

EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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Ridges and Hollers

We had a wonderful conference at the Brown County Inn. Except for a few showers, even the weather cooperated. The experiment of moving the business meeting to Friday morning seemed to produce the desired result of better attendance, though it does press the various committees to have reports ready so early in the conference.

Lin Barnett concluded his term as ECR Chairperson on a good note. The work we have been getting started with goals and vision has begun and leaders for the various goals closed the conference with reports. Several of the groups are looking for additional participants and you can read about that elsewhere in this newsletter. Somehow Lin managed to get us through our business meeting, national issues panel and visioning reports within the time frames of the conference, which was a minor miracle. Thanks, Lin, for keeping us on track and for your leadership!

We move forward with new leadership. **Elizabeth Price** is now our Regional Chairperson. She has played an active role in the visioning process and would welcome your comments and suggestions for the region as we prepare for our annual meeting at Hueston Woods: <price1@clarian.com>. **Carl Buxo** is now the Regional Chair elect and program chair for the Hueston Woods Conference: <dcbuxo@beaumont-hospitals.com>

This was our first regional meeting since **Ann Letson** and **Beth Newton Watson** began serving as Certification Co-Chairs. It seems we made the transition with hardly a bump – another minor miracle with such a complicated task.

Daryl Hanson, who has struggled valiantly to keep us in line with our nominations process made his final report at this conference as well. Thanks to Daryl – he deserves a rest. Lin Barnett is our new Nominations chair. If you would like to serve and/or nominate someone to service on a committee or task force, contact Lin at <lbarnett@agmc.org>. He will also remain involved with our Visioning process.

The brief mid-year report I shared at the conference concludes this edition of *Ridges and Hollers*. I am already looking forward to our next gathering in Tampa, FL, November 16 – 19. See you there. Peace, Cal ☺

Fall Conference – 2006 – Regional Director's Report

At Hawaii last fall we had the unusual happiness of having both the candidates for President-elect from our region. The suspense is over. **Bill Scrivener** is the new President-elect of ACPE. On behalf of the region I want to extend to Bill good wishes and God's blessing for the task that now lies ahead for him. I also want to thank **Ted Hodge** for his willingness to be a candidate and our appreciation for all the wonderful work he has done for our region and ACPE – and, we trust, the good work he will continue.

On a less celebrative note, I want to acknowledge my personal sadness about **Joan Hemenway's** illness and recent resignation as our ACPE President. We are all grateful to **Art Schmidt** who will remain in the harness to complete her term.

I was advised in advance that we had a lot of business to accomplish in a limited timeframe, so I will keep this report short. We continue to do well in as a region. We have six or seven facilities in more or less active searches for supervisors. The demand for CPE remains strong. We have a new supervisor since the Spring Leadership Conference in May: **Rabbi Ruth Alpers**, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH.

An old friend has come back home from California: **Dennis Kenny** is now working at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH. We also have a CAPPE supervisor in Akron, OH., **Deborah Damore**.

Frank Impicciche and **Sergei Petrov** picked up the responsibility for this conference when **Mike Saxton** moved to Texas. We have workgroups in place to help us move forward

with the goals we developed last year. Like several Regional Directors before me, I want to thank **Joan Lyke** personally and for the region. She continues to provide excellent administrative support for our various activities. I also want to express appreciation for Lin Barnett. We began our terms of office together. It was a good for me to begin supporting our mission of pastoral education, with an old friend. Peace, Cal ☺

- *Creative Visioning – Orin Newberry
- *Growing Our Consumer Base – Bob Uken
- Hospitality – Urias Beverly
- Maximizing Utilization of Technology- Wade Rowatt

**See reports below.*

News and Notes

• Welcome to Chaplain **Deborah R. Damore**, new to our region. At my request she provided the following words of introduction: *"I am originally from Niagara Falls, Ontario, and spent close to ten years in Hamilton, Ontario where I was a Senior Chaplain at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), providing education, administration and clinical service as well as a specialty of Chaplaincy Staff Support. HHS is a four-hospital system and is affiliated with McMaster University where I am assistant professor with Family Medicine. I completed a CPE Residency in Phoenix Arizona at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Centre at the onset of my chaplaincy and CPE journey many moons ago and am pleased to be back in the US to continue that journey. I am now a CPE Associate Supervisor having transferred from CAPPE to ACPE recently. I am an ordained minister with Assemblies of God. I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as Director of Pastoral Care at Summa Health System (SHS) in Akron Ohio and am in the process of developing a CPE training program for Summa Health System. I look forward to meeting my ACPE colleagues and envision a meaningful relationship. Many blessing to all of you as serve in your various institutions!"* Deborah's email address is: <damored@summa-health.org>

