

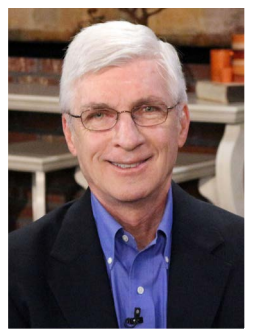


# RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Celebrating  
**35**  
YEARS  
of God's  
Faithfulness

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May  
2016

Proclaiming Jesus through Catholic Renewal and Evangelization



A letter ▶  
from Ralph Martin

*Dear Fellow Disciples,*

**Praise the Lord! He is great! He is mighty! He is wise! He is faithful! He is good! He is love itself! He is for us! He is true! If we just remain faithful to Him to the end—and He will give us the grace to do so—He will raise us from the dead and the life of everlasting glory will begin in its fullness! Wow. Thank You, Lord.**

In the meantime, we carry on. Faithful in the daily struggles of life and faithful to the call the Lord has given us, whatever it may be. And that's true for all of us here at Renewal Ministries as well. Sometimes people think that people in the public eye, who give talks on a stage, are immune from life's difficulties, but that is not the case. At the end of last month's letter, I shared about the various trials that members of our staff, including me, were going through. Since then, we've had another very sad development. One of our key staff members, who was eighteen weeks pregnant, learned at a routine doctor's visit that the baby in her womb had died. Very sad. Please pray for her and her family in this time of sorrow. And yet we know that none of us are immune from the sorrows of life—what we call the "veil of tears" in the *Hail, Holy Queen* prayer. But because we're Christians, we don't grieve like the pagans do, without hope. We grieve, but we grieve in the hope of future resurrection. We carry on with our daily responsibilities, dependent upon receiving our daily bread from our faithful Father.

**I'm happy to report that all of us are "carrying on" in gratitude and joy despite the various sorrows.**

A number of you have shared that you have prayed for my wife Anne, who went through breast cancer surgery. The good news is that the cancer hadn't spread to the nearby lymph nodes, and while we haven't received the final pathology/genetic test results, there's a good chance she won't need chemotherapy. The surgery itself was unusually difficult, and the day after surgery, a mass of blood clots started forming that required she be rushed back into surgery to stop the bleeding and to remove the "hematoma." Thanks for the prayers. She is definitely on the mend.

When I was invited to give a talk at the Legatus National Summit, Anne and I had a chance to meet Gianna Emanuela, the daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, who spoke about her mother's decision to risk her life for the sake of her unborn daughter.



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Ralph took this photo during his recent speaking engagement at the Alaskan Convocation for Clergy: Far left table (l-r), Archbishop Roger Schweitzer of Anchorage; Bishop Chad Zielinski of Fairbanks; two of the priests; and on the far right, Bishop Edward Burns of Juneau.

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## In the meantime, besides our struggles in fidelity in our most immediate life circumstances, the mission continues to unfold in wonderful ways...

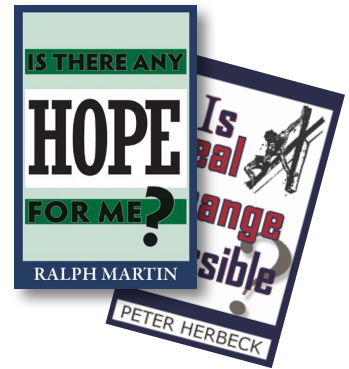
▶▶ We just finished our twenty-fourth annual *Life Jesus Higher* rally in Toronto and once again were absolutely inspired by the tremendous multi-ethnic gathering of “saints”—and those they are evangelizing. You can “read all about it” in this newsletter.

▶▶ I have spoken at numerous local chapters of Legatus, the organization of Catholic CEOs that Tom Monaghan founded, but recently was invited to speak at their National Summit for the first time. **The theme, “Being a Catholic in Uncomfortable Times,” was very timely.** I shared the truth about mercy (you can read an expanded version of the talk in my new booklet, *Forever Grateful for Mercy*). Its link to our mission blended in very well with Dr. Robert George’s address and others as well. While at the Legatus Summit, my wife Anne and I had a chance to meet St. Gianna Molla’s daughter, who was visiting from Italy.

▶▶ Then there was a fruitful trip to Alaska! (Even if it was in the middle of winter!) Over the years, I have come to know all three bishops of the three Alaskan dioceses—Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau—and they invited me to do their annual All-Alaska Clergy Convocation this year. Alaska continues to be real mission territory, and the opportunity to help strengthen the Alaskan priests was special.

