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Frankly Speaking

November 22nd, A Pastoral Perspective

I stood for a long time, staring at a small white “x” painted in the center lane of the city street. The unremarkable, grass covered embankment on which I was standing, the locals informed me, was the now world-renowned “grassy knoll.” From where I stood, I could have probably heard the chattering sound of Karl Zapruder’s mechanically driven home movie camera. I tried to imagine that day. Brilliant fall sunshine bathed Dallas at high noon. The president and his wife, along with Texas Governor John Connolly had left Love field where Air Force One had landed at 11:31 A. M. This was “presidential politics pure and simple,” as Kennedy kicked off his bid for another term in the White House. Surprisingly, Jackie was with him. She seldom accompanied the President on such trips, and this was her first public outing since the stillbirth of their son, Patrick. There was concern for the President’s safety—the reason he was here was that Texas was “hostile territory.” The day before his arrival the local papers carried a large article criticizing his administration.

However, the day was bright and beautiful, and everything was as planned at the airport. The president had even gone over to the fence to touch hands with the crowd by a fence. The motorcade was uneventful. Now,

as they turned off Houston Street on their way out to the Apparel Mart, several miles out of Downtown Dallas where the President was to speak, there was a sense of relief and perhaps a relaxing of vigilance. Everything was going to be fine. Then, just as a highway sign obscured the limousine from Zapruder’s camera, and as it reached the spot now marked by that white “x,” shots rang out and Kennedy died, there in the Lincoln limousine beside his wife. Splattered with her husband’s blood, in shock, she nearly climbed out of the car, before secret service agents came to her aid and the entourage sped off to Parkland Hospital at speeds up to eighty miles an hour. Too late, the agents rode vigilantly with drawn guns, watching for more trouble—but the trouble was done. The doctors at Parkland set the President’s time of death at 1:30 P.M. Having worked for years in a Neurological Critical Care Unit and Trauma Center, and knowing the damage such headshots inflict, I have little doubt that things were over as the shots rang out. Merciful for Jack Kennedy. Painful for the survivors.

As I walked around the scene of those events, and later toured the Museum that now occupies the infamous “Sixth Floor” of what was then the Texas School Book Depository, I was surprised by what a constant stream of people still troop to this spot, and even more so by the local “hawkers” who sell tabloid-style souvenir papers that assure us that Kennedy’s death was the work of a conspiracy. Even the Museum, although it does not “take a position” certainly leaves little doubt that in their eyes, the evidence points to both a conspiracy and, “to more than one shooter.” Of course, there is more money for locals in espousing the conspiracy theory—it keeps the controversy alive, bringing more visitors, and it sells more souvenir papers. However, I have no particular trust in the Warren Commission report either, and am content, as a layperson to live in the ambiguity of the historical controversy over this event.

When this event occurred over thirty-six years ago, now, I was a young pastor, in the first year of my first full-time appointment, Overbrook Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Southmont area of

Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I can still recall, not only my feelings about this shooting, but my “official” response to it. That Sunday, I made a statement from the pulpit, perhaps it was part of my sermon. I said something to the effect that the some 350 feet that the bullet traveled represented the enormous distance between all that was noble and good (as in Kennedy) and the depths of degradation to which humanity can fall (as in Osborne). How simplistic and romantically idealistic that sounds as I see it on paper again after all these years. But those were idealistic times. The Russians were bad and Khrushchev was the devil. Kennedy was young, heroic, courageous and, we thought, immortal. Of course it was a matter of record how his father had become wealthy, and how he got his appointment to an ambassadorship. But we preferred to recall other history, his son Joe Junior, the aviator who died in the war, Jack’s own exploits, saving ten of his men when PT 109 was sunk. We all wanted it to be Camelot in the White House. Trouble is we forgot the dark side of Camelot—betrayal, infidelity, and death. Unfortunately these parts of the myth were also true.

As I walked these historic steps recently, my reaction was quite different from the idealistic indignation I expressed in my pulpit that Sunday. I found myself wondering what kind of pastoral concern those grieving and injured people received that day, and in the days following. I wondered if the secret service permitted the clergyperson who gave Jack Kennedy the sacrament to hug Jackie and let her cry on a compassionate shoulder. I wonder if Jackie would have permitted herself to do it. I wondered if anyone paid attention to the anguish of those agents, who must have felt the ultimate defeat and shame that can only come when you have been chosen to do a very important job because you are the best, and then see yourself as failing in the most horrendous way.

