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Ridges and Hollers

Having just completed six evaluations for the extended time, parish based group I have been supervising I am feeling some sadness, satisfaction and relief. It has been a busy season for me and my every-Wednesday commitment to these students has been an important grounding experience in the midst of a lot of change. Remarkably, in spite of winter weather and their involvements with school, church and family, we had only one absence (funeral for a parishioner) and no cancellations.

The evaluation retreat was a wonderful reminder of the value and power of our CPE process. In addition to claiming learning about their ministry practice, it was evident that a learning community had been formed. One never knows what will come of intentions, but each one expressed the desire to find or form a similar peer consultation and support group as they move into full time ministry.

At this point I have no additional units on my 2006 calendar, which feels very strange after thirty years. I am looking forward to a break but feeling some sadness. Wednesdays will seem strange for a while. The break comes with the affirmation that our pastoral education ministry is not only unique, but almost magically effective in providing something our particular faith communities claim to value but seldom achieve. Of course, it doesn't ALWAYS happen in CPE, but the frequency with which a community of learning forms and functions to facilitate both learning and caring is pretty remarkable.

As a region we have just experienced more evidence of the power of our community of learning and shared commitment to this ministry. We are saying goodbye to Mike Saxton (St. Joseph, South Bend) as he moves to Corpus Christi, TX. Mike has contributed much to the region and his decision to move meant we needed a new Certification Committee Co-chair and a new chair person(s) to put together our fall conference in Brown County, IN. I am happy to report that Beth Watson (Clarian West, Indianapolis) has been appointed by Lin Barnett to serve in that position. Frank Impicciche and Sergei Petrov (St. Vincent, Indianapolis) have agreed to serve as co-chairs for the fall conference. Meanwhile, Marla Coulter-McDonald (St. Vincent, Indianapolis) and Vicky Johnson (Louisville Cluster) are digging in to the process of planning our next R.E.M. Invitational which will meet in Indianapolis in February '07.

In the midst of these negotiations, I received a packet from the Clergy Education and Training Program of the National Association of Children of Alcoholics. For the past three years a variety of groups including ACPE has been meeting to figure out better ways of equipping ministers to work with the complicated issues surrounding alcohol and drug dependence. At this point a list of competencies has been proposed and in June there will be a gathering of supervisors (two from each region) to refine these competencies and develop a strategy for integrating them into pastoral education. I am looking forward to lending a hand with this important

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:

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Supervisory Education In the Region

Associate Supervisors

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

Supervisory Candidates

Jose Albovias
Ruth Alpers
Don Chase
Bill Foster
Laurie Hearn
Vickie Johnson
McKenney, Wayne
Jon Paulus
Yerachmiel Rabin
Joe Roberts
Mark Scheffers
Kurt Stutz
Jim Wright

project, and happy to report that Carol Green (Hospice of the Bluegrass, Lexington) will be our second participant. I hope to have news of progress for our summer newsletter.

When the ACPE Board of Representatives meets in Atlanta (May 11 – 13) they will continue to work on our strategic planning process. Both Carol Green and Frank Impiciche (our Representatives) welcome input from the region. If you have concerns, please contact them. This will be Ann Letson's (Norton Health, Louisville) first appearance at the Certification Commission as our regional co-chair. It will also be a special time for Ruth Alpers (Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati) who will be meeting the commission for Associate Supervisor. Keep her in your thoughts that Thursday.
Peace, Cal Brand ©

R.E.M. Invitational – February 1-3, 2007 – Update

Marla Coulter-McDonald, Program Chairperson, reports that planning for the R.E.M. Invitational 2007 is well underway. An Indianapolis hotel has been selected and the contract with the hotel is being negotiated with ACPE and R.E.M. executive officers. When negotiation has been finalized the hotel site will be released for the general ACPE membership. Additional information such as program theme and speakers will be provided as they become available.

Marla indicated that there is still an opportunity for members of the region to work directly with the Program Planning Committee. If you are interested in serving with the committee, please contact her immediately. Rev. Marla Y. Coulter-McDonald, ACPE Associate Supervisor, St. Vincent Hospital, 2001 West 86th Street, PO Box 40970, Indianapolis, IN 46240-0970, 317-338-2751, MCMcDona@stvincent.org

ECR Fall Regional Conference September 29 & 30, 2006, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN.

Fall? It seems a bit odd to talk about an event in the fall when spring is just now springing into our lives! Yet, planning for events, like the Fall Regional Conference, knows no bounds or times of the seasons!

As Mike Saxton makes ready for his journey into the southwest, we need to look to what looms ahead on our own horizons. To make the transition smooth, Mike handed over the reigns of a very organized schedule of events for the Regional gathering to Sergei Petrov and Frank Impiciche. Since our gathering in February, Sergei and Frank have been planning the details for the education portions of our conference.

