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Ridges and Hollers

We Indiana folk are joining the rest of the region in *springing forward* on Sunday, April 2nd. I don't know what we will do around here. For years our politicians have had something to go on about – should we or shouldn't we – and now we are (again). I was thinking that we have a laundry list of questions about which we (ACPE) are divided that provide us with issues to discuss whenever things quiet down for a moment. The most recent to return to the table has to do with the nature of our certification credentials. For years there have been some who believed that an ACPE Supervisor should be authorized to supervise any level of CPE (that is, there needn't be any "super-certs" if a person wants to do CPE in a prison setting or a parish or supervisory CPE). The assumption here being that a certified supervisor has soaked the CPE process into his or her bones and that includes ongoing clinical learning. Ongoing clinical learning means a certified supervisor will have the motivation, tools and ability to learn what is needed to function in a specialized setting or at the different levels of CPE.

On the other hand, we are well aware that each student, each level of CPE, and each training setting requires different supervision. Some of us feel that these differences are significant enough (for the student's success) that ACPE should certify these additional/different competencies. The focus of this discussion at the moment is on supervising Supervisory CPE. One origin of this view has come from persons who serve on the Certification Commission. We often anguish with applicants who struggle with the process and search for means to provide more assistance in their preparation. Not surprisingly, commission members sometimes feel that *training supervisors* may have failed their Supervisory CPE students in some way. And surely this is true – we all fail our students some of the time. So, it is suggested, if those of us doing Supervisory CPE had some additional training (reflected in some resulting license or certification), we might reduce these failures.

There are excellent arguments on both sides of this discussion. About twenty years ago, a working group headed by Jim Travis presented a proposal to create new standards and a new credential for supervisors who train supervisors. ACPE was not ready at that time to adopt this strategy. The implications and benefits of such a move are not clear, but I encourage you all to give the question some thoughtful consideration, discuss it with your peers, and let your regional representatives on Certification, Standards, and the Board of Representatives know your views. It is clear that no amount of extra training for supervisors of Supervisory CPE can *save* the student who is not ready, not able, or not *called* to this ministry of education. At the same time, as an association in need of new supervisors, it is essential that we not put obstacles in the way of students who commit to our process.

CERTIFICATION CALENDAR

The next opportunity to meet the East Central Region Certification Committee will be Thursday, September 28, 2006, at Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN. Applications to meet the committee must be postmarked by Monday, August 14, 2006. Materials must be postmarked to committee members by Friday, September 1, 2006. For more information Contact: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair (502) 636-8085 <ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org>

Supervisory Education In the Region

Associate Supervisors

Marla Coulter-McDonald
R. Evans Mulima
Sergei Petrov
Frank Woggon

Supervisory Candidates

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Don Chase
Bill Foster
Laurie Hearn
Vickie Johnson
McKenney, Wayne
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. – Frank Impicciche and Sergei Petrov, Program Co-Chairs
- **March 2-3, 2007** ECR February Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH. – Carl Buxo, Program Chair
- **September 28-29, 2007** ECR Fall meeting, Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Fall, Akron, OH.- Lin Barnett, Program Chair
- **September 2008** ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. Dates to be determined - Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

It seems we are in a season of change in the region regarding the certification committee. At our February meeting you all learned that **Mary Burks-Price** had resigned as co-chair for national activities because of pressing family and work demands. I have just received word from **Mike Saxton** that he has accepted a new position in the Southwest Region. He provided me the following note for inclusion in this newsletter: *"I want my ECR colleagues to be aware that I have accepted the position as Director of Spiritual Care at CHRITUS-Spohn Health Services in Corpus Christi, Texas. I will be at my present position (in South Bend) until the end of May and then begin my new position in July. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this region and for having been entrusted with serving as co-chair of certification."*

Frank Impicciche and **Sergei Petrov**, of St. Vincent, Indianapolis, IN will serve as Program Co-chairs for the fall regional conference scheduled for September 29-30, 2006 in Nashville, IN., at the Brown County Inn. More information will be provided as the program details are finalized.

Mike has served our region well in a variety of ways and he will be missed. Lin Barnett, our regional chairperson, will be appointing someone to fill the vacancy until the region can elect Mike's replacement in September at Brown County. Until Mike's replacement has been announced, **contact Ann Letson** (who we elected in February to replace Mary). Mike and Mary were a great team. Many thanks to each for their faithful service to the ECR. Cal ☺

[Ann Letson can be reached by email at ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org or phone at (502) 636-8085.]

