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Celebrating Open Doors!

Editorial

By Sheila Lang, Administrator, *Women's Perspectives*

This issue of *WP* is all about doors of faith; some that were opened one hundred years ago and others that stand ajar today with thresholds waiting to be crossed.

June 2008 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Order of Diaconal Ministries. In the aftermath of the Missionary Movement of the Nineteenth century there was a need for a suitable training institute for women. While the doors of opportunity for the pursuit of theological education and training were open to men, women found their way barred. This need was answered in 1897 when the Ewart Missionary Training Home became a reality. In 1908 the need to recognize the graduates of the school led to the establishment of the Order of Deaconesses, now known as the Order of Diaconal Ministries. A door was opened!

In May 2008 women in leadership in the Presbyterian Church in Canada will gather in Montreal for the Heart, Mind & Soul Conference and Retreat. This conference is designed for all Presbyterian women in leadership roles - clergy, diaconal ministers, elders, Christian educators, musicians, lay leaders, youth lead-

ers and more - an open door, an invitation to take time apart together for restoration, networking and learning strategies for whole person health.

God has provided many doors of faith - many have already been opened through the years, allowing women such as those who will attend the

Montreal conference to enter and lead the way to new portals of opportunity! Let us celebrate the open doors!

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The 100th anniversary of The Order of Diaconal Ministries

By Donna McIlveen



**You are invited to join in a celebration of
open doors of recognition, service and faith.**

This coming June marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Order of Deaconesses, now known as the Order of Diaconal Ministries. At the 34th General Assembly held in 1908, The Presbyterian Church in Canada enabled women called to serve to be set apart by designation. It was a response that opened a door that is still open – to women and men – today!

The story of the Order is one of response and change. It was in response to an identified need that the Order was established. The Missionary Movement of the nineteenth century saw many men and women become directly involved in mission work both in Canada and overseas. Though there were several avenues for men to pursue theological education and training, women found themselves standing in front of closed doors. The desire on the part of women to serve the church and to be adequately trained was evident, but there were no established avenues for this to be accomplished. However the doors did not stay closed for long. More and more people in The Presbyterian Church in Canada became aware of the need for a suitable training establishment for women and on October 11, 1897 the Ewart Missionary Training Home became a reality.

It wasn't long before the school exceeded initial expectations and by the early 1900's the scope of the training was broadened. The need to recognize the graduates of the school that were sent out to serve at home and overseas also grew. The General Assembly established a committee to consider overtures from The Presbytery of Toronto and the Synod of Manitoba. In 1908 the Presbyterian Church in Canada responded to these overtures by establishing the Order. The door to recognition was opening.

The impact of 100 years cannot easily be measured. The door that was opened back in 1908 has enabled women and men called to minister within The Presbyterian Church in Canada to do so by their diaconal service. The dedicated members of the Order, who went through that door of service, helped many find the door of faith. Members travelled to all corners of Canada and around the world motivated by a desire to share the good news of the gospel. They served in foreign mission fields, as regional secretaries, port workers, church extension workers, and more – wherever there was a door and the need for service identified. The stories shared by deaconesses are tremendous examples of dedication that are both humbling and inspiring. Set apart and then sent out to serve,

their commitment to the church was offered, often quietly and without much recognition.

One such example comes from Almeda (Hincks) Kristensen (designated 1943):

“With considerable trepidation, and assuming a courage I certainly didn’t possess in myself, I boarded the train for Dixonville (Alberta). I had come to “Preach the Word” as God gave me strength. My work as Deaconess would include conducting the weekly church service and Sunday School, group work with children and adults and visitation in the homes. I found it also meant playing the organ for services, and I could play very little. However, by practicing the chosen hymns week by week I managed to perform this quite important task as Dixonville people had a special love to get together and sing the old hymns in these early days.”

(From the book, *Ten Dollars and a Dream*, page 130)

Members of the Order have responded and continue to respond to the challenges of ministry. Ministry is dynamic, for it reflects the movement of the Spirit and responds to identified needs within the Church. Thus, the avenues of diaconal service have changed over the years. While some doors have closed, new doors have opened, and the Order is confident that there are still new doors not yet discovered.

