

The Frontline

Observations, strategies, and experiences from those on the frontline of Christian healing.

UNDER ATTACK! Why form chapters?

*"Fight the good fight of faith!
Take hold of the eternal life-you were born to it..."*
1 Timothy 6:12

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It seems whenever a Spirit filled ministry arises, it eventually dies or becomes less effective. Satan does not want us to enter into the Truth and especially does not want us to have a Spirit filled ministry that reaches out to others, effectively saving and healing through the power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Spreading the truth of the Word will defeat Satan in people's lives.

Satan has many tools with which to attack our ministries. He is the author of lies. (John 8:44) He can make us think things like: "I'm not good enough or knowledgeable enough", or a favorite: "I don't have enough time to make a commitment." His greatest lie is that he doesn't exist or that he is not active in our world. If we believe that then he has pulled the wool over our eyes. What is there to fight against or protect ourselves from? We cannot live in apathy. We cannot do it alone. Jesus said "wherever 2 or three are gathered, I will be in their midst." Paul says different people have different gifts but by the

same Spirit. Thus in teams, our prayers will be more effective.

When I was considering becoming the Region 1 Director, my biggest concern was that I had no idea what the job entailed and didn't know what I was doing.

At a conference in Fredericton, Fr. Jack told a story about a man who was debating about becoming minister. The man told God, "OK God, you teach me how to swim and I will jump in." In response God replied, "No, you jump in and then I will teach you how to swim!"

Now I'm not sure if he made that up just for me or not, but I jumped in. I feel I have learned to doggie paddle! In researching Region 1 (please correct me if I am wrong), I discovered that we only have two active chapters right now and they are both in Maine. Yet there are many folks who are members and lead healing "groups" and some have healing teams that pray with people in church. This is wonderful and I applaud your efforts in keeping the healing ministry of Jesus alive. Being a part of an OSL

chapter has helped me in many ways and it can help you too.

OSL used to have strict guidelines about the formation of Chapters and they were put in place to guide us into the strongest, best place we could be. If your chapter can be formed with a Chaplain, a Convener, a Treasurer and 5-6 folks, it would be best. It seems the inability to fully comply is keeping folks from having a chapter so it was decided that if you didn't have a chaplain, you could use the Regional Chaplain.

In Region 1, the Rev. Barbara La-Chance is our Regional Chaplain. OSL's original mission was to get the healing prayer ministry into the churches. Many churches now take an active role in the healing ministry and OSL has been instrumental in this. While OSL is still connected to many churches of different denominations, it has also branched out of the church and Healing Centers have been created. In my opinion, both avenues are essential to Christ's purposes.

If you are starting a chapter with the