Educational Opportunity: A workshop regarding applying to and navigating the certification process for chaplains, by either the NACC or APC, will be held at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Friday, April 28, 2006 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information will also be available regarding NAJC and COMISS. The NW Ohio-Michigan sub-region of the ECR is subsidizing the fee for current CPE students. Registration fee for CPE students is only \$10. For more information: contact The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, 419-251-8609; or E-mail Connie_Bonner@mhsnr.org

Certification Announcement: Congratulations to **R. Evans Mulima**! He made Associate Supervisor at the February REM meeting.

Job Opportunity:

Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH - Immediate opening for a CPE Supervisor as Coordinator of Clinical Pastoral Education in an expanding department. Responsibilities include managing a CPE program, CPE supervision, providing pastoral care to patients, families, and staff, with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Master of Divinity degree, certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or résumé to: The Director of Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44195. Phone (216) 444-2518. FAX (216) 445-9678

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734-426-5099. The deadline for the May newsletter is Wednesday, April
26, 2006.*
Joan Lyke
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Note: A total of 19 evaluations were turned in the summary is listed below. [?] indicates that I couldn't read handwriting.
Joan Lyke

Friday, February 17, 2006

1. Business Meeting

Excellent Very Good- 4 Good- 8 Fair- 3 Poor N/A- 4

It was helpful to me because:

- The region worked through business openly and many people participated. I heard the business of the region.
- Liked and appreciated the move to Friday A.M.
- It got things done, generally. Presenters came prepared; moved along; adequate attendance and participation.
- More participation – glad to have it NOT on last [?]
- There were many more people present
- Good to have it on the first day; Budget well organized and well presented.
- More people attended.
- I like it at the beginning of the conference.
- Good enough

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- The leader had been more definitive in his leadership style. It felt chaotic.
- Nominating chair was clearer and less tangential in his leadership.
- National and Regional rules were less complex/seemingly convoluted.
- It had been less chaotic!
- Agenda published ahead of time; more time allowed, nominations better prepared.
- Nominations had moved along more quickly
- Nominations process had been adequately addressed and organized prior to coming to Hueston Woods. Terrible process.
- More time could be used before business meeting.
- The nominations committee work was mostly completed ahead of time
- I was part of voting to have this one meeting on Friday – although the suggestion was for LATE afternoon. I could not read the newsprint. Talk loudly into the mic.
- There had been programming for residents/interns while we did our business; not having minutes from the last meeting.
- Leader assumed participants were understanding business process. There were many first time attenders leave during the meeting.
- The election process could be simplified; charts were difficult to see
- The nominations /election was very frustrating.
- Nominations needs to get its act together

2. Worship – Led by Interns and Residents of Kettering Medical Center Network, Kettering, OH. (please circle one)

Excellent- 2 Very Good- 6 Good- 6 Fair Poor N/A- 5

It was meaningful to me because:

- Variety of expressions for worship; the presence of the residents was meaningful.
- It was fresh, thoughtful, worshipful and inclusive.
- Cultural integration.
- Cultural diversity
- It was well planned and included personal reflections.
- It was culturally diverse.
- Opened with one of my favorite songs
- Tried to be inclusive.
- Inclusiveness of ethnicity and cultures in the expression of worship in songs and in persons.

- *Short; singing the Nigerian song; enthusiastic leaders.*

It would have been more meaningful to me if:

- *The microphone had been louder and we only sang the Nigerian song once.*
- *Sound system was less intrusive.*
- *It didn't move me spirituality/worshipfully*
- *Mic didn't seem to be working. Difficulty hearing.*

3. Plenary Session Part 1: "A Need for Developing Best Practices in Pastoral Care" – Jack Gleason

Excellent- 2 Very Good- 6 Good- 7 Fair- 3 Poor N/A- 1

It was helpful to me because:

- *It made me think through what I do. I learned from collaborating with others. Clear models used to teach.*
- *Challenged me to think about best practices.*
- *A/V equipment problems were solved. Program invited us to evaluate our methods and outcomes in organized and critical fashion. "Best PX" Intro.*
- *It focused on the "big picture" of CPE & pastoral care within the professional community.*
- *Reminder of the history of pastoral care.*
- *Directly related to pastoral practice.*
- *It gave some historical perspective on ACPE movement and encouraged us to reflect on the practice of ministry. I appreciated the handout.*
- *Established need and use for best practices. Introduced 4 worlds.*
- *I gained some new info re: some possible practices to incorporate; the lecture was insightful and I enjoyed learning about the 4 worlds.*
- *Best practices are important to my work as a chaplain.*
- *History was helpful*
- *Developed new awareness-a way to think of all the things we do – clinical reflection (verbatim, critical incidents, etc. as best practices activities.*
- *4 world view models helpful*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *I had a copy of some of the models.*
- *The presenter had not read to us but been more dynamic/interactive/dialogical.*
- *Less background detail/more elaboration and examples of best practices.*
- *Time crunch and my own density had not made it difficult for me to follow the train of thought at times. Sounds live and current lively issue requiring educators and practioners understanding and practice.*
- *Spiritual assessments included more recent research and looked at multicultural issues.*
- *Too long to just sit, seemed like scattered presentation.*
- *Part of the afternoon's agenda had been covered here.*
- *There was also a presentation on spiritual or theological perspective or perspectives on the issue.*
- *Presenter had been more organized and energetic.*
- *Power point accompaniment*
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4. Plenary Session Part II: "Best Practices " (exercise all) – Jack Gleason