▶▶ I also recently mentioned that Anne and I joined a local branch of the St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP), in order to have more hands-on opportunities to serve the poor. Once a week, when I am in town, my job is to man the local office where we can distribute grocery gift cards, bus tokens, and clothing vouchers for the SVDP thrift shop to those who need them. The vision of the SVDP Society also is to be alert for opportunities to evangelize those we help with material needs. **The local chapter had been offering copies of the parish bulletin, holy cards, and rosaries, but I noticed that most of the people coming had no Catholic background, so I asked if I could offer some of our Renewal Ministries’ booklets to those who seek our help.** I was inspired to do so by all the reports we are receiving about how many people are using our booklets to awaken family, friends, parishioners,

and strangers to the times we are living in and their spiritual significance. The first week, I laid out six or seven different titles of our booklets on the table and asked if any seemed of interest to them. Almost everyone chose *Is there Any Hope for Me?* One chose *Is Real Change Possible?*



**I’m really happy that we can offer these along with our material help. It’s also the practice of our local chapter to offer to pray with our clients at the end of our exchange, and almost everyone wants to do so. Some expressed very sincere appreciation for doing so. Praise the Lord!**

▶▶ I also spoke recently at our local i.d.9:16 chapter about “The Christian and Money.” I haven’t spoken on that topic for many years. I saw once again how important it is to know what the Scripture says about this important area and how little people are aware of it. I’m asking our newsletter editor to transcribe the talk; we’ll consider making it into an article for a future newsletter.

▶▶ Sr. Ann seems to be busier than ever, with numerous requests to do parish missions and speak all over. She is definitely not slowing down! Peter also seems to be busier than ever and is preaching with greater and greater power and anointing. God is good!

We continue to get numerous reports of how all aspects of Renewal Ministries are impacting people. You’ll read some inspiring mission reports later on in the newsletter, as you do every month. **It all happens because you are responding to inspirations sent your way to stand with us in the mission!**

Until next month, your brother in Christ,

*Ralph Martin*  
Ralph

# feed my sheep

· IDEAS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS ON SHARING THE FAITH ·

*The following letter originally appeared in a newsletter published by Don and Pat Turbitt, two of Renewal Ministries' country coordinators and members of our Speakers Bureau. We thank them for allowing us to share this beautiful, yet simple, example of mercy during the Jubilee Year.*

Recently, I was at Target to purchase a DVD called *Full of Grace*, a movie about Our Lady in her later years. As I headed for an express lane to pay, it looked as if the cashier was closing up, so I headed for the next lane. When she saw that I only had one item, she beckoned for me to come back. While I was getting my credit card, she must have noticed Our Lady's picture on the jacket and in a very sad voice asked, "Why is there death?"

I explained that God gives us time on earth to come to know and love Him and then return home to Him in heaven.

I asked if she was Catholic. She said she wasn't but her father was.



I told her a little about the Year of Mercy and that God was calling all His children back to Him. I wanted her to know that God had arranged this little meeting so that she would know that He had a very special love for her!

As I was leaving, she said in a very soft voice, "Thank you for talking to me in a kind way."

When I returned to my car, I had to smile, thinking that it was Our Lady's picture on the DVD that gave her the courage to ask her question.

Thank you, Pat, for all your teachings over the years. YOU are a beloved daughter of the Father.

In Christ,

*Rosalind O'Gara*

## The Ark and The Dove: Where the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Began

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Patti and Al Mansfield are pictured here at The Ark and The Dove Retreat House, north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This picture was taken on the forty-ninth anniversary of the "Duquesne Weekend," during which the Holy Spirit fell in power on a handful of university students. Many in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and others baptized in the Holy Spirit, trace their beginnings back to this event.

The Ark and The Dove, Inc., recently purchased the retreat house, in the hope that it will become "that rallying point for the Renewal worldwide," according to Chairman Johnny Bertucci.

There currently are plans for the facility to be used as a pilgrimage destination, a retreat center, a resource center, and for praise and worship events.

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household, said, *I cannot but rejoice over the decision . . . to buy the Ark and the Dove retreat house where the Catholic Charismatic Renewal had its first visible manifestation back in 1967.*

Patti was present at the Duquesne Weekend, and recently published a Golden Jubilee Edition of *As By a New Penetecost*, her book about the event and the beginnings of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The book can be ordered through our Reply Card.





