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In my years as a local church pastor I've discovered that one of the greatest roadblocks to a person's spiritual growth can be a spirit of unforgiveness. The focal point of that unforgiveness can be found in a variety of places—the Church, a parent, or even God Himself. I've witnessed how people can be stymied and paralyzed by their inability to forgive.

A few weeks ago, our local church was blessed by the effective and transformational ministry of Wounded Healers under the direction of Pastor Ron Corcoran. Ron and his team presented a two-day conference on "The Steps to Forgiveness". I love drawing close to those places where God is clearly at work. This conference gave me a front row seat, allowing me to observe firsthand the liberating power of the Spirit of Christ at work in the lives of some folks who were able to lay aside years of bondage.

The transparency of the speakers at the "Steps to Forgiveness" conference offered the participants valuable glimpses into the deep work of the Spirit of God in their own lives. These personal stories were followed with practical insights on how the participants could experience healing and release for themselves. No one was left hanging. Trained prayer teams were available to assist and guide the conference participants to spiritual and emotional health.

I highly commend to you the ministry of Pastor Ron Corcoran and his team at Wounded Healers. By hosting the "Steps to Forgiveness" conference, the people of your local church or ministry will be blessed, transformed and liberated by the power of God's Spirit!

Sincerely yours,

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To ANiC Clergy and Parishes
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Last weekend I attended the second Wounded Healers Conference, the heart child of Archdeacon Ron Corcoran. One hundred people magnetically came to this Pied Piper, to touch his hem. "If Ron can be redeemed and made whole given **his** childhood abuse then perhaps I can too", they said. They were right! We did not see a single person leave without at some stage in the weekend come to a prayer team for ministry.

Ron's testimony, told in frank humorous dialogue format kept us riveted. The great "why" question that Ron wrestled with for years has finally given way to the "what" question, "what" can God do through his abuse and suffering? What God did this last weekend was remarkable, a new ministry has begun for Ron for ANiC and the church universal.

If you have wounded people in your family, your congregation that no one seems to be able to reach, look no further. Ron has a team of people ready to mobilize to come to your parish for a Wounded Healers weekend. Don't be surprised if I tag along on the ministry team. I believe in hanging around where the water is being disturbed. There is a wave of the spirit flowing out of a wounded man redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and the word of his testimony.

Warmly
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October 13th, 2017

Ven. Ron Corcoran
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Dear Ron

MINISTRY AT SOJOURN AND UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

We have been richly blessed by your recent ministry amongst us. Your story is astonishing and heartbreaking, but the redemption you have found in Christ is a powerful testimony of his healing power. Thank you for your courage, openness and humility in your sharing, teaching and prayer for the hurting in our community.

The conference is more than personal. It will influence and shape our community in the season ahead. You have given everyone in our community permission to take an inward journey together to find even our deepest hidden burdens, attitudes, hurts and failures and lay them at the foot of the cross. We have been emboldened to go deeper into Christ. It is clear that this is a lifetime journey, but the conference has set the pattern and shown us the path. As we begin these practices among ourselves we will have a shared language, shared expectations and a shared ethos of honesty and openness (things we already enjoy in some measure). We will learn to trust and help each other more and more.

Not all of us have faced obvious abuse but many of us know what it is to be wronged and to struggle to forgive, or have wrestled with unfulfilled desires, anxiety, self acceptance, insecurity, resentment, jealousy, ... the list is endless. Whatever our struggles, you have shown us how to give them over to Jesus and help others do the same. We have experienced the healing water of the Spirit soothing our souls and drawing us powerfully into God and his love.

Healing and deliverance is the key to finding joy and new life in the Lord. It is at the very heart of the Gospel and is an essential part of bringing rescue and renewal to our world. It is a message of hope that will resonate in the emptiness and brokenness of life in this city. I am convinced that this Gospel of power and redemption will find traction in our culture and open the way for many to find Christ as we take the sure foundation of sound doctrine and theology into an encounter with the risen Lord.

