

# EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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NEWSLETTER

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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

*Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director*

Can You Believe that the hard work and wonder of the Denver Conference has come to an end? In the process among other things.

You will want to take note of the changes made by the U.S. Department of Labor regarding overtime pay and exempt-non-exempt status in the [FLSA Changes and Supporting Documents](#).

You will be interested in the [Highlights of the May 2016 Board Meeting](#), but here are a few:

- unanimously approved the Certification Reform and Professional Development Task Forces proposal (soon to be posted on ACPE website);
- proposed a budget with no increases in individual dues, but with a 5% increase in accredited programs of SES;
- proposed a name change: Association for Spiritual Health and Education (ASHE);
- adopted a new vision statement: *The consistency and exceptional quality of experiential education provided by our association creates measurable and appreciable improvement in the spiritual health and transformation of people and communities in the US and across the globe.*

In addition [we nominated for president elect our own Amy Greene](#). Congratulations to her on this and for her work on the Professional Development Task Force and thanks for the willingness to step up and serve. This will be an important time in the history of our organization and the last line of Amy's acceptance speech seems appropriate, "Let's Do This".

Thanks to all East Central region members who helped lead and participate in the work groups and the conference, including Beth Newton Watson who opened one of the days with an inspiring devotion. To all, well done and thanks.

## OPINION and NEXT STEPS

I have always had a pretty good nose for hidden agendas and didn't find any in the process of strategic planning during the conference. Certainly lots of opinions but not many of them hidden. We as a group have a well-developed suspicious approach as Trace said but it was fairly well kept in check as we sought to design the future.

People worked hard and the organizational work group and the consultants took people's feedback seriously.

[In the next few weeks watch for 2 or 3 designs for the organization in the communications intended to get your feedback. The design receiving the most support will then go to the Board for adoption and possible adjustments.](#)

*The most reaction and suspicion* seemed to come at the suggested new name of the organization from the Board. The suggestion seemed to catch people by surprise even though the possibility has been communicated for weeks. The new name came as a surprise to the board as well; as it arose out of their process during the conference.

The feedback and reaction from both those who supported it and those who didn't could be summarized in the same words; "It Changes Us".

### Association for Spiritual Health and Education

I like it for a number of reasons. It changes us by emphasizing two things about us that we haven't talked about or valued highly enough. It opens new markets and audiences for us by that emphasis.

The two are: Our experiential education educates both the person and the profession for service. Other professions including medicine and health care are beginning to recognize this and we are the experts in this area and we can help more than just ourselves.

Second, we are one of the few groups that put Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Sikhs, Conservative Christians, Liberal Christians, Catholics and others in the same room working and relating together for the common good. What a gift to the world!

Certification and Accreditation are for us, Spiritual Health (What we Teach) and Experiential Education (How we teach it) is for the world.

The new name or another new name opens us to new possibilities.

**Feedback and suggestions are being sought for the new name.**

**Make your voice heard!**

### PEOPLE

Certified at this conference were Marcos Collado, Anastasia Holman as Associates and Leslie Small Stokes as Supervisor. In addition, Marcos was the Len Cedarleaf Theology paper of the year award winner. Way to go folks!

Also invited to walk across stage for previous certification were, Doug Vardell, Peggy Metacale, Deb Mansell.

This is an exciting time for the organization bringing with it confusion and uncertainty and change. Your voice is needed both for yourself and for the association to come. Know that in the next few months we are not alone and we are loved. Dennis

*Love, Dennis / Email: [RD@ecracpe.org](mailto:RD@ecracpe.org) Ph: 734-904-7547*

**PASTORAL CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Anne Courtney**

A Note of Thanks from Shula Izen regarding the scholarship she received to attend the recent ACPE National Conference:

*Subject: Gratitude for Scholarship*

*Dear Rev. Kenny,*

*I am writing to express my deep gratitude for the scholarship from the region to attend the ACPE National Conference.*

*I had a blast! I am just dorky enough that I had been waiting for this conference all year, and it did not disappoint.*

*The highlight for me was feeling the power and support of being surrounded by my colleagues, both as a whole and as specific tribes. I whooped loudly in celebration of Anastasia, Debbie, Kathy, Les, and Marcos, my regional tribal family—in celebrating them, and in their embrace of me in their joy, I experienced the connective blessing of being part of this region. It was also grounding and affirming to gather with other members of my cultural and religious tribe, my Jewish colleagues. And as a whole, there was an overriding sense of energy and hope in our evolving organization. I still feel the synergy of the moment when, discussing new governance models, the majority of the room stood up in support of a particular model; there was the spectacular sense that though the work was done in groups, the vision was shared.*

*It's profoundly moving to me to be part of an organization, all of its diversity of demographics, belief, and thought, that I feel so wholly at home in.*

*With gratitude,  
Shula*

**ACCREDITATION NEWS, NOTES AND – DEADLINES FOR  
10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.**

**Accreditation Deadlines:** For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) contact Carol Green for deadline information.