God provides so many open doors. The response of The Presbyterian Church in Canada must be a willingness to see the open doors and the opportunities that are waiting to be discovered. 100 years ago, women were called and set apart as servants of Jesus Christ. 100 years later, the door to service is still open. Women and men are still receiving the call to share the transforming message of Jesus Christ that cannot be contained. The Order of Diaconal Ministries celebrates the open door and the changing opportunities for service that are just waiting to be discovered. We look forward to God’s leading as we continue to share in the mission of opening the door of faith.

The Order of Diaconal Ministries is preparing for a year of celebration. During this time there will be opportunities for both looking back and looking ahead. We invite you to join in the celebration!

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The Overtures that Helped to Open the Door

Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto (1907):

WHEREAS there is an increasing demand in the Church for consecrated women to serve in the Foreign Field and in the Hospital, City Mission and other departments of the Home Field as well as in Congregational work,

WHEREAS the Ewart Missionary Training Home which has been rendering good service in these regards during many years has limited equipment for the larger service now required,

WHEREAS the success of the Home has been retarded by the impression that it exists entirely for the training of women workers for the foreign field and by the fact that graduates go forth from it without any distinct recognition on the part of the Church, and without any definite prospect of employment, The Presbytery of Toronto at the request of the Board of Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, under whose supervision the Home has been largely conducted, humbly overtures the Venerable, the General Assembly, to express its approval of the changing of the constitution of the Home, with a view to the broadening of its scope and of its support, and to approve at the same time of some method by which graduates may be specially designated by the Church when entering on their work.

(from the *Acts & Proceedings of the 33rd General Assembly*, page 347)

Overture from the Presbytery of Winnipeg with approval of the Synod of Manitoba (1907):

The Presbytery of Winnipeg respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take steps to set apart an order of women who shall be known as deaconesses; who shall serve the Church as nurses, parish visitors, dispensers of charity and in any other way that may prove to be desirable.

(from the *Acts & Proceedings of the 33rd General Assembly*, page 353)

These overtures can be found on page 14 of the book *To Keep the Memory Green – A History of Ewart College, 1897 – 1987*

Conference and Retreat on Whole Person Health

By Dara Thompson Goulet

Love the Lord with all your heart...soul... and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. How do these commands speak to the particular challenges that face women who provide leadership in today's church?

When Jesus was asked by a Pharisee to name the greatest commandment in the Law, he replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself". Jesus concluded, "All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (Matt.22: 34-40, NIV Inclusive Language Edition).

What strikes me about these statements is that they are commands: not suggestions or friendly advice, but commands. Furthermore, they are commands to a Pharisee who we are told is an expert in the Law: Jesus speaks to a leader. Despite this learned person's knowledge and experience, Jesus' imperatives are: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart...and with all your soul...and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself..." If we place ourselves in the Pharisee's shoes with Jesus commanding us, looking directly into our eyes as he speaks, what would his commands mean to us today? I am sure we as leaders would all benefit from considering this question. At the same time, how do these commands speak to the particular challenges that face women who provide leadership in today's church?

Heart, Mind & Soul: Love God, Love Yourself, Love Others is the theme of a conference and retreat to be held in Montreal in May that is designed for Presbyterian Women in Leadership. The name was inspired by scripture and conceived one sunny, summer afternoon in Montreal amongst a group of women, "The Montreal Working Group", brainstorming on behalf of the Women in Ministry Committee (WIM).

Our goal was to find a name that communicated the concept of a "whole person health" event designed to meet the particular needs of women in leadership within the church. The idea for such an event was born within the Women in Ministry Committee (PCC) as a response to concerns for church leader health. Survey results gauging interest in such an event were submitted through regional reps of WIM. What began to develop was an awareness of the variety of issues faced by women in ministry,

ordained or not. The kernel of the vision is to address specific needs of women in leadership as they face demands of work, family and friendships while also nurturing one's own faith and spirituality. Margaret Douglas has an excellent article in a recent issue of Glad Tidings (January/February 2008) that addresses different facets of "whole person health".

