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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

Between the R.E.M. Invitational and our recent gathering at Hueston Woods, I find myself thinking of Psalm 133: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!* It was very good to be together.

The lodge has become *home* for many of us, a place for being together, learning, celebrating, consoling, and being reminded of who we are. Our company is so valued that one of the hallmark critters there, the Turkey Vulture came down a chimney to join the Accreditation Committee on Thursday. For those who couldn't make it, know you were missed and we hope to see you when we gather next in Akron this fall.

Most of this *Ridges and Hollers* is given over to my annual report. I do want to pass on three bits of information. First, Karl VanHarn is our new regional chair-elect. Second, Connie Bonner and Sergei Petrov are co-chairs for the program at our Akron meeting. They will welcome your suggestions and offers of help. Third, Stan Mullin has been appointed co-chair of the Clinical Members Task Force to serve with Martha Amann. I am looking forward to working with them to strengthen our services to Clinical Members and increase Clinical Member participation in regional activities.

**ECR ACPE Regional Director's
2006-07 Annual Report
March 2, 2007 - Hueston Woods Lodge, Ohio**

Perhaps it is partly because my mother died the first of December, but this seems to have been a year with a lot of losses. As The R.E.M. Invitational convened a little over a month ago, we learned that Joan Hemenway had died. Chaplain Supervisor Yoke Lye

Lim represented the ECR at the memorial service for Joan that was held on February 24th in Connecticut. Just before my mother's death, we learned of the death of Jerry Davis, Regional Director of the Pacific Region and we grieved his passing at our Regional Directors' convocation in January. Earlier in the year Bob McGeeney lost his brother and more recently, Joan Lyke lost her brother. Hanci Newberry and Judy Ragsdale also lost their mothers. And these are just the losses I have been aware of – there are no doubt more.

We have also suffered the loss of two supervisors' positions: Virginia Lane is no longer with the center at Covenant Health Care in Saginaw, MI and Linda Oliver is no longer with Christ Hospital in Cincinnati.

I am also sorry to report that Carl Buxo has resigned from his position as Chair-elect and we elected Karl VanHarn to fill that vacancy. I know Carl hated to give this up, but circumstances in his center made it necessary. We also lost Carl DeMerritt from the Accreditation Committee and as co-chair for the Clinical Member Task Force when he left his position at Covenant Health in Saginaw.

On a happier note, we have welcomed back to the ECR Dennis Kenny who is now leading the program at the Cleveland Clinic, Barbara Means who is starting a new program at Community Hospital in Indianapolis and Sue Beverly who is re-starting the program at LaRue Carter, also in Indianapolis.

We have two newly certified supervisors in the region: Marla Coulter-McDonald and Sergei Petrov at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. We also have a newly accredited center in Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Surely one of the happiest events of the past year was the outstanding R.E.M. Invitational in Indianapolis the first week in February. Marla Coulter-McDonald was

the event chair and she had a great team that included Yoke Lye Lim, Karen Morrow, Vickie Johnson, Sergei Petrov, Kai Cole and others from the Indy area centers. While the tensions and growing pains that R.E.M. has been addressing for the last several years were not all resolved, there was a great spirit of reconciliation and shared purpose abroad throughout the gathering. Speakers and worship leaders represented the African American, Asian, and Hispanic communities – all very stimulating and enriching.

Many of us enjoyed our return to the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN last September. The program focus on diversity was stimulating and helpful as we seek to be a more welcoming community. Our committees continue to function effectively and we are living within our budget. We are working on our vision and continuing our primary missions – providing quality pastoral education, support for our supervisors, supervisory students, and centers.

Following up on instructions from the Administrative Council, I will be contacting 27 Supervisors and Active Retired Supervisors who have no documented peer review since 2002. I have prepared a list of the 41 members who are in good standing. As a result of a motion passed in our business meeting, we are now on the same schedule as ACPE Standards: peer review required at least every five years. If you have not had and reported a peer review to Joan Lyke since 2002, you need to do so by the end of this year (2007). I am glad to help as I can with making peer review arrangements.

