

EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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ANNUAL REPORT

(As presented at the February Conference)

Dear Colleagues,

It is with a mixture of satisfaction and sentiment that I make this final report to you as Regional Director of the East Central Region. Perhaps you will understand if I use this report to reflect in a more personal way on the last thirteen years in the region. It is true that my term will run through our September meeting in Lexington, but it is at this meeting that I have traditionally reported to the region.

First let me say that we have had a good year and the region is in excellent health—we have thirty-five centers functioning in the region. As a result of improved tracking of the reporting of units (and billing for the units completed), we have had a very successful year financially. Between these improvements and the recovery of the stock market, we have finished the year with about a \$20,000 difference between income and expenses—on the plus side! Our Commissions have been doing the work for which they are designed with quiet efficiency, and we have been well represented as a region at the national level, providing leadership and expertise to the Board, the national offices and the Commissions. We have continued to open new centers and get them accredited at a rate that exceeds the closing of other centers, and we have been successful at bringing our supervisory students through the process to full certification.

Having said that, I want to journey back to the summer of 1991 when I interviewed with the search committee for a new Regional Director for the East Central Region. By August, I was informed that I had been selected and in September of that year, I took up my new duties as RD. Our Fall Regional Meeting that year was in Toledo, and I recall that it was a very upbeat and enjoyable celebration. I felt the support and endorsement of the region as well as the burden of responsibility of the work I was assuming. I think the members were optimistic about the future.

If my math serves me correctly, that was over twelve years ago. When I officially surrender this position in October of this year, I will have completed thirteen years and one month in this office.

The years just prior to my beginning this work were years of some pain in the region. We were in the midst of trying to change from a white male institution into a welcoming community that included women, racial diversity, cultural diversity and religious diversity. In the midst of making

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

Associate Supervisors

Rhonda Gilligan Gillespie
Lonnie E. Long

Supervisory Candidates

Ruth Alpers
Ed Bastien
Carrie Cullen
Bill Foster
Donald Harris
James Mitchell
Evans Mulima
Jon Paulus
Joe Roberts
Pat Shelden Ward
Tim Waits
Frank Woggon

Officers of the Region

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Reps
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Certification Co-Chair
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Members Co-Chair
Martha Amann, Clinical
Members Co-Chair
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Earl Hoppert, Long Range
Development
Daryl Hanson, Nominations
Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics
Billie Beverly, REM
Celia Thurston, Research
Karl VanHam, Standards

those transitions there were confrontations that resulted in pain and misunderstanding to an extent that some of our members felt no longer welcome in the region, and among those who remained active there was a sense of disillusionment and frustration. For this reason, I think, the first item on the job description for the new regional director was that (s)he function as a pastor to the region. Of course all the normal duties of an RD followed this, such as managing the business of the region, communication, leadership, visioning, and being a liaison with the national organization.

While I have tried to fulfill all of these duties to the best of my ability, I have focused on the need to be pastoral as primary. Having Joan as my coworker, doing such an excellent job as the office person has been a great help in allowing me to focus a great deal on the "people" part of the job. Being with members of the region during illnesses, deaths, failed committees, complaints and job losses has provided many opportunities to be a pastoral presence.

One of the strengths of this region has been our commitment to cooperation with cognate groups. ECR has worked at keeping this cooperation alive despite the lack of any equivalent commitment to this process from the other cognate groups.

Another important strength this region possesses is the spirit of willingness to volunteer to staff the committees and offices of the region, and the ability to do it so well. We are blessed with people who shoulder the responsibilities of the region with enthusiasm and good will. We have raised up many leaders who have served us well, and then moved on to other regions, and yet there are always new folks to step in and pick up the load.

I have found the work of providing liaison with the other regions and the national organization has been valuable and enjoyable. The group of nine RDs is a unique society. We are the only people in the world who do what we do, and it creates a bond that lasts over the years. We correspond by e-mail and phone, and we meet twice a year—once at the Annual Conference and once by ourselves at the RD Convocation. These are always good meetings and benefit the organization as well as providing a support group for those who attend.

So thank you to all of you, and to other colleagues who have been part of our region over the past thirteen years for a wonderful run as a region. I respect you as colleagues and have nothing but appreciation for your support and cooperation in the work of the region. Especially to Joan, my colleague, I say thanks for your friendship, your professionalism and your dedication to our common task. You make inhabiting this office a joy.

Collegially,
Frank

SUMMER CPE DAY
FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2004
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN.

WHY:

- Give your students an alternative to your boring seminars
- Give yourself a break!!!!
- Give your students a chance to interact with and learn from other supervisors and students.

Cost: \$15 per student (payable to ECR)
(Cost covers lunch, facilities and speakers)

Tentative Schedule

- 9:00 Registration/fellowship
- 9:30 Welcome and Worship
- 10:00-12:00 Plenary Presentation
Orin Newberry, ACPE Supervisor, PH.D. Candidate
"Ministry to Families"
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 Workshops
1. Group Dynamics – Cal Brant
 2. Narrative Theology – John Peterson
 3. Gestalt Group Work – Elizabeth Price
 4. Ministry to Children – Judy Ragsdale
 5. The Future in ACPE – Bill Scrivener
- 2:30-3:45 Workshops
1. Narrative Theology – John Peterson
 2. Gestalt Group Work – Elizabeth Price
 3. Ministry to Children – Judy Ragsdale

(Space is still available for additional workshops. If you would like to present a workshop– please contact Mike Saxton, 574-282-8904)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **April 21-25, 2004 – ACPE Leadership Meeting (Board Commissions, Committees)** Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX.
- **July 2004 CPE Day- Earlham School of Religion – Mike Saxton, Coordinator**
- **September 24-25, 2004 - ECR Fall Conference, Hilton Suites, Lexington, KY.**

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

Information for the April newsletter must be received by March 29, 2004. Send to the Regional Business Office.

Certification News and Deadlines:

Evans Mulima and **Bill Foster** were granted candidacy status by the regional certification committee at the February Conference. Congratulations to both of them!

The next regional certification meeting is Thursday, September 23, 2004 in Lexington, KY. Applications are due (postmarked) by August 1, 2004. Materials will be due to committee members by August 23, 2004.

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Job Opportunities

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has five positions for the 2004-2005 ACPE Residency. The stipend is \$22,000-\$22,600. Apply to: 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 our Web site: <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare> for information on the Cleveland Clinic Foundation

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