I wonder about the pain of Marina Oswald, whose life was sucked into this cyclone of vengeance. I wonder how all these events fed into the unfolding story of pain and tragedy that has stalked the survivors. Of the four immediate members of that First Family, now only Caroline is living. As I sat in the Museum theater watching footage of the funeral procession, with the riderless horse, representing a fallen Commander, Little Jon, snapping to attention as the procession passed, and the grim stoicism of Jackie, I mourn that they are gone—but even more so, for what lived through. In that same footage of the funeral, the camera focuses for a moment on one of the servicemen in the honor guard standing by

the casket—he is at attention, with his expression set and unreadable, but as the camera watches, a tear brims over his eye and trickles down his cheek.

This is my response to tragedy. To be moved with compassion on those who suffer, and to stand ready to be with them in their sorrow. To do this effectively is not a simple matter. It requires more than the calling or desire to do so. It requires training, discipline, and practice. This is a calling to which many are called. We in clinical pastoral education, attempt to provide those who hear this call with the tools and skills to discover and refine this gift in themselves. This task is worthy of our best effort. It is one that holds fascination and challenge no matter how long we do it.

*Collegially,
Frank*

CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE 1975

One of the sacred rites of passage in the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is the journey toward becoming a Certified Supervisor. In this 75th year of our birthing at Worcester State Hospital with Rev. Anton T. Boisen and four students - three men and one woman - we celebrate the pioneer supervisors in ACPE, and in particular our region. In 1925, the four students represented graduate students in four faculties of theology: Harvard Divinity School, Boston University, Union Seminary of New York, and Chicago Theological Seminary. The only person in that first group that had a significant impact on CPE was Dr. Helen Flanders Dunbar, MD who was Medical Director when the Council for Clinical Training was started in 1930. Helen Dunbar, who later became a psychiatrist, had been at Worcester one month, but she was intrigued by the new experiment in teaching practical theology for seminary students.

From this simple beginning, many pioneers emerged in the 1930s and 1940s as the Council for Clinical Training was formed in New York in 1930 and as the Institute for Pastoral Care was organized in Boston during January of 1944. In the early days, supervisors were certified after one or two units of training and a mutual agreement after an evening social. One of the pioneers in our region, Rev. Malcom Ballinger, is quoted as saying when asked about his certification as a supervisor: "In fact, I had no

requirements. Rollin Fairbanks just wrote me a letter in 1947 saying: 'You are hereby a supervisor.' The only CPE I had was with Carroll Wise in 1935. In the beginning we had no rules or regulations or procedures or requirements. You took a CPE program; then you assisted in a CPE program; and then you were a supervisor. Just like that." (Dr. Paula Buford, Th.D., *Women Pastoral Caregivers, 1925-1967*, p. 117) Two former Presidents of ACPE, Lennert Cederleaf and Charles Gerkin asked, after an evening social at Lake Geneva, when they would meet a committee and they were informed that they had passed. (John Thomas in *Snapshot History of CPE - 1975-2000*, p. 21).

In 1950, at the same time of the Twenty Fifth Anniversary, the Council for Clinical Training had tightened up the Standards for Certification. They included: 1. Graduation from a recognized theological seminary; 2). Ordination and good standing with a faith group; 3). Parish experience; 4). A year of clinical training in two different institutions under two different supervisors; 5). Period of experience as an Assistant Supervisor; 6). Skill in handling close interpersonal relationships; and, 7). A mature and expanding religious philosophy.

By 1975, at the Fiftieth Anniversary, the four pioneer groups including the Institute for Pastoral Care, the Council for Clinical Training, the Lutheran Advisory Council on Pastoral Care, and the Southern Baptist Association had been formed into the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (1967). The certification of supervisors continued to be a primary focus of the Certification and Accreditation of the newly formed organization. Since the formation of CPE in 1967, the certification for supervisors has gone through eighteen sets of standards. Whether one views this as pejorative or laudatory, there has been a lot of change going on in the life of ACPE.

In the earlier days, much weight was given to the individual's readiness to claim her or his authority as a supervisor. It was important for the "wanta-be-supervisor" to affirm him/her self as a peer in meeting the members of committee. There has been a move away from this emphasis toward more professional expectations since that time. However, when I was journeying toward certification in the 1970s, the National Certification Committee chaired by George Buck was still very confrontational adhering to the belief that increasing student anxiety would produce better

learning. Today, I go out of my way to reduce student anxiety to create a hospitable environment for learning.

