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Frankly Speaking

LIVING IN WONDERLAND

I'm sitting in a 757, cruising at seven miles above sea level, on a short hop from San Diego to Denver, the first of two legs home to Indianapolis at the end of the Regional Directors Convocation. The flight is scheduled for two hours and nine minutes, but due to a tail wind, we are likely to complete the flight in an hour and a half. This is not an unusual experience for us in the twenty first century. Since the late fifties of the last century, we have taken high altitude flight and mach .8 for granted. But as I sit here, I keep recalling my recreational reading project from last year—to read all of Charles Lindbergh's books, and several of Anne Marrow Lindbergh's as well. Both of them were good writers, and both had a lot to say.

Particularly at this moment, sitting in this marvelous conveyance that all of us pretty much take for granted, I am remembering Lindbergh's trip from San Diego, seventy-five years ago. As you may recall, the Spirit of St. Louis was built in San Diego by the Ryan Aircraft Company. When it was completed, Lindbergh spent a few days testing the airplane and then, late one afternoon, he launched on a non-stop flight from the Ryan factory to St. Louis, where he presented the aircraft to the financial backers of the project for their inspection. This flight, in itself, was a great leap for aviation: A single pilot, in a small single engine airplane, flying non-stop through the night, fifteen hundred miles across the continent. He had no navigation aids other than a compass and a few maps. . He had very sparse and largely inaccurate weather reports. Yet with these limitations, Lindbergh set off across the coastal mountains, the high desert, the Rockies, and the vast prairies by himself, and he completed the flight. It was the first of many records that he set in the Spirit of St. Louis. After a few days, he flew on to New York City, and shortly after that he lifted off for Paris, and the rest, as you know, is history.

Until the airplane came into practical usage in the 1920's, a trip across the United States was measured in days by rail, in weeks by automobile, and more weeks by ship. The trip by pioneers in prairie schooners in the 1800's took many months, if indeed, it was successful at all. Does anyone doubt that we are living in wonderland with respect to transportation?

The other reality in my mind as I write this is that I am sitting here at 37,500 feet writing this piece on a computer. The notion of "practical" computers was only getting into our awareness some forty years ago. I recall hearing in a lecture when I was almost through college, in 1959, that we should learn a new word: "cybernetics," because it would become important to know what it meant in the future—there is an understatement! Back then "computer" referred to a gigantic machine that sorted got its instructions from IBM punch cards. Personal computers were still some way in the future, and practical portables came even later. It was only about seven years ago that I was attending this same meeting of the nine Regional Directors of ACPE when the subject of using "computers" in our regions was raised. As I recall, at that time only two of the nine of us could claim to be "computer literate" and to have computers in our regional offices. Today, none of the regions would be able to operate as they now do without computers. They do our bookkeeping, produce our reports, connect us to the internet, (where all the regions have websites) recruit students, produce newsletters, and even write articles.

Could any of us imagine going back to typewriters, carbon paper, mimeograph stencils and correction fluid? Could any of us endure the idea of relying on only U. S. Mail for communication? Does anyone doubt that with respect to information technology, we are living in a wonderland?

Speaking of communication, I could go on to talk about phones. My son dialed my cell phone number a few hours ago, and had no idea he was making a transcontinental call—but it worked just as well as if I had been at home, some two or three miles from him. I can hook my cell phone to my laptop anywhere I am and access my computer at work. This is elementary stuff today. People on the cutting edge are doing things I really don't understand with their phones. And how about that E-Bay! You can attend auctions with millions of other people, bidding on items all over the place from the comfort of your bedroom or living room. When I think what life was like when I was a child, with outhouses, party line telephones, AM Radios, wax records, two-lane highways, I know that we are living in a technological wonderland.

Well, I'm going to have to stop now because we are descending into Denver. No time to talk about surgery without incisions, implanted pacemakers or bionic body parts. In the hour and eighteen minutes we have been airborne, we have covered eight hundred miles. Lindbergh was still in California, about a hundred miles out of San Diego when he had been flying for an equal amount of time.

