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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

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I'm not certain, but I think we may have made some CPE history in Louisville. On August 14th, a mock certification committee was convened to meet with Jim Wright. Jim hoped to gain some important experience and clarify his process of preparation for meeting the Certification Commission. He arranged for Judy Ragsdale to chair the committee and Karen Morrow to do the Presenter's Report. The committee was rounded out with Carol Green, Frank Impicliche, and me. It was a committee deep with certification experience.

Now I know there have been lots of mock committees, so what's historical? Jim participates in the Supervisory CPE group of the Louisville Cluster for CPE. He discussed his plans with his peers and the notion emerged to use the mock committee as a broader learning opportunity. Why not do the committee in a *fishbowl* fashion and allow the other SESs to observe? While it seems pretty bold or courageous to me, Jim was agreeable. And before it was done, we had supervisors and SESs from half a dozen centers in three rows for observation.

Personally, I found myself feeling pretty nervous as we were doing our committee formation. Others echoed the sense that this was pretty strange. These committees just don't have observers! I remember joking about having to clean my act up. But once Jim was welcomed and we got started, the observers "disappeared" and we went to work. We all agreed at the conclusion that the whole process had a very realistic feel.

There was consensus that we needed more time. As it was, our feedback with Jim was abbreviated and there was only a few minutes to hear from our observers. I understand that there was subsequent discussion, and Jim probably received all that was reasonable for him to appropriate. I am hoping someone will write about this experience for publication. Regardless, I want to appreciate Jim's courage and commitment to learning, as well as the professional commitment demonstrated by committee members.

I continue to spend quite a bit of time nurturing our Kenya mission. The current focus is on fund raising. The organizations I am hoping to receive support from all have budget and meeting schedules, so I am waiting. I am in correspondence by email with Joseph MOTHALY, the intended SES. The program *belongs* to Presbyterian University of East Kenya which is located in KIKIYU a few miles northwest of Nairobi. A key player at PUEA is an old friend, Gerishon Kirika. Gerishon was an SES in the Clarian program a few years ago. We are looking forward to working together again. He is a member of the faculty at PUEA and the professional advisory committee. Jan Cox-Gedmark and Isaac Njuguna from the Louisville Cluster are also on the PAC.

I am aware that this is the last Ridges and Hollers you will read while I am RD. My term concludes the end of September, so you'll have a new RD by the time the October newsletter is published. I am also aware that many of you will not make the Louisville conference so I will not have the opportunity to speak with you. So, I want to include a few words about my experience over the last five years. Mainly, I want to thank you for this wonderful opportunity. Part of what has made it wonderful has been the faithful and excellent work done by our regional officers and committee personnel.

At each of our gatherings, I was “on call” for cleaning up messes, filling in for absences, picking up the pieces. But my experience has been like those blessed nights when the pager doesn’t go off! Between all this good service and the continuing blessing of Joan Lyke to keep our office in top shape, it’s been a remarkably smooth ride. I have especially valued several opportunities to provide pastoral care and support to colleagues and supervisors, to celebrate achievements and offer consolation when needed, and to feel the satisfaction of representing a region that works and has fun together. I am thankful.
Peace, Cal ☺

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

- **Sr. Martha Amann** reported she will not be able to attend the Louisville conference but she is doing much better. Although, she has not returned to work full time, she happily reported she is able to drive again! If you would like to send her a card or note her address is: 1024 Sherwood Dr., Dayton, OH 45406-5735.
- **Susan Kyser** recently had surgery but is looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall conference.
- **Sheryl Nicholson** is pleased to announce she accepted a new position as Chaplain Coordinator for Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, IN. She recently completed two years of ACPE residency and plans to start working on her Board Certification with APC. Sheryl will be at our fall conference so you may congratulate her in person!

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

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

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the spring Regional meeting in the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH. Application deadlines will be posted in the October 2009 newsletter.

Questions regarding regional Certification to: Frank Impiciche, 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

[No job/educational announcements were submitted for this newsletter. You are encouraged to visit the regional website www.ecracpe.org as there may be jobs/educational opportunities posted there].



