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[It is with sadness I pass along the news of the death of George Carter on September 3. George was a seminary professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and active as a CPE supervisor in the Louisville Cluster. He died in Charlestown, South Carolina where he and his wife, Marie, moved last year for retirement. George had multiple myeloma for which he'd had a bone marrow transplant and had done well for over a year. He was a dear friend and mentor to many and wonderful supervisor. There is a memorial fund in his name at the Seminary. Mary.burks-price@nortonhealthcare.org]

FRANKLY SPEAKING

A CELEBRATION OF AVIATION REGAINED

I have spent one of the most frustrating and agonizing summers of my life as a pilot this past five months. Understand, this is a comparatively minor kind of agony—no one is seriously ill, dying, or suffering from any loss or tragedy of major proportions. But if you ask my wife, who had to put up with my fretting and fussing, it was bad enough.

After twenty-nine years of being a credentialed pilot, and a dozen or so years of owning my own airplane, I was grounded this summer. It was a silly glitch. My doctor put me on a medicine that was on the Federal Aviation Authority's list of forbidden drugs. It was not hard for me to get along without it, so I went off of it immediately. But the inscrutable rules of the FAA insisted that I surrender my medical certificate (required for pilots to be legal) for ninety days. At the end of this time, my doctor could send the FAA a letter stating that I was free of the drug and doing fine without it. Then my medical certificate could be restored.

Well, in theory, all that was correct—except I was dealing with an agency of the United States Government. It didn't go quite as described. After the ninety day suspension was over and the letter submitted it took another seven weeks, even with the intervention of a very strong pilot's lobbying organization, to steer my tiny little problem through the labyrinth of bureaucratic mazes to get me re-certified as "fit to fly." I could bore you with the frustrating details of endless phone calls and faxes, but I won't. Last week, the re-certification finally happened; I can legally fly again!

The day after my medical certificate was issued, I had occasion to take a short trip. An elderly woman in my church had died, and I would make my customary appearance to meet the family in the funeral home for an hour before the public visitation began. Since this is a fifty-mile car trip, I fly it when it is possible. This particular day, it was stormy, with "isolated thunder showers" roaming across central Indiana. One of the miracles of modern technology is that storms do not necessarily rule out private flying. Some more sophisticated airplanes have radar units on board to keep them clear of storms, but even those of us with more modest equipment can safely fly by staying in contact with the radar facilities on the ground that keep us a safe distance from any violent storm activity.

On my trip out, the storms were far enough away to be no problem, and I had a nominal twenty-minute flight to the airport near my church from which I would drive the three miles to the funeral home. After spending time with the family, I returned to the airport to see storms much nearer. The storms were still isolated, and between them the air was clear with good visibility. I launched southward and called radar. They identified the storms as lying to the east (left) of my route. The controller warned me that in order to keep me away from the

airliners landing at International, about fifteen miles to the west, he would have to initially steer me toward the storms.

I think he was worried that this would frighten me. He spent considerable time reassuring me that this would be safe. I finally said, "We're fine up here" (meaning "the airplane and me"). What a trip that was, as we threaded the slot between the traffic landing at International off my right wing, and the storms billowing and boiling off my left wing, with lightning leaping from cloud to cloud! But the thing that crowned that flight was a rainbow that stood between the storm and me. It was brilliant, coloring the farm fields and later the cityscape passing below me. As I moved south, the rainbow traveled with me, keeping its position with the base of the arch just ahead of my wing.

I thought, as I passed a few miles west of storms that could destroy an airplane, yet in complete safety where I was, of the meaning of the rainbow in the story of Noah—a bow of promise and protection, set in the sky, like God's signature on the covenant God made with Noah. Now here was that same "signature" standing between the storm and my airplane. What a wonderful way to return to flying after nearly twenty weeks of being grounded.

I guess my hope is that each of us has some hobby or activity that gives them the pleasure and "re-creation" that flying gives me. Perhaps the most telling indicator of this is the practice I observed during those summer days when I could not go fly: I would just go out to the airport and sit in the hanger beside the airplane and meditate. Even being there brought me pleasure.

