

EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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Process Notes

Even as the farmers in our region are putting their fields to bed for winter, they are making preparations for the next year's plantings. This rhythm has its parallel in CPE. As summer unit evaluations are completed and files closed, supervisors are out visiting seminaries and responding to inquiries for training.

One of my hopes is to strengthen seminary relations and discover new centers of theological education to reach out to for the future. If any of you are aware of seminaries or Bible Colleges in your vicinity where we might find opportunities to promote the value of CPE for pastoral formation and practice, please take a minute and let me know.

Within the first week following my confirmation as Regional Director I received an invitation to meet with a sub-regional group -- South Bend folk, to be exact. There are several sub-regional groups meeting from time to time around the region and I would welcome the opportunity to participate. It seems a great way for me to get better acquainted and discover collegiality. So, if you are part of a sub-regional group, please consider inviting me to join you for a day.

As I write this we are two days from the election and many of us have strong feelings about the outcome. In less than two weeks we gather for the national conference in Portland. News from there will come in the next edition. I look forward to seeing many of you there for another *gathering of the tribes*.

Of course, we had our own election results announced at our regional gathering in Lexington. Many were disappointed to learn that Bill Scrivener would not be our new ACPE President. From what I could tell, he was well supported and there was much mutual consolation. As is often the case in ACPE, we had an embarrassment of riches and for many the choice between Bill and Joan Hemenway was difficult. And now that the issue is settled, I am confident she will provide good leadership and I look forward to working with her. Who knows, perhaps Bill can be persuaded to make another run.

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

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Karl VanHarn, Standards

I began my term by becoming a patient – nothing serious, just hernia repair. Like Job I had *counselors* telling me about their trials and tribulations with this procedure, and many who assured me there was nothing to it. I am happy and grateful to report I survived and look forward to work tomorrow. The week of recuperation went by entirely too quickly and I didn't get nearly as much read as I had hoped. I will still be dealing with my *ten-pound* limit: "Don't lift anything heavier than a gallon of milk for the first month to six weeks." I have been trying to imagine getting my luggage to Portland and back and keeping faith with these instructions. You may see me standing in the airport trying to find a Skycap. Please resist the temptation to make any cute remarks about my sorry plight.

By the time you are reading this we will in preparing for Thanksgiving. We plan to share the meal with my parents and then fly to Denver to celebrate grandson Thomas' seventh birthday and share another special meal. We all have much to be thankful for. And we are keenly aware that there is much suffering in our world. I give thanks for our ministry and pray that we may help ease some of that suffering – if not directly, then through the ministry of those who have found CPE a way to strengthen their compassion and care.

Peace, Cal

Certification Deadlines:

The next meeting of the ECR Certification Committee will be February 17, 2005 at the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge. The **deadline** for receiving applications is **Monday, January 3, 2005** (postmarked). Materials will be due to the presenter and committee members by Monday, January 24, 2005.

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Job Opportunities:

- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has five positions for the 2005-2006 Residency and six for the Summer 2005 program. Residency stipend is \$22,000-\$22,600. Apply by 2/28/05. 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. Web site <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare>

COMPILATION OF SUMMER CPE DAY – JULY 2004
EVALUATIONS

1. QUESTION 1: "Two Highlights of Today Are"

- Worship times and Didactic lecture
- The "Ministry to Family" lecture was fantastic – do more with other topics
- Plenary speaker
- Getting to meet other CPE students
- Gathering together and sharing experiences in spiritual space
- Plenary speaker and topic
- Worship
- This morning's session and the choices of speakers
- Plenary session and story – John Peterson
- Presentation of family dynamics
- Narrative theology
- The food was great!
- Skills necessary for pastoral care
- Who is who in chaplaincy
- Good Food
- Good talk on family and group dynamics
- Being together with CPE supervisors and CPE students
- The Gathering worship
- One of them was this morning's classroom – the togetherness
- Sharing in the Chaplaincy in Pediatrics conversation
- Narratives were rich in resources
- Orin Newberry keynote smoothly connected into their sessions
- The main session by key presenter on family life cycle/dynamics (Orin Newberry)
- Good management of time and good worship
- I enjoyed workshop by John Peterson on Narrative Theology/Ministry to Children by Judy Ragsdale
- Orin's talk
- Being with so many other CPE students
- Narrative Theology Didactic
- Good job with lunch (I know it's hard to 'do' lunch for a group like this), and a good facility
- Chapel Time
- Plenary Speaker
- Family Systems Workshop
- Student Round Table
- Morning lecture was great
- Children's Ministry Workshop
- Round Table Discussion
- The Breakout classes were great
- Ministry to Children
- CPE Student Roundtable
- Owen Newberry's presentation
- Narrative Ministry Seminar
- Lunch
- Pediatric Seminar
- Family system focus
- Informal conversations
- Lunch (Thank you!)
- Oren Newberry
- The number of people present
- Networking
- Family Systems
- The lecture and narrative theology Gestalt – all of the presenters were very good
- Nice location; nice atmosphere
- Nice Diversity

