiritual reflection. The content was particularly valuable for helping attendees understand the emotional and spiritual dimensions of suffering and the importance of responding with empathy and presence rather than quick solutions. Overall, the conference was well received and succeeded in demonstrating professional insight, fostering meaningful dialogue, and spiritual encouragement for attendees from both faith and helping-profession backgrounds.

Dr. Wendy H. Hofman

ACTheals Announcements



ACTheals *(Acts 4:8-10)*

Advancing Christ Centered Healthcare – one healer at a time

Change Our Hearts

2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 22-25, 2026

Kanuga Conference Center | Hendersonville, NC

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

Ezekiel 36:26

PLENARY SPEAKER



Dr. John McGraw, MD

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS



Rev. John
Rice



Dr. Wendy
Hofman



Fr. Paul
Feider



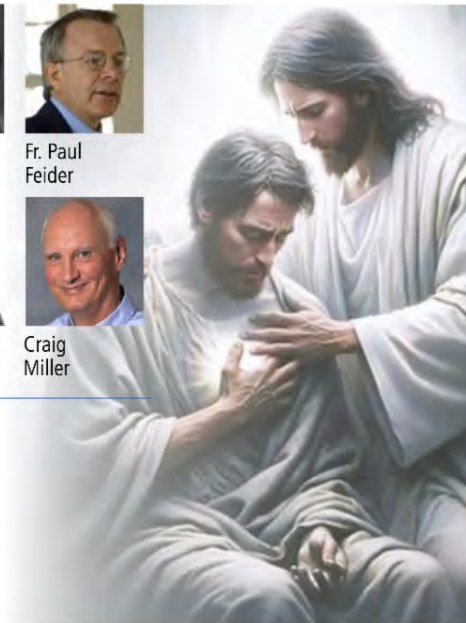
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Keyes



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Dr. Charles Zeiders

CATHOLIC PRIEST



Fr. Foster Orlator

MUSICIAN



Christopher McLoughlin

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<https://actheals.org/2026-international-conference/>

Change Our Hearts: 2026 International Conference

Exciting news! Conference registration is now open, and our full list of speakers has been announced. Member registration options have been reduced through contributions. Payment plan options are available. We invite you to visit the link below to learn more and register.

[Visit Conference Page](https://actheals.org/2026-international-conference/)



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Website Building Campaign

All gifts matched dollar-for-dollar to launch a stronger digital presence

Good News!

ACTheals is increasing in activity, membership and presence on social media! To increase our visibility and engage the community, ACTheals is in great need to update its website.

The expenses needed for this important project will offer a more accessible and user-friendly website that is easy to navigate. Greater awareness of ACTheals and its mission purpose is necessary in order to continue to serve the community through Christ-centered healing provided at our many conferences, retreats, prayer groups and training programs.

ACTheals needs **YOU** to help carry out its important dynamic mission to empower healthcare professionals, clergy, religious and prayer ministers to bring Christ's healing to others.

Even Better News!

Your gift goes twice as far! ACTheals has received an anonymous matching funds challenge up to \$5000.00 for this project. Your donation will now have double the impact!

Your donation will be matched and provide the needed support to fund our website building project.

- \$100.00=\$200.00
- \$200.00=\$400.00
- \$500.00=\$1000.00

The deadline is **October 21, 2026**, before the International Conference. Donations can be made online or mailed to the ACTheals office designated for the **Website**

Project at:

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1700 Skyline Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421
502.632.3036

Let's bring in the potential \$10,000 or maybe even more!

With much blessings and appreciation.

"Everyone must give according to what one has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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National Cancer Survivors Day

On June 7, we honor survivors and the many forms courage can take: enduring treatment, living with uncertainty, rebuilding strength, and choosing hope again and again.

We also recognize the clinicians, chaplains, counselors, and caregivers who walk alongside patients with skill and compassion.

As an ecumenical community of Christian healthcare professionals and prayer ministers, we lift this prayer:

Lord Jesus, strengthen the weary, comfort the anxious, and renew hope where it feels thin. Bring healing in body, mind, soul, and spirit. Surround survivors with wise

care, faithful support, and lasting peace.



Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

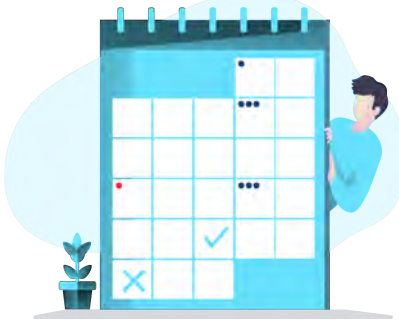
June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month.