**Reminder:** Satellite Materials (see pages 32-34 in the Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least **45 days** before beginning a program at the Satellite center and a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Direct your questions and/or requests for more information to: Accreditation Chairperson, **Carol Green**, Pastoral Educator Sr., Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Indiana University Health, 550 N. University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Office – 317-944-7415; Fax – 317-944-7440; **Cell phone**– 502-445-1022. E-mail - [lgreen18@iuhealth.org](mailto:lgreen18@iuhealth.org); CPE Secretary: Lorie Vaughn 317-944-7415; E-mail – [lvaughn1@iuhealth.org](mailto:lvaughn1@iuhealth.org)

**FALL 2016 REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2016**

**(PRE-CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2016)**

**AMWAY GRAND PLAZA, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

**Kathy Bird DeYoung & Karl Van Harn**

Kathy Bird DeYoung and Karl VanHarn have volunteered to serve as co-chairs for the fall 2016 program to be held in Grand Rapids, MI. The theme will be around mental health issues. Details will be provided as they become available.

[Kathy.Birddeyoung@pinerest.org](mailto:Kathy.Birddeyoung@pinerest.org); [karl.vanharn@pinerest.org](mailto:karl.vanharn@pinerest.org)

**Spring 2017 REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**February 24-25, 2017**

**(PRE-CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS February 22-23, 2017)**

**Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH**

**Marla Coulter-McDonald**

**JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE REGIONAL WEBSITE**

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

- **CPE Educator**  
**Saint Joseph Mercy Health System**  
**St. Joseph Mercy Hospital**  
**5301 E. Huron River Drive, PO Box 995**  
**Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0995**

**Position Overview**

The CPE Educator supervises Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) interns and residents who are placed in various locations within our regional health system. S/he plans and implements programs of CPE and facilitates the development of this ACPE center in accordance with ACPE standards, providing leadership with accreditation reviews, etc. S/he fosters relationships with seminaries, community clergy, and others, helping to market the Center's CPE program to its various communities. S/he also provides interfaith pastoral ministries to patients, patients' visitors, and staff associates, and serves as a resource in decision-making regarding ethical issues as well as Advance Directives. The CPE Educator reports to the Regional Director of Pastoral Care

**Qualifications**

- Master's level degree in theology or related field required; Master of Divinity and/or post graduate study desired
- ACPE Certification as Supervisor or Associate Supervisor
- Certification (or certification eligible and working toward certification) as a Board Certified Chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains, the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, the National Association of Jewish Chaplains is preferred
- Previous experience supervising CPE residents desired
- Three or more years working as a staff chaplain in an acute care hospital setting preferred

## Setting Overview

Centered in the beautiful university town of Ann Arbor, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) is a network of five regional and community hospitals in and around Metro Detroit/Southeast Michigan, with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor serving as the tertiary care, teaching and anchor facility. SJMHS is a member of Catholic sponsored Trinity Health, one of the nation's largest healthcare systems with some eighty-plus facilities from California to Maryland and from Maine to Florida, which includes several ACPE centers or center affiliations across the US.

Please contact [Rev. William \(Bill\) Foster](mailto:Rev.William(Bill)Foster), Regional Director of Spiritual Care at 734-712-3803 or at [William.foster@stjoeshealth.org](mailto:William.foster@stjoeshealth.org) and see our webpage: [www.stjoeshealth.org/pastora](http://www.stjoeshealth.org/pastora)

- **The Detroit Medical Center Clinical Pastoral Education Program** is now accepting applications for three one-year CPE residencies. Those who have successfully completed at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and have completed or are nearing completion of formal academic theological education from an approved theological school (M.Div. or equivalency) are encouraged to apply. The residency curriculum prepares candidates for board certification and emphasizes spiritual assessment, medical ethics application, research education, interdisciplinary team involvement, end of life issues, quality improvement and leadership development. The successful applicant will use the clinical method of learning and build upon current understandings of the skill and role of the hospital chaplain in healthcare.

DMC values the integration of pastoral and spiritual care into the life and fiber of its healthcare for patients, staff and community. Chaplains are well received and integrated into our multicultural and religiously diverse 404-bed, level II trauma hospital. The program is structured to offer three units of CPE with a two-week break between each unit. The stipend is \$26,000. Tuition per unit is \$200. Dates are September 12, 2016 to August 21, 2017. Completed applications or questions should be addressed to Judy Schlueter, Manager, Spiritual Care, Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI. [JSchlueter@dmc.org](mailto:JSchlueter@dmc.org), (313) 966-3452; or the Rev. Dr. Versey Williams, ACPE Supervisory Candidate, Spiritual Care Department, Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI. (517) 673-2523. [VerseyAWilliamsACPE@gmail.com](mailto:VerseyAWilliamsACPE@gmail.com). Application fee is \$25. Applications should be submitted by May 15, 2016.

