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April 2006 Newsletter Deadline
March 29, 2006

2005-06 Regional Director's Annual Report
Hueston Woods at College Corners, OH
February 17, 2006

I am happy to report that for yet another year, the East Central Region appears to be in good shape. While our income was down a bit, so were our expenses and we are very nearly even. It has been a good year for our folks in the certification process. Two of our Associate Supervisors met the certification commission and both Connie Bonner and Dana Schroeder are now ACPE Supervisors. Three of our candidates met the certification commission and now Frank Woggon, Donald Harris, and Evans Mulima are Associate Supervisors.

Counting those who met committees at this conference, our regional certification committee saw a total of twenty-six (26) applicants, and over the year we have certified nine (9) new candidates. On a less happy note, we recently received communication from Mary Burks-Price that she needs to resign as co-chair of our certification committee. She has done an excellent job of representing us on the national commission and her leadership will be missed.

Three centers received accreditation: Hebrew Union in Cincinnati, St. Vincent in Toledo, and VA in Dayton and we didn't loose any centers. The accreditation committee managed to pull together and function for four months without their chairperson, Rhonda Gilligan Gillespie, while she was on medical leave. Though some adjustments were required, it was affirming of our community to see how well others saw to it that our business got done.

Joan Lyke has continued to provide outstanding service to the region and has been a great help to me. She played a particularly important role in the arrangements for our fall meeting in Frankenmuth. I am hopeful that the new process of on-line unit reporting will ease some of the paper work for her, though we will continue to rely on her to keep an eye on what the national office is reporting.

We have also managed to recruit some new supervisors. Sergei Petrov and Marla Coulter-McDonald are now serving at St. Vincent, and Karen Morrow at Clarian, both centers in Indianapolis. Still, we have some opportunities in the region, and as more of us retire there will be more opportunities. If you have been around newly certified supervisors at R.E.M. or ACPE annual conferences, you know it is a veritable *feeding frenzy*. This suggests the need for us to do what we can to support our Supervisory CPE programs.

Apart from our normal operations, the work focus for this year has been in goal setting and visioning. Our fall conference in Frankenmuth, MI was devoted to developing goal options with the assistance of Roy Oswald

CERTIFICATION CALENDAR

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Supervisory Education In the Region

Associate Supervisors

Marla Coulter-McDonald

Sergei Petrov

Frank Woggon

Supervisory Candidates

Jose Albovias

Ruth Alpers

Don Chase

Bill Foster

Laurie Hearn

Vickie Johnson

McKenney, Wayne

Evans Mulima

Jon Paulus

Yerachmiel Rabin

Joe Roberts

Mark Scheffers

Kurt Stutz

Jim Wright

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **September 29 & 30, 2006** ECR Fall Meeting, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN. - Mike Saxton, Program Chair
- **March 2-3, 2007** ECR February Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH. - Carl Buxo, 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

from the Alban Institute. In December a group of us met in Fort Wayne, IN to take the fourteen goal options that emerged from the Fall Conference and develop a shorter list to be prioritized by the members. That task occupied part of Saturdays agenda at Hueston Woods.

At the same time ACPE is moving forward with strategic planning, and we found a high degree of compatibility between national and regional goals. Joan Hemenway, ACPE President, spoke at our conference on behalf of promoting interest in those national goals.

The East Central Region was well represented at the recent R.E.M. Invitational in New York City. It was a very stimulating and rewarding event, made even happier by the fact that Evans Mulima was certified as an associate supervisor the day before the invitational began. The business meeting, however, reflected the difficulty the R.E.M. is experiencing as it decides on its emerging organization.

With "becoming a more diverse learning community" identified as one of our ECR goals, it makes sense for us to pay close attention to R.E.M.'s struggles and provide whatever support and assistance we can.

On a personal note, it has been a very busy, transitional year. Between two regional meetings, the national conference, the spring leadership conference, the regional directors' convocation and the R.E.M. Invitational, I have been "on the road" for 25 days this year. You can see that represents nearly half of my *one-day-per-week* activity. I have been glad to be present at these meetings to represent the region, spend anxious time awaiting committee results and celebrating, and gathering ideas and information for our operations.

Most of you know my father died last May and my family felt very grateful for the good ministry provided us by well-trained (CPE) chaplains and clergy. In the midst of my grief, I felt a sense of personal fulfillment for this educational ministry we share. I also completed my regular employment at St. Vincent Hospital and have gone to PRN status. I am presently supervising an extended time, parish-based group and hope to do some supervision each year. I also agreed to a one year, half-time position as minister of pastoral care for the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, IN - the church I grew up in.

