

## **EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE**

### **INDIANA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO & PITTSBURGH, PA.**

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Mid January 2003



*February 21-22, 2003 Conference: The program and registration was mailed December 24. If you did not receive the information contact Joan Lyke ([lykbyl@aol.com](mailto:lykbyl@aol.com) or 1/800-336-5099) right away. The block of rooms being held for our group will be released after January 31. Watch your mail for more information about the SIT/SC (Supervisors-in-Training / Supervisory Candidates) Pre-Conference event scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2:30PM-9PM. Mary Burks-Price and Denise Massey will be providing more details in the very near future regarding the program "The Potential and Pitfalls of Love in Supervision."*

**FRANKLY SPEAKING**

#### **Surprised by Joy**

"Grandma! The ornaments! The ornaments!" It was our four-year-old granddaughter, looking up into my wife's face with near panic in her eyes. "We didn't put the ornaments on the tree!" It was nearing the end of Christmas day. Our sons and their families who had spent the afternoon and evening with us were gathering up to leave when Haleigh remembered an unfulfilled promise. I had given my wife a box of ten ornaments for Christmas, and they had caught Haleigh's fancy when Dinah (my wife) opened them. She immediately wanted to stop the gift opening and put them on the tree. Dinah promised her that they would put them on the tree later. We finished the gift exchange and sat down to dinner together. Gradually, after dinner the families began to prepare to go home. The promise to Haleigh was overlooked until she realized they were about to leave and she made her impassioned plea to Dinah. So Dinah and Haleigh got out the box and went to the tree.

This is actually my wife's story, and she could tell it better. But as she recounted it to me, she spoke of how Haleigh's eyes shone as she helped her grandmother take each of the delicate and beautiful ornaments from the box and place them on the tree. It just turned out to be one of those very special, memorable moments that sometimes occur between grandparents and their grandchildren that become etched in the mind forever. Reflecting on that experience later, Dinah summed it up by saying, "That moment became Christmas for me this year!"

How typical this is of life. Christmas is for us and for many families, a very elaborate affair, for which the planning begins long before it arrives. We buy gifts months in advance, we plan activities that are both elaborate and expensive, and we prepare meals that consume time and resources to place on the table. In a sense, we are trying to plan for "joy". But joy comes where it will. Elaborate plans can go amiss, big meals can be more memorable for the work than for the enjoyment, and gifts do not always bring joy. Between the gifts that tend to be things the giver would have liked to receive, and gifts that are requested, and gifts that are utilitarian in nature, this whole scene can be more accurately described as a pleasant diversion than a moment of joy.

For Dinah and I this Christmas, one of the plans we made was for the two of us, plus Dinah's sister, Laura, to travel the 45 miles to my church for the 11:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve. I had felt more prepared for this service than I ever had before, and I was happy that schedules would allow my wife and sister-in-law to come with me. We were all excited about it. But by 9:00 PM, when we had planned

to leave, it had been snowing all evening, and the roads were treacherous. Traveling to church became a dangerous odyssey as we passed slide offs and accidents, and squinted to see through a slush covered windshield. It took all the two hours we had to get there. We were rushed getting ready for the service, and because of the weather, the crowd was less than half that of previous years. So much for planning for joy! When we got home at 2:00 AM most of what we felt was gratitude to be safe at home, and complete exhaustion.

Our Christmas meal was a wonderful feast for which we had planned and prepared. Yet by the time we arrived at the table, everyone had eaten and snacked all day, and most of us were so tired it was hard to be hungry. Few of us made it to dessert.

I have borrowed C. S. Lewis's Autobiography title for this article, "Surprised by Joy," because I think he was right. Lewis, a bachelor for most of his life, fell in love late in life, and was transformed by the joy of that relationship which he never had imagined or expected. We can plan and scheme for joyful experiences, but more often than not, the most joyful experiences are like those precious moments Dinah and Haleigh shared before a shining Christmas tree, appreciating the beauty of those ornaments, and placing each of them thoughtfully where they would sparkle and glisten in the reflected glow of the tree lights in just the right way. Remaining sensitive to recognize those moments and appreciate them when they occur is a special gift we all need to cultivate. Joy does not always (or often) come at our invitation—it surprises us when we least expect it. If we are not open to it, we can miss it altogether.

Collegially,  
**Frank**

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**Certification News:** The Regional Certification committee will be meeting candidates on Thursday, February 20, at Hueston Woods State Park in College Corner, Ohio.

January 6, 2003 was the deadline for Mike Saxton to have received your application form and required fee. **MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2003** - Having received a docket assigning you a Presenter and committee, your materials should be in their hands by 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 **MUST** 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 [saxtonm@sjrnc.com](mailto:saxtonm@sjrnc.com) or by phone at 574-282-8904.

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**Accreditation Committee News: Annual Center Reports were 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](mailto: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](mailto:kimb@stowglen.com)

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***Pastoral Concerns:***

Yoshiya Togami's mother, Kimiko, died in early January. Yoshiya flew to Japan to be with his family. Please hold Yoshiya, his sister, Mica, his brother, Nobu and their father in your prayers. Michelle and Yoshiya wanted to thank you for your many prayers and support over these difficult years. The family suggests memorial gifts to your local hospice agency. (Yoshiya is a chaplain at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, KY).