In closing, one thing that has not changed in this wonderland, is that it is still just as difficult to get a grip on what life means, how we should live, and what we should value, as it ever was. We may be able to lunge into the future at breath-taking speeds, armed with a dizzying array of technical aids, but we are still the contemporaries of Socrates, Confucius, Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed and Mother Theresa when it comes to realizing our potential as evolving and humane creatures. As long as this is true, the process of Clinical Pastoral Education will have a contribution to make. Technology may make some parts of it easier, or increase the range of our sphere of influence, but the core work we do will still require us to practice an art—an art that cannot be hurried or made simpler.

Collegially,
Frank

Pastoral Concerns:

Charlie Hart's mother, Margaret, passed away on February 6. The family had been expecting her death and had been able to spend time with her. The funeral was held February 9 in Petoskey, MI. Our prayers are with Charlie and his loved ones during this time of loss. [Charles Hart is an ACPE supervisor at Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit, MI.]

Job Opportunities

- The Chandler Medical Center has the following ACPE opportunities:
 - **Four openings for Summer CPE interns.** The unit will begin on May 28, 2002 and run until August 9, 2002. The program will meet 4 full days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Each intern will provide pastoral care for 5 evenings over the summer that will count as 75 clinical hours of credit toward completion of the unit. (No weekends are required, but may be chosen). Candidates in other ministry settings are welcome to apply and clinical hours, when appropriate, may be adjusted accordingly. No prior CPE experience is necessary. Interns must be working at a Master's Degree level in a related field. Candidates must have official standing and recognition/in a recognized religious group and be able to work in an interfaith setting.
 - **Two residency positions currently available.** The positions are full time for one year. One prior successful unit of ACPE training is required. One must be at the Master's Degree level or above, have standing by a recognized faith group, and an ability to work in an interfaith setting. We offer a stipend and benefits that include: low cost health insurance, free parking, discounted meals, a meal allowance while on-call, reduced tuition and generous vacation and holiday time.

Chandler Medical Center includes numerous patient clinics, an active emergency department, seven adult intensive care units (we are a quaternary care center), oncology, cardiac, transplant programs, and a children's hospital within the hospital to name a few. Send completed ACPE application form with a \$40 non-refundable application fee to: Rev. Donna Farrar, Pastoral Care, UK Hospital, 800 Rose Street, H-118, Lexington KY. 40536-0293. For questions or concerns, please call: 859-323-5301 or E-mail at: dbfarr2@pop.uky.edu

- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, is seeking a CPE Supervisor as Coordinator of CPE. Responsibilities include managing a well-established CPE program, CPE Supervision, providing pastoral care to patients, families, and staff with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a M. Div., certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or resume to: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H19, The Cleveland Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue., Cleveland, OH. 44195. Phone (216) 444-2518; FAX (216) 445-9678 or E-Mail persaup@ccf.org
- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has seven positions for the **2002-2003 CPE Residency**, and eight for the **summer 2002 CPE program**. Residency stipend is \$22,000-22,600. Apply by 2/28/02: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216) 445-9768.

Calendar of Events

- February 22-23, 2002, ECR Annual Conference, Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH.
- April 24-27, 2002, ACPE Conference, Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA.

Information for the March Newsletter must be received by February 25, 2002. Send to: Regional Business Office, 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter, MI. 48130 Telephone: 1/800-336-5099; or E-mail lykbyl@aol.com

Supervisory Education in the Region

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Welcome to the East Central Region and Congratulations!!!! *Robert [Bob] Mcgeeney* recently moved from Tacoma, Washington to Cleveland, Ohio. In September, he began his new position as Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Vincent's Charity and St. John West Short Hospitals. At the November meeting of the ACPE Certification Commission, he became an Associate Supervisor! Bob can be reached by E-mail at Robert.Mcgeeney@HCAhealthcare.ca

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