

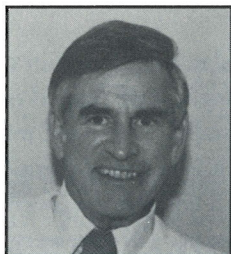


The HEALING LINE

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Thoughts From Francis



Dear Friends,

Rather than sharing, as usual, our thoughts about various aspects of healing, I want to tell you news about some of the important things that are happening to us.

The first is that we are to renew our wedding vows on Saturday, July 31, and are honored to have Bishop John Snyder (the local Roman Catholic bishop) preside. This will be a small gathering of a few friends, meeting in great joy. When we announced in the last Newsletter that we had received a "dispensation," many of you asked what that was. Technically it means that my request to "be reduced to the lay state" has, after 13 years, been granted and that we are free to marry in the Roman Catholic Church, and, most especially, that we are now welcome to receive the sacraments there.

One of our Protestant friends put it in ordinary language by congratulating us on receiving our "pardon." That puts it very simply.

To us the most joyful aspect is the reconciliation part of it all. In fact, after word of the dispensation got out, we received, within a month, invitations to speak from five Roman Catholic groups.

Having spoken of this joy, we also want to say how much we feel part of our Episcopalian friend's community, and how indebted we are to Bishop Frank Cervený and his wife Emmy for inviting us to come to Jacksonville and to move our CHM

center here from Clearwater, FL. Their unfailing love and support have kept our hearts and heads high during these past years. In fact, it is amazing to us to see that our Protestant friends have been the most eager to celebrate this long-awaited reconciliation. We still feel united to them, as much as ever.

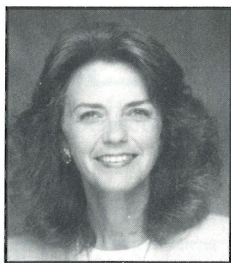
The other thing I would like to share concerns my health. Some months ago I mentioned in the Newsletter that I had passed out twice while driving and the doctors were conducting tests to find out why. Naturally, some of you have asked what happened.

The results have really been good. After extensive (and expensive) tests, they found that my heart is in good shape. The only thing the doctors could figure out was that my heart had such a slow beat (sometimes in the 30's) that, when coupled with an occasional missed beat, not enough oxygen always reached the brain. Their medical answer was to insert a pacemaker which gives an electrical impulse to the heart and keeps it at 60 beats a minute. So I'm back to jogging and all those good things. (After 7 years I will need to get the battery replaced.)

So we want to thank you for all your prayers and, most especially, that Rachel seems to have been healed of asthma at our February conference!

*Love
in Christ,
Francis, with Judith
and Rachel + David*

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Ask Judith?

Dear Judith,

Question: My seventeen-year old son was recently diagnosed with depression. The hospital referred us to a local psychiatrist for medication and treatment. We believe in the power of prayer to heal our son. Should we see the psychiatrist in addition to prayer? My son is also a believer.

Answer: Your question will touch the hearts of our readers. Many families have been touched in some way by this confusing disorder. Depression has been described as the "common cold" of this century. One in five people will suffer from the debilitating effects of this disorder during the course of his or her lifetime. It is estimated that twelve million people annually in this country suffer from depression. Half of this nation's suicides are attributed to clinical depression. Depression left untreated can gradually affect every aspect of life. In some cases, it can become chronic, affecting not only the emotional well-being, but physical health as well.

At CHM we encourage treatment with a combination of psychotherapy, inner healing prayers and medication, if necessary. You didn't state the severity or duration of your son's depression. Certainly a long-standing, severe clinical depression requires antidepressants for a prescribed period of time.

A growing consensus among scientists is that dysfunctions like depression are caused by disruptions of normal brain chemistry. Subconscious issues are thought to alter brain chemistry. We have discovered that deep, traumatic childhood wounds, when left unprocessed and unhealed, can produce depression. Most studies show that drug treatments work best when administered along with counseling or psychotherapy.

