

The Role of the Chaplain in an OSL Healing Community

The role of the chaplain in an OSL healing community encompasses four basic areas: spiritual, pastoral, theological, and discipleship.

- A. **Spiritual** - The chaplain is the spiritual advisor to the healing community, especially to the convener. He or she encourages the convener in leading the community. He or she also serves as a shepherd to guide the community in spiritual matters. The chaplain comes alongside the convener as the meetings are planned and prays for the convener regularly.
- B. **Pastoral** - The chaplain provides pastoral care for the whole healing community when needed. He or she prays for each member of the group regularly and is available to provide pastoral care for them as needed.
- C. **Theological** - The chaplain provides theological guidance to the healing community. If the teachings, books studies, or discussions are expressing theologically incorrect or questionable statements or ideas, it is the role of the chaplain to gently correct or redirect the ideas to be in line with Scripture, accepted theology and doctrinal understandings.
- D. **Discipleship** - The chaplain models and encourages discipleship within the healing community.

The chaplain is to continue to seek health of mind, body and spirit as will make him or her capable of maximum vocation, and to endeavor to cultivate the God-given gifts for the work of healing: to carry out the commitments made at his or her induction; and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of this ministry.

The Role of the Convener in an OSL Healing Community

The role of the convener in a healing community is to lead the community in conjunction with the chaplain's advice and spiritual acuity. This leadership encompasses four basic areas: hospitality, training, ministry opportunities, and organization.

- A. **Hospitality** - The convener is responsible to convene the meeting by Zoom, email, phone, and/or in person, and to provide for the group's opening worship. The convener welcomes new/discerning members into the group and directs them to join OSL and take advantage of the online 26 Healing Miracles Courses that are offered on a regular basis, so that they could be inducted into the Order of St. Luke as full members.
- B. **Training** - The convener, together with the chaplain (and leadership team if there is one), researches and provides for the ongoing training of the members of the healing community through study and prayer practicums. Updated study resources authorized by OSL will be provided through the conveners' coach. The convener equips and empowers members to share their gifts by inviting them to be on a rotation to lead the study and discussion time at the meetings. The convener provides information to the healing community on conferences and retreats sponsored by OSL, and OSL partner organizations, that will further equip them in their healing ministry.
- C. **Ministry Opportunities** - The convener, together with the chaplain (and leadership team if there is one), plan healing retreats, healing days, healing services, or healing missions, if feasible. All such events should be shared with the regional director in order to avoid any possible scheduling conflicts. The convener keeps the membership advised of opportunities for ministry on the OSL Online Center for Healing Prayer.
- D. **Organization** - The convener, together with the Chaplain, (and leadership team if there is one) set the agenda for each meeting, as well as leading the group to decide how often and on what day and at what time the community will gather. The convener maintains the roster for the group and shares any changes in the group leadership or membership with their Regional Director who will send the information to the OSL office in order to update the database and website information.

Together with the chaplain, the convener is to be regularly in prayer for the community, is to be regularly in contact with the Regional Director and is encouraged to attend the meetings that are scheduled quarterly by the Conveners' Coach for fellowship and further leadership training.