In 1975, an individual met a regional Certification and Accreditation Committee for Advanced CPE, readiness to do Supervisory CPE, and for Acting Supervisor. A vote was taken regarding the person at all these levels. Dick Donnenwirth was Chair of the Committee in 1975 and three meetings were held Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Dayton. Standards for admission to Supervisor CPE (cost \$25) included: 1) Ecclesiastical endorsement; 2). A psychodynamic account of one's life; 3). Previous Presenter' reports; 4) A paper stating, "Understanding of CPE" which includes - Implications for the church and ministry, Understanding of pastoral supervision; 5). Summary description of each student supervised; 6). Exhaustive evaluation on the supervision of one student; 7). Comprehensive report on the performance in Supervisory CPE, i.e., clinical setting, program design and evaluation of supervisory process. The Presenter was guided by an endeavor to discover with the candidate: Intra personal clarity of pastoral identity, Interpersonal evidence of freedom and maturing in interpersonal relations. Technical and Theoretical evidence in the ability to conceptualize and articulate issues relating to pastoral ministry and education, and Integrative evidence of professional competence as an educator.

CERTIFICATION MEETINGS IN 1975

In 1975 the members of the Committee were: Dick Donnenwirth, Chair, Ray Cooley, Grover Criswell, Ed Filbey, Joseph Foster, Jim Gebhart, Herb Hillebrand, Walter Jackson, Vern Kuehn, Paul Nicely, Darrell Nicola, Jack Shepard, John Vayhinger, and Donald Young.

At the February meeting in **Indianapolis**, the candidates certified as Acting Supervisor were: Joe Robertson, Max Meier, and Robert Weikart. One person was affirmed for readiness to do Supervisory training: Ossie Heaton.

At the May meeting in **Cincinnati** the candidates certified as Acting Supervisor were: Wesley Monfalcone, James Pollard, and Noel Brown. The following were affirmed for readiness to do Supervisor training: Glenn Calkins, Robert Campbell, Dick Goldsmith, Olivio Novario, Stanley Carpenter, Don Leininger, Don Pollock, Anne Baltzell and Ruth Glasser.

This was an ambitious group of aspirants. The first women affirmed for supervisory training in 1975 appeared at this time.

At the September meeting in **Dayton** the candidates certified as Acting Supervisor were: Stan Mullin, Henry Marksberry, and Wade Rowatt. For the first time, the Committee experimented with no vote at all for those candidates consulting for readiness to do supervisory. Those who consulted with the committee were James Leggett, Gerald Niklas, Phillip Koster, Duane Visser, Richard Goldsmith, Michael Mack, and Ken Tarlton. Again, as in the February meeting, there were no women. In sum, 69% of the individuals who appeared for Acting Supervisor in 1975 passed.

As we celebrate this 75th Birthday, a number of the people in the supervisory process, along with members of the Certification and Accreditation Committee, in 1975 are still active in the region. To them we give a salute for work well done.

Prepared by: Robert Leas, History Chair, from the Archives of the East Central Region.

WEB SITE INFORMATION

NEWS FLASH!!! The Certification application can now be found on the regional Web site. You may apply on-line and the form will automatically go to Mary Altenbaumer. You need only send your check through snail mail.

Did you know that our regional website logged over 459 visits in the first 23 days of April? Prospective students are busy seeking placements for the summer and they use the Internet to look for ACPE centers. A typical week shows an average of 60-100 hits. The website has been visited by students from all around the world. Canada, Kenya, Japan, Israel, Belgium, United Kingdom, Philippines, and even Croatia. We are now an international resource. If an international student has contacted you about CPE, our website may be the source.

You can be a WWW-Webmaster! Have you been looking for an easy way to advertise your CPE Center's programs? Have you wondered how to let prospective students know about your program schedule? Have you wanted to get your center on the World Wide Web but don't know the difference between

a URL and an ISP? Look no further! You too can program like a Webmaster. Just load the following link into your Internet browser and fill-in the online form. It will automatically load your program schedule onto the ecr-acpe.org website.

- **To add a program:** (single unit or residency):
<http://www.ecr-acpe.org/cgi-bin/Guestbook/cpeopps.html>
- **To view program listings,** go to:
<http://www.ecr-acpe.org/cgi-bin/Guestbook/cpeopps.html>

Note these links are case sensitive. You may need to refresh/reload the program listings page once you have submitted your entry.