We sold our house near Mooresville, IN and are in the final stages of renovating an older home in Columbus, IN, which will be our home for the foreseeable future. You will find new contact information for me on the first page of this newsletter. As hectic and crazy as this past year has been, it has also been quite fulfilling and gratifying. I am very pleased to be your regional director and look forward to continued service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cal Brand eastcentralRD@aol.com

Regional Goals Prioritized

By the time we got to the last hour on Saturday morning at Hueston Woods, our group had dwindled to around fifty. Using an "Open Space" approach, we lined up under the goals we considered most important for the region to be focusing on during the next three to five years. The result was establishment of two tiers or levels of goals. The first tier contained "Growing the CPE Consumer Base," as the most often chosen followed closely by "Becoming A More Diverse Learning Community," and "Living Pastoral Care for One Another Expressed in Our Hospitality." The second tier included "Maximizing the Utilization of Technology in Regional Operations," and "Developing an Ongoing Strategic Planning Process."

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Officers of the Region

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Michael Rice Saxton, Certification Co-Chair

Martha Amann, Clinical Members Co-Chair

Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members Co-Chair

Katherine Nininger, History

_____, Long Range Dev/Strategic
Planning

Daryl Hanson, Nominations

Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics

Victoria Johnson, REM Task Force

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHarn, Standards

The discussion that followed made it clear that as a group we felt that becoming more diverse and more hospitable were key elements in our hope to grow CPE at every level. It was also clear that the use of technology and planning are important goals. There was considerable discussion about getting rid of the term "strategic" or "long range" planning in favor of "creativity, innovation and dreaming" to reflect the energy and hope we have for this process. Many of the participants signed up to help on one or more of these goals. You can add your name to the pool of folks who will help us in one area or another by emailing Cal Brand to express your interest. Lin Barnett is putting together a work group to shepherd us into the next steps of implementation. Watch the April Newsletter for more details...

News & Notes:

- **Regional Staff Contact information has changed:** Please see page 1 – Cal Brand has a new telephone number and mailing address; the regional business office has a new telephone number. Please make a note of the changes.

Pastoral Care & Concern:

David Lee Filbey, son of Ed Filbey, was killed in an automobile accident March 1. The funeral service was held March 6. Please keep Ed and David's family in your prayers. Ed recently re-activated his supervisor status and is leading an extended time CPE group at St. Vincent Hospital. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Plainfield Bible Church, 752 Dan Jones Road, Mooresville, IN. 46158. Contact information for Ed Filbey: 2134 Boston Court, Indianapolis, IN 46208. (317) 257-3751.

Certification News:

The ECR Certification Committee congratulates these persons for their achievement at Huston Woods:

- **Marla Coulter-McDonald**-Extension of Associate-St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services
- **Bill Foster**-Extension of Candidacy- Spiritual Care and Education Center
- **Laurie Hearn**- Candidacy- Clarian Health Partners
- **Wayne McKenney**-Candidacy-Sinai-Grace
- **Yerachmiel Rabin**-Candidacy- Intercultural Associates for Missions and Ministries
- **Kurt Stutz**-Candidacy- Intercultural Associates for Missions and Ministries

To all SITs and training Supervisors, please note: The 2005 Standards (401.5) require faith group endorsement as defined in the glossary as: "formal recognition by a faith group that a person is a member in good standing of that group and affirmation of that person for admission to the status of Supervisory Candidate and/or certification as Associate Supervisor or ACPE Supervisor." Please be attentive to the specific of this required component.

Ann Letson joins me as the co-chair for certification. Issues related to the Certification Commission (meeting for Associate, theory papers, etc.) should be directed to her. Both of us are available for consultation about certification matters.

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Certification Information – continued

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News from the Regional Web Manager:

Our website has undergone a few changes and will undergo many more over the next couple of months. Since undertaking the responsibilities of web manager I have learned to maintain it, as well as, new language such as FTP, database, MYSQL and modules. This has been a part of the action/reflection process that applies not only to CPE but most of my life including computers. A part of this learning obviously involves change, which is sometimes exciting and sometimes quite frustrating.

Change is a part of the updating process for our web site. It is my desire and the thoughts of many others that our website be more functional with information that is relevant and easy to use for our regional community. I recently installed a new operating platform, XOOPS, for the site to operate on, which will make it easier to use and provide better security. You can read about it at www.XOOPS.org. I will be incorporating the ideas from our 'website' group at the Frankenmuth regional meeting, as I continue to learn a new puzzle called web management.

Currently the 'Frankly Speaking' link is disabled, as is the link for e-mailing me. You may send feedback on the site, ideas or requests to be posted to my email address as listed below.

Frank Madren, fmadren@clarian.org
ECR/Web Manager

Job Opportunities:

- University of Kentucky Hospital, an Equal Opportunity University, has an **opening for a part time chaplain** (24 hours per week). Hours are varied and may include some evenings and weekends. UK is an exciting work environment with competitive salary and benefits. Requirements include: 4 successful units of ACPE training, ordination and/or equivalent, endorsement by a recognized denomination and certified (or eligible) with APC.

Please apply ON-LINE: www.uky.edu/UKjobs for more information please contact: Rev. Donna B. Farrar, Director, UK

To submit articles, announcements, job and/or training opportunities, etc.– send electronic copy to: <hjoanlyke@yahoo.com> or by regular mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter, MI 48130.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is Wednesday, March 29. Any questions please call (734) 426-5099.

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