In lieu of both the REM Invitational being held in Indianapolis in February 2007 and the results of our visioning process, we have asked the Rev. Martha Brown to join us on Friday to discuss issues of inclusiveness and multiculturalism. Martha is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a Board Certified Chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains. She has served as a faculty member and supervisor in the field of mathematics at both the Prince

Officers of the Region

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Members Co-Chair

Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members
Co-Chair

Katherine Nininger, History
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Dev/Strategic
Planning

Daryl Hanson, Nominations

Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics

Victoria Johnson, REM Task
Force

Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHarn, Standards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **September 29 & 30, 2006**
ECR Fall Meeting, Brown
County Inn, **Nashville, IN** –
Frank Impicciche and Sergei
Petrov, Program Co-Chairs
- **February 1-3, 2007** REM
Invitational – Indianapolis,
IN. – Marla Coulter-
McDonald, Program Chair
details to follow
- **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 -

County (MD) Public Schools. She currently holds the position of Director of Pastoral Care at Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, MD. Martha is also the President of the Christian Church Capital Area Minister's Association and the Convener for the Gaithersburg (Maryland) Interfaith Alliance.

We will have two workshops on Saturday from which all participants can choose:

Workshop #1: The Rev. Sergei Petrov, will present a seminar entitled, "Applying Progressive Emotional Communication (PEC) to IPR." Sergei is an ACPE Associate Supervisor at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to his academic studies and ACPE certification, Sergei trained at the Center for Advancement of Group Studies in Manhattan, New York. The case is made for utilizing "Progressive Emotional Communication" (PEC) formulated by Louis R. Ormont, Ph.D. (founder of Center for the Advancement of Group Studies) as a tool for evaluating group's effectiveness in IPR. The introduction of PEC in teaching students about purpose and functioning of IPR within a CPE program may add clarity and potentially lower students' resistances to this "unknown" and often stigmatized group event.

Workshop #2 – TBD: (Still need a volunteer for this workshop).

Workshop #3 for SIT's and SC's only: Dr. Ryan LaMothe will lead a seminar entitled, "Whose Unconscious is It Anyway?" Dr. LaMothe is an associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He is the author of two books: (Becoming Alive: Psychoanalysis and Vitality, Routledge, 2005; Revitalizing Faith through Pastoral Counseling, Abingdon, 2001) and over 60 articles. He is a Diplomate in the American Psychotherapy Association and a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

The evaluations from our February conference showed that many of the students and individuals attending their first regional meeting did not find the business meeting welcoming or relevant to their participation. In response to those comments, we are scheduling a "meet and greet" coffee hour Friday morning concurrent with the business meeting. We are looking for someone to lead that activity.

As of press time, we still need volunteers for the following

1. Workshop #3 - topic of your choice
2. Worship leader for Friday opening service
3. Worship leader for Saturday closing service
4. "Regional Hospitality Emissary" – to coordinate the "meet and greet" coffee hour as described above.

To volunteer for the workshop – contact Frank Impicciche and/or Sergei Petrov; to lead either of the worship services and/or to coordinate the meet and greet event – contact Joan Lyke. As the Regional Conference draws nearer, look for more details about the entire event. Program and registration information will be mailed the first week in July. Have a great spring! Frank S. Impicciche, 317-338-9874,

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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 resumé to: The Director of Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44195. Phone (216) 444-2518. FAX (216) 445-9678.

To submit articles, announcements, job and/or training opportunities etc., send electronic copy to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter, MI 48130. For more information, please call 734-426-5099. The deadline for the June newsletter is Tuesday, May 30, 2006. Joan Lyke

REGIONAL CERTIFICATION: Changes At Hand

Greetings ECR membership: As many of you know there have been significant changes of late in the Chairship of the ECR Certification Committee. Mary Burks-Price and Mike Saxton, our able co-chairs, for different reasons, have resigned their positions. Beth Watson and I are the new co-chairs; I am doing National 'coverage' and Beth is doing Regional 'coverage.' Think of us as co-anchors with different areas of focus, but with the same interest in informing and aiding our ECR folks in the Certification process.

We come to these functions with great admiration for our predecessors and with much experience ourselves. I have served on Regional and National Certification Committee/Commission from the SE Region and the Mid-Atlantic Region before returning to my 'home' region in 2003. Beth has served the ECR Regional and National Certification Committee/Commission for nearly 9 years, and prior to that served on the Southwest Region's Certification Committee. So, while new to the administrative level, we are not new to the process level.

So, why co-chairs, you might ask? We all know that all our membership service to ACPE is voluntary, and Certification, like Accreditation demands time, travel and either secretarial support or 'good enough' computer skills for the administrative piece of this work. Several regions have moved to the co-chair model purely from a practical standpoint AND because of personal preference. Some of us have the personal time and institutional support to travel as much as needed; some of us love the work but do not want to leave home for lengthy meetings two or three times a year.

Again, Beth and I are grateful to Mary and Mike for setting a very workable precedent in our region for doing Certification work. We hope to follow in their footsteps with a minimum of transitional stress for all of us. Please contact us or Cal with ANY questions you might have. We look forward to our time together.

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Bonnie Woods, RSM, recently moved to Grayling, MI. Her new contact information is: 1358 Maybelle Avenue, Grayling MI 49738. Telephone: 989-348-6716. <bwoods@mercydetroit.org> We wish her well in her move to Grayling and are happy she did not leave the region!
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