

## EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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Deadline August 30, 2006

#### Ridges and Hollers

By the time this edition of the newsletter reaches you, summer units will be drawing to a close – all those evaluations to write, as you get ready for the fall schedule. Good luck! And, by now you should have received your registration packet and program for our Fall Conference at Brown County, Indiana. Complete it and send it in right away.

In the meantime, I am experiencing first hand something of a disaster. On July 20<sup>th</sup> our family business, BRANDS Inc., went up in flames. Our home is just two blocks away and it was terrifying to awake to dense smoke and sirens. Fortunately, no one was injured and the firefighters were able to confine the fire to the main building (business offices, showroom, mill, and finish lumber storage). My brothers, who run the business, are trying to figure out the future. I've just been trying to figure out where I am going to do all the stuff I was planning to do in the mill.

I served in hospitals for nearly forty years and stood pretty much "on the other side of the counter," so to speak. Now that I am serving in a parish, I have found myself dealing with grief over the loss of my dad last year and now the fire. I remain a student, and the education has become more painful and personal.

Most of us have made peace with living in a love-hate relationship to our faith communities. As caregivers devoted to caring for the sick, injured, and otherwise troubled, we are painfully aware of the shortcomings of institutional religion. I know for myself, one of the satisfactions I often enjoyed as a chaplain was the opportunity to provide a "corrective" experience about religion and spirituality. Now, dealing with my own grief and that of others in the community, I find myself wondering how folks get through the painful times without the care and support of a faith community. For all its shortcomings (and sometimes "bad" theology) our faith communities often play an important and healing role in times of trouble. These experiences have not reduced my frustrations with religious institutions, but they have increased my patience and appreciation.

It was good to see so many students and colleagues at Richmond, IN for CPE day last month. This remains an event essentially organized and managed by folks in the supervisory training process. It provides a good learning experience for them and a useful resource for the students doing summer units. Thanks, Indy area S.I.T.s for all your good work.

The last word I have about Joan Hemenway is that she has completed a round of palliative treatments. She and Jennifer are on vacation to a favorite place in Maine. You can follow Joan's story by visiting [www.caringbridge.org/visit/joanhemenway](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/joanhemenway)

## 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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **September 29 & 30, 2006** ECR Fall Meeting, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN. – Frank Impicicche 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
- **November 15-18, 2006**, ACPE Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, FL
- **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

Many of you know Donald Harris. We received word that his brother who lives in Texas was murdered recently, and Jackie Kelly, his spouse recently lost her mother. Please keep Donald and Jackie in your prayers. You can contact them by email at <[donald.harris@va.gov](mailto:donald.harris@va.gov)> and <[jacquelin.kelley@bhsala.com](mailto:jacquelin.kelley@bhsala.com)>. [Durham VA Medical Center, 508 Fulton St., (125), Durham, NC 27705 3875; Princeton Baptist Medical Center, 701 Princeton Avenue., S.W., Birmingham, AL 35211-1303]

Elsewhere in this newsletter you should find a piece about the conference Carol Green and I attended in Atlanta focused on ministry with individuals and families suffering with chemical dependence. We are hoping to increase general awareness of the pervasive negative effect of this problem as we construct curriculum for our training programs.

Finally, I want to report that my one year agreement to serve as ½ time minister for Pastoral Care at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, IN concludes the end of this month. The personnel committee has asked me to stay on and I have agreed to continue for six more months, till the end of February, 2007. Maybe then I will do better at this (semi-) retirement thing. Peace, *Cal Brand* ☺

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## Competencies for Ministry with Individuals and Families - Chemical Dependence

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics has been patiently and thoroughly working at helping caregivers become more effective in helping individuals and families affected by chemical dependence. One approach being pursued is to collaborate with educators in the various helping fields to develop recommended competencies (see below). The Clergy Education and Training Project is the name given this effort as it applies to ministers. Representatives of ACPE have been actively involved for the past three years in developing competencies for CPE, seminaries, and faith groups.

