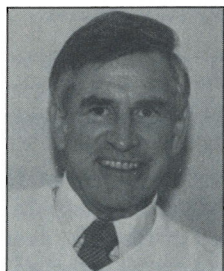




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From Francis

Dear Friends,

Would you believe it? The famous (or infamous) King Henry VIII of England conducted healing services! And the last of the French monarchs, Louis XVI, shortly before the French Revolution, also celebrated healing services!

The Royal Touch

I had never heard of this. What started my investigation was reading a book on the life of King Charles II last summer in England. An entire page of this biography was devoted to the Royal Touch as exercised by King Charles, the Merry Monarch. Now, Charles II was hardly a model of saintliness, his court was noted for adultery; he used to slip out the side entrance of the palace for regular trysts with the celebrated actress, Nell Gwynn, one among his many mistresses.

Recently I just completed reading an entire book (*The Royal Touch*, Bloc, Marc. The Dorset Press, NY, 1989. 441 pp.) on this phenomenon of the Royal Touch and am amazed that most of us have never even heard about it.

It all seems to have begun in France way back, perhaps as early as King Clovis, but certainly with King Louis VI (1108-1137) who laid his hands on the sick for their healing. At first, the King's healing power was seen as a general cure, but by the time of Louis VI, it centered on curing **scrofula**. We don't see much scrofula these days but in medieval times it was common. A foul-smelling variation of tuberculosis, scrofula cause inflammation of the lymph nodes - and was especially featured by putrid sores in the neck area. From the time of Louis VI until the last French King (Louis XVI), the kings were regarded as having the power to cure scrofula by divine right. (Those of you in the healing ministry know what that cost in energy!) The prayer he used was, "*The King toucheth thee; the Lord healeth thee.*" So, for 600 years, the kings of France prayed for healing. It only came to an end when the guillotine came crashing down on French royalty.

In England, too, the Kings (who were kin to the French) picked up on this and learned to exercise the Royal Touch to cure the "King's Evil" (scrofula). Tradition has it that King (Saint) Edward the Confessor (who died in 1067) healed the sick. By the time of Henry II (who died in 1189) an historian wrote that "*the king is himself holy; he is the Anointed of the Lord*"; the proof of this was that God used him to heal sufferers of their scrofula. From then on until the Calvinists gained control, the English Kings and Queens laid hands on scrofulous patients in regular healing services.

Queen Elizabeth I, for one, was faithful to this custom. Then James I, brought up by Scotch Calvinists, stopped the custom as being superstitious and Catholic, but Stuart Kings, Charles I and II (Anglicans) restored it, until finally it was laid to rest with the Stuarts' exile, and the accession of William of Orange.

There is so much more to be said about this intriguing subject; for example, the English kings added another healing specialty by blessing rings on Good Friday and these were used to heal epilepsy. Henry VIII, used to give these rings to visiting foreign nobles as a mark of his special favor.

There are some significant things we can learn from this fascinating history of the Royal Touch. The first is very positive, it shows that a lively belief in God using people to heal remained among orthodox Church leaders during most of the church history through the 18th century. It did not die out in the 4th century, when the Emperor Constantine was converted and helped make Christianity socially respectable. It is, of course, well known that healing through the **saints** continued in the Catholic tradition until the present time. What died out was a lively belief in healing through living persons, especially the laity, except occasionally during Extreme Unction.

The bad news, though, is that the Royal Touch represents yet another example of the restriction of the healing prayer. Ordinary Christians were deprived of any vital belief in their own ability to pray healing prayers. The **narrowing** of belief in God's healing power represents a very human struggle for control and power.

Connected to this was the limiting of prayer for healing scrofula to the monarchs of France and England, who were regarded as having the privileged power due to their sacred royal **anointing** by a Pope or bishop, coupled to their descent as first-born of their royal family.

Healing, then, came to be used as a means of **proving** something, rather than simply as an expression of **God's mercy** and compassion towards the sick and suffering.