Many Christians have expressed concern about taking antidepressants; yet they feel perfectly at ease taking an aspirin for a headache. We need to educate ourselves about any drug the doctor asks us to take in order to appreciate its beneficial effects.

During the last decade research into brain chemistry has produced a group of highly specific antidepressant drugs that have few negative side-effects. They work rather quickly to alleviate the symptoms of depression.

Most of these drugs are effective in balancing the brain chemistry. Some drugs, however, such as Prozac have helped countless numbers of people regain emotional stability, and yet may produce adverse side-effects. Therefore, it is extremely important to remain under the professional care of a competent psychiatrist when using any prescribed antidepressant. (We are very blessed here at CHM to have Dr. Tom Wikstrom, Christian psychiatrist, who helps those who come to us for prayer but also need professional medical help). I do recommend that you find a Christian therapist who can work closely with a psychiatrist or doctor in prescribing the appropriate medicine for your son.

**My seventeen
year old son was
just diagnosed
with depression**

A professional psychiatric evaluation is necessary to determine if your son needs an antidepressant. If he does, a combination of prayer and psychotherapy should bring him the healing he is seeking.

If medication is not necessary he could be experiencing "situational depression" (i.e., caused by a particular situation) which many

of us temporarily experience when we live through intense conflict, loss, change, or anxiety. For a time we may feel depressed, sad or unhappy. If these symptoms gradually clear up as the problem subsides, he is probably suffering from situational depression that can be resolved with counseling or psychotherapy and prayer.

Sometimes prayers for generational healing is necessary, especially if depression can be traced back through your ancestry. Occasionally, deliverance prayers may also be necessary if demonic forces are at work. Discernment and the direction of the Holy Spirit are necessary in deciding the appropriate treatment for your son.

Certainly,

1. Prayer for inner healing is needed (sometimes this alone will be enough).
2. Counseling will be very helpful.
3. If the depression is severe, psychiatric help and the prescription of an antidepressant will be needed
4. It's just possible that prayer for deliverance will also be necessary.



Reports & Testimonials

DELIVERANCE SEMINAR REPORT

Dr., Jackie Canepa

Christian Healing Ministries' last seminar for 1993 has come and gone. Those who attended the Deliverance seminar were well-pleased with what they learned and with healing received. Over three-fourths reported healing of one sort or another — 39% received deliverance, 29% received inner healing, and 16% received physical healing. While the number of people receiving deliverance was uncharacteristically high, it is understandable in the light of what this seminar emphasized — deliverance.

Some comments given about the seminar were: "sound teaching, excellent role models"; "well done, good pace, wholeness in approach, well designed and organized"; "good information in an organized manner — a good balance, yet I still want more on how to pray for deliverance"; "You are doing wonderful things, keep up the good work."

All participants (except one) reported they had received what they came for; although one did say, "Yes, although I'm not sure what I came for"; and another noted, "received about 2/3 rds." The one negative comment given was, "No, but I received what God brought me here for."

Healings reported were:

Inner healing from in-utero rejection, and healing in my relationship with my parents.

When F. and S. prayed for generational rejection, fear, and a spirit of self-hatred, I was delivered. For

the first time that I can remember, my thoughts were quiet when I laid down. It is like voices have stopped that were so accusing.

Healed of the guilt, hate, painful memories of all the dirt.

Relieved of a spirit of fear passed on by Mother and Grandmother which has pervaded all of my life.

Set free of the Dragon named Satan. I feel at peace with a new sense of freedom.

As we look back at CHM's 1993 seminars, we find that those people who attended have overwhelmingly been pleased with the teaching and healing they have received. What has also filled our hearts with joy are the glowing reports back from those of you who have put your teaching/training into practice.

Some of you have used the material to enlarge your prayer ministries by training others in your churches, some have put into practice the training received and report great healing results, some are beginning to develop healing ministries within your churches.

Our goal is to pass on everything that we know regarding God's healing ministry, so we rejoice to know that y'all are using and passing on too.

