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**October Newsletter
Deadline September 25,
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Ridges and Hollers

It won't be long before we are gathered in beautiful Brown County, Indiana. I always look forward to these times for fellowship, welcoming new folk, a variety of learning experiences and attending to our business. Pressed as many of us are to get away for two or three days, it always seems like the time goes by too quickly and we are going our separate ways again. I hope many of you will be able to be there.

One of the things that has been on my mind lately is the importance of our seminary representatives. This is before me, at least in part, because Ted Stoneberg has retired after many years of faithful service at Anderson University School of Theology. Ted has been an example of the valuable role our seminary representatives play. As he relates to his school, he has been a strong advocate for the value of CPE in the preparation of ministers. As he relates to CPE centers, he has been a persistent and effective advocate for students' training needs – as supervisors, at least in Indiana, know well. As he relates to the region, he has been among the most faithful in attending our regional meetings and provided needed help. I recall some years ago when I was chairing the certification committee, when we would have questions of educational equivalency, I felt confident in referring to Ted and the members of that committee to do a careful review and provide thoughtful counsel. I have not discussed Ted's retirement plans with him. I hope he remains in the region and active in our CPE ministry.

Until I got to thinking about this, I had never seen the list of Seminary Representatives for our region, so I went to the ACPE directory and copied them out. I found 15 names including Ruth Alpers, Bobby Beavers, Urias Beverly, Brad Binau, Michael E. Connors, Matthew Floding, James Higginbotham, Tara Hornbacker, Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Vergel L. Lattimore, John H. Morgan, Ronald Nydam, David W. Sharrard, Rebecca Slough, and Shirley Ann Warner. I have to confess that some on the list are unfamiliar to me. When we identified "Showing our pastoral care through our hospitality" as one of our goals going forward, we referenced Seminary Representatives in our conversations. I would like to encourage our members to reach out to these folk and look for ways to be more welcoming and inclusive of them.

Some of us can remember a time when CPE was viewed with considerable suspicion by seminaries. Our approach to pastoral formation didn't mesh well with how theological education was done back then. From time to time a seminary would send a student who needed "help" for a unit of CPE, but few offered credit toward graduation. Over the years solid bridges have been built. ACPE

**ACPE CERTIFICATION
CALENDAR**

The deadline for meeting the Fall East Central Region Certification Committee has passed. The next opportunity to meet a Regional Certification committee will be in February 2007. Information will be posted as details become available. In the meantime, if you have questions regarding Certification contact:

Beth Watson, Certification Co-Chair (regional)
317-217-3192
bwatson@clarian.org

For questions regarding the National Certification Commission contact: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair (national) (502) 636-8085
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **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

has changed and so has seminary education. In many places we now enjoy rich partnerships.

As financial pressures mount on all of us, some seminary administrations are debating the importance of this connection and wondering if seminary membership in ACPE might be a fee that could be eliminated. I hope it isn't, and that we continue to enjoy this expression of interest and support. In fact, it would be good to add some more. Hopefully, the group that is leading us with implementing our vision and goals will provide us with some ways of expressing our appreciation for this connection and inclusion of these colleagues in the ministry of pastoral education. Peace, *Cal Brand*☺

August 14, 2006

Dear ACPE Colleague:

By now all of you have heard of the health crisis of our president, Joan Hemenway. She continues in the care of her oncologist and her partner Jennifer. The goal of the oncologist is comfort care, as Joan reported to me this morning.

As most of you also know, Joan has asked me as Past President (serving as Vice President as our by-laws require), to take over many of her duties, which I am doing.

Last week the Board of Representative met by conference call and approved a plan of succession suggested by RANC and congruent with our by-laws, which will be implemented when the situation arises. Please be assured the Joan's illness, while exceedingly sad, will not impair the ability of the ACPE leadership to continue with the necessary work. If you have questions, please contact Teresa Snorton or me.

I would also call your attention to the website Caring Bridge for updates on Joan's condition and an opportunity to send a message to Joan and her partner and family. The website can be accessed from the ACPE website home page by clicking on the lead article about Joan.

Also and especially, continue to hold Joan and Jennifer and Joan's sister, Marion, and her nieces in your prayers.

Sincerely, Arthur Schmidt, ACPE Past President

News & Notes from the Regional Business Office:

At the February 2006 meeting, the Administrative Council asked that the regional newsletter be distributed electronically beginning with the September 2006 issue. This action was taken to reduce expenses in printing and postage. To request newsletters by regular mail, contact the regional office.

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

Associate Supervisors

Ruth Alpers
Marla Coulter-McDonald
Sergei Petrov
Frank Woggon

Supervisory Candidates

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

Officers of the Region

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Lin Barnett, Chair
Elizabeth Price, Vice Chair
Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie,
Accreditation
Carol Reynolds Green, Board
of Reps
Frank Impicciche, Board of
Reps
Bob Uken, Budget &
Investment
Ann A. Letson, Certification
Co-Chair
Beth Newton Watson-
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
Elizabeth Price, Chair Elect
David Koch, Research
Karl VanHarn, Standards

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From time to time members of the region would like to contact regional colleagues for prayer requests, job opportunities, room sharing at regional meetings, etc. You may send and receive messages to members of the region that have also joined the group list. It is easy to join and there is no charge. You may sign up by visiting Yahoo! Groups web site and follow the instructions. Our group list is: ECR-ACPE@yahoogroups.com; or

Send a message to: ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com; in the subject line use the same ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You will receive a message to confirm your request. To unsubscribe from the group list – follow the same instructions except change the word subscribe to unsubscribe.

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 October newsletter is Monday, September 25, 2006.