Two New eGroup Discussion Lists Launched

There are two new email discussion lists for the ECR. We hope this will be an easy way to get information to individuals and centers across the region. The SIT-list launched-off like a rocket, and peer members of that group have been busily emailing one another since its inception.

1. **ECR-ACPE@egroups.com:** Open discussion list of the East Central Region of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE). Supervisory forum, general news, and prayer support. Interfaith and interdenominational membership of persons interested in chaplaincy and/or pastoral care and counseling. Frank Ciampa is the moderator of the group. Anyone can post a message to the entire list.

To subscribe to this list, send a blank e-mail to ECR-ACPE-subscribe@egroups.com or go to <http://www.ecr-acpe.org> and scroll down to the online subscription box. Just follow the easy instructions.

2. **ECR-ACPE-SIT@egroups.com:** Restricted discussion list of East Central Region - ACPE supervisory students. Admittance to a supervisory program is required. List is intended as a place for discussion between peers about supervisory theory, practice and the certification process. Consider it an online interpersonal group!

To subscribe to this list, send a blank email to: ECR/ACPE-SIT-subscribe@egroups.com or go to <http://www.ecr-acpe.org> and scroll down to the online subscription box. Just follow the easy instructions. Once your status has been confirmed, your address will be added to the list.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact:
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CERTIFICATION NEWS:

Carl Buxo will be meeting the National Certification Commission this month. We wish him well in that process.

The fall meeting of the East Central Certification Committee will be held on **September 21, 2000**, preceding the region's fall meeting.

Application Deadline - July 28, 2000

This means your application and required fee must be received by Mary Altenbaumer on or before this date.

Packet Deadline - August 24, 2000

Materials should be received by the presenter and committee on or before this date.

To all those meeting committee for Candidacy and Extensions - please note that your training Supervisor is welcome to sit in as a silent observer of your committee process if both of you decide that would be helpful.

For those meeting a committee for Readiness, the training supervisor is **STRONGLY** encouraged to be present for the committee process since this is a consultation process for both student and supervisor.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at mlaltenb@stvincent.org or by phone at 317-338-3168.

***Certification Chair,
Mary Altenbaumer***

Job Opportunities

(also available at our web site)

- **Chaplain Resident positions** are available at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. The four-year long residency positions begin 09/01/00. The stipend is \$18,000 plus benefits. Successful completion of one prior unit of Level I CPE is a pre-requisite. Lutheran offers chaplain specialties in Hospice Care, Behavioral Health, a full-service Children's Hospital, Cardiac Surgery and Heart Transplant with pastoral care in a general medical/surgical hospital. Lutheran has a staff of four chaplains, two of whom are Certified Supervisors, ACPE, Inc. Interested individuals contact: The Rev. Robert Leas, Program Manager for CPE, Pastoral Care Division, Lutheran Hospital, 7950 S. Jefferson, Fort Wayne, IN. 4802; Telephone (219) 435-7724; (email bleas@lutheran-hosp.com)

- Kettering Medical Center Network, located in Kettering, Ohio has **one CPE residency position** available starting 08/31/00. KMCN is looking for a two-year chaplain resident to work closely with medical residents. KMCN Department of Pastoral Services has in the last two years developed a working relationship with medical residents promoting spiritual/medical integration. This specialty allows for the chaplain resident to work both as team member and spiritual caregiver to medical residents. There is also opportunity for ministry to a diverse patient population. KMCN includes Kettering Medical Center, an acute care hospital, Grandview Medical Center, an osteopathic hospital, and two community hospitals. KMCN as a teaching medical center also offers ministry specialties in mental health, oncology, open heart, rehab, geriatrics, etc. Stipend is \$19,000 and includes health insurance, vacation days and other benefits. Address all inquiries to: Rev. Henry S. Uy, Department of Pastoral Services, Kettering Medical Center, 3535 Southern Blvd., Kettering, OH 45429. (Tel. 937-296-7240). Please include \$25 non-refundable application fee (applies to tuition). E-mail address: Henry.Uy@kmcnetwork.org

Calendar of Events

- June 25-26, 2000 Admin Council Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH
- September 22-23, 2000 ECR Fall Meeting, St. Joseph, MI., The Boulevard Inn

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