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## 2016 Rally ▶ UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM

The twenty-fourth annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally brought four-thousand people hungry for the Holy Spirit to the Toronto Convention Center in March. The event's theme was "Unshakable Kingdom," based on the verse from Hebrews 12:28-29:

“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.”

Ralph Martin; Dcn. Larry Oney; Sr. Ann Shields, SGL; and Peter Herbeck headlined this year's Lift Jesus Higher Rally, which was organized under the guidance of Robert Raisp. Cardinal Thomas Collins celebrated Mass and gave a very powerful homily about the need to stand firm against a growing culture of death.



### DEACON LARRY ONEY ▶

#### *Visitation of Mercy (In a Time of Shaking)*

Dcn. Larry Oney began his talk by explaining that “the foundations of our earth are shaking right now, but God has placed us on the world for such a time as this.” He said, “Scripture is clear that if we proceed in faith and fidelity to the things of God, His is a kingdom that cannot be shaken.”

He discussed things we must do as we “confront the battle of secularism—of calling evil good”: use discernment in every environment; remember God hasn't forgotten about His people; depend upon God; and praise Him. He said,

*“Praise can usher in the heart of God. Praise changes the atmosphere.”*

In fact, Dcn. Oney suggested that when people need to change the atmosphere in their homes, they should “go to every room . . . and proclaim the name of Jesus—that will ward off the enemy.”

Dcn. Oney encouraged people to cry out to God for their nation. He also encouraged those “facing a mountain of despair, [to remember that] God is saying He can turn that mountain into a stone.” †

**RALPH MARTIN** ▶

*Standing on the Rock of God's Word*

Ralph Martin discussed the need to share God's truth with others: "Do you know the immoral will not enter the kingdom of God? A lot of people today don't know that." He explained,

*"There is tremendous pressure on us, out of a false sense of compassion, to be silent about this truth. We have to say, 'Because I love you unconditionally, I can't be silent on something risking your eternal life.'"*

Ralph acknowledged that speaking like this isn't easy: "Jesus told us there would be this kind of pain. It's hard, but it's saving truth. It is not compassionate to cover over someone's sin and call vice good. We can't do that if we're going to be faithful to Jesus. Faith in Christ and repentance of sin are essential parts to the message of God's mercy." ✝



**SR. ANN SHIELDS, SGL** ▶

*To Be Rooted in Faith and Hope and Love*

Sr. Ann Shields spoke about how "we have to activate [the seeds of faith, hope, and love planted in us] and we will be given insight and get clarity." She added,

*"God wants you to resemble Him. He plants in us [these virtues] so we can come home to Him and [bring] as many people as possible with us."*

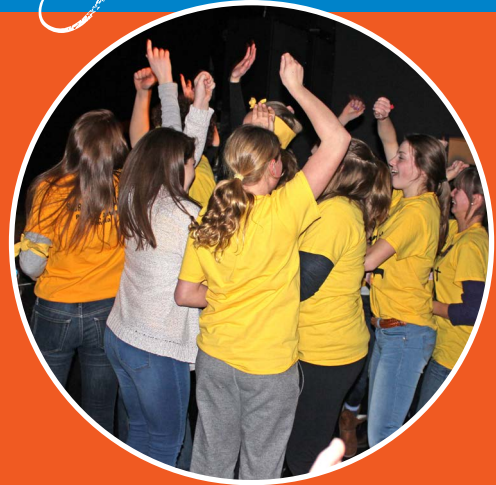
She spoke about the family, and encouraged parents to "pray every day for your children, [and to] build a relationship with them every day so they can come to you." She shared that the enemy is trying to undermine the family.

Sr. Ann concluded by saying, "There are many people being lost in this time. . . . Let God's light shine through you, and people will be attracted by the light. Open up your hearts for what God wants to do with, and in, and through you."

**"We will rejoice together forever, but now is the time we work!"** ✝

# YOUTH RALLY

**Mercy** NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU GO AND SIN NO MORE. JOHN 8:11



Nearly ONE-THOUSAND youth attended the 2016 Lift Jesus Higher Youth Rally, which focused on the theme of mercy. Chris Bray kept the youth dancing in—and out—of their seats to music that praised the Lord!

Tim Glemkowski spoke on "The Woman Caught in Adultery," Katey Chisholm spoke on "The Prodigal," and Fr. Graham Keep celebrated Mass. The day also included our #RealTalk Talk Show and a skit on the Prodigal Son.



By Nancy Greenhaw  
COUNTRY COORDINATOR



Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw minister in the United States, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, and several countries in Africa. They conduct missions, conferences, and retreats for adults and youth. They are also involved in prison ministry and work with the homeless.