• And, welcome back the **Rev. Dennis E. Kenny**. Dennis is now at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He returns to the East Central Region after nearly twenty years with the California Pacific Medical Center Institute for Health & Healing. When I arrived in the region in 1987, Dennis was our Regional Director and doing supervision in Ann Arbor, MI. Dennis' email address is: <kennyd@ccf.org>

- **Regional Visioning Task Force-Chairpersons:**
 - *Becoming a More Culturally Diverse Learning Community – Yoke Lye Lim

Report #1: Diversity Task Force East Central Region, ACPE.

Members: Kai Cole, Elizabeth Price, Yoke Lye Lim (Chair). We met twice: 9/7 and 9/18. The following are thoughts/ comments that will "walk our talk" regarding our vision for diversity and inclusiveness:

1. That the task force will work closely with the program planning and program development committees. The task force will serve as a resource/reference to contact and invite speakers/presenters from different racial-ethnic & multicultural backgrounds.
2. That our certification committee will be open to recruit/grant CPE supervisors from multicultural background to serve on the committee.
3. That each one of us will think critically regarding the questions:
 - a. What is diversity for me?
 - b. What do I want to see our region BECOME in my understanding and experience of diversity three years from now, and five years?
 - c. Is there a person (from diversity/multicultural background) you would recommend to be a speaker/presenter at our regional gatherings?

Your response to our discussion, and feedback regarding 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) and any other concerns/ideas is helpful. Please e-mail your feedback to Yoke Lye at: <yylim@clarian.org>

Grow Our CPE Consumer Base

At Brown County, Connie Bonners, Joe Viti, and Bob Uken worked on the challenges of "Growing Our CPE Consumer Base." It was easier for us to identify challenges and needs than solutions.

Challenges/Needs:

- Students/Ministers we have difficulty reaching, i.e., underserved groups, seminaries who do not trust CPE, pastors

prepared for ministry through a nontraditional educational path, international students.

- Some Centers have more applicants than they can serve; other Centers have fewer applicants than they need. Is it possible to share an applicant pool?
- Supervisory resources - i.e. a significant number of supervisors are in the 50 to 70 age group; how can we increase our supervisory resources? Supervisor Training Centers?
- Funding strategies to develop creative programs, alternative placements, i.e. industrial chaplaincy, inner city ministries, congregational placements.
- Marketing – How can we share the vision of Clinical Pastoral Education? Do we need a workshop on marketing at one of our conferences?
- Accreditation Concerns – How can we extend our accreditation beyond our walls with integrity, i.e., satellites?

We may also have examples of how we in the East Central Region are growing our consumer base already, ideas and examples that may prompt creative thinking in other parts of the region. We encourage interchange among us.

If any of you have interest in helping develop this aspect of vision, please contact Bob Uken, Chair of this work group. <bob.uken@pinerest.org> or 616-281-6399.

VISIONING TASKFORCE PROPOSAL

The following is a brief summary of the Visioning Taskforce proposal:

Drop the Development Committee. This is not to say that long range planning is not important or that long range planning should be dropped. Rather, *the process of long range planning would be located close to where the action and energy resides.* That is, the region's Executive Council, Certification Committee and Accreditation Committee (as well as other committees as needed) would each establish long range planning processes appropriate and specific to the committee's work and the region's needs. These groups are invested in their work and may well see the value to spending some time planning for the longer-term future of their work.

