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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

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Not a whole lot to report this month. We have been hosting Thomas and Sarah (grandkids from Denver) since mid-June. We just brought them home from a week at church camp and they were very happy and very tired. Guess that's as it should be.

The three Summer CPE Days I have learned of were posted in the June Newsletter which is available on our ecracpe.org web page. We have learned that Martha Amann has undergone double knee surgery. She is looking forward to considerable relief from the discomfort her "bad" knees have caused. She joins several other ECR members who have had knee procedures in the past year. You can send an encouragement note to: Sr. Martha Amann, 1024 Sherwood Dr., Dayton, OH 45406 5735

I remain entangled in the paper work and negotiations involved in setting up the mission to Kenya. The New Generation Project proposal is complete and awaiting review and action at ACPE. I have received a very tentative estimate that a grant in the \$5,000 to \$7,500 range may be forthcoming. That represents approximately half the estimated expenses, so I am beginning the process of soliciting additional assistance from a variety of sources. Meanwhile, I am checking out travel Visa procedures and necessary inoculations for four months in Kenya.

My excitement about our fall gathering in Louisville continues to build. The registration materials will be sent electronically on or before July 8. When you do receive the information, please register as soon as possible. We are expecting a good number of "commuter" participants that have expressed an interest in attending the plenary sessions and/or workshops. I hope we have a good number of residents and other CPE students with us as well.

There has been time for a few visits to the golf course. I don't seem to be getting any better. Nonetheless, it's fun to get out. The weeds and bugs have begun their assault on my little garden. Some rain and cooler temps earlier in the week took some of the discomfort out of contending with them. And I found a parable of sorts in the process. Even in the damp soil, you need patience. If you just grab and yank, the roots remain in the ground to sprout new growth. But if you just apply steady, measured pressure to each weed, monitoring the direction of root growth, it is possible to extract most of the underground infrastructure. It made me think of CPE and the supervisory alliance. Of course, the metaphor breaks down because we are not about uprooting students. But it is relevant in terms of the importance of discovering both the direction and form of roots, and the value of patient, steady attention. Well, there you have it.

From what I am hearing, summer units are full and going well. Mid-unit review time is upon us and final evaluations are not far off. These summer programs are so important. To the extent we are about serving the wider ministries of religious communities, we represent one of the few, quality opportunities to learn about face-to-face pastoral care. Tend your summer gardens faithfully and well. *Peace, Cal Brand ☺*

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

- The Rev. **Sue Breiner**'s mother died Saturday, June 6. She had been cared for by Hospice for several weeks prior to her death and as Sue reported had a "good death." Remember Sue and her family members as they grieve the passing of their loved one. You may contact Sue at: SJRMC, 801 E. LaSalle Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617; breiners@sjrmc.com
- Cal Brand reported the death of ACPE Supervisor and Colleague, **Dan DeArment** on June 10. Dan was privileged to attend his 60th high school reunion in Ohio just prior to his death. Cal and Dan were peers in a

Philadelphia intern group (1966-67) and have remained close friends over the years. Dan recently was honored by ACPE with a Distinguished Service Award. Please remember Ann and Dan's loved ones as they grieve the loss of a companion, friend and colleague.

- The **Rev. Yoke Lye Kwong**, Director of Spiritual Care at Howard Regional Health System contributed an essay entitled, "Abundance in the Midst of Scarcity," for Journeys. Journeys is the magazine of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The essay will be published in the Summer-Fall 2009 edition.
- Sister **Nancy Beckenhauer** recently accepted a supervisory position at St. Johns Hospital, in Springfield, MO. Nancy was the Manager of Pastoral Services at the Hillcrest Hospital, Pepper Pike, OH. She said she is most grateful for the hospitality of the ECR and appreciated the opportunities to connect and to receive great peer relationships! She sends her best wishes to all!

ACCREDITATION NEWS, NOTES AND – DEADLINES FOR 10-YEAR REVIEWS, SITE VISITS, ETC.