1) The proof value of healing for the Church was that miracles proved that the Catholic Church was the **true church**. (The pre-Vatican II theology that I learned in the seminary denied that miracles could be worked in Protestant churches and left it an open question as to whether miracles could take place in the Orthodox churches. This defensive teaching subsided after Vatican II.) Furthermore, miracles also proved the heroic virtue of **Saints** and authenticated their lives as models for our imitation.

2) The proof value of the Royal Touch for the monarchs of France and England was that healing showed that they were true Kings or Queens of the royal blood and sacred persons. For example, in the Wars of the Roses the houses of York and Lancaster boasted that their claimant to the throne was the only one who could truly exercise the Royal Touch. To increase the number of the sick who flocked to their particular claimant as king, they upped the traditional penny (a day's wages for a common laborer) that formerly was given to those who received the Royal Touch, to a gold 'angel' (as valuable as a physician's fee!).

In itself this little known history is fascinating. But, beyond that it helps us understand **why** the healing ministry was so diminished over the centuries and has been handed to us in such a puny, undernourished condition. It shows that a desire to control, by saying that "only we", or even in the case of the monarchs, "only I" can lay hands on the sick, - deprived ordinary Christians, ordinary laypeople, like us, of the marvelous privilege of praying for the sick with a lively expectation that they might be healed.

If the King or Queen of England was the only person in the kingdom praying for healing and the King was deposed what happens to the healing ministry? Nobody is left. It's finished.

A wonderful thing is that the people - the ordinary people - were always looking for Jesus to heal them. Even when the supply of Christian healers had dwindled to **one**, the people had great expectations. For instance when Charles I lost his battles and was turned over to Oliver Cromwell by the Scots, people still flocked to him to receive the Royal Touch as he traveled on his sorrowful way.

So, when the healing ministry began to be revived, the people were still there, waiting! *"These signs will follow those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick who will recover"* (Mk 16). Not just kings or queens, not just saints, but those who believe.

Special Report

from Francis

Last week after thirteen years, my dispensation from the Roman Catholic Church arrived. To us, this means that we are now welcome to receive the sacraments in the church. In the practical order this means that Roman Catholic Groups should again feel free to invite us to speak.



A FATHER'S BLESSING

by The Rev. Robert J. Kerner

"You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22b NIV)

The Father's Blessing of Jesus

As Jesus was beginning His earthly ministry, He was equipped for that ministry by the infilling of the Holy Spirit and by His Father's voice of recognition, approval, and blessing.

At midpoint in His ministry, in the presence of His disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, on the threshold of His journey to Jerusalem and the great trial of His life, Jesus again heard the Father's blessing. This time it was directed to His disciples about Him, and an injunction was added: *"Listen to Him."*

In this blessing God the Father **named** or **labeled** Jesus (*My Son*). He **claimed** Jesus (*whom I love*). He affirmed and voiced **approval** of Him (*with whom I am well pleased*). And He gave Him and His words and Ministry **validation** (*Listen to Him*).

Our Need for the Father's Blessing

How many of us have spent a lifetime trying to win our father's approval - even many years after his death or after our own growth to adulthood and even in our own status as parents. If it was not given, we are ever hungry for it and are still searching for it, consciously or not. Without that voiced or demonstrated validation we are at a loss.

All of us, men or women, girls or boys, need that blessing (from both parents) to grow into a healthy self-image and into a true awareness of who we are as individuals, and as women or men.

Here I am specially orienting my comments to our need of a **father's** blessing. (Many more of us have had **mothers** who were free enough to verbally affirm us.) We in the western world of modern generations did not have a heritage of religious fathers who often voiced their love or approval. They may have demonstrated it in some ways, but few were free enough to articulate a father's blessing or were even aware of its need.

Many of us, in fact, have had worse than its absence. We have had fathers (or mothers, or teachers, or pastors, or others in authority) who have given us negative pronouncements. Even when trying to be kind or friendly, their negative kidding may have been destructive.