The music of the people at St. Luke's in the Ndola Diocese is incredible! The harmonies, fullness, and volume of sound are reminiscent of many great black Gospel groups in the USA.



## Spreading the **GOSPEL** in Zambia & Namibia

▶ A momentous snow in DC delayed us a day in getting to Zambia, Africa, so we hit the ground running. After nearly thirty-five hours of flying, we were picked up by the leader of the Kekako Community in Zambia, Fanwell Chilondela. He drove us three-and-a-half hours to Ndola. The drive took longer than expected because of rain, small roads, and big trucks on the two-lane highway in the dark. We arrived at 4 a.m. and struggled to sleep.

We met the Catholic Charismatics around 8 a.m.; they were so excited and grateful, we pushed through to be with them. **The group really wanted to learn, so they wanted no breaks; they just wanted to hear more.**

Lloyd taught on the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. He explained that we should all expect something special, because the pope released the power of God on the Church. He shared that this Jubilee is a brand-new beginning for all of us, and we should set the bar of our expectations sky high! The people responded with great joy!

I taught on the Five Keys to freedom from the Unbound Model. I covered repentance, faith, and forgiveness. I explained the necessity of forgiving and why many don't forgive. I discussed entry ways such as personal sin, witchcraft, generational sin, and our response to trauma and sins committed against us. I also covered renunciation of the works of the enemy and standing in the authority we have as children of God. Lloyd wove in talks on knowing and defending our Catholic faith and the power of the Sacraments.

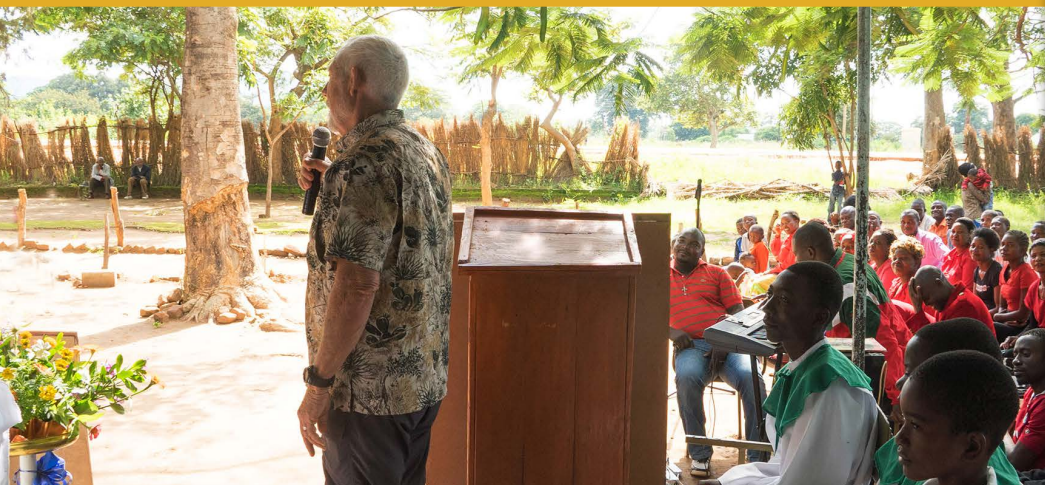
At the final gathering, we were impressed by the quality of the participants' questions and testimonies about how the program deeply affected their lives. These were some of the most serious and intense groups we have taught. They were still talking excitedly as we left for Lusaka.

▶ We drove several hours to Lusaka, and spoke at the most vibrant prayer meeting we have seen in a long time. The majority of the 200 members are young, upwardly mobile people on fire for Jesus. The music was vibrant, anointed, and incredibly good.



The Good Shepherd Prayer Group in Lusaka. This group or parts of the group meet almost every day of the week!





**They had the enemy on the run, and they wanted him out of their lives, families, and land!**



One of the group’s outreaches is to the two prisons in Lusaka. They feed at least 1500 inmates once a week. Local merchants and a large meat packing corporation, along with prayer group members, supply the food. The prayer group serves the inmates themselves. They also do weekly street evangelization.