Recent action by the National Accreditation Commission includes:

- Covenant Health Care, Saginaw, MI-removal of notations (Supervisor, Karl VanHarn)
- Sisters of Charity Health System, Cleveland, OH – Grant continued Accredited Membership to offer CPE and Supervisory CPE as a System Center without notations (Supervisor, Bob McGeeney)
- Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, MI-Removal of notations (Supervisor, Cecelia Williams)
- Lexington VA Medical Center, Lexington, KY-Granted Accredited Membership to offer CPE with no notations (Supervisor, Donald Chase)
- Kettering Medical Center Network, Dayton, OH – Granted continued Accredited Membership to offer CPE with no notations (Supervisor, Henry Uy)

Accreditation Deadlines: For 10 year reviews and any other Accreditation Site Visit requests (e.g., Satellite to Accredited Center) contact Ruth Alpers for deadline information.

- Reminder: Satellite Materials (Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least 30 days before beginning a program at the Satellite center and that a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Direct your questions and/or requests for more information to: Accreditation Chairperson: Rabbi Ruth Alpers, Jay Stein Director of Human Relations, Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. 45220-2475. ralpers@huc.edu

Other News from the Accreditation Commission: *[The following information was included in other regional newsletters. I thought the information may be of interest to our readers as well. The information has not been reviewed by Ruth Alpers, Regional Accreditation Chair. She will include any updates and revisions in the August newsletter, Joan Lyke].*

The next ACPE e-newsletter will include an article from the Rev. Kerry Oertli, Accreditation Commission Chair. The article will include more details about the changes on the way for the 10-year reviews. In addition to the checklists that were introduced in the 2005 Accreditation Manual, two more checklists have been added: 1) Addition of Satellite Program; and 2) Addition of a Program of Supervisory CPE.

Beginning January 2010, the Accreditation Commission will use National Site Team Chairs to chair all 10 year review on-site visits and on-site visits for newly accredited member centers (satellite to accredited member or Candidacy Centers). The National Site Team Chairs will receive specialized training in the process of accreditation and will be responsible to ensure that the Regional Site Team members will provide competent, consistent collegial on-site reviews.

These two steps have been deleted from the review process: 1) The regional accreditation committee will no longer assign a regional reviewer to look review Center material; 2) The regional accreditation committee will no longer vote on the recommendations of the regional review. Instead, the National Site Team Chair and the Site team

members will make recommendations directly to the Chair of the Commission, who will then assign a national reviewer to bring those recommendations to the commission.

It is anticipated these changes will allow the Regional Accreditation Committee to provide better consultation and mentoring to centers as they prepare for accreditation reviews. The number of appendices in the 2010 Edition has been reduced from 19 to 9. Centers will now use one "Accreditation Review Request and Facesheet" for all Commission reviews with the exception of the Annual Report.

In response to the growing number of centers that are voluntarily withdrawing their accreditation due to the difficulty in filling supervisory vacancies, the Accreditation Commission instituted an "Inactive Status" for accredited member centers. Information about the category and process for requesting the status and for reactivation are included in the manual.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the fall Regional meeting in Louisville, KY. 2009 ECR fall conference, Louisville, KY.

- Application to meet a committee, along with the Certification fee must be **postmarked by Tuesday, July 28, 2009** to: Frank S. Impicicche, ACPE Supervisor, Coordinator CPE Clarian Health, 550 University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Ph: 317-274-7415; Fax 317-274-7440)
- Materials to committee members must be **postmarked by Friday, August 21, 2009**.

Questions regarding regional Certification to: Frank Impicicche, fimpicci@clarian.org (Office 317-274-7415) (Fax 317-274-7440)

Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-217-3192; bwatson@clarian.org;

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Three CPE residency positions** are available at UK Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, KY available September 1, 2009. All candidates need to have completed at least one unit of ACPE training. Additional requirements are: Master of Divinity degree or equivalent from an accredited program, professional standing within a recognized denomination, an ability to work creatively and openly within an interfaith setting, a thoroughly filled out and reflective Standard ACPE application form, and a successful interview. We pay a stipend of \$22,000 (plus), provide free parking, generous vacation, holiday, and sick leave and all benefits afforded to Hospital Staff (except retirement). We are a quaternary setting with an expanding emergency department, a cancer center, a children's hospital, and are on the cutting edge of several medical specialties. Please send inquiries to: Rev. Dr. Donna B. Farrar (dbfarr3@email.uky.edu). UK Chandler Medical Center, Pastoral Care, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536-0293. The non-refundable application fee is \$50 and is deducted from the already reduced tuition. And,
- **CPE Intern positions** are also available for the Fall Extended Unit beginning in mid-September (2009) without stipend. Extended unit applicants must be working a Master's degree level, have standing in a recognized denomination and an ability to work in an interfaith setting. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$50 (made out to Pastoral Care – UK Hospital) which is deducted from tuition upon acceptance into the program which must be included with the Standard ACPE application form. Please send inquiries to: Rev. Dr. Donna B. Farrar (dbfarr3@email.uky.edu). UK Chandler Medical Center, Pastoral Care, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536-0293. [Interns and Residents at UK can expect to have classes with students from several other centers in Lexington including the VA and Hospice of the Bluegrass].
- The Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI is seeking an **ACPE Supervisor (Full or Associate)/Senior Staff Chaplain** to supervise the CPE programs and to provide spiritual care and support to patients, families and staff of Meriter Hospital. The CPE program is a highly developed and integrated program of spiritual care in the 458 bed community based hospital. Qualifications: ACPE Supervisor (or Associate), credential,