How many of us were constantly given negative comparisons in an attempt to bully us into growth or improvement? Or have had our achievements lost in perfectionistic comparison? Some examples: *"Only two A's - what about the rest?" "You'll never make a success of your life!" "Why can't you be as good as your brother?" "You're a loser... a quitter... a sissy... lazy... stupid... etc."*

Allow The Holy Spirit To Speak Deeply To Your Soul...

Words can give life. Words can take life too. **We need a father's blessing - for survival!**

Who We Are in Christ

Before we can receive that blessing we need to know who we really are and why we can be blessed. All of us need to know the truth - our real identity and worth as a Christian.

First, we need to know that our individual **existence** is **validated**. Read the whole Psalm of 139. Especially relevant are verses 13 and 14: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

Second, we are a **new creation**. We are born again by water **and** the Spirit. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Cor 5:17-18)

Third: *"Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus..."*, (Rom 8:1) God's **conviction** of sin, moving us to repentance and freedom, yes. Condemnation, no.

Fourth: **Adoption** as God's children and heirs. (Read Romans 8:14-17) *"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry 'Abba', 'Father'."* (v15) and *"Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..."*. (v.17a)

This means that **we** can appropriate that **same** fatherly blessing from God as He gave Jesus, His firstborn Son! God sees us in and with Jesus. He sees us with Jesus' blood and His mark of redemption upon us. So, my friend, God sees **you** with Jesus written all over you! Therefore, **you** can claim God's naming or "labeling" and blessing: *"You are my beloved son (daughter)..."*

Fifth: Even more, we can claim the Father's favor, approval, and election. You are **also** His chosen one. *"...with you I am well pleased!"* "Who, me — pleasing to God?", you ask. Yes! Not on **your** merits, but by grace - God's will and Christ's blood.

God's favor (righteousness) cannot be merited (cf. Phil 3:9); and His approval doesn't depend on anyone else's. *"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me."* (Psalm 27:10)

Sixth: we also have a **new identity** in Christ. Through inner healing, the old "labels" can be erased from our souls and new labels, new names written in their place, engraved on our hearts. A broken self-image can be healed!

In my ministry of prayer counseling, I often "prescribe" an in-depth reading and personal application of Isaiah 62 - the whole chapter - with the person prayerfully reading his or her own name into the place of Zion or Jerusalem.

*"You will be called by a **new name** (a new identity) that the mouth of the Lord will bestow."* (v.2) *"No longer will they call you Deserted ("loser", "stupid", "hopeless", "ne'er do well", etc.) nor name your land Desolate ("rejected", "unwanted", "incorrigible", etc.). But you will be called "**my delight...**" and your land, "married" (wanted), for the Lord will **take delight** in you... so will your God **rejoice** over you."* (vss. 4,5b)

I was a leader in a prayer community in the early 1970's which was named "God's Delight" from this passage. It took us one and a half years before we could accept that name from the Lord! We are often so broken that we cannot accept good labels. God wants us to be blessed and to know His favor and approval.

I encourage you to **pray** through the above Scripture passages and to personally accept them for yourself. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak deeply to your soul through them. Be **open** to hear in prayer any additional words of approval from the Lord for you and to hear any special "names" that God may speak to your heart as you pray and listen to Him. I encourage you to listen with pen in hand - to record His special words of favor and encouragement to you.

If you have been deeply wounded you will need inner healing prayer and perhaps prayer counseling to bring about the healing of past hurts and a broken self-image. You may need help and the ministry of others even to receive **these** words and especially to appropriate them and to apply them personally. Even the notion of God's special favor for you may be difficult to accept. **Get that help** and receive the Father's Blessing - it is your inheritance!

Finally, it is just the beginning of our walk with God. Our goal is conformation to Christ; that **begins** with affirmation but must also involve the cross and growth. (Read Philippians 3:10-16). *"Only let us live up to what we have already attained."* (v.16) Amen.

BEHOLD, I SET BEFORE YOU
Today A BLESSING...