The workshop Carol Green and Cal Brand attended in late June was another step in this process. All our regions were represented as we addressed the issue of getting chemical dependence higher on our considerations as we plan our CPE programs. We began with an excellent presentation on the "Epidemiology of Alcoholism" through which we were reminded of the extent of this problem. When trauma, accidents, domestic violence and abuse are added to the numbers, a significant percentage of the patients we see in our hospitals are there (at least in part) because of chemical dependence. And we were reminded of how the effects of alcoholism and substance abuse are passed down through the generations.

We used and "Attitudes-Awareness-Assimilation and Action" model to consider our own experiences with alcoholism and our ministry. Not surprisingly, most of the 20 or so participants had been personally affected by this problem. Being for the most part a group of supervisors, we also considered the challenges involved in helping others learn about helping victims of chemical dependence. We also considered strategies for incorporating the proposed competencies into CPE curriculum, including work with Supervisory CPE. Carol and I are hoping to offer a

**Supervisory Education  
In the Region**

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Marla Coulter-McDonald  
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Laurie Hearn  
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Wayne McKenney  
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Joe Roberts  
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\_\_\_\_\_, Long Range

Dev/Strategic Planning

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Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics

Victoria Johnson, REM Task  
Force

Elizabeth Price, Chair Elect

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHarn, Standards

workshop on this subject at an upcoming regional conference, and advocate having it as a primary focus for another. We are available to meet with area CPE or Supervisory CPE groups.

**Recommended Competencies**

1. Be aware of the generally accepted definition of alcohol and drug dependence, and societal stigma attached to alcohol and drug dependence.
  2. Be knowledgeable about the signs of alcohol and drug dependence, characteristics of withdrawal, effects on the individual and the family, and characteristics of the stages of recovery.
  3. Be aware that possible indicators of the disease may include, among others: marital conflict, family violence (physical, emotional and verbal), suicide, hospitalization, or encounters with the criminal justice system.
  4. Understand that addiction erodes and blocks religious and spiritual development; and be able to effectively communicate the importance of spirituality and the practice of religion in recovery, using scripture, traditions, and rituals of the faith community.
  5. Be aware of the potential benefits of early intervention to the addicted person, family system, and affected children.
  6. Be aware of appropriate pastoral interactions with the addicted person, family system, and affected children.
  7. Be able to communicate and sustain an appropriate level of concern and messages of hope and caring.
  8. Be familiar with and utilize available community resources to ensure a continuum of care for the addicted person, family system and affected children.
  9. Have a general knowledge of and, where possible, exposure to the 12-step programs – AA, NA, Al-Anon, Nar-Anon, Alateen, A.C.O.A., etc. and other groups.
  10. Be able to acknowledge and address values, issues and attitudes regarding alcohol and drug use and dependence in oneself and one's own family.
  11. Be able to shape, form, and educate a caring congregation that welcomes and supports persons and families affected by alcohol and drug dependence.
  12. Be aware of how prevention strategies can benefit the larger community.
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**Job/Educational Opportunities:**

- 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.

*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 September newsletter is Wednesday, August 30, 2006.*  
*Joan Lyke*

**Job/Educational Opportunities: (cont'd)**

- Saint Joseph HealthCare Lexington Ky - Saint Joseph HealthCare is a three hospital system located in beautiful central Kentucky, the 468 bed Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington's first hospital and a major heart hospital, the 166 bed Saint Joseph East and Saint Joseph Berea a critical access hospital has an immediate opening for a CPE Supervisor 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, or related degree, certification, and ecclesiastical endorsement. Saint Joseph HealthCare offers competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or résumé to: Thomas Waken, Director Pastoral Care, St. Joseph Hospital, One St. Joseph Drive, Lexington, KY 40504 -3754, (859) 313-1242 Phone, (859) 313-2179 FAX; E-mail wakent@sjhlex.org