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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

Rev. D. Cal Brand,
Regional Director

Our first visit to Europe was wonderful. Our reunion with Sascha and his family in Germany was very special. He had been with us for a year in Fort Wayne nearly twenty years ago as an exchange student for his senior year, and we had never visited him at his home. He has since married and during our visit, he and Stefanie learned they were expecting their first child!

As Sascha drove us to Dresden for our bus to Poland, we stopped at Eisenach to visit the castle where Luther translated the New Testament and the birthplace of J. S. Bach. A little further up the road we paid a sobering call to Buchenwald. In Dresden there were many reminders of the destruction of the war along with some remarkable signs of rebuilding.

The International Congress on Pastoral Care and Counseling was held at a conference center in Krzyzowa (pronounced *sha sho va*). We learned that the Polish language seems to have shortage of vowels and many consonants that are not pronounced as we would expect. The conference center was the estate of the von Moltke family. Baron von Moltke, a lawyer, had been a leader of the resistance and was executed just before the war ended. His family donated the estate to become a center for peace and reconciliation. It was an ideal setting for our theme: *We Have These Treasures in Earthen Vessels: Care of Souls Facing Fragility and Destruction*.

[This picture, the Cow Stall, was on the Krzyzowa campus and the main building for the conference. Our room was upstairs on the right end, in the center of the

first floor was the dining room, and the attached building on the left was the lecture hall].



Ted Hodge represented ACPE officially from our region. Other supervisors present in addition to myself were Ray Lawrence*, Richard Liew*, Frank Mächt, Witek Nowasiad, and Steve Voytovich.* [*ACPE and CPSP Supervisors].

Though I never heard an exact count, I believe there were about 250 participants representing fifty different nations. There were pastoral counselors, pastors, pastoral educators and non-clergy professionals who provided pastoral counseling or taught counseling to ministers. It seemed the one item of shared experience for most of us was that we had been CPE students somewhere, sometime. There were several spouses attending. Donna, my wife, and several others I spoke with were as enthused about the conference as the professional pastoral care providers or educators. We

professional pastoral care providers or educators. We were divided into groups of twelve that met five times over the six days. This was an important time for sharing and processing on a more intimate basis. We also took three field trips or outings: one evening to nearby Świdnica, an all day visit to Wrocław (Bonhoeffer's birthplace), and a day to Karpacz.

I would love to share highlights of the various presentations and field trips. The lectures were all printed in both English and German. I am hoping to have the opportunity to share some of these – perhaps a workshop at Heuston Woods. They were grouped together around aspects of the pastoral care process: 1.) *Stories of Survival*: from Aleksandra Blahut-Kowalczyk (Poland), Steven Voytovich (USA), Teresa Gustilo Villazor (Philippines); 2.) *Survival amidst of fragility and destruction: Theological and socio-political reflections* from Ottmar Fuchs (Germany), Valburga Schmiedt-Streck (Brazil) and Józef Kosian (Poland); 3.) *Practices and methods of care and counseling facing fragility and destruction*: from Jim Poling (USA) and Brenda Consuelo Ruiz (Nicaragua) for participants from the Americas; and 4.) *Treasure in Earthen Vessels – Concluding Meditations* from Kathleen Greider (USA) and Danny Smith (UK). We had to choose one of sixteen different workshops, thirty-two in all on the two afternoons set aside for workshops. We actually worked pretty hard with relatively little spare time (it was hard to get a nap!).

The *Fragility and Destruction* dimension lifted up war and other political disruption, disease and death, severe poverty and social dysfunction, and natural disasters. In most of these types of fragility we considered both ministry to victims and perpetrators. While we have been blessed to escape war here for nearly 150 years, I was aware of the victims of Katrina and 9-11. I was also aware of the number of "victims" and "perpetrators" we encounter in our CPE groups and found the reflections helpful in thinking about implications for supervision. I am hoping to get the various papers scanned and saved so they can be available to others.

I came away with a lot of learning, new appreciation for the contribution CPE has made and is making to pastoral care around the world, and excitement about the possibility of seeing many of these folks again when the ICPC reconvenes in Rotorua, New Zealand in 2011. There we will be hosted by the Maori diocese of the Anglican Church.

On the way home we had five more days to rest, decompress, and enjoy more time with Sascha's extended family. We explored Flörsheim, Hochem, and Mainz – Sascha's neighborhood. We journeyed up the Rhein to visit the Abbey of Hildegard of Bingen, one of my spiritual guides. We returned to the Rhein for an all day river cruise to St. Goar. We made it back home after many security checks in Frankfurt and Cincinnati, weary and thankful.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Akron next week. Sergei and Connie seem to have a great conference lined up. I know many of us are anticipating hearing what our "prodigal come home," Dennis Kinney will have to share. But most important, always, is our community and time to catch up with one another.