The Presbyterian College – in the Heart of Montreal:

The Women in Ministry Committee is thankful to The Presbyterian College, Montreal for allowing us to hold our **Heart, Mind and Soul** conference and retreat on location at: 3495 University Street, Montreal, QC, H3A 2A8.

The Presbyterian College is situated at the corner of University and Milton Streets right next to McGill's campus in Downtown Montreal. The college is also close to the underground world of shops and restaurants which you may wish to browse on your free time during your stay.

With the exception of a few charter flights, all national and international flights arrive in Montreal at Dorval Airport, now called Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport. For information about how to get to Presbyterian College from the airport, bus or train terminal contact the committee at heartmindsoulmontreal@gmail.com.

There is limited accommodation at the residence for this retreat at a cost of \$100 for the three nights. Register early.

For more information about the college visit us at <http://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/>.

Conference and Retreat on Whole Person Health (continued)

We decided to open this conference and retreat to women only in an effort to focus on developing these relationships. Given that some of the keenest supporters of women in leadership are men, long range planning includes extending invitations to men.

The aim of the event is to provide an opportunity for women to take time away in order to enjoy autonomous space. Opportunities to be equipped will be available through our plenary speaker, Dr. Christine O'Reilly, as well as through workshops and "Soul Sessions". Worship, Sabbath-keeping practices and outings in Montreal are intended to restore.

The conference and retreat will provide the context for participants to network with other women -- a place to build relationships and be enriched by sharing both wisdom and experience. If we look to the biblical example of Ruth and Naomi, we are reminded of historical patterns of learning from one another – and of living out what Jesus pinpoints as the greatest commands – despite generational and regional differences. A close reading of the

book of Ruth reveals many strategies for restoration and "whole person health" learned in the context of relationship.

A strong response to posters sent out in the November PC Pak imply that such an event resonates. We trust that by coming together as leaders of many facets of the church, our goals for this conference and retreat will begin to be realized. We also trust that as we learn and grow, our eyes will be firmly fixed on Christ and our hearts on his commands.

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Dara wrote a similar article for the March/April issue of the Glad Tidings. Watch the April Record for another article about the conference by Dara.

Heart, Mind & Soul: *Love God, Love Yourself, Love Others*

elders, clergy, christian educators, musicians, lay leaders, camp leadership, diaconal ministers, clergy spouses, youth leaders . . .

A Conference and Retreat for

Presbyterian Women in Leadership

A time away for networking, equipping, restoration
and learning strategies for whole person health

May 27-30, 2008 The Presbyterian College, Montreal
www.presbyterian.ca/node/2531

By Barbara Duguid

As Women we do not take the time that we need for ourselves, for our own health and well-being usually because we are too busy looking after everyone else.

The personal health and wholeness of women in ministry has been an ongoing interest of the Women in Ministry Committee (WIM) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The committee has a mandate "to support women in ministry, with particular attention to those who are isolated by geography or function, through provision of opportunities for mutual support and for reflection on identified issues related to women in ministry". When the committee learned of troubling statistics describing the health of church leaders in the United States which appeared to be corroborated by anecdotal reports from our Canadian church the committee decided to take action. In the fall of 2006, a survey was circulated across the country to establish if there was interest in the topic of Church Leader Health. Results indicated there was, and by 2007, the desire for women to connect and learn from each other was growing. A conference and retreat on Church Leader Health is a natural outcome of the committee's mandate and this series of events.