On a more personal note, I have given formal notice of my intention to retire as minister of pastoral care for First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, IN effective April 11 of this year. From then on, serving as your RD and getting my house renovation project will be my only duties going forward. I will remain on the staff at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis (PRN) but have no commitments to supervise in the remainder of this year. I have already accepted invitations to attend three sub-regional activities and look forward to attending more throughout the year. This is my third of five years as your RD and I look forward to continuing my service with you with enthusiasm. I am also hoping to attend the International Congress on Pastoral Care and Counseling to be held in Poland this August. This would be my first IPCC meeting and my first visit to Europe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cal Brand

**A GATHERING OF COMMUNITIES
IN MEMORY OF JOAN HEMENWAY**

Rev. Yoke-Lye Jerrymia Lim, ACPE Supervisor,
Clarian Health Indianapolis

The memorial service for Joan was named "in celebration of a life well-lived." It was held at her church,

the Unitarian Society of New Haven in Hamden, Connecticut on February 28, 2007. The beauty of Joan's life was echoed by her communities who were present that day. One could not help but to gain a new sense of appreciation for Joan's life given to others, therefore, a life well-lived! Not only did Joan give her life to ACPE, she also gave her life to other communities and religious bodies, joy and love to her families.

The service followed an outline she wrote on July 2, 2006. Various expressions of the service echoed Joan's contentment and joy in the midst of her "holding on" while "letting go." The poem, "If I should die" read by a former student of hers expressed such sentiment.

*If it is time now, O God, let my spirit join with yours.
My body is tired, and I know you have promised
eternal rest.*

*If I feel doubt and uncertainty, fill me with your love.
If I fear entering the unknown, help me to trust in
your goodness.*

*I pray for my family and friends that they may not so
much mourn my absence as celebrate the memory
of my presence and rejoice in my living.*

*If I am to enter a new time and a new journey, I ask
for peace O God, and a deepening sense of your
mighty grasp on me.*

The love of the communities for Joan was poignantly expressed through the lighting of the flaming chalice as a tribute in celebration of Joan's life, and the inspiration she gave to so many. The singing of the choir was followed by the sounding of the gong; then, a moment of silence permeated the atmosphere.

Stories of Joan's life were told by her nieces, Katherine and Elizabeth Conklin. She was remembered as a loving aunt and her availability to them was without limit. Joan's pastors, Rev. Theodore Loder, Rev. Marion Visel, and Rev. Robert Raines spoke of Joan's tireless dedication to ministry and service. Rev. Teresa Snorton and Rev. Arthur Schmidt spoke of Joan's ability to take ACPE into new places through Strategic Planning which we must now carry on.

All in all, she was remembered as one who had a "forceful presence," who was "blunt and forthright", "walking the love" and "humanly human and fully human." Joan's ministry was marked with professionalism and graced with her profound ability to love and care on a very personal level. She was a companion to those who desired to change because of her belief in "changing together." In her supervisory ministry, Joan often used the following words to bless her students at their final gatherings:

*When we walk to the edge of all the light we have,
and step into the unknown,
we must believe that one of two things will happen:
there will be something solid for us to stand on,*

or we will be taught to fly.

This moving memorial service for Joan's life led me to remember a *Tao* saying:

*The wise teach without possessing, care without claiming.
In this way we harvest eternal importance because we never announce it.*

Indeed Joan's wise living was announced not by her, but communities who loved her as we gathered to celebrate and remember a life well-lived.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Gale Kennebrew's mother died recently. Gale is an ACPE Supervisor at Methodist Healthcare in Memphis.

As noted above:

We send a warm welcome to two supervisors that have returned to the region and a Supervisory Candidate that moved to the region: **Sue Beverly**, ACPE Supervisor recently returned to the region from Memphis. She has taken a position at Larue Carter Memorial Hospital. [Ph: 317-941-4007 w; E-mail Sue.Beverly@fssa.IN.gov]; and **Dennis Kenny**, ACPE Supervisor, that recently returned to the region from San Francisco. Dennis is working at the Cleveland Clinic. [Ph: 216-312-6145; E-mail kennyd2@ccf.org]; **Satoo Soga**, Supervisory Candidate, that moved here from San Francisco and is working at the Cleveland Clinic. [Ph: 216-444-7939; E-mail sogas@ccf.org]

FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE AKRON, OH 09/28-29/2007 SHERATON SUITES AKRON/CUYAHOGO FALLS

ACPE Supervisors, Connie Bonner and Sergei Petrov volunteered to serve as Program Co-chairs for our fall conference. They have a lot of energy and began working on the program last week at Hueston Woods. For now, note the days on your calendar. Connie & Sergei will provide information on the program as details are finalized.

