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East Central Region ACPE Regional Director ~ Annual Report ~2005

This is a season of first times. Joan has done an outstanding job of alerting me to things that are coming around for the first time like the first newsletter article deadline or the first annual report. I received my first correspondence addressed to regional director, attended my first regional directors' convocation, and joined a sub-regional colleague group. I got my first call from our regional chairperson, Lin Barnett, who was wondering who was responsible for planning the 2005 fall meeting in Frankenmuth, MI.

I have spent considerable time setting up a regional office in my home and sorting through the files passed on to me by Frank Ciampa. (He was kind enough to deliver them to my house as I recuperated from hernia repair surgery.) I added my first supervisor's information sheet to the files – Walter Balk at Kalamazoo. I also invested many hours researching a portable computer and recruited my son to help me with the selection. And I opened a new screen name, EastcentralRD@AOL.COM, so I could keep regional email in its own place. I am still resisting the cell phone thing and would welcome your opinions on that question. I am making good progress.

Around the Region

CPE continues to do well in our region. We lost one center and added one in the last year. We have centers actively recruiting supervisors to fill vacancies or increase program strength. We saw the passing of one of our real old-timers in the person of James Flinchbaugh who died last week. I was not privileged to know him, but Don Young has sent me information about his distinguished service. Ed Filbey has been working with the folk at La Rue Carter Hospital in Indianapolis during the leave of absence of the supervisor. We all have a stake in keeping one of ACPE's few remaining centers serving in mental health.

September 2005 Program

In the absence of a planning committee for Frankenmuth, Lin and I have stepped into the breach. Last year there was talk of some kind of visioning and long range planning process. It has been many years since we took a look at ourselves and where we

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

Associate Supervisors

Dana C. J. Schroeder

Supervisory Candidates

Ruth Alpers

Ed Bastien

Don Chase

Carrie Cullen

Bill Foster

Donald Harris

Vickie Johnson

James Mitchell

Evans Mulima

Jon Paulus

Joe Roberts

Mark Scheffers

Pat Sheldon Ward

Tim Waits

Frank Woggon

Officers of the Region

D. Calvert Brand, Director

Lin Barnett, Chair

Elizabeth Price, Vice Chair

Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie,

Accreditation

Carol Reynolds Green, Board of Reps

Frank Impicicche, Board of Reps

Bob Uken, Budget & Investment

Mary Burks-Price, Certification Co-
Chair

Michael Rice Saxton, Certification Co-
Chair

Martha Amann, Clinical

Members Co-Chair

Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members Co-
Chair

Katherine Nininger, History

_____, Long Range Development

Daryl Hanson, Nominations

Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics

Victoria Johnson, REM

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHam, Standards

are headed. I became acquainted with the Rev. Roy Oswald a couple of years ago. He is an associate with the Alban Institute, a Lutheran from Canada. History review and visioning is a process in which he has solid skill and a cordial style. He has saved the date for us and hopefully we will soon have him contracted. Joan reminded me that Carl DeMeritt and Ray Dice are locals at Frankenmuth and they have agreed to work on arrangements and entertainment. I think we have a program!

To get the most from this visioning process, we need the widest possible representation of our constituencies. I will be contacting representatives of our cognate organizations to encourage participation. I hope those of you who are close to seminary reps or faith group reps will extend them a special invitation to join us for the Friday session.

Al Galloway returned to the region last spring and is a neighbor of mine down Martinsville way. And we are looking forward to the arrival of Jack Gleason this summer. Add in Frank Ciampa and Henry Marksberry who have retired recently and we are building a solid core of active, veteran supervisors – a resource we should try to tap for the good of our pastoral education community.

Karl Van Ham and Teresa Snorton helped us get in touch with the fact that we still have diversity issues here in the heartland. We are well represented at R.E.M. with two of the network's officers: Yok-Lye Lim is vice president, Donald Harris is secretary, and Urias Beverly provided an historical introduction to the first session.

ACPE – National

There are a variety of developments to mention from the national organization. Having just mentioned diversity, I will begin with the recent R.E.M. conference. This region has a long history of strong support for R.E.M. Many of you are already aware that R.E.M. is struggling. Founded as a support network through which ACPE could recruit and prepare the best possible African American supervisors, R.E.M. is morphing into an advocacy group for all ACPE diversity concerns – and change is hard. While the African and African-American contingent is still the largest cohort, there are growing numbers of Hispanic and Asian persons looking to R.E.M. for fellowship, education, support and advocacy. Both last year in Chicago and this year in Miami we heard the groans of change. A motion was made and passed to add 2 – 4 members to the steering committee to increase Asian and Hispanic representation on that body.