Collegially,

Frank

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Certification Committee News: CONGRATULATIONS! **CARL BUXO** - NEW CPE SUPERVISOR! Carl successfully met a committee in Nashville, IN. at the regional meeting. Extensions were granted to **Daryl Hanson** as Associate Supervisor and **Tim Waits** as Candidate. Congratulations also to **Donald Harris**, new Candidate!

Effective October 1, 2002 Mary Burks-Price and Michael Saxton began their term as Co-chair of the Regional Certification Committee. (mary.burks-price@nortonhealthcare.org; (502-629-3152; saxtonm@sjrmc.com; (574-282-8904)

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Accreditation Committee News: *Annual Center Reports Due -January 15, 2003* - centers will be charged a \$50 late fee for reports postmarked after January 15. If you recall, the form was revised in 2001 and was sent to centers by the national office along with the 2002 standards and appeals manual. Kim Barnett is still chair of accreditation, however, John Peterson is coordinating the annual report process. John's address is: Pastoral Care Department, Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN. 46804 [jpeterson@lutheran-hosp.com]. All other accreditation questions concerns contact Kim Barnett at: 158 Leighton Lane, Akron, OH. 44319-4077; (330-644-2709] E-mail at kimb@stowglen.com

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Celebrations:

Earl Hoppert, Director of Pastoral Care and Education at Larue Carter Hospital, wanted to share the news that a special program is scheduled for October 10-11 to celebrate fifty years of providing mental health services in Indiana. For more information about the activities and programs scheduled as part of the celebration call 317 941-4187.

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Job Opportunities:

- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has **five positions for the 2003-2004 ACPE Residency, and six for the summer 2003 ACPE program.** Residency stipend is \$22,000- \$22,600. Apply by 02/28/03: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care H 19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216) 445-9678. Visit web site: www.ccf.org for information on the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.
- Chandler Medical Center - University of KY Hospital - Lexington, KY. has two ACPE internships available beginning January 6, 2003 through April 25, 2003. The program will meet for 20 hours per week. There will be two nights of on-call coverage per month that will count as 15 hours toward clinical credit. The hospital is an exciting quaternary care center. No previous CPE is required. Requirements include: working at Master's degree level, faith group recognition, and an ability to work in an interfaith setting. Please send standard ACPE application and non-refundable \$40 application fee to: Rev. Donna Farrar, Chandler Medical Center - UK Hospital, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536-0293, Phone: (859-323-5301); E-mail dbfarr2@pop.uky.edu

Calendar of Events

- **October 20-26, 2002** - Pastoral Care Week "Valuing A Growing Spirit"
- **November 13-17, 2002** - ACPE Leadership Meeting - Atlanta, GA.
- **February 6-8, 2003** - Racial Ethnic Multicultural (REM) Invitational Conference, Birmingham, AL *
- **February 21-22, 2003** - East Central Region, ACPE Annual Meeting - Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH.

*ACPE Racial Ethnic Multicultural - REM Invitational

February 6-8, 2003

"PASSING THE MANTEL"

Sheraton Birmingham Hotel Convention Center, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Birmingham, AL. 35203. Room rates are \$99 per night for singles or doubles. Contact: Chaplain Jacque Henderson, D. Min., The Ingalls Center of Pastoral Ministries, Baptist Princeton Hospital, 701 Princeton Avenue, SW, Birmingham, AL 35211-1139 (205-783-3113) E-Mail Jacquelin.Henderson@bhsala.com



Supervisory Education in the Region

Supervisory Candidates

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Carrie Cullen
Jim Mitchell
Jon Paulus
Tim Waits
Pat Shelden-Ward

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Frank Ciampa, Director
Kim Barnett, Accreditation
Lin Barnett, Vice Chair
Urias Beverly, Nominations
Billie Beverly, REM
Alan Bowman, Board of Reps
Larry Brandon, Budget & Investment
Mary Burks-Price, Co-Chair Certification

Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics
Carol Green, Board of Reps
Earl Hoppert, Long Range Planning & Development
Robert Leas, History
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Kathy Nininger, Chair
Michael Saxton, Co-Chair Certification
Karl Van Harn, Standards
Cecilia Williams, Research

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