You have blessed us more than I can describe!

May God open the way for this ministry to break out amongst his people.

In his grace,



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In November 2017, my parish hosted Archdeacon Ron and his wife Deirdre for a Wounded Healers Conference. It was a delight to have them with us to experience and share in this gospel ministry.

I write this letter to the hesitant, whether you are considering to host or attend a Conference, or have decided to attend one and are a bundle of nerves.

The idea of hosting the Conference at Grace came from a parishioner of mine who first placed a copy of Ron's book *Deliver Us from Evil* in my hand. This parishioner had once been a member of a church Ron had pastored before his retirement from parish ministry.

I must confess, at first I was hesitant about hosting the Conference. As members of the same Anglican Diocese, Ron and I had met a few times, but I did not really know Ron all that well and was therefore reluctant about inviting him to discuss such a sensitive and, let's face it, an uncomfortable topic.

I must also confess that my interest in the book was first peaked when I learned Ron devoted a whole chapter in the book to his time as the Rector of a parish in Vancouver that had left him spiritually burned out. This was a safer entrance into the book for me because of its relevance to my vocation.

So why did I agree to host the Wounded Healers conference? Allow me to provide two reasons which may begin to address your hesitations or nervousness.

First, in the pages of the book I found the heart of the gospel. Ron's book is the story of a man—once treated as less than human—made new and whole by the power of the gospel. Although, his story is uniquely his own it is a story that points the reader to the story of God's joy in resorting the broken, a God who comes to bind the wounds which are uniquely ours with his grace and love. A gospel in which we meet the Lord who can make us well.

Second, in the pages of the book I also found the heart of a pastor. In telling of his story Ron is not concerned with self-promotion, but rather self-giving to help others. His pastoral heart is even more evident when you meet him in person: welcoming, warm, safe, compassionate, vulnerable and faithful. This pastoral presence is only strengthened by Deirdre, his partner in life and this ministry.

Ultimately, I was convinced that God wanted to use Ron to minister to hurting people. The gospel at work in his story and ministry could reach people in my parish in ways and places that I could not. My invitation to him to come to Grace was an implicit acknowledgment of my own limitations. His experiences of suffering and redemption are being used by God to bring healing and hope to others. I saw the evidence during our conference. I am glad we hosted the Conference. I pray that God's healing work continues.

In Christ,

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To Whom It May Concern,

We at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Pembroke, Ontario were privileged recently to host a Wounded Healers' Conference led by Archdeacon Ron Corcoran. With Ron were his wife Deirdre and two members of the Wounded Healers' Team, The Reverend Don Hamilton and his wife Jean. Approximately 50 people attended the conference over the 3 days, mostly from our own parish but also including some folks from other churches in our area. It was indeed a wonderful and Spirit filled experience!

Ron's courageous testimony of the healing that he has received from the Lord after years of horrific abuse moved us deeply. Some of those attending the conference were carrying deep wounds themselves – they were ministered to in a profound way. Even if our personal stories were not quite as dramatic as Ron's, yet we each were touched by God's grace as Ron shared from his own life.

The Biblical teaching, worship and prayer ministry that accompanied Ron's testimony were very helpful. Virtually everyone who attended came forward to receive healing prayer at some point in the conference. The sweet sense of the Holy Spirit's presence was particularly strong on the Saturday as individuals let go of old hurts and found new freedom in Christ. At the Sunday morning service following the conference – where Ron preached powerfully and at least one person came to Christ! - 3 individuals gave testimony to what the Lord had done for them in the preceding days. Several more folks would have spoken had time permitted!

I believe there will be many ongoing benefits of the Wounded Healers' Conference for St. Luke's as a parish, in addition to the healing individuals received. Our parish healing ministry was renewed and will continue to build in the coming months. The opportunity for the parish team to help organize the conference was a great community building process that will pay dividends well into the future. All the prayer that surrounded the conference continues to bear fruit.