Excellent- 1 Very Good- 6 Good- 4 Fair Poor N/A- 8

It was helpful to me because:

- *Good information with great illustrations.*
- *It helped clarify, expand and apply Part I.*
- *Structured time for me to write felt almost like a gift.*
- *Focused thoughts – generated ideas – got to know new people in small group.*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *The outline was more extensive including the categories of [?]. The affect of the speaker was flat.*
- *We got a list of the insights – i.e. post on regional web page*
- *We had done this in the morning immediately after the "lecture" part. We lost steam.*

5. Workshops: (circle the one you attended)

"Gap or Gasp—CPE and Charismatic/Pentecostalism" – Yoke Lye Lim

Excellent- 2 Very Good- 2 Good- 1 Fair Poor N/A-14

It was helpful to me because:

- *Well prepared; good research; powerfully presented.*
- *Well organized and presented by individual with unusual expertise. Good challenges.*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *She had discussed the limits of her topic and reflected the problems with mentally ill persons who also have visions and voices. When religion gets sick – it's hard to tell.*

"Self-Care During Transitions and Impact on Pastoral Care" – Karl VanHarn

Excellent- 1 Very Good- 1 Good- 2 Fair Poor N/A-15

It was helpful to me because:

- *Personal transitions*
- *Clear – new information – a way to reflect on past and future transitions.*
- *Real experience of leader. Karl always gives thorough, well thought out workshops.*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *No comments*

Peer Review

Excellent Very Good- 2 Good- 2 Fair Poor N/A-15

It was helpful to me because:

- *Colleagues were caring but not afraid to offer honest critique and suggestions.*
- *Useful process. . .it made possible mutual sharing, critique and support.*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *No comments*

Saturday, February 18, 2006

6. National Issues Panel

Excellent- 1 Very Good- 4 Good- 5 Fair Poor N/A- 9

It was helpful to me because:

- *Great vision*
- *Good, concise updates.*
- *Keeping up on national issues*
- *Open forum – lots of information.*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *More theological foundation for what we do. Put more ministry in administration. The ministry task of administration serves the centers.*
- *We had started at 8:30 a.m.*

7. Continuing the Vision Process – Visioning Task Force – Saturday Morning

Excellent- 1 Very Good- 4 Good- 4 Fair- 1 Poor N/A- 9

It was helpful to me because:

- *It focused on the real issues and it encouraged "outside the box" thinking.*
- *At least we were talking about it*
- *Gained clearer focus*
- *Honesty and expression of ideas*

It would have been more helpful to me if:

- *I had a better sense of how the five goals/areas connect.*
- *If it too hooked to theology for a foundation, i.e., theology of hospitality, growing, building fellowship, etc.*
- *Less argumentative issues*
- *No intention to be competitive? It felt like it in Frankenmuth – so too here. Ray was not dialogical – who might be? Rather than try to argue for each priority – I would have found brainstorming more helpful! Talking into the mic was solo (debate) grandstanding – not dialogue. Too disorganized and unclear-repeatedly stated "do you have questions" question asked then "we'll talk about it in a few minutes."*

8. Closing Worship – Led by St. Vincent Hospital Chaplain Residents

Excellent Very Good- 6 Good- 1 Fair Poor N/A-12

It was meaningful to me because:

- *It set the stage to worship and to move into closure.*
- *Inclusion of resources from diverse traditions.*
- *Solo was outstanding!*

It would have been more meaningful to me if:

- *If I would have had a little more quiet time.*

9. Meals**Breakfast (Fri &/or Sat):**

Excellent- 3 Very Good- 6 Good- 5 Fair- 2 Poor N/A-3

I especially liked the following item(s):

- *Eggs & bacon*
- *Scrambled eggs and cinnamon French toast*
- *French toast*
- *Dining room fare improved; buffets good too.*

It would have enjoyed the breakfast(s) more if:

- *There was oatmeal – even instant would be ok.*
- *Even more fruits and vegetables—less heavy pasta and fatty foods – would be welcome!*
- *Hot oats would have been there*
- *Oat meal*
- *Food was hot (Friday)*
- *More protein, more complex carbohydrates i.e., multi-grain bread.*
- *Warm plates – eggs got cold*