SPRING REGIONAL CONFERENCE COLLEGE CORNER, OH 02/20-23-2008 HUESTON WOODS STATE PARK LODGE

Shortly after being nominated and elected as Chair Elect, Karl VanHarn met with the Program Committee and they began working on the program. Note the days on your 2008 calendar. Details about the Spring conference will be provided later this year.

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- St. Luke's regional medical of Boise, Idaho (Idaho's largest health care provider) seeking A Director of Spiritual Care Services/**ACPE Supervisor**. With multiple facilities, multiple staff in the department and a large CPE Program the system, with "faith based" roots has a commitment to the inclusion of spiritual care on the health care team and continuation of the CPE Training Program. If interested please contact: Noreen Davis, Sr. VP of Nursing and Patient Care, {Ph: 208-381-1835; or her assistant Keri Ann Rodgers (Ph: 208-381-1838).
- Chaplain Services, Saint *Elizabeths* Hospital, Department of Mental Health, District of Columbia, seeks an **ACPE Supervisor** with experience in public mental health to conduct programs of Level I, Level II and Supervisory CPE. Chaplain Services currently has a team of three permanent professional chaplains including an ACPE Supervisor, a Staff Chaplain, and a Supervisory Candidate. The Program has six new full time training positions *with stipend*. The CPE Program began in 1945, is well-established and currently experiencing tremendous growth under new hospital leadership. All Chaplains participate in direct individual and group patient ministry and worship leadership within the hospital community. Chaplain Services provides ministry and training based upon state of the art Standards of Care and Spirituality Group Protocols created by Chaplain Services. The Hospital broke ground on a new hospital building, December 19, 2007 and is revitalizing to be a new hospital serving the needs of severe, persistently mentally persons. Chaplain Training Officer – DS-13- \$63,211.00 - \$82,160.00. An increase in pay scale is anticipated in FY 2007 for Non Union DMH Employees. *Inquiries and/or resume to:* Vickie B. Cowell or Clark S. Aist - Saint *Elizabeths* Hospital, 2700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20032. (Ph: 202-645-8718) E-mail: vickie.cowell@dc.gov.
- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 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 resumé 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 program**. The 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 the Web site for more information: <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare>

ACPE Certification Calendar

The next opportunity to meet the East Central Region Certification committee will be Thursday, September 27, 2007, at the Sheraton Suites/Akron Cuyahoga Falls Hotel, Akron, OH. **Applications to meet the committee must be postmarked to Beth Newton Watson by Monday, August 13, 2007.** Materials must be postmarked to the committee members by August 28, 2007.

Beth Newton 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

- **09/28-29/07**-ECR Fall meeting, Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Fall, Akron, OH. – Connie Bonner, Sergei Petrov, Program Co-Chairs.
- **02/22-23/08**- ECR Spring meeting, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH.
- **09/2008**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. Dates to be determined – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the April Newsletter is: Monday, March 26, 2007. 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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WEB MANAGER- Vacancy

Due to other commitments, Fred Madren reluctantly submitted his resignation as the Regional web-manager. He loved the work and the challenge of managing the web site. He stands ready to pass along the pertinent information to the next web manager. Cal Brand and Elizabeth Price are following up on some suggestions mentioned at Hueston Woods. In the meantime, please know that the web site will not be updated on a regular basis. If you are interested or know of someone that may be interested in managing the web site, please contact Cal Brand and Elizabeth Price.

WEB SITE: <http://www.ecracpe.org>

SIGN UP FOR REGIONAL GROUP LIST:

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 the 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.

OFFICERS OF THE REGION

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Beth Newton Watson-Certification Co-Chair
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Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics
Victoria Johnson, REM Task Force
David Koch, Secretary
Joe Viti, Standards

SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION

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