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**December Newsletter Deadline
November 29, 2005**

Ridges and Hollers

Hawaii and the Pacific Region lived up to the promotion in providing us with a wonderful Annual ACPE Conference. When the time came to recognize new supervisors at the Presidential Luncheon, we clapped and cheered as Connie Bonner and Dana Schroeder were called up with the new ACPE Supervisors (Connie was certified earlier but recognized at this conference). Then we cheered again as Donald Harris and Frank Woggon were called forward. These celebrations in themselves would have made it a good conference.

This conference was attended by more spouses/partners and children than any I can remember. I suppose, as was true in my house, dear ones did not want to be left behind for this trip. This was the first conference Donna attended since we met in Atlanta about twenty years ago. She had a chance to catch up on lots of stories.

The Board of Representatives continued work with the new Strategic Planning process. Joan Hemenway, who will take office as our president the first of next year, stressed the excellent input the organization has received both in terms of completed surveys and focus groups. By the way, we learned that our Clinical Members returned the highest percentage of surveys. Based on these expressions of interest and concern from the membership, six areas of focus were presented to the Annual Member Meeting (more coming from your Board Reps). The interesting thing for me was the parallel with our "Goal Options" from Frankenmuth at our fall conference. Heading both lists was *becoming a more culturally diverse community*.

Hawaii provides a wonderful setting for this interest – no racial/ethnic majority there! Not only is there diversity among the peoples, but other religions play a more prominent role in Hawaii culture.

I learned that George Fitzgerald is organizing a pre-conference event for Moslem clerics/students and those of us who want to learn more about this faith for next year's conference in Tampa. Coincidentally, Jack Gleason has been in conversation with the Islamic Center in Plainfield, IN and may be providing an introductory experience for some of the Moslem chaplains serving in our correctional centers. There seems to be some momentum for exploring these relationships as we move into the future of spiritual care and education.

As I sit in the Honolulu International Airport Terminal getting this article prepared, I am listening to the usual announcements about "watch your bags" and "don't smoke" in English and in Japanese. I have grown quite used to hearing these overhead recorded messages in English and

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

Associate Supervisors

Marla Coulter-McDonald
Donald Harris
Sergei Petrov
Frank Woggon

Supervisory Candidates

Jose Albovias
Ruth Alpers
Don Chase
Bill Foster
Vickie Johnson
Evans Mulima
Jon Paulus
Joe Roberts
Mark Scheffers
Jim Wright

Officers of the Region

D. Calvert Brand, Director

Lin Bamett, Chair

Elizabeth Price, Vice Chair

Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie,

Accreditation

Carol Reynolds Green, Board of Reps

Frank Impicciche, 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 Task Force

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHarn, Standards

Spanish. Hearing Japanese just underscores the difference here in the 50th state.

On a more romantic note, our first morning in Honolulu, as I sat on our little balcony and completed my devotions, I looked out at the ocean and over Saint Augustine Church. There, rising from the blue waters was a beautiful rainbow arcing over the steeple. I took it as a hopeful sign. For nine days I looked forward to a Hawaiian sunset, but always seemed to be stuck inside at the right moment. Our bus was delayed so I got only a hurried look at the sunset from the closing Luau on Friday night. But on Saturday, our last evening there, Donna and I finished dinner and walked back to the hotel along Waikiki Beach at just the right time, and it was gorgeous! The rainbow and the sunset served as "bookends" for our visit. In between were colorful shirts, leis, silky breezes, and wonderful hours of re-connecting with many old friends. Peace, *Cal Brand* ☺
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Job Opportunities

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH-seeking a **Certified CPE Supervisor as Director of Pastoral Care**. Responsibilities in managing a well-established Department, CPE supervision, providing pastoral care and counseling to patients, families and staff, with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Master of Divinity degree, CPE Certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Candidates will have a minimum of three years experience in managing a department of pastoral care. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or resume to: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H-19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. Phone (216) 444-1518. Fax (216) 445-9678. Or E-mail persaup@ccf.org. Visit our website: www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has **five positions for the 2006-2007 Residency, and six for the Summer 2006 program**. Residency stipend is \$25,000-\$26,000. Apply by 2/28/05 to: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H-19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. Phone (216) 444-1518. Fax (216) 445-9678. Or E-mail persaup@ccf.org. Visit our website: www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare

Certification Deadlines:

The Committee meets Thursday, February 15, 2006, at Hueston Woods, Oxford, OH. Applications must be postmarked by January 3, 2006. Materials must be postmarked to committee members by January 16, 2006.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 2-3, 2006** REM Invitational Conference, New York, NY
- **February 17-18, 2006** ECR February Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH. - Elizabeth Price, Program Chair
- **September 29 & 30, 2006** ECR Fall Meeting, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN. - Mike Saxton, Program Chair
- **September 2007** ECR Fall meeting, Akron, OH. Dates to be determined - Lin Barnett, Program Chair
- **September 2008** ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. Dates to be determined - Elizabeth Price, Program Chair