In healthcare, memory loss is never just clinical. It touches identity, relationships, and the daily courage of families and caregivers.

As an ecumenical community of Christian healthcare professionals and prayer ministers, we're holding in prayer:

- Patients living with Alzheimer's and related dementias
- Families navigating grief, change, and hope
- Caregivers and clinicians serving with patience and compassion

Lord Jesus, bring comfort and strength. Grant wisdom to those providing care, and peace to every heart carrying this journey.



Monthly Event and Social Media Content Submission Forms

Do you have an event coming up or an idea for our social media that you would like to advertise? Please fill out our recently updated Monthly Event Submission and Social Media Content Forms! **To guarantee your event will be posted, please fill out the form at least 2 weeks prior to your event.**

[ACTheals Monthly Event Submission Form](#)

[Social Media Content Submission Form](#)

Upcoming Regional Events



Healing Prayer Community Meeting Monday, June 8 | 6:45 PM ET

Join us for Healing Prayer on Zoom. All are invited! We will come together for a time of worship and quieting. If you have a scripture verse that spoke to you during the week, bring it to our group during our prayer time. Those who have a reading will read it and leave about a minute of quiet time for all to absorb it.

After people have shared their readings and we have had another song of worship, we will share what you heard God say as the readings are read. Then we will breakout into rooms for individual prayer for healing and empowerment from the Holy Spirit and will have a final song of worship.

Invite a guest! RSVP by June 5th. Email their contact info to Tamila Hennessy:

thennessy774@gmail.com

[Healing Prayer Community Zoom](#)



CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR FIELD

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS SPECIALTY GROUP

Catholic priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, oblates, Protestant clergy, and ordained deacons united by love for the Lord Jesus and faith in His healing power.

Connect with others in your profession through:
actheals.org/specialty-groups/



Clergy & Religious Specialty Group Gathering Friday, June 19 | 7:00 PM PT

Join Reverend Frances Begonja and other ordained clergy in a Zoom meeting to connect, share, and encourage one another in our calling as healers. Click the link below to request the Zoom link.

[Request Zoom Link](#)

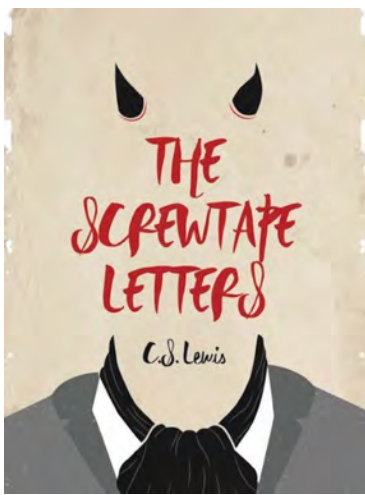
Newcomer's Prayer Group

The **newcomer's monthly online group** is open to new ACTheals members, interested persons in ACTheals and members who may be interested in mentoring or just need some extra prayer time. We support each other through prayer and Christian fellowship as we engage in our various healthcare practices and/or prayer ministries. The group is led by **Beth Ford, RN** who is the leader of the Nurses Specialty Group in ACTheals. The next group online will be held on **(Thursday June 25 at 7:00 PM ET)**.



[New and Returning Members Meeting - Zoom](#)

LA/Pacific Region Monthly Prayer Group
Sunday, June 28 | 6:00–7:30 PM PT



The Pacific West Region is offering a monthly SEW Group engaging our members in a reflective discussion on C.S. Lewis's book "The Screwtape Letters." As an invitation to discern their spiritual growth, members are asked to read Letters 7 - 9 as a theological reflection on the human condition and an analysis of the psychology of temptation.

The SEW group will conclude with a time for praise, worship and intercessory prayer. Each member is encouraged to keep a journal for their personal prayer time, reflecting on how the material stirs their interior life and fosters an attitude of listening and responding to God in silence and solitude.

For the Zoom link, email Bernadette St. James at nbstjames@gmail.com, the LA/Pacific Regional Coordinator by using the link below.

[Request the Link](#)

ACTheals: Where God and Healthcare Meet

Vision Statement: To remain an influential Spirit-filled organization advancing Christ's healing worldwide.

Mission Statement: To heal and empower healing professionals to bring Christ's healing to others.



*This is the official newsletter for ACTheals (Formerly known as the Association of Christian Therapists). Member **comments**, **suggestions** and **submissions** are appreciated. Submissions are preferred with a digital photo, or else, a prior one from our files will be used. Member names can be withheld by request. Contact Mitchell at mpetredis@actheals.org*

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