Dara Thompson Goulet, a student representative on the WIM committee, offered to help organize a conference for women in 2008. She approached other women students at Presbyterian College in Montreal to gauge their interest and availability to help with the planning of such an event. Several readily agreed, two of whom would be students the following year. Dara also spoke to other women in the church and received positive responses from WMS leaders, the wife of a minister, and church leaders in the Montreal area. Thus a committee was formed, whose mandate was to organize and promote the conference/retreat for Presbyterian women in leadership across Canada. "The Montreal Working Group" consists of women ranging in ages from mid-thirties to mid-seventies, all of whom serve in some form of leadership within the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Since we received approval to begin we have not stopped! We are grateful to have received seed money from the Women in Ministry Committee and grants from both the WMS and the Experimental Fund. These positive responses allowed us to develop a budget plan for the event. We formed sub-committees with each member taking responsibility for various activities which go into organizing such an event. We are encouraged and greatly appreciate the assistance of Church Offices staff in Toronto. It is demanding work, to organize a conference of this magnitude, and for most of us it is a new experience. It is marvellous that God

has blessed us with an opportunity to network with other busy women while enjoying the satisfaction of a job well done. We are now confirming leaders for our workshops, fine-tuning the daily programs, publicizing the event, and responding to incoming registrations. We have already received interest from across the country further affirming that what we are doing is a good thing.

I have spoken to some women personally about this conference and retreat in May and often the response is, "Oh that sounds lovely. I really would love to go to that." Yet, it is quickly followed by, "Oooh, four days? That's so long. I'm not sure if I can take that much time away." Ladies, this is one of the major problems that we are attempting to address with this conference. As women we do not take the time that we need for ourselves, for our own health and well being, usually because we are too busy looking after everyone else.

I urge you, please, to consider the commands of Jesus and listen to your heart. If you feel that call to attend, then please sign-up! Approach your congregations and presbyteries for bursaries. Do whatever you need to do to answer this call. I also encourage the men who are the partners of our women in leadership, to please urge your wives, friends, sisters, mothers and daughters to attend to their health. We will all be the better for it. Our church will prosper with revitalized, happy and grounded leaders who will become mentors and role models for other women to emulate as we all follow Jesus into the future.

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DID YOU KNOW ...?

It's been 24 YEARS

...since The Presbyterian Church in Canada has held a national event for women? On April 30 – May 2, 1984, professional church women (ministers and diaconal ministers) met at Crieff around the theme "Empowered to be Ourselves."

The Heart Mind Soul Conference is THE FIRST

... conference of its kind for our denomination. The invitation has been expanded from the 1984 conference to include all women in leadership, paid and unpaid, in orders of ministry and laity.

Keynote Speaker at Heart, Mind and Soul

Inspiring speaker, unpretentious in her ways and extremely grounded in her faith



The Rev. Dr. Christine O'Reilly is a gifted and experienced minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada with a long track record of effective congregational ministry. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto (Bachelor of Arts, 1980), Knox College (Master of Divinity, 1983), and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry, 2003).

Christine O'Reilly has served Presbyterian congregations in Moosomin, Saskatchewan and Port Alberni, British Columbia and has, since 1988, been the pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Thedford and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Watford in the Presbytery of Lambton-West Middlesex in the Synod of Southwestern Ontario. Worship, preaching, teaching, pastoral care, con-

gregational renewal and community outreach and service have been the key areas of Dr. O'Reilly's ministry. She has served as moderator of three presbyteries and worked on numerous committees at the presbytery, synod, and national church level. In much of this work, Dr. O'Reilly has focused on rural and small church ministry, and on dealing with congregations and clergy in crisis. She has served as an internship supervisor for ministry candidates from Knox College, Toronto.

Dr. O'Reilly has also been active in research, writing and teaching in the area of pastoral studies. Her final doctoral project at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary was called, "A New Company, A New Covenant: Covenant Small Groups for Rural Pastors". She is the co-author of a book published by the Alban Institute in 2006 called, "Where Twenty or Thirty Are Gathered: Worship in the Small Church". She has published articles in *Reformed Worship and Windows* (A Journal of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary). She has been the recipient of Lily Endowment Grants through the Calvin Institute for Worship to provide education for lay leaders in worship and preaching, and has taught in the lay leadership program of The Presbyterian College, Montreal.