Lunch (Fri &/or Sat):

Excellent- 5 Very Good- 5 Good- 4 Fair- 2 Poor N/A-3

I especially liked the following item(s):

- *Good variety, plenty, no complaints*
- *Lasagna*

It would have enjoyed the lunch(es) more if:

- *Even more fruits and vegetables—less heavy pasta and fatty foods – would be welcome!*

- There had been an entrée that was not dairy-based.
- Too fattening – not enough fruit
- More protein, more complex carbohydrates
- Fresh salad – less starchy/heavy foods

Friday banquet:

Excellent- 4 Very Good- 6 Good- 3 Fair- 1 Poor N/A-5

I especially liked the following item(s):

- The meats.
- Carved turkey.
- Pork roast, chocolate cake

It would have enjoyed the meal more if:

- Fruit salad was available

Program ideas for next February (i.e., themes, speakers, etc.)

- Patient satisfaction on Spiritual/Formation Support for patients.
- Conjoint program with REM?
- Inclusiveness in Theological Education –Pres. XNTheol Sem. –Dr. Ed Wheeler
- Bridging the gap/Islamic Center [?] IN; and Rabbi Lew Weiss/Clarian
- Use of Web seminars
- Research best practices in regional centers
- Parish based/hospital models
- Supervisory experienced based cross cultural models-Vickie Johnson
- Supervision and Sexuality –presenter: Gordon Kilomann, Tacoma, WA
- Supervisors and Spirituality
- Use of Self-speaker-Pamela Cooper-White one session about use of self in supervision and one session about “teaching” use of self to our CPE students (residents & interns). I would be glad to help with this. She has written the book Shared Wisdom.
- Entertainment and/or program: Storyteller LaRon Williams, Ann Arbor, MI
- Theological and Spiritual Destructiveness of Ethnic people/groups so to grow a culture of hospitality with appreciation of their cultures.
- Bill scrivener – give workshop on certification on writing presenters reports; Orin Newberry- Systems theory and Supervision – more about conflicts in the clinical [?]

Other comments:

- Might the Visioning Task Force be incorporated under (seemingly defunct) long range planning committee?
- Great Location & meals
- The music this time was outstanding;
- Fireside chat for residents was excellent!
- Very nicely done! Thanks!
- The microphone is repeatedly problematic –FIX IT! Talk to Hueston Woods. Put center name on nametags. Find ways to share practices more!!! This form's lines were too confining & bold. If REM comes – what if we meet a week later at Hueston Woods?
- Loved the musicians this year!
- Key speaker – how about a female?!

ECR ANNUAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2/17/06, FRIDAY 3:30-5:00 P.M.
FEEDBACK/SURVEY
PENTECOSTALISM AND CPE
PRESENTER: REV. YOKE-LYE J. LIM, BCC, ACPE SUPERVISOR

Listed below is the summary of the 14 evaluations that were returned by:

(6) Chaplain Residents; (1) Staff Chaplain; (4) CPE Supervisors; (2) Supervisor Candidates; (1) SIT

What was helpful to you:

- Knowledge of presenter's ideas and the ideas of using language that bridges the gap. I came away with great ideas.
- Terms, parallels, cultural differences, personal experience
- Thorough intro-application for real-time supervision of students of this faith tradition and application to pastoral care to patients and families of this faith tradition.
- New data about Pentecostalism as different from charismatic.
- Giving permission to be [?]
- Background and language of Pentecostals; approaches to take with Pentecostal students and patients. Good handouts.
- Presenter's views on using ways to engage their language.
- Hearing the perspective of an "insider." Considering the questions raised by others in the audience.
- Good information.
- The discussion around reframing thinking, redefining language and respecting the integrity of the faith.
- Pentecostalism and clinical pastoral education gap and gasp was very helpful. The presenter is very creative and insightful.
- Explanation of Pentecostalism and what patients may expect/accept from chaplain.
- Description of charismatic culture, thinking, language, and strategies for working with them.
- Defining terms.

What can be more helpful to you:

- A little more information about what it means to select a student of the Pentecostal charismatic background and what those initial conversations look and sound like that may make room and hospitality for charismatic folks.
- How view from flower's stages?; How related to "4 Worlds" lecture from this morning. How to assess real "voice from God" person from unreal (psychotic) experience.
- May be more clinical examples
- More ways to deal with the literalist, fundamentalist, view of Scripture.
- The keynote addresses.
- More defined examples of the tension in the word "evangelize" and the CPE process.
- Discussion of role of Satan & evil.