Peace, Cal Brand ☺

PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Carol Green's mother died this month after a brief illness. **Joan Lyke's** father died 9/1/07 and her 51 yr old sister-in-law, Sheila, died 9/11/07 after a very brief illness. {Sheila was the wife of Joan's brother, Phillip that died 2/1/07}. Carol traveled to Alabama to be with family and Joan traveled to TN. **Bob McGeeney's** fiancée, Marge, became critically ill earlier this month. At last report she had improved somewhat and was moved to a regular unit. Please keep these individuals and their loved ones on your prayer list.

FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK!!!

SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2007

SHERATON SUITES AKRON/CUYAHOGA FALLS,
AKRON, OH

REV. CONNIE BONNER &
REV. SERGEI PETROV
PROGRAM COORDINATORS

If you did not receive a copy of the program – contact Joan at hjoanlyke@yahoo.com.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION HOSTS 64 PEOPLE AT SUMMIT ON SUPERVISORY EDUCATION

The North Central Region held a Summit on Supervisory Education at the Bishop O'Connor Retreat Center in Madison, Wisconsin on May 18th and 19th. The event was attended by 40 members of the North Central Region and 24 guests from other parts of the United States and Canada. [East Central Region: Mary Burks-Price, Walter Jackson, Ann Letson].

The group met to discuss the state of supervisory education in ACPE. The Summit utilized a process for discussion called the World Cafe that assisted the participants to delve into a variety of topics in a deepening conversation about our hopes and dreams, as well as the present reality of supervisory education. In the Cafe model, four questions were used to focus our conversation:

- "What are your core beliefs about supervisory education?"

- "What interferes with you living out your core values in supervisory education?"
- "What do you believe is the Core Curriculum for Supervisory Education "
- "What does Integration look like at each level Supervisory Certification?"

Those in attendance grappled with each of the questions outlined above. And the dialogue increased in specificity and depth as the process continued. Along with an intense but fruitful dialogue, some of the following things emerged in the process of the summit as reflected in the many process notes from the day and a half:

- "Our core curriculum is a process, determining the "content" of that process is a different thing."
- "Theory emerges from the individual story of the supervisory candidate and thus will be as unique as each story."
- "Integration can be understood at each level of certification as 'ease of access: to our story, to pastoral care interventions, to supervisory theory, etc."
- "Supervisory CPE is a difficult process, but that is not the same as an unjust process."

Jane Litzinger from the Mid-Atlantic Region presented an overview of what she considered "best practices" in supervisory education from her center at Wake Forest North Carolina Medical Center. Jane provided the participants with a grid that she uses to guide the supervisory education process. Sheryl Linds-Stowman and David Rumbolt, both from our region responded to Jane's presentation, helping to stir the rich stew a bit more.

Two panel discussions also helped round out the educational activities for the Summit. One panel was on the "Barriers and Blessings" in supervisory training and focused on the unique journey of the multicultural experience in certification. The other panel reflected upon the criteria for selection of supervisory students and reminded all of us how important it is to reflect critically on the gifts and abilities of those entering the certification process.

Having moderated most of the discussions I wanted to add that I found the experience to be quite meaningful for me personally. I was impressed and touched by the convictions of those gathered, by the genuine sense of care for the work that we do and by the diversity of approaches to supervisory education. Perhaps the most consistent comment I heard throughout the process was this: "We don't gather enough together to listen to our own wisdom about what we do." Perhaps the North Central Region will continue to lead the way in encouraging ACPE to listen to ourselves about what I

believe is one of the core elements of our community- the development and certification of ACPE Supervisors.
Bill DeLong, Planning Commission Chair

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Palmetto Health in Columbia SC has the following two positions open and posted on our hospital's website at www.PalmettoHealth.org . Both positions would join the Chaplaincy/Pastoral Education dept. Palliative Care **Staff Chaplain**: requirements - BCC or eligible for Board Certification through APE; would be member of hospital's newly formed Palliative Care Consultation team covering the Richland and Baptist campuses; questions about the position can be sent to Amanda.Jones@PalmettoHealth.org; applications should be made online at hospital's web address listed above.
- Chaplaincy Manager - Baptist campus: requirements: **ACPE Supervisor** (preferably at full certification level; would consider Associate supervisor with strong Chaplaincy experience); BCC through APC; experience in chaplaincy management; responsible for staff chaplains and residents assigned to the Baptist campus; serve as member of CPE faculty. Questions about the position can be sent to Rev. A. Irene Albritton, Director, Chaplaincy & Pastoral Education, Palmetto Health, 803-296-5585 fax 803/296-5061 (Baptist); 803-434-1240 fax 803/434-6877 (Richland); or E-mail <Irene.Albritton@Palmettohealth.org>

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. However, the deadline for applications to meet the committee was **August 13, 2007. Application deadline to meet the committee in February 2008 will be published in the October newsletter.**

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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.
- **10/24-27/07**-ACPE Conference, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, TX.
- **02/22-23/08**- ECR Spring meeting, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH.
- **09/11-13/08**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the October Newsletter is: Wednesday, October 3, 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

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.

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

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