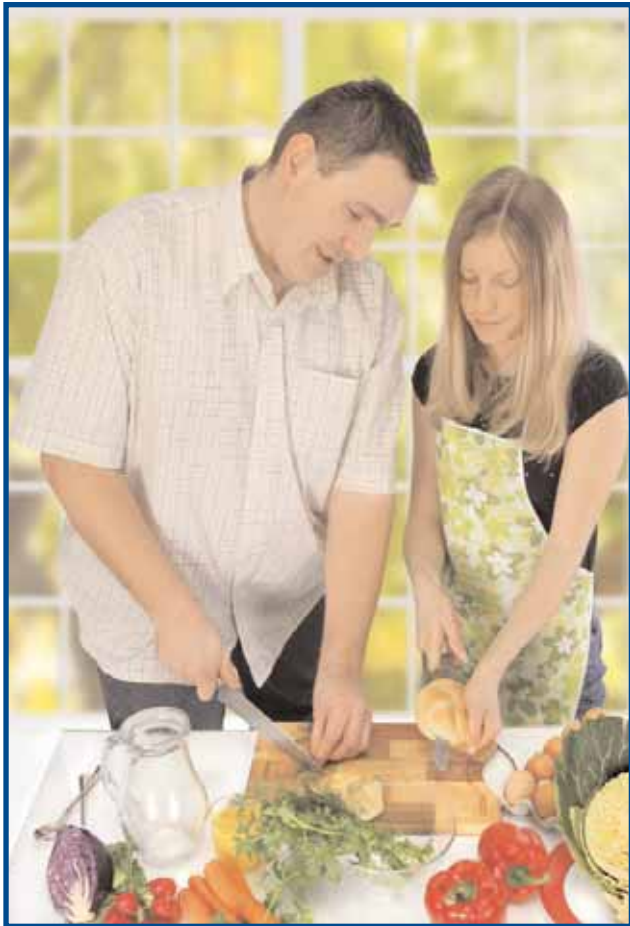
In addition to extensive experience in the life of the church, Christine O'Reilly has also been active in the community, especially in the public school system and social services. She has served as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Women's Sexual Assault Counselling outreach program for rural Lambton County, and as a school council member of Bosanquet Central Elementary School. Her personal activities and interests include sports, the outdoors, gardening, dogs, and music.

Dr. O'Reilly is an inspiring speaker, unpretentious in her ways and extremely grounded in her faith. We see in her a personification of the type of leader that our church needs. She is a leader who exudes competence and warmth, who demonstrates the values of relationships, who fosters spiritual growth in others, and one who likes to laugh.

We believe that Dr. O'Reilly's interpersonal qualities as well as her vast experience in many roles of leadership in our church will benefit each participant. We look forward to learning from her wisdom and experience.

By Dara Thompson Goulet

Cooking and eating is quality time to work, create and share together and is a staple of nurturing our relationship



I admit it: I love eating good food.

It started in earnest when I married my husband Alain six and a half years ago. He shared with me his love of cooking and eating good food and I quickly developed a taste for it. His cultural background is French Canadian, he comes from a family of five and is descended from good cooks, so I expect he is predisposed. In his family of origin, food preparation and eating plays a central role. Everyone's life is busy with work, children and day to day living, but preparing and eating good food continues to be what gathers people together on a regular, if not daily basis.

I too benefited from homemade and home-grown food as I was growing up, but somehow bought into

the idea that processed and take-out food was an acceptable part of life on the run. I didn't think that I ate out a lot or bought much processed food – until I began to track it. I was astounded to realize how often I ate out, but in retrospect, my body was already telling me that. When I married, Alain reintroduced me to the benefits of preparing good food at home for the majority of our meals.