Establish a regional taskforce (could later become a committee) whose charge is to lead and stimulate us in *processes* of innovation and creativity. For the moment, we might call this group the Visioning Taskforce. This group's main charge is *not* to come up with innovative ideas or creative solutions – though this might grow out of the group's deliberations at times. Rather, this group's *only* task (note, this group is not burdened with other responsibilities) is to think about (or receive recommendations for) *areas* where creativity and innovative thinking would be helpful and then to generate suggestions and *processes* for how our region might bring its creative energy into a focused process. The areas of focus and the resulting processes need not be complex or expansive – though some focus areas may be very involved and complex. The Visioning Taskforce would consist of the immediate *past* regional committee chairs of certification, accreditation, and standards, the immediate *past* regional chair, and three members at large. Thus, the taskforce would consist of a total of seven members. In order to help distinguish this group from the Executive Council, this group would have no decision-making authority – it would act as a consultant. Taskforce Chair, Orin Newberry <newberry.5@osu.edu>

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Spectrum Health/Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan, **announces a full-time Chaplain opening.** Schedule: Full-time, 80 hours/pp, 8 and 12 hour shifts, every 6th weekend. Primarily first shift with some rotation to other shifts. Job Summary: Provides guidance and counseling to patients, family and staff members of all faiths and traditions.

Job Requirements: Master of Divinity degree (or equivalent). Ordination preferred. One unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) required, four units preferred. Three years previous experience in pastoral care. Other: Demonstrated ability to relate to persons from varied religious, socio-economic, cultural, educational and ethnic backgrounds. Knowledge of medical ethics. Highly motivated and self-disciplined. Effective time management and organizational skills. Effective written and verbal communication skills. High level of personal integrity and maturity. Good sense of humor and

excellent self-care skills. Enquire/Apply
www.spectrum-health.org

- The University of Louisville HealthCare has an opening for an additional **CPE Supervisor**. The supervisor will share responsibilities of administering the Department of Chaplaincy Services and of managing the CPE program with the current CPE Supervisor and Director of Chaplaincy. Job description is available upon request. Salary is negotiable. Please call the Rev. Isaac Njuguna, 502-562-3417 for more details.
- Saint Joseph HealthCare is a three-hospital system located in beautiful central Kentucky; Lexington's first hospital, the 468 bed Saint Joseph Hospital that is a Top 50 heart hospital, the 166 bed Saint Joseph East and Saint Joseph Berea a critical access hospital. We have an immediate opening for a **CPE Supervisor** in an expanding department, which is a satellite of the Hospice of the Bluegrass. 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 MDiv, or related degree, certification and ecclesiastical endorsement. Saint Joseph healthcare offers competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or resume to: Director of Pastoral Care, One Saint Joseph Drive, Lexington, KY 40504. For additional information visit:
www.saintjosephhealthcare.org/employment
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- The Clinic, Cleveland, OH – has an 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.
- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has seven positions for the **2007-2008 CPE Residency**, and six for the **Summer 2007**

program. Residency stipend is \$25,000 - \$26,000. Apply by 2/28/07 to: The Rev. Dennis E. Kenny, Pastoral Care, H19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216)-445-9678. Visit our Web site:
<http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare>
for more information.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CPE EXPO, Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, Vergel L. Lattimore, Ph.D., Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, invites CPE representatives to the 12th Annual CPE EXPO, at the Methodist Theological School, located at 3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH 43015. The MTS is deeply committed to professional ministry skills that are afforded in clinical pastoral training. We allow students to receive one to three courses of academic credit for a single unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The goal of the EXPO is to introduce our students to a variety of CPE resources and opportunities within the Eastern Central Region. We will encourage our students to talk with a variety of program representatives, as well as gather information on the features, mission, and staffing patterns at different centers.

The CPE representatives are invited to the 11:30 a.m. Chapel and to be our guest at the Community Day Luncheon. For additional details and/or to register for the EXPO – contact Karen Gee directly at (740) 362-3340 or our reception desk (740) 363-1146; <kgee@mtso.edu>;

- **To All SIT's:** My name is David Fleenor, and I'm a SIT in the Eastern Region of ACPE. I have developed a listserve at
<<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CPESITS?>
> for CPE Supervisors-in-Training. Its purpose is to be a forum to discuss all things related to the process of becoming a CPE Supervisor. This may include theory papers, committee meetings, theology,

disappointments, celebrations, etc. It is limited to current SITs and those that have been out of a SIT program for up to two years, whether one was certified or not. Contact me if you have any questions about the site. Thanks you, The Rev. David W. Fleenor, CPE Supervisor-in-Training <dfleenor@gmail.com>