Just a thought in closing, it seems that many more people are interested in learning about healing than in "doing" healing. Could it be that we "do-ers" of healing are the "remnant" talked about in Romans 11:5?

Heavenly *by Norma Dearing* Humor

L. answered the telephone at CHM one day, and after a slight pause we heard her reply, "No, this isn't the **MONUMENT** company. This is where you come **BEFORE** the monument company!"

CHM once received a prayer request from a woman who wanted us to intercede for what we **thought** was written, "my husband's appendix." Obediently we prayed for this man's healing. Later we learned that the

woman had written "my husband's appeal," as he was in prison. The good news — her husband won his appeal and is out of prison. (At last report, his appendix was doing fine too!)

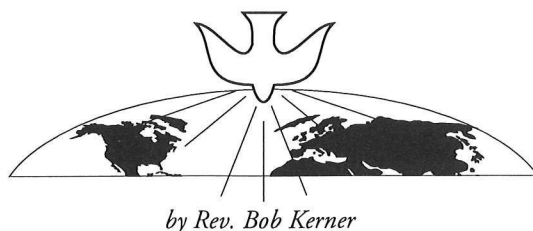
Mail all Praise Reports to: Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. P.O. Box 9520 Jacksonville, FL 32208

CHM HOMESTEAD OUTREACH

On the weekend of April 23-25, a team was sent from Christian Healing Ministries to minister a WEEKEND OF HEALING to the residents of Homestead, FL, who were victims of Hurricane Andrew. This outreach team consisted of CHM staff members Fr. Bob and Sandi Kerner, and Bob Bauwens of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Jacksonville, FL.

The conference of teaching, sharing, and healing prayer was held at S. John's Episcopal Church, Homestead, at the invitation of their rector, Fr. Terry Harris.

The Lord worked through the whole weekend, touching each person in unique ways through different activities as the partici-



pants began to understand about Inner Healing and about Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and how their reactions to their losses were quite normal. People were encouraged to work through their pain by reflecting, writing, sharing in small groups, praying, and offering their pain, losses, and feelings to the Lord. Significant healing was begun or furthered during the weekend, especially through the committal Eucharist and the Saturday night healing service.

We pray for God's continued restoration of losses, and for His abiding Presence to be a blessing to His people in the midst of such devastation. He may well be equipping them to be a healing resource for their area and the wider church!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If you do not wish to continue receiving CHM's Newsletter, THE HEALING LINE, please write "NO" on your mailing label, remove label from Newsletter, place in the enclosed envelope, and mail back to CHM. Our mailing list has reached over 16,000 persons, and the cost for printing/mailing is \$7800.00 each edition — a substantial amount. We are trying to be good stewards of the financial resources our Lord has given us and are desirous of your help. Please be assured that you who wish to continue receiving the publication will stay on the mailing list. Thank you for your help, and God bless you all.