I am grateful to the Lord, to Ron, and to the Wounded Healers' Ministry for all that was accomplished recently in our parish. I am glad to recommend this ministry to other congregations. May the Lord continue to guide and bless this ministry to bring greater healing to His people and glory to His name!

Yours in Christ Jesus the Great Physician,

Archdeacon Tim Parent



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Dear Ron,

I thank God for you, Ron! The ministry that you and your team provided last month to our church family and community at the Wounded Healers Conference was stellar! Considering your fruitful ministry to us last year, my expectations were high as we went into this year's conference. I have to say that those high expectations were more than exceeded.

Your profound and insightful teaching, along with the warm, pastoral spirit in which it is offered, continues to have great effect. Team members Jean and Don Hamilton were a breath of fresh air to us, and Deirdre's insightful teaching on "Responsibility vs Over-Responsibility" spoke directly to my heart.

God continues to use you, Ron, in amazing ways to bring about freedom and joy to all kinds of people in need of God's redemptive touch. May He continue to pour out His Spirit upon you!

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I attended because I am a member of the team and also to be able to tell others what to expect when I extend an invitation to attend to anyone else.

The conference met my expectations. There is power in love ... to help and heal when nothing else can ...God is love ... (Unashamedly paraphrased from the Sermon given at the Royal Wedding!) and Wounded Healers expresses that love.

First impressions, a sense of welcome as soon as we walked through the door, all very peaceful, friendly and calm. Well organized greeters who made decisive decisions without causing embarrassment.

Help available if needed. The people working on the Conference were unobtrusively mixed in with the participants. Prayer ministers I went to were certainly able, kind, and not overly verbose.

Although this next comment is specific to the venue, I will mention it anyway. With my food intolerances it is always difficult to attend something like this and feel free to eat. The people at the Church of the Nazarene went above and beyond in meeting the dietary needs of those attending. I was very impressed, and happily very full!

I presume like most other participants, I arrived not knowing what to expect and was a little unsure on Thursday evening as to what was expected of me. It soon became apparent that I was there to be fed, not to 'do anything'. It was a very freeing feeling. I was anxious to return on Friday!

The music was good, well chosen, a different style to what I am used but well led, so I could participate and come to a place of worship. Brett certainly has a wonderful way of bringing all the pieces together succinctly in a welcoming, relaxed way. When he called us to order he was kind, firm and fostered a great sense of anticipation.

Ron, the conversation format you are using is brilliant. I forgot everyone else around me and just became the third person in your living room, an invited guest listening to an important conversation. Although each of the topics was specific to you and your experiences, you continuously focussed on what God had done and was doing in your life.

I found the conversations were relevant and did what they set out to do. The topics for the presentations were well chosen, full of meat to chew over. Perhaps due to Jean dealing with pain, I found her talk a bit more difficult to follow at times, but did, I believe get the point. Deidre's talk was brilliant. It really struck a chord with me for obvious reasons.

I was truly impressed by Jean continuing with a broken arm and yourself soldiering on.

Previous to going forward for prayer, we were given time to let God speak to us in the quietness of our hearts and to decide if we needed to take the opportunity to go for prayer. I had thought I was attending as an observer but God had other plans. God went straight to something I did not realize I had been harbouring. I went for prayer. I was released.

Deep down inside I had been feeling very guilty because I had had to place my father in the Care Home. Through self acknowledgement, (becoming aware) and prayer I was released. The change in me has been startling. The dreadful fatigue I have been battling has lifted! I am myself for the first time in absolutely ages. It is wonderful. Thank you God!

Perhaps as testimonials go this is a simple healing, not earth shattering, but all woundedness separates us from God. I was amazed and have told many about the Wounded Healers Course and God's goodness, His overwhelming desire to touch us with His love; to meet us in our still, quiet places. I am amazed too at the amount of damage this sense of guilt I was labouring under did to me. A third amazement for me once again is how God meets each of us so personally.

This is a wonderful Ministry and I am so thankful to be contributing in some small way.

God Bless,
A Wounded Healers Board Member