**Job Opportunities:**

- Deaconess Hospital has **three ACPE residency positions** available for 2003-04. The Program runs from September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004; Stipend: \$21,000 plus benefits which include two weeks paid vacation, six holidays, personal days, insurance at employee rates, access to fitness center and free housing for single students; Tuition: \$300, first unit; \$200 for following units; Prior CPE and/or pastoral experience preferred; Inquiries/applications: Chaplain Charles Doughty, Religious Life Department, Deaconess Hospital, 600 Mary Street, Evansville, Indiana 47747; Phone: (812)450-2260; e-mail: Chuck\_doughty@deaconess.com
- **Full Time ACPE Resident Position.** September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2004. Lutheran Hospital of Indiana is a 350 bed Top 100 Hospital serving northeast Indiana and western Ohio. We offer many opportunities for Pastoral care in this growing medical community. Our program also has an outplacement at Hospice of Dekalb County. The residency is a full time position with a stipend of \$20,000/year plus benefits. Qualifications include at least one unit of CPE and completion of one year of seminary or have equivalent training and experience. The tuition is \$1,200 for the year. Application fee is \$25. Send inquiries to Tim Waits at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, 7950 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46804. E-mail: twaits@lutheran-hosp.com. Telephone: (260) 435-7724 or 435-7117. FAX: (260) 435-7625. Also available:
- Full Time CPE Level 1 or 2 March 3 - May 17, 2003. We have openings in our full-time CPE group for the spring quarter. The tuition is \$550 for the unit.
- 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 H19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216) 445-9678. Visit web site: [www.ccf.org](http://www.ccf.org) for information on the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

**Calendar of Events**

- **February 6-8, 2003** - Racial Ethnic Multicultural (REM) Invitational Conference, Sheraton Birmingham Hotel Convention Center, Birmingham, AL; for reservations and information phone (205) 324-5000
- **February 21-22, 2003** - East Central Region, ACPE Annual Meeting - Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH.
- **April 23-27, 2003** - ACPE Leadership Meeting - Boards, Commissions, Committees, Westin Atlanta Airport-Atlanta, GA Phone (888) 627-7211

Information for the February newsletter must be received by January 31, 2003. Send to: Regional Business Office, 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter, MI. 48130 Telephone: 1/800-336-5099; or E-mail [lykbyl@aol.com](mailto:lykbyl@aol.com)

**Supervisory Education in the Region**

**Supervisory Candidates**

Ruth Alpers  
Carrie Cullen  
Donald Harris  
Jim Mitchell  
Jon Paulus  
Pat Shelden Ward  
Tim Waits

**Officers of the Region**

*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**

**BJ Myers-Bradley, Clinical Members**

**Kathy Nininger, Chair**

**Michael Saxton, Co-Chair Certification**

**Karl Van Harn, Standards**

**Cecilia Williams, Research**

**East Central Region  
Annual Conference  
February 21 & 22, 2003**

**"The Ethics and Spirit of Healing"** promises to be an incredibly stimulating and inspiring day. Stephen G. Post, Ph.D. is one of the nation's foremost authorities in three fields: Medical Ethics, Alzheimer's disease, and "Unlimited Love." To be a widely recognized expert in three such disparate subjects requires that he have a very broad yet penetrating mentality. You will probably be amazed at how quickly and comfortably he ties together theology and medicine, spirituality and disease protocols, ethics and scientific research, physician business practices and philosophy.

As a Bio-ethicist, Dr. Post is of course concerned about particular treatment regimens, end-of-life decisions etc. But his view of medical ethics includes much broader issues, such as pharmaceutical marketing, insurance practices, physician conflicts of interest.

Most remarkably, Dr. Post brings also the powerful perspective of "Unlimited Love," a unique bridge between religion and medicine. (Remember Anton Boisen's dream of breaking down the wall between those two.) Dr. Post has been studying "Unlimited Love" ever since his seminary days, and sees it as a great force that can influence all ethical considerations, and fill human life with meaning.

You will find that Stephen G. Post is far more than an eminently educated and experienced speaker. He is a warm, humorous, down-to-earth, genuine human being. He is indeed a rare breed: a medical school full professor without an M.D., who can speak "medicalese" with the super-specialists, and turn around and speak "plain English," so anyone can understand.

The afternoon brings an opportunity to: hike one of many trails through 200-acres of virgin forest; go horseback riding at the Wild West Riding Stables (weather permitting); tour the McGuffey Museum, a National Historic Landmark; learn about the rehabilitation of animals and birds at the Nature Center; or just relax in front of the crackling fireplace at the lodge.

Our conference would not be complete without Friday evening's banquet in the Fireside Room. Back by popular demand, the ECR "Playing Heads" will be entertaining us during the Social Hour. All singers and musicians are welcome to join in the fun. If you would like to sit in with the group for one tune or a set, contact Jon Paulus at [PAULUSJ@CCF.ORG](mailto:PAULUSJ@CCF.ORG)

After dinner another group will take the stage! The band, "Uncommon Fire" will play for us. Frank Impicciche, a band member, describes the group as playing "contemporary music with a spiritual twist." Band mates are: Jeff Purvis-vocals, electric & acoustic guitars; Bill Belles-vocals, acoustic guitar, sitar, and percussion; Kerry Brand-vocals and lead guitar; Alan Urasky-vocals and bass; and Frank Impicciche - drums and percussion.

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn something new,  
visit with old friends, meet some new ones,  
and enjoy being together at the Woods!**

*(Contact H. Joan Lyke if you have additional questions; [lykbyl@aol.com](mailto:lykbyl@aol.com); Telephone (800-336-5099)*