CHM Coming Events

Dates	Event	Location	Staff	Contact & Phone
09\16\93 thru 09\19\93	Healing In Action	Bahia Hotel San Diego, CA	Francis & Judith MacNutt Rev. Don Williams, Barbara Shlemon Ryan	Art Thomson
09\25\93	"Healing of the Heart"	Holy Spirit Episcopal Tallahassee, FL	Dr. Maria Santa Maria	Fr. Mike Ellis (904) 893-0307
09\30\93 thru 10\02\93	Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Christiania Lodge, 356, Hanson Ranch Rd. Vail, CO 81567	Francis & Judith MacNutt Tommy Tyson, Sr. Jeanne Hill	Paul Johnston (303)476-5641 (h)
10\16\93	Day of Ministry	Lakewood United Methodist Church 6133 San Jose Blvd., Jax, FL	Francis & Judith MacNutt Staff, Volunteer Prayer Ministers	(904) 733-8477
10\21\93 thru 10\23\93	"Discovering Christian Healing"	Foundry Methodist Church Washington, DC	Francis & Judith MacNutt, Jackie Canepa Ron Hendrix—Worship Leader	Mary Wise (202) 332-4010
11\05\93 thru 11\07\93	Healing of Sexual Abuse	Jacksonville Marriott 195 & J. Turner Butler Blvd., Jax, FL	Francis & Judith MacNutt Jan Frank	CHM (904) 765-3332
11\10\93 thru 11\14\93	Episcopal Renewal Ministries	Evergreen Conf. Center, 2942 State Hwy 74 Suite 205, Evergreen CO 80439	Francis MacNutt	Rev. Carl Buffington 1-800762-7851
11\18\93 thru 11\21\93	Christspring	Cerveny Conf. Center Diocese of FL, Live Oak, FL	Dr. Maria Santa Maria	Kathy Barket (904) 268-3832
12\04\93	Ministry Day	St. Marks Episcopal Church Jacksonville, FL	Francis & Judith MacNutt CHM Staff, Volunteer Prayer Ministers	Nan at CHM (904) 765-3332
02\11\94 thru 02\12\94	Healing	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 4800 Belmont Pk. Terrace Nashville, TN 37215	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Rev. Ian Montgomery (615) 377-4750
03\03\93 thru 03\06\94	National Advisory Board Meeting at Marywood	Marywood Retreat Center Switzerland, FL	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Ann Bauwens (904) 765-3332
03\10\94 thru 03\13\94	Christspring	Cerveny Conf. Center	Dr. Maria Santa Maria	Kathy Barket (904) 268-3832
03\18\94 thru 03\20\94	Fishnet	Smithtown Long Island	Francis & Judith MacNutt Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 772-7210

MEDICATION FOR CHRISTIANS?

by Tom Wikstrom, M.D.

"Should a Christian take antidepressants, medication for anxiety or antipsychotic medication?" "Am I a failure, weak or morally inferior if I 'need' to take medications?" "If I take medications, then am I a 'bad' witness?"

These are some of the questions and statements I hear frequently from people who do "need" medication but are reluctant to take it.

It seems to me that underlying these questions is the belief that if I take medications, especially for improving mood or treating anxiety, than I am somehow less spiritual or have less faith. The idea that God's grace would, or could, be mediated on a natural level through material (in this case, manufactured chemicals) seems to not be considered. These same people are the ones who insist on the "prayer only" approach to treat their depressions, panic attacks or psychosis, and view medication as unspiritual.

Yet, if I ask them, "If a Christian has a broken leg is it OK for him/her to wear a cast?" In this case they answer, "Yes, it is Okay." Why the difference between these two responses? Why is it "OK" for a Christian with a broken leg to wear a cast, but not "OK" for a Christian to take antidepressants?

I believe the answer lies in the fact that we (in the western world) have an unnatural split in our minds between natural and supernatural, i.e., material and spirit. Somehow grace being mediated through matter is thought to be less spiritual!

The answer to this split in the mind of Western man is, I believe, the miracle and mystery of the Incarnation. If God so deigns to come as our Savior in and through matter (including chemical), then can we not believe that he has so created the natural order that His grace and healing can easily be mediated through a natural level if He so wills?

I am not arguing for the use of medications in all circumstances, but if medications are indicated, I do not feel that Christians should feel guilty or somehow less faithful or spiritual if they take the recommended medications. Indeed this is God's grace and healing in and through matter.

Tom Wikstrom, a psychiatrist for ten years, has a private practice in Jacksonville, FL and also is a part-time staff member at CHM.

Behind

Facts About Intercession at CHM

CHM has 385 intercessors. Each intercessor prays for about 30 people for a month's period. We pray God's Word (Scripture) for the categorized needs, i.e., Deliverance, Physical, Inner Healing, Relationships, Salvation, Protection, Comfort, Infilling of the Holy Spirit, Special Needs (this includes finances, jobs, homes, mates, blessings in business, legal matters), Wisdom, Guidance, Peace, Strength, Joy. When you send in your request please give first name only of the person in need, and a brief description of that person's need. Remember, no request is too great or too small for our Lord. If you have had answered prayer from a request you have submitted in the past, we would like to hear about it. If you would like to join us as an intercessor, we'd love to have you. Your life will certainly be blessed. It requires about twenty minutes of your time only three times a week, more if you choose.