- The large number of CPE students who came to the workshop
- Orin's reaffirmation of my ministry and skills
- Fellowship
- Learning
- CPE student roundtable
- Children in Ministry roundtable
- Fellowship and lunch
- Orin's lecture on family systems
- Meeting chaplains from various traditions who minister in various placements
- The Dynamics of Family Systems
- Xxxxx life is a story to be unfolded
- Interacting with students
- The group sharing time really helped me to evaluate my CPE experience
- The food and fellowship was excellent and so was the family structure study
- Worship
- The variety of workshops
- Group Dynamics Workshop
- The speaker in the morning
- Experiencing ecumenical worship/devotion
- Experiencing xxxxx waiting worship
- The Gestalt group workshop
- Participating parts of the narrative workshops
- A structured way to encourage people to interact with people from other CPE Sites. I noticed that during worship, breaks and lunch people sat with their own groups. I did try to 'break out of that' a few times and felt like I was really going against the grain. The didactics were fine but there was nothing to facilitate 'networking., fellowship.

II. **QUESTION TWO: "An improvement of today would have been"...**

- None
- I wish there was more interaction in the group workshops
- PowerPoint presentations were just read without much added – very boring
- Predominantly Christian symbols here – more space; more inclusive
- More time to network with other chaplains
- None
- A greater amount of time for Orin's presentation
- Getting under outs if every seminar (well documented)
- If possible, have these seminars in two days
- Gestalt little more
- More Theological Reflection
- Having signs where this IS would have been helpful – the CPE location on campus
- Publicizing in materials received; address of facilities – time change – map
real plus
- Have snacks and water available to the end of the day
- A wrap-up brief session at the end of all workshops (15 minutes) end by 3:30pm
- I didn't know the solution but... I wanted to attend the student roundtable but did not want to give up either of the 2 presentations
- Spiritual Development Info.
- Cooler Room (202)
- None
- More room with workshops or more workshops to get a smaller group size
- The Plenary group was long and not useful
- A closing segment of some sort
- More time slots for seminars
- Greater options on workshops
- Identifying different centers and faith groups represented
- Refreshments in p.m.
- None
- Ink pens

- Better directions to the workshop
- Larger space for Plenary workshop
- Better airflow during Plenary session
- Lunch – ran out of sandwiches – BOX LUNCHESES WORK BETTER – No limit on the amount of food that one could have
- Not so much pizza
- Nothing
- More direction in terms of leading xxx intersection
- It was great
- The day was very well organized. The speaker and workshops were interesting and informative
- Seek more learning techniques – visual, music, small groups
- A wider range of experience for the children's ministry workshop – not just "child as patient".
- A closing worship
- More descriptions of the workshops
- Handouts for Gestalt
- More interaction/participatory learning. I did not appreciate the comment at the day assuming that we were all democrats.
- Having words to the song for the grace before lunch. (I didn't know them.)

III. QUESTION 3: Suggestions for next year's workshops:

- Snacks and sodas after first p.m. class
- Ministry to grief sufferers
- Implement two suggestions: (more interaction in the group workshops and have more group activities)
- None
- More groups and sharing experiences with groups – can't get enough
- More job opportunities available
- None
- None
- Death and dying issues
- Seminar facilitators to send abstracts to students before the seminar day
- Nothing at this moment to share
- None
- None
- Invite Judy Ragsdale back! Very interactive and dynamic. Even at the end of the day. Very professional.
- Keep similar arrangements in mind and topics on CPE training e.g., theories, supervision, S.I.T.
- Thanks for doing this. I found the day to be very valuable.
- A brief statement before lunch encouraging folks to "sit with someone who you don't know" might do the trick. I would hate to think that we would need to go as far as an activity/icebreaker/structured-enforced interaction, but maybe
- Workshop sign up with registration
- None
- None
- More small group classes
- None
- Somewhere else
- Introductions of CPE groups/Supervisors
- None
- Institutional Ethics and change
- None
- Ink pens
- Location – major highway – closer to – better/different times or more Flexible spaces
- Slow time or fast time
- Do just what you did

- Ministry to non-Christians
- Finding/establishing pastoral identity
- job opportunities
- More interaction, more discussion
- Keep up the good work!
- No suggestions but keep the student round table
- Continue a workshop that allows students to share and explore
- Denominational identity in Chaplaincy
- Ministry to Families vs. Ministry to Patients
- More hands-on physical stuff
- None

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 10-13, 2004 – ACPE Annual Conference, Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland, ME.
- December 5-6, 2004-COMISS Network Annual Forum, Alexandria, VA
- February 2-3, 2005, REM Invitational Conference, Miami, FL
- February 18-19, 2005, ECR ACPE Conference Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH
- April 20-24, 2005, ACPE Leadership Meeting Atlanta, GA

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