ordination with ecclesiastical endorsement and CPE Program administration and supervision of ACPE programs. Association of Professional Chaplains Board Certification and advanced degree preferred. Meriter offers a full benefit package (i.e., medical, dental, vision, pension 401 (k) with employer match, etc) in addition to a competitive salary commensurate with experience and housing allowance for ordained clergy. Contact: Rev. Jeff Billerbeck, ACPE Supervisor, Meriter Hospital, 608-417-6688 or visit www.meriter.com for more information and application.

Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter

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John J. Gleason, Editor

Spiritual Care (SC) Informal Opinion Survey Results Support the IIP

Sixty-five completed surveys from SC chaplains, clinical pastoral educators, pastoral counselors, students, and academics indicate that by these insiders' own reckoning SC is two-thirds of the way (68%) toward professional authenticity when measured against 19 characteristics of a profession. (Agreement on any one of the 19 items was interpreted to mean that SC was perceived to be fully authentic professionally regarding that characteristic.)

At the high end of the agreement spectrum, the 65 respondents *unanimously* agreed (100% seems amazing for any SC group) that "SC emphasizes experiential as well as cognitive training". The lowest percentage of agreement (30%) came in response to the statement that SC is "typically regulated by statute".

Of the survey's three broad areas, SCers agreed that SC "measures up" professionally most often (84%) regarding their own personal qualities and training, less so (67%) in accountability, and least (57%) in working intentionally from a technical knowledge base.

This last finding tends to confirm the hypothesis of the Ideal Intervention Project, which is that building an accessible national SC technical knowledge base deserves the urgent attention of every SC practitioner and educator in today's health care delivery crisis--for the best possible care of patients and clients (or in the current jargon, for *quality improvement*), for full credibility on treatment teams, for licensure where appropriate, and for assurance of continued representation in institutional budgets.

IIP Unexpected Benefits Discovered

Two unexpected benefits of the Ideal Intervention Project have been discovered.

1. The knowledge base can be used as a curriculum resource. For example, a new NICU chaplain could access all the materials accumulated under the central issue identifier "fetal demise" to gain others' wisdom in preparation for the work. To visit the SC knowledge base in its current location, go to <http://www.acperesearch.net/> and click on "Special Section: IIP Project. Then click on HERE for "Sample IIPs."
2. Supervisory education students meeting readiness committees have reported being better able to document having met the Outcomes of ACPE Level 2 by presenting IIP papers with their verbatim material.

Three Important Reminders

CPE Supervisors, review with students in individual supervision their *Ideal Intervention Papers* or *Ideal Intervention Forms* written after peer group verbatim presentations. Then make sure that they forward them as Word document attachments to Fr. Henry Heffernan SJ at hheffernan@gonzaga.org for processing into the growing IIP SC knowledge base. (Document that last step by requiring each student to give you a copy of the cover e-mail message to Fr. Heffernan.)

Chaplains, pastoral counselors and other SC practitioners, please forward your completed *Ideal Intervention Forms (Practitioners)* in like manner. Obtain forms from the e-mail address below.

Please contact the Editor at mariejohn50@att.net with your requests, questions and comments.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **09/11-12/09**-East Central Region Conference, The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY – **Registration information will be sent electronically on or before 07/08/09**
- **11/3-8/09**-ACPE Board, Committees & Commissions, Atlanta, GA.
- **02/04-06/10**-REM Invitational, San Antonio, TX
- **02/19-20/10**-East Central Region Spring Conference, Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, OH

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