The following are quotes from some of our intercessors:

One "new" intercessor writes: "I am writing to thank you for the privilege of being one of your new intercessors. The first



by Joy Lamb

The Scenes

time I made intercession for the requests sent to me as part of my morning devotion, I felt lightened and blessed, and I continue to feel good about it."

Another intercessor writes: "The first week of the month I thought my request had gone in too late for that prayer period, but I woke up one morning with a desire to pray the scriptures you had sent. I knew something wonderful had happened. I went on to experience a complete healing with my relationship with God and now He is working on the problem I thought He had forgotten. I have heard faith teachers who talked about the Word, but I thought prayer was prayer, but now miracle after miracle has happened. The anointing is on the Word! What untapped power is there! No wonder the people seeking to translate the Bible into English were killed."

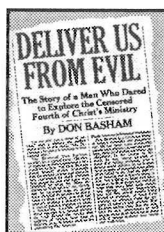
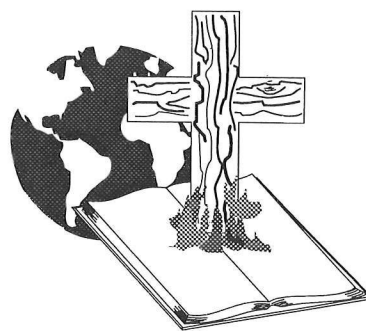
"It's so simple that all of us have missed it. His Word is the power, and contains within it seed and root to grow His will into fruition in this dimension. We may struggle with prayer and achieve nothing and our minds scoff that just saying His Word over names will do something, but God is so powerful that *just His Word Accomplishes His will.*"

CHM Bookstore

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New

Book Specials

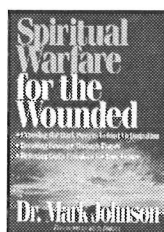


DELIVER US FROM EVIL
By Don Basham

A classic book on deliverance showing how the author moved from disbelief to acceptance of

the reality of demons; and then learned how to minister deliverance to others. #B012

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR THE WOUNDED
By Dr. Mark Johnson

In story after story, Dr. Johnson reveals how Satan uses those who hurt us, how he feeds us lies, and puts us in bondage. He then shows

how to overcome the lies, break bondages, and overcome shame and self-hatred. #B155

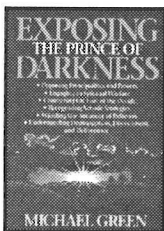
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DELIVERANCE AND INNER HEALING
By John and Mark Sandford

A book which integrates deliverance and inner healing and presents direction for using both ministries effectively. #B279

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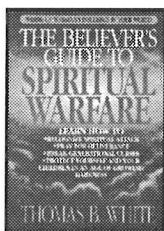


EXPOSING THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS
By Michael Green

A thoroughly reliable and balanced guide which equips

believers with knowledge, discernment, confidence, and power. #B355

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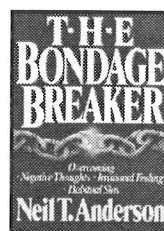


THE BELIEVER'S GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE
By Thomas B. White

This book contains information for equipping us to discern and combat demonic forces in our world. It provides biblically sound,

accurate and balanced teaching on the unseen war being waged around us. #B274

\$8.99



THE BONDAGE BREAKER
By Neil T. Anderson

Reveals the "whys" and "hows" of spiritual warfare and exposes Satan's battle for your mind.

Answers are given for dealing with this spiritual conflict. #B347

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Seminar Audio



Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.
Presents:

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This seminar on deliverance was held at CHM, Jacksonville, FL, July 6-9, 1993 as part of our ongoing "How To Do..." Training.

A Twelve Tape Audio Set

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Shloe Flanagan Norma Dearing
Tom Wikstrom, M.D.

