"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18

"Then were there brought unto him little children, that He should put His hands on them and pray." Matthew 19:13

Reflecting on the past almost-lifetime in Medicine, I can remember many statements of jest which were made concerning our human-ness in contrast to God's divine life. One of my professors often would say as we entered the elevator at University Hospital, Ann Arbor-- "Let us ascend." Similarly a frequent jest concerned the laying on of hands. For the hopeless patient one might be heard to say, "He needs the laying on of hands." For the patient who has something wrong which we are unable to define, we may label him a "Crock"-- "Christ really only knows" or a "Gork"-- "God only really knows." These are but a few examples of the ways in which the doctor tends in jest to define his own finiteness and limitation.

When one is ill or his family experiences illness, no longer is there room for jest or humor. Recently my fathe was in the hospital for an undiagnosed hepatic and circulatory problem. Day by day I visited him, loved him, encouraged and prayed for him. Also I layed my hands on him and prayed not only in English but in the Spirit. I also encouraged him to pray. Nothing else we did would appear to have as healing an effect as Spiritual prayer. Prayer with the laying on of hands in Jesus' name has a marked therapeutic and anabolic effect upon the patient. Even loving touch without prayer in the usual sense of the term is therapeutic. Patients in general and especially the severely sick want to feel the touch of the doctor or the nurse.

Dr. Delores Krieger of New York University has introduced what has been called "a modern version of the laying on of hands." She calls it a transfer of healthful energy. Touch is said to be demonstration of compassion. As we read on in a recent article in "Woman's Day," however, we see that she advocates a use of the hands as a means of obtaining knowledge regarding the areas of pain and pathology. "Once the areas are located, the healer places her hands on or above the specific spot and focuses the energy of her palms, which she sometimes feels as heat." "Therapeutic touch is not just putting your hands over a painful area, nor is it a massage to loosen muscles... You have to be taught how to concentrate and direct your healthy energy to get proper results."

Is Dr. Krieger actually describing the laying on of hands which Jesus and the disciples spoke of in the Holy Bible? Or is this, with all due respect to this dear nurse healer, a psychic substitute for the spiritual? When I was on Barbara Walter's program with Dr. Krieger and Dr. Le Shan, I saw that they were involved in the psychic realm. They doubtless see no difference between the psychic and the spiritual. Spiritual healing with the laying on of hands is not a matter of thought concentration or the use of human healthful energy. It is centering one's total being in Jesus and asking that our hands be His hands as we pray either audibly or silently in the Spirit or with the understanding. We thus ask Jesus to touch and heal, to take away pain--or cancer--or whatever is at fault. God's Holy Spirit thus anoints our spirit which in turn touches the spiritual void or deficiency of the patient who has been depleted catabolically through illness. The patient feels the gift of the Spirit flooding into his life. He also feels the "fruit" of the Spirit--those things such as love, joy, peace and patience which he so desperately needs. No medication or treatment can replace these deficiency states. Only Jesus can--and He will if we carry Him to the sick, not through efforts of human psyche but by and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

* William H. Reed (age 85) received his promotion to glory 6/23/79. A memorial fund is being established in his memory. Thank you, dear friends, for your many notes of love and sympathy. Dad Reed was a truly wonderful father and man of God.

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OCTOBER 3,4,5,6,7, 1979--Seventh Annual CHF Conference for Physicians on Logos-Psychosomatic Medicine, Host Airport Hotel, Tampa, Florida. If you have any questions, please contact us at 813/884-7559.

OCTOBER 19,20,21, 1979--Christian Medical Foundation of Canada will hold a conference for all Canadian friends and supporters, Hotel Triumph, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Reed and Kay speaking.
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

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AUG. 10-14--Dr. Reed, Hospital Christian Fellowship Conference, Trinidad, West Indies. Contact Regional Coordinator, Rev. Kenneth Ragomoth, by calling overseas operator #179--phone #652-3410. Kay will be speaking to Mennon's World Fellowship.

DAYTONA CHF STATION MEETINGS--no meeting August or September. See you in October!

TAMPA & ST. PETERSBURG CHF STATION MEETINGS--no meetings until September.--EVERY WEDNESDAY--9:30 AM. CRAFT DAY AT CHF. Bring your own project or come and learn from others. Bring a sandwich and stay for Chapel.

THANKS once more to all who are contributing their lovely art objects and crafts for our Book Hook. People are excited about their purchases and CHF is thrilled about the so-helpful revenue.

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DOCTORS: "Quality of Life From the Logo-Psychosomatic Point of View" is the subject of CHF's Seventh Annual Conference for Physicians, to be held Oct. 3-7, 1979, at the Host Airport Hotel in Tampa, Florida. Doctors from the United States, Canada and overseas will be discussing the ways in which they can help to make their patients whole and the ways in which they themselves can become whole through Logo-Psychosomatic Medicine—the medicine of the whole person—body, mind and spirit. Spiritual medical care in the U.S. and Canada will be reported on as well as spiritual medical care in England, Europe, Russia, and Israel. The conference will hear from Larry David Samuels, M.D., of Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, and Alexander S. Haraszt, M.D., Ph.D., advisor for Eastern European Affairs to Billy Graham. Roman Buchok, M.D., will share about medical practice in the Soviet Union and Spain. American doctors and professors of all specialties including Josefinna Magno, M.D., James Hughes, M.D., Lewis Moore, M.D., and Kahn Ueyama, M.D., will give their views and experiences. William Standish Reed, M.D., Pres. of Christian Medical Foundation, extends an invitation to all doctors and their spouses who desire to learn about the Christian practice of Medicine and afife empowerment through the Holy Spirit.

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