Certification Deadlines: The next meeting of the ECR Certification Committee will be September 15, 2005 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI. The deadline for receiving applications is July 25, 2005 (postmarked). Materials will be due to the presenter and committee members by Monday, August 15, 2005 (postmarked).

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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>

CPE Residency Positions - September, 2004 - August, 2005; Stipend \$21,000; Paid days off; Insurance at employee rates; Fitness Center; Free housing for single students; Tuition: \$300 first unit, \$200 following units; CPE and/or pastoral experience preferred. Inquiries and or applications to: Chaplain Charles Doughty, Religious Life Department, Deaconess Hospital, 600 Mary Street, Evansville, Indiana 47747, Phone: (812) 450-2260, E-mail: chuck_doughty@deaconess.com

Vickie Johnson is our new R.E.M. representative and I encourage you to support her work and the larger work of this network.

In another area, the test of the alternative certification track is under way. The full compliment of 12 potential supervisors including Frank Woggon, S.I.T. from Louisville, has been enrolled and the Certification Commission is putting together the permanent teams. This initiative is intended to respond to concerns from multi-cultural persons that the normal process is not well suited to address some culture specific issues in certification, and to learn if the use of a consistent review committee may have broader benefits for ACPE.

Two more developments of note: When we meet in Hawaii we will be voting on a by-law change that will re-state the relationship between regions and the national office. Ever since the merger that formed ACPE in 1967, this relationship has been a bit vague – a way of keeping peace between those who want stronger regions and those who favor a stronger central organization. Liability issues have tipped the scale. In order to provide protection for regional employees, officers and committees it needs to be clear that we are all doing ACPE business – acting on behalf of the national organization. This will permit all the regions to be protected by ACPE insurance. At the same time it will clarify the ownership of resources – it all belongs to ACPE and is held in trust for ACPE by the regional bodies. More information is available on this amendment that passed its first reading in the fall at Portland.

Finally, we should all be in possession of the new Standards and Manuals, which have been available, online for some time now. All certification and accreditation business will follow the new Manuals. There are not many substantive changes, though I encourage you to get acquainted with these documents. The plan is to stick to this set for five years – which many of us will appreciate.

Conclusion

I was glad to receive word that there would be an installation service at this meeting. Being installed to a new *call* is an important part of my faith tradition and it felt good to take this action. While I have been "on the field" (as we say in Presbyterian circles) since October, the service yesterday made it feel more official. I solicit your prayers as we move forward.

Cal Brand

Certification Committee Report:

Congratulations to *Don Chase, Vickie Johnson* and *Mark Scheffers* who were granted Supervisory Candidacy at the February meeting! See the insert for the complete Report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 20-24, 2005, ACPE Leadership Meeting Atlanta, GA
- September 16-17, 2005 ECR ACPE fall conference, Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI.

Invitation to ACPE Members: The Members of the CPSP would like to invite our ACPE colleagues to join us at our 2005 plenary session: Wednesday, April 6-Saturday, April 9. The theme of the conference will be "Telling the Story of Pastoral Care: Who We Were, Who We Are and Who We Shall Be." For registration information contact: Susan McKinney- 934-208-6606. The conference will be held at the Hampton Inn, 501 N. High Street, Columbus, OH. 43215. Hotel reservations 1-614-559-2000.

Newsletter Deadline: Information for the April Newsletter must be received by March 30, 2005. Send to the Regional Business Office.

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East Central Region, ACPE
Certification Committee Report
February 18, 2005

1. Summary of docket at HW, February 2005

- 1- granted extension of Associate (Schroeder)
- 2- granted extension of candidacy (Alpers, Roberts)
- 3- granted candidacy status (Chase, Johnson, Scheffers)
- 1-denied candidacy status
- 1-denied candidacy extension
- 2-met for readiness

2. Summary of Lexington, September 2004

- 1- granted ACPE Supervisor (Gillespie)
- 2- granted extension of candidacy (Harris, Paulus)
- 3- denied candidacy
- 2- met for readiness consultations

3. New Certification Manual

This is completed and available on the ACPE website.

(Mary Burks-Price gave a good overview of the changes in the certification manual at the certification workshop on Friday, 2/18.)

4. Certification Pilot Project

Steve Ivy reported to the certification committee and at the certification workshop on the pilot project. Persons have been accepted for the twelve pilot spots. One is from our region (Frank Woggon). Steve encouraged others to apply for a waiting list, in case some of the original twelve did not remain in the pilot.

5. Certification Committee Dates:

Monday, July 25-Due date for Postmarked application

Monday, August 15-Due date (Postmarked) for materials to Presenter and Committee

Committee meets on Thursday, September 15, in Frankenmuth, MI.

*As reported at the February 2005
General Business Meeting*

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