- **The Louisville “Robley Rex” VA Medical Center** in Louisville, KY, has three openings for a 4-unit residency from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. Specialties include mental health, hospice, surgery, and intensive care, with opportunities to work with interdisciplinary teams. The annual stipend is \$27,000 with health benefits, sick leave, and annual leave. One unit of accredited CPE and Masters of Divinity strongly preferred. Additionally, 1-unit internships are available for the summer (12 weeks starting May 23) and fall (12 weeks starting September 29). For further information contact Chaplain Fred Ehrman at 502-287-4908, [james.ehrman@va.gov](mailto:james.ehrman@va.gov).
- **University of Michigan Hospital and Health Systems** has an opening for a CPE Supervisor. The University of Michigan Hospital and Health System is currently seeking a CPE Supervisor to establish a Clinical Pastoral Education program. This is an exciting opportunity to forward the mission of education of the University of Michigan Hospital and Health System through the Spiritual Care Department. A successful candidate will be responsible for establishing, coordination, and supervising the CPE program. This position has possible medical school involvement and will join a growing team of chaplains who are dedicated to providing the best spiritual care to a diverse patient population.

**Requirements:**

- ACPE certification as an ACPE Supervisor or Associate Supervisor
- M.Div. or equivalent graduate degree from a Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) accredited institution that includes theological, spiritual, and/or religious studies.
- 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education as offered by either ACPE or NACC, Board Certification or eligibility as recognized by the Spiritual Care Collaborative of APC, NACC, ACPE, and NAJC preferred
- Faith group endorsement
- Chaplaincy experience in a medical setting
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills

**How To Apply:**

Interested persons may apply online at [www.umjobs.org](http://www.umjobs.org) and if you have any questions, please contact Rev. Lindsay Bona at [bonal@med.umich.edu](mailto:bonal@med.umich.edu).

- **Community Howard Regional Hospital**, Kokomo, Indiana, is now accepting applications for their four-unit, full-time, Clinical Pastoral Education Residency (August 29, 2016-August 27, 2017). CPE residents will have opportunities to experience spiritual care training in all areas of our regional acute care health system, which includes two hospitals on three campuses. Residents receive a stipend, plus benefits, including paid time off, and meals provided. A health coach who is a registered nurse is available to provide holistic resources for self-care. Partnership with staff chaplains is a communal model of care and support for one another, hence, residents will be guided and engaged to provide care for patients and employees. Self-care is emphasized by receiving training in the practice of meditation. The CPE curriculum offers an in-depth spiritual care and counseling training including: Listening Skills, Family System, Theological Reflection, Grief Counseling, Ethics Consultation and Diversity Spiritual Assessments. A two-day exceptional training is provided for Critical Incident Debriefing.

**Requirements:** include a graduate theological degree or its equivalent with good standing in his/her faith group. No previous CPE is required. Program Supervisor: Rev. Yoke Lye Kwong, ACPE Supervisor, BCC, AAPC Pastoral Care Specialist. Prospective students can email completed ACPE application ([www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu)) and supporting materials to Jodi Bebout-Guffey, Secretary for the School of Clinical Pastoral Education ([Jbebout-guffey@ecommunity.com](mailto:Jbebout-guffey@ecommunity.com)). Application materials and the \$35 application fee (made payable to CHRH) can be mailed to Jodi Bebout-Guffey, Spiritual Services, Community Howard Regional Health, 35000 S. Lafountain, Kokomo, IN 46904-9011.

- **Covenant HealthCare**, Saginaw, Michigan, is now accepting applications to one of their three programs: Year-long Residency (Aug-Aug), \$29,000/year + benefits and NO tuition; Summer Intensive (Jun-Aug), \$650 tuition; Super-extended (Sep-Apr), NEW THIS YEAR! \$650 tuition. \$35 application fee payable to Covenant HealthCare to accompany all written materials submitted. Visit our webpage at [www.covenantpastoralcare.com](http://www.covenantpastoralcare.com) for more information. Our CPE program offers a good value for a fun and transforming educational experience. Call CPE Program Manager, Heather Collins at 989-583-4279 or email her at [hcollins@chs-mi.com](mailto:hcollins@chs-mi.com).

**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER**- Friday, July 8, 2016. Send to: Anne Courtney, at [anne@ecracpe.org](mailto:anne@ecracpe.org). For more information contact: 502-751-2230.

**Calendar of Events:**

- 09/23-24/2016 – Fall ECR Conference, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI
- 02/24-25/2017 – Spring ECR Conference, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH

**SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION**

**Associate Supervisors**

Marcos Collado  
Mark Eberly  
Anastasia Holman  
Vickie Johnson  
Debbie Mansell

**Supervisory Candidates**

Shannon Blower  
Gary Cooper  
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