ACPE Certification Calender

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
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For questions regarding the National Certification Commission contact: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair (national) (502) 636-8085 <ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org>

Calendar of Events

- **11/15-18/06**-ACPE Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, FL
- **02/1-3/07**-REM Invitational, Indianapolis, IN. – Marla Coulter-McDonald, Program Chair.
- **03/2-3/07**-ECR Spring Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH. - Carl Buxo, Program Chair
- **09/28-29/07**-ECR Fall meeting, Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Fall, Akron, OH. - Lin Barnett, Program Chair
- **09/2008**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. Dates to be determined – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

Officers of the Region

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Carl Buxo, Chair Elect
Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie, Accreditation
Carol Reynolds Green, Board of Reps
Frank Impiccicche, Board of Reps
Bob Uken, Budget & Investment
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Beth Newton Watson-Certification Co-Chair [Regional]
Martha Amann, Clinical Members Co-Chair
Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members Co-Chair
Katherine Nininger, History
Lin Barnett, Nominations
Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics
Victoria Johnson, REM Task Force
David Koch, Research
Karl VanHarn, Standards

Supervisory Education In the Region

Associate Supervisors

Ruth Alpers
Maria 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

Stay in touch with your ECR Colleagues:

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.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the November Newsletter is: Friday, October 27, 2006. Send electronic copy to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by regular mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-426-5099.

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TO: ACPE Regional Directors
From: Arthur Schmidt, ACPE Past President
Comment: Please forward this email to your regional members.

Today I received the following letter from Joan Hemenway:

Dear ACPE Board, Teresa, Art,

I am realizing that there really is no way that I can come to the Tampa Conference without being an enormous distraction due to my current treatment for brain cancer. So I have decided to resign from the ACPE Presidency and not attend the Conference.

Of course it is difficult for me to believe that this step is necessary. I'm hopeful that you all understand and have figured out an ACPE Presidency Plan of Succession to be effective immediately.

Thank you for your generosity in dealing with ACPE business these past three months and into the future. Please know of my deep regret that this action has been necessary and totally unexpected.

Sincerely and with deep appreciation,

*Joan Hemenway, D.Min.
Former President, ACPE 2006*

I am personally deeply saddened by this news and deeply grateful for all Joan has contributed to the Association and to the many students and colleagues she has influenced.

In her letter Joan hoped that there was a Presidency Plan of Succession. The Representation and Nomination Committee (RANC) proposed and the Board, meeting by conference call, approved a plan of succession.

The By-laws are clear that the person functioning as vice-president (President-Elect or Past President) will succeed when the President is no longer able to fulfill her duties.

It is the understanding of the Board that I will fill out Joan's term of office through 2007. The President-Elect will have that year to prepare to assume the presidency in 2008 as previously planned. I want to reassure you that the work of the ACPE will continue to be carried on.

There will be special recognition of Joan's many contributions when we gather in Tampa in November.

September 25, 2006

To: ACPE Board of Representatives
ACPE Regional Directors
RDs, Please forward to members of your region

From: Arthur Schmidt

Subject: Election of President-Elect

While it is our usual procedure to announce the new President-elect at the annual meeting falling after the election, in the light of the resignation of Dr. Joan Hemenway as President and the changes in leadership resulting, Executive Director Teresa Snorton and I considered it important to announce the results now.

The president-elect of the ACPE is **Bill Scrivener**, who will serve us as president in 2008 and 2009. He will function as vice-president in 2007. Because of the leadership changes, I have asked Bill to begin his term with the Tampa meeting this fall, so we will have someone in the position of vice-president when the Board meets.

I want to personally thank both Bill and Ted Hodge for being willing so serve the association in this way. The vote was close, and we had two fine and capable candidates.

Congratulations are in order to Bill, and I would ask you to continue to support our organization as we implement the Strategic Plan adopted by the Board in May, a plan that was shepherded by Joan and will be a part of her legacy to the ACPE.

As required by the By-Laws of the Association, I will complete Joan's term and serve as your president through 2007.