▶ We travelled about seven hours for our next program. Music and singing welcomed us. There were over 300 people—forty of whom came all the way from Malawi! During our time there, I spent much time praying with people. **Our driver told us he is returning to the Catholic Church due to Lloyd’s apologetics teaching!**

We met the local bishop, who shared this testimony: His parents had six miscarriages before having him. As a boy, he got so sick that his father had to carry him on his shoulders for the very long walk to the health clinic. Their dog followed. At one point, they had to cross a river. The father and son got across, but heard the dog splash and yelp. They looked back and saw the tail of a crocodile, who took the dog under water. **The Bishop asked, “Am I to sit and not dance in praising the God who saved me more than once?” Then he danced.** The love of God radiates from this young, charismatic bishop. He invited us to come back again and make Chipata Diocese the home of our future outreaches!

▶ Next, we made the thirteen-hour trip to Namibia. We stopped halfway to tour Victoria Falls—to us, it was one of the natural wonders of the world!

Namibia has a bloody history, with continuous wars between various tribes and colonial powers. Namibia did not get independence until 1990, and the bitterness and unforgiveness is still very apparent.

At first, we did not see the joy and enthusiasm we normally encounter with Charismatics. Even the praise and worship was short and subdued. There was obviously a lot of spiritual bondage resulting from the wars.

**As Lloyd talked about the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy—and its potential blessings—you could see hope begin to glimmer in participants’ eyes. The Lord brought us there for a reason! Throughout the years, we have learned there are many parts of the harvest. Some plant, others water, and still others pick the fruit. We never know where we are in the harvest; we leave that up to the Lord!**

The next day, God was clearly working and bonds were being cast off. Fanwell shared his experiences of forgiveness. One of his grandfathers was from Scotland, had a child by a Zambian woman, and then abandoned them. Fanwell had a deep-seated anger against whites; it was not until he met us and heard the teaching on forgiveness that he forgave for the first time and experienced a freedom he had not known existed. There were tears among the participants, as his testimony hit close to home.

**Godwin, a Zambian team member, shared that he had been asked to pray for a paralyzed woman. He led her through the Five Keys, and she repented of witchcraft, forgave those who abandoned her after her paralysis, and commanded hatred, self pity, and paralysis to leave in the Name of Jesus. Afterward, she was able to stand and walk! This testimony really got the group excited.**

Joy and hope continually increased on the participants’ faces. People really got into the time of renunciation; they loved that they could aggressively confront the enemy instead of meekly waiting for bad things to happen. They had the enemy on the run, and they wanted him out of their lives, families, and land!



**These people were in bondage when we first arrived—but by the time we left, were singing and dancing their thanksgiving to God. Joy and hope had returned to their faces. We were obviously looking at a new creation!**

When we left, two vehicles of people drove us to the airport and wouldn’t leave until we got on the plane. They were all so excited; they pledged to bring more participants from all over Namibia next year, if we would please come back. We left them waving from the fence line and started the long trip home.

*This was a wonderful trip, and I feel the Lord has much more in store for Renewal Ministries in this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.*

# On the Road

## May 2016 ENGAGEMENTS

**Waverly, NE  
Retreat**  
*April 29-May 1*  
Sr. Ann Shields, SGL  
Contact: 402-786-2705 or  
www.goodcounselretreat.com

**Ann Arbor, MI  
i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night**  
*May 5*  
julianna@id916.com

**Halifax, England  
Spiritual Gifts Retreat**  
*May 10-15*  
Peter and Debbie Herbeck  
Contact: Ewa Janicka at  
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**Fort Wayne, IN  
Legatus Meeting\***  
*May 17*  
Ralph Martin

**Birmingham, AL  
National Conference of Diocesan  
Directors of Evangelization\***  
*May 18-19*  
Ralph Martin

**Washington, DC  
Academy of Catholic Theology\***  
*May 24-26*  
Ralph Martin

**Washington, DC  
Legatus Meeting\***  
*May 25*  
Peter Herbeck

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## MISSIONS

**Ghana**  
*April 25-May 1*  
Emmanuel Tamakloe

**Serbia**  
*April 28-May 1*  
Dcn. Zoltan Kunszabo

**Uganda**  
*May 14-28*  
Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw

**Slovenia & Ukraine**  
*May 18-30*  
Donald Turbitt

**Ghana**  
*May 23-29*  
Emmanuel Tamakloe

**Slovakia**  
*May 31-June 15*  
Tom Edwards

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*“Christian communities must become genuine schools of prayer where meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion until the heart truly falls in love.”*

• **St. Pope John Paul II**

## Please Pray...

- ✚ That during this month that honors our Blessed Mother, we may grow in responding to the Lord as she did: “I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38)
- ✚ That we may glorify God in our praise, worship, and speech, and that we also may receive the riches of mercy He desires to pour into our hearts and lives.
- ✚ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their families, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

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