We eat simply, but the health benefits of preparing our food and eating together are numerous:

Physical Health & Energy

- we know the content of what we are eating and monitor sodium and sugar amounts and the types of fat we use and ingest
- we are more attentive to a varied diet
- we eat less junk food
- some advocates say food is digested better when eaten with family or friends

Environmental Health & Political Choice

- we know where our food is from and how far it has travelled to reach our plate
- buying food in season is one way to stay connected to the environment, despite living in an urban setting
- we value and support local producers as often as possible

Relational, Spiritual & Mental Health

- there is theological significance to eating: think of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and Holy Communion
- we enjoy cooking & eating together – it is quality time to work and create together, share with one another, and is a staple of nurturing our relationship

- we have created daily and seasonal traditions of food preparation that sustain us
- there's nothing like the smell and taste of freshly made bread

Economic Health

- we save a lot of money by preparing our own food

Creative Outlet

- it's fun to make new recipes in an unrushed and creative way – and nine times out of ten, our creations taste good!

There are many healthy benefits to preparing one's own food, and these benefits are reflected through the increasing popularity of organizations such as "Slow Food International" or Community Shared/Supported Agriculture (CSAs) (search on Google for more information). Like developing other good habits, it takes time and there are trade-offs, but for us, the benefits are more than worth it.

Every once in a while, I will purchase processed food from the grocery store to save time or to pursue

a rare craving for fast food. I often end up being disappointed though: I detect high sodium or sugar, a greasy after taste or there just isn't much flavour. Furthermore, my sense of taste has sharpened, and I am better able to identify what my body seems to need. (My husband likes to tease me when I say, "I'm having a protein craving" or "Mmm, time for carbs.") Finally, eating out has become a treat again and our tastes have become discerning. Discerning does not always mean expensive, but rather refers to freshness, taste and nutritional content.

Montreal has a well established reputation for fine cuisine – and with good reason. One of the perks we have enjoyed since living in the city has been the consistently good food. Nevertheless, I realized how much my tastes had changed when we tried a new restaurant recently. It was a fair meal, but after eating it, I turned to Alain and said with surprise, "You know, I think I might have had a better meal at home". Alain looked at me and laughed. We really do love eating good food.

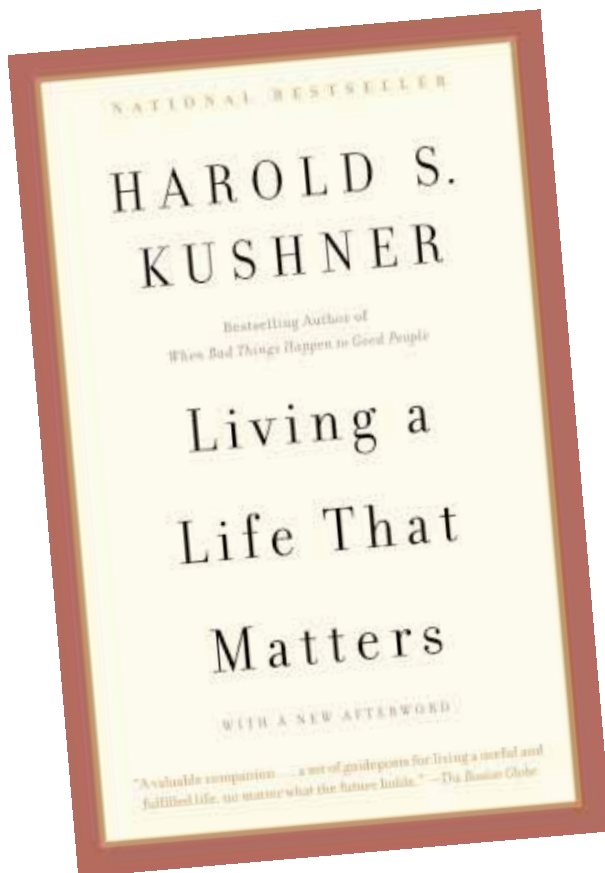


In His Recent Book, Rabbi Harold Kushner Continues to Enlighten and Comfort

A book review by Elizabeth Shih

Living a Life that Matters: Resolving the Conflict between Conscience and Success

By Rabbi Harold Kushner, Anchor Books



In his breakthrough work, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* (1981), Rabbi Harold Kushner argues that God is not punishing us when something bad happens in our lives. One of Kushner's more recent books, *Living a Life that Matters: Resolving the Conflict between Conscience and Success* (2001), extends that earlier message to offer comfort and forgiveness to those heavy in conscience or ridden with guilt.