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AN EXCEPTIONAL GROUP

Dr. Jackie Canepa

In our last newsletter, we announced that there would be two new conferences held this year outside of Jacksonville, FL (in South Carolina and in San Diego, CA) to benefit Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. (CHM). This means that the proceeds from the conferences are given to CHM to assist in the continuous operation of the Center, in supporting new CHM programs, and in bringing healing to many persons.

This month I would like to highlight a group which has been holding a conference-a-year to benefit CHM since 1987! — five years of faithful support for God's healing ministry as carried out through Francis and Judith and CHM!! The name of this dedicated group of people is FISHNET Northeast.

This is an ecumenical organization composed of people committed to Jesus Christ and dedicated to ministering Christian healing to the world. The members of FISHNET Northeast pray individually and collectively for God's will to be revealed to them, as well as praying individually and collectively for healing for God's people. They seek to extend CHM by supporting this ministry through prayer, time and money.

Surely God has His hand of blessing upon these persons who have been set apart for His special use in His healing ministry. We, of CHM, treasure our personal relationship with FISHNET and truly do "... rise up and call (them) blessed" (Prov. 31:28).

For information regarding this group, write George and Rena Larson, RR1, Box 4290, Rutland, VT, 050701-9231.

FEATURED SPEAKER: JAN FRANK

4TH ANNUAL THERAPISTS' CONFERENCE

Marriott Hotel

Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256

HEALING OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Featured Speakers:

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Judith MacNutt
Francis MacNutt

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Who Should Attend

Therapists
Clergy and Lay Leaders

Medical Practitioners
Other Interested Persons

Registration Info.

Date/Time: November 5-7, 1993 Friday afternoon (regist. 3-5pm), all day Saturday through Sunday farewell lunch.

Location: Jacksonville Marriott Hotel
4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256
Phone: (904) 296-2222 (Please make your own reservations with the hotel.)

Cost: \$175.00 Pre-registered by Oct. 1 (\$25 non-refundable)

\$185.00 Pre-registered after Oct. 1

\$195.00 registration at the door

Discount of 50% for Clergy/Clergy Spouse

Meal Ticket Cost: \$52.00 (incl. grat.) for Sat. and Sun. meals.

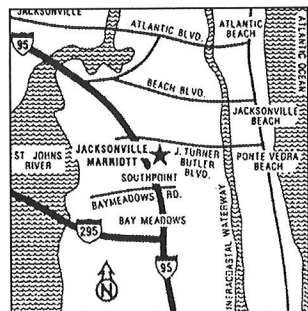
These tickets are presold only (deadline Oct. 26)

Friday: 3:00-5:00 Registration
PM 5:00-7:00 Dinner on your own/Free Time
7:00-7:15 Praise and Worship
7:15-9:00 Overview of Sexual Abuse with a Look at Common Misconceptions. Significant Presenting Symptoms of Victims.

Saturday: 8:00 Breakfast
AM 9:00-9:15 Praise and Worship
9:15-10:15 Treatment Planning for Survivors Who Choose the Healing Process and Recovery. Part 1

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break
10:30-12:00 Treatment Planning for Survivors Who Choose the Healing Process and Recovery. Part 2
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Free Time
PM 2:00-3:15 Relationship Issues for the Victim/Survivor
3:15-3:00 Break
3:15-5:00 Spiritual Truth Concerning the Healing Process and Recovery.
5:00-6:00 Free Time
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-7:15 Praise and Worship
7:15-8:30 Treatment Planning for Survivors Who Choose the Healing Process and Recovery. Part 3
8:30 til ? Healing Service

Sunday: 8:00 Breakfast
AM 9:00-9:30 Praise and Worship
9:30-10:30 Panel Discussion and Questions
10:30-11:30 Eucharist
11:30-12:00 Check-out
12:00-1:00 Farewell Lunch



4TH ANNUAL THERAPISTS' CONFERENCE November 5-7, 1993 Registration Form

Healing of Sexual Abuse

(Please print)

Name _____ Denomination _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City, State, Zip _____

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

Enclosed is a check or money order for: Registration Fee _____ Meal Plan _____ Total \$ _____

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