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR REPORTS

Healing of Marriage and Family Relationships

by Dr. Jackie Canepa

During this conference February 4 -7, 1993, the MacNutts and the Seamands were very effective together as evidenced by 97.6% of the attendees reporting that the speakers were excellent and 85.9% stating that their expectations were met. (Thank you, participants, for an 81% return of evaluations.) The highest percentage of people came seeking healing, and 91% reported receiving healing of some sort during the conference.

Responses concerning the hotel were much more positive; however, we can not re-schedule there until next year. All responses to individual ministry were good to excellent as were the responses to the healing service. Although 81% of the attendees were pleased with their groups, there is still some improvement for us to make in this area and we will continue to work on this.

There was a shift in the denominational breakdown, making this the most ecumenical conference we have had in years, with 13 denominations represented. Concerns were: start on time and eat together at large tables (sorry, we had no choice). We'll try to do differently at future conferences.

Inner Healing/Deliverance Seminar

by Nan Wigginton

For the past year CHM has received requests for more teaching beginning with the basics. In August, 1992 we began with the most needed and frequent request. **How To 'Do' Inner Healing**. Prayer ministers, clergy as well as therapists seem to have a real need for these tools to deal with their hurting congregations or clients. After a very successful August seminar on Inner Healing, CHM decided to offer in March, **Becoming A Prayer Minister**, to all persons interested in becoming one and/or beginning a prayer ministry in their own church community.

We are now able to offer a logical sequence of courses presented for spiritual growth and service. Hopefully you will find this helpful. May 4-7, we will be offering for the second time, **How to 'Do' Inner Healing**, followed July 6-9 by our, **Deliverance Seminar**. If you are thinking of attending "How To 'Do' Inner Healing" and have not attended "Becoming A Prayer Minister", we strongly suggest you purchase the tapes from that seminar. They will give you considerable background in preparation for the following two seminars you may wish to attend.

We are excited about expanding our teaching seminars to accommodate your needs in the Healing Ministry and look forward to your continued 'in-put' so that we may help you become more effective in your little corner of the world. I once

read a wonderful little book by Ann Keimel called *I'm Out To Change My World*. She relates how she began her work right in her own hometown, and as she was obedient in that task, God gave her bigger tasks to do. This really made an impression on me because I had always felt that what I could do alone was of such little consequence. If we all equip ourselves, and do what God calls us to do, right where we are, we **can** make a difference in our world. **Go for it!**

"How To 'Do' Inner Healing", May 4-7 and "Deliverance", July 6-9 will be located on the CHM grounds at a cost of \$125 for the four day courses, which includes handouts. A list of nearby restaurants and motels with nightly rates included, and map to CHM will be sent upon our receiving your reservation. Please register with and make payment in full to CHM before making a motel reservation as space is limited at CHM (first come, first serve basis), and your motel deposit may not be returnable. Those choosing to attend should have pastor/priest approval.

Becoming A Prayer Minister Seminar

by Dr. Jackie Canepa

For a beginning seminar, this one seemed to fit the needs of those attending. Most participants fell into two groups — those beginning prayer healing ministry in some form or other, and those who needed affirmation and confirmation regarding what they are already doing. All except five persons felt that their needs were met very well or extremely well, two felt their needs were met pretty well, and three felt that they really did not know yet but that time would tell. All felt that the seminar was very effective and will be even more so when we get the "bugs worked out".

As always, we had several crises, including a transformer blowing out during Judith's talk. All electricity and the phone system went dead on us. We just took early lunch that day, prayed a lot and all systems were fixed by the time we were ready to return.

The staff members at CHM are finding there are many rewards for preparing and carrying out the hard work of a seminar. Smaller groups allow us to really get to know y'all better; and, to arrange more counsel/prayer time for you with staff and prayer minister volunteers. Participants get to experience CHM in a very personal way and connect with our healing vision on deeper and deeper levels. We do become a family, a Christian community as we study, pray, sing, praise, talk and live together for those four days. And always, our Lord attends and brings healing - though that is not our focus. This time, 62% of our participants reported receiving healing of one kind or another. We thank our Lord for His healing love and grace, and thank all our participants for choosing to spend time with us learning more about God's prayer healing ministry.