Kushner argues that one of the most difficult aspects of being human is striving both to be good – having a clear conscience - and to be seen as an important person. We experience God speaking to us, sometimes in a “stern, commanding” voice that urges us to demand more from ourselves. We hear the voice saying, “I will love you only if you deserve it, only if you change your behaviour

and earn my love” (*How Good Do we Have to Be* 44). At other times, we hear God speaking to us in a voice filled with “compassion and forgiveness”, a voice that reassures us that He still loves us even when we fall short of our own expectations (LLM 8-9). Although it makes sense that we want to be loved because we deserve it, and not only because God is generous, in our “struggle to have an impact on the world,” we sometimes find ourselves “betraying our values [and] violating our consciences” (14).

Kushner uses Jacob as an example of this conflict between conscience and success, as he undergoes a remarkable evolution from a deceptive, conniving figure to a righteous man of high moral standards. Although we best remember Jacob for cheating his brother Esau out of his birthright (Genesis 27), Jacob's sense of morality is based “more in a fear of getting caught than a sense that it is wrong” (LLM 21). However, as he flees Esau's retribution and goes out into the world, Jacob is spiritually divided between his desire to get “what he desperately wants and the sense that he can get it only by doing something deceitful and disliking himself for it” (22).

In Kushner's view, the pivotal moment of Jacob's spiritual conflict (and his evolution from deceit to righteousness) occurs when he wrestles with an angel in the night, in one of the Old Testament's least well understood passages (Genesis 32). Kushner sees the angelic figure as the embodiment of Jacob's own conscience, for Jacob is at war with himself over his habit of taking “the easy way out” and his growing feeling that he should take “the more demanding route” (28). After wrestling with Jacob for hours, the angel twists Jacob's leg, leaving him to limp away, injured. Kushner observes that “in the struggle to define what kind of person Jacob will become . . . the angel has won” (32). In other words, his conscience has won out. Kushner notes that acting with integrity is more demanding than being deceitful, but Jacob finds that it hurts far more “to keep winning out over conscience” (32-33). When he lets his conscience win, instead of overriding the “still small voice of God inside us” (34), Jacob finds with surprise that he “likes himself better” (32-34). Kushner argues that for the first time, the Bible records that Jacob has “shalem” (Hebrew for “wholeness, integrity, and being at peace with oneself” [28-29]).

With his usual insight, Kushner takes pains in *Living a Life that Matters* to discuss numerous reasons why good people, like Jacob, do bad things—why someone who “even change[s] the world for better during the greater part of his life” also “lies and connives in situations of stress and danger” (40-50). It is his vision of Jacob, however, that stands out so remarkably.

Although Kushner refuses to believe in “Original Sin,” he recognizes that our capacity to choose selfishness over goodness — the “impulse to evil”— is such an intimate part of every one of us that we cannot deny it . . . “[or] isolate it without drastically harming ourselves in the process” (52). Instead, resisting that dark impulse strengthens our

“moral fibre” (54) and allows us to experience peace rather than the conflict between conscience and success. We achieve integrity by incorporating God’s perspective into our own thinking: “when the struggle is over, it is the sense that God’s voice has become our voice, God’s will . . . integrated into our will, which lets us know we” like Jacob “have won the prize of integrity” (100). In illustrating the human struggle for integrity so vividly, *Living a Life that Matters* enlightens and comforts us in those dark moments of our spiritual journeys.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Shih, freelance writer and member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Saskatoon for submitting this book review.

Our readers write . . .

I really appreciate the ministry of Women's Perspectives. I print out a copy and place it in a binder in our church library (Dayspring Church, Edmonton). We have a poster on the "posting wall" which indicates that WP is available to read in the library or at the website.

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