**"The Lord Healed And
Delivered Me..."**

CONFERENCE Registration Form

CHM MINISTRY CONFERENCE May 27 - May 30, 1993 Conference Registration Form

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Please indicate if you want continuing education credits: _____ Yes License # _____

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1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF TEACHING AND MINISTRY

Date	Event	Speaker	Location	Contact
4/19/93 to 4/21/93	New Life Inc.,	Francis MacNutt	Chapel Hill, NC	Tommy Tyson (919) 933-5557.
4/21/93	SpiritualityFor Professional Care Givers	Maria Santa Maria	Kansas City, MO	1 (800) 576-0261.
5/4/93	Sem/How To Do Inner Healing	Francis & Judith MacNutt Staff and Prayer Ministers	CHM Jax, FL	Nan Wigginton (904) 765-3332.
5/27/93 to 5/30/93	Ministry Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt, plus Staff	Holiday Inn East Arlington Jax, FL	(904) 765-3332
6/4/93	Power and Work of H S	Francis MacNutt	Ridgecrest Montreat, NC	Jim Jackson (704) 669-8411.
6/12/93	Ministry Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt, plus Staff/Prayer Min.	Lakewood Meth. Chr 6133 San Jose, Jax,FL	(904) 733-8477
6/20/93	Healing Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Rutland, VT	Rema Larson (802) 773-7210
6/29/93	Healing Teaching Exodus International.	Francis MacNutt	Asbury Theol. Sem. Wilmore, KY	Bob Davies (415) 454-1017
7/6/93 to 7/9/93	Deliverance Seminar	Francis & Judith MacNutt plus Staff/Prayer Min.	CHM Jax, FL	(904) 765-3332
7/17/93	Healing Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt.	Edmonton, CAN	Betty Leveille (403) 460-2339.
8/13/93	Help for Past Hurts Conference,	Francis & Judith MacNutt.	Columbia Bible College.Columbia.SC	Susie Wood (803) 359-7311.
9/16/93	Healing in Action,	Francis and Judith MacNutt.	Bahia Hotel, San Diego, CA	Art Thomson (619) 454-2834.
9/25/93	Healing of the Heart	Maria Santa Maria	Holy Spirit Epis. Tallahassee, FL	Fr. Mike Ellis (904) 893-0307
9/26/93	Preaching	Maria Santa Maria	Holy Spirit Epis. Tallahassee, FL.	Fr. Mike Ellis (904) 893-0307
9/30/93	Vail CO. Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Christiania Lodge Vail, CO.	Paul Johnston (303) 476-5641



INTERCESSORS PRAISE REPORTS

By Joy Lamb



When our baby was born last summer critically ill with hydrocephalus and an unknown virus, our friend called and asked you to pray for her. We thank you for your prayers. She had two brain surgeries, including insertion of a shunt, that did not correct the problem of water accumulating on her brain. The doctor told us, after a craniotomy that the brain biopsy showed that her brain was destroyed.

We were also informed that her optic nerve had atrophied and that she would never see. At the hospital admissions office where Christina was being admitted for a third operation, she was healed as she lay in her father's arms. The Lord acted sovereignly and in a matter of minutes her head shrunk down and has stayed down for these past 5½ months, her skull fused normally, she began to see and now is growing and responding as a normal baby.

Her father writes, *"Our God is truly awesome. Christina's life has affected many. So many wonderful things have happened in our family - all have been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. It was not our ability to believe that made this sickness go, but rather the faith that God imparted to us through His mercy. We thank all of you for your concern and prayers."*

I requested prayer for my son who had detached retinas in both eyes. The doctor's prognosis was that he **might** receive 20/85 vision back in his eyes if he were **lucky**. This would be done with corrective lens. I praise God today, for his vision (with corrective lens) is 20/25. I thank you for praying.

Thanks for praying for our 18 month old child. The middle of December a renowned neurologist stated that my child would likely not walk for another 18 months. She **walked** for the first time on Christmas Day. (10 steps) Now she is full of **joy** herself.

My husband is feeling better, his blood count is up and he is also gaining weight, and strength.

I had requested prayer to break generational sin and curses. Prayers have been answered, there is renewal in my family, and much healing is taking place.

What a praise report. I requested prayer last July for my daughter-in-law. The intercessors prayed for her last August and during the month of October she accepted the Lord and now the fruits of the Spirit are showing! The month you all were praying, she successfully got weaned off prescription drugs for depression. Thank you. thank you all for praying. God Bless You!

Testimonies From The Conference:

1. Healing of rejection I had felt in my family of origin. Also, I had a vision of Jesus going to my mother and father and healing them of the rejection by their parents. I felt Jesus came into the whole family and touched all of us.

2. The Lord healed/delivered me of a spirit of jealousy. Jesus took it away and filled me with a gift of laughter. It was a tremendous experience.

3. Less pain in my body. A lightness of spirit and body. Hopefulness, worthiness, loveliness.

6. I experienced much needed direction in healing of marriage and how to more effectively love and not minister to my husband, but to let the Lord love me and let Him minister to my husband.

7. Healing of: a spirit of rejection as a newborn, a spirit of perfectionism, and destructive memories.

8. Two persons were set free from "something" when Francis prayed binding and deliverance prayers. Both felt freedom, peace, and lighter internally.

MY PRAYER REQUESTS: _____

MY PRAISE REPORTS: _____

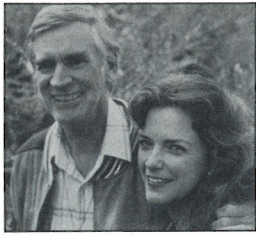


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CHM MINISTRY CONFERENCE

CHM presents a conference focused ENTIRELY ON MINISTRY, May 27 - 30, 1993. Because Conference reports consistently show that: 1) Most people come to CHM conferences for healing, and 2) great numbers of these people receive healings of some sort, we planned this conference to meet healing needs. There will be talks by the MacNutts on inner healing, physical healing, healing of losses, etc., then there will be prayer and ministry to the group for that particular healing. This is a first for us and we are very interested in seeing the results.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 27, 1993

5:30 p.m. - Registration
7:00 p.m. - 1st session - Why
Jesus Came

Friday, May 28, 1993

2nd Session - Overview of Inner
Healing
3rd Session - Healing the Losses in
Our Lives
4th Session - Healing Service

Saturday, May 29, 1993

5th Session - Physical Healing and
Emotional Components of Healing
6th Session - Deliverance
7th Session - Healing Service,
Laying On of Hands

Sunday, May 30, 1993

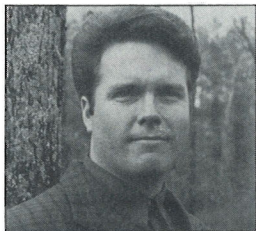
8th Session - Generational
Healing Eucharist

Group ministry will be offered after each session. Individual ministry will be by appointment only. **Registration fee** is \$165.00 with a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Full payment is required no later than May 17, 1993.

The meal plan offered includes Friday through Sunday noon (8 meals) and will be presold only, at the cost of \$70.00, which includes gratuity.

Room Rate will be \$50 for up to four people per night. Call Holiday Inn East, 5865 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL 32211, (904) 724-3410, to make your room arrangements.

Further information contact Nan at (904) 765-3332.



Ron Hendrix Praise and Worship Leader

Ron served as a worship leader and youth minister on staff at St. David's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Florida for seven years. He now has a traveling music ministry that includes recording projects, songwriting, concerts, conference, and speaking engagements. Ron and his wife Amy currently reside in Greenville, South Carolina where he is Worship Director for St Francis Episcopal Church.

Ron will be with us May 27th thru May 30th leading the Praise and Worship for the Ministry Conference being held at the Holiday Inn, Arlington, East Jacksonville, FL.

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