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anton Theophilus Boisen: His Life, Impact, and Theological Legacy, by Robert David Leas. Ordering information: 6.14 x 9.21 paperback ISBN: 9780929670041 \$24.95; Instant e-Book Download \$5.00. [Note: e-Books are for electronic enjoyment only. They may not be edited or printed. Book information: Genre: Biographical; Publication: July 19, 2009; Pages 264.
 - “Bob Leas’ Boisen biography has added significantly to our comprehension of this seminal figure in the origins of Clinical Pastoral Education. His weaving together dynamic portrayals of family members, crucial moments and persons in his professional life, and many revealing vignettes provide insight into this complex person.” - The Rev. James Gibbons, Emeritus Supervisor ACPE and Former President of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.
 - “Anton Boisen contributed to a reshaping of both Christian ministry and theological education in the 20th century that continues today. Robert Leas gives us a wonderful account is his sometimes troubling journey and the rise of Clinical Pastoral Education.” - Dr. William McKinney, President, Pacific School of Religion.
 - “As we get to know Boisen personally through his life struggles and accomplishments, through his writings, his essays, and the oral history and comments of his students and professional colleagues, I hope a practical usefulness of his empirical method of doing theology will enhance theological education today.” From the Preface
 - About Robert David Leas: The Rev. Robert David Leas is eminently qualified to writing a biography of the late Anton Theophilus Boisen. As a Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) Supervisor, and Honorably Retired Presbyterian Pastor, and the History Manager of ACPE, Leas’ own life experiences as pastor, chaplain, and Hoosier, correlates well with Boisen’s commitment to the education of theological students and to the understanding of the mental illness/religion interface.
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Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter

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Knowledge Base Now Available to Assist Spiritual Care Practitioners and Students

Are you working with a difficult current spiritual care situation? CPE students, educators, seasoned chaplains, community clergy, academics and other spirit-centered practitioners may now go to the <http://www.ACPEresearch.net> “Special Section: Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP) Project” for 42 anonymous descriptions of actual cases with suggested interventions. Here is a partial list--by Central Issue Identifier-- that is now available in the Spiritual Care Knowledge Base.

Anger with God
Anx Psych Pt Feeling Isolated,
Abandoned
Belated Receipt of Death Message
Building a Relationship w Terminal Pt
Care of MD, Self during Med Emergency
Caring for the Confused Patient

Feelings of Guilt or Shame
Hope in Terminal Illness
Hopelessness after Terminal Diagnosis
Lack of Support Systems
Loss of Personal Independence
Low Self-Esteem

Child in Severe Pain	Non-receptive Patient & Family
Communicating Across a Language Barrier	Patient Despair
Completion of Advance Directive Form	Patient in Pain & Suffering
Disoriented Elderly Patient	Patient Loneliness
Early Recognition of Complicated Grief	Patient's Family Rejection of Chaplain
Elderly Frustration w Long Hospitalization	Patient on Ventilator
Elderly Pt's Deteriorating Condition	Worship Services for Dementia Patients
Elderly Pt's Frustration at Hospitalization	Pt in Conflict w Hospital Staff Caregivers
Family Divisiveness	Pt, Family, & Med Staff Disagreement
Family Problems	Pt Lacking Social Support Systems
Family Support After Bypass Surgery	Recent Div, Alleged Sex Abuser, Homeless
Feeling Abandoned by God & Family	Shock at News of Loved One's Murder

More IIP Questions and Answers

An experienced counselor taking a summer CPE unit asked, "Is there a risk that going to a spiritual care national knowledge base for help in a particular situation could lead to wooden, impersonal, 'cookie cutter' responses?" Possibly, especially if the caregiver seeking insights is a relative spiritual care novice. Mechanical responses are often seen early on as the student tries new ways of ministry, whether the source is the modeling of a mentor, trial-and-error, or the Spiritual Care Knowledge Base.

That same student asked, "Can a pertinent Ideal Intervention Paper's learnings be considered a treatment plan?" Yes, if one decides it is sufficiently worthy.

A veteran CPE supervisor asked, "What about that spontaneous, off-the-wall intervention that turns out to be just right for the situation? Is that out of the question in this context?" Not at all. One checks the Knowledge Base for the learnings of others, but remains completely free to use or not use what is found there. Hopefully that veteran supervisor will enter that very off-the-wall intervention into the Knowledge Base along with her rationale and details of how she achieved her desired outcome. Then others can weigh it against more orthodox possibilities and decide whether to try it themselves.

A seasoned chaplain asked regarding the IIP design that calls for replications of an intervention with direct feedback from the recipient of the care about its effectiveness, "In dealing with the terminally ill as we so often have to do, how can we possibly get that direct feedback?" Sadly, that feedback is accessible only from loved ones who might have been present or who had heard comments from the dying person. (Note: a person other than the SC caregiver will obtain that feedback for the sake of objectivity in all instances.)

A chaplain well-versed in statistical procedures asked, "How can meaningful conclusions possibly be drawn from the recent spiritual care opinion survey using only percentages?" The survey was clearly labeled as *informal*, and was intended only to gain general yes-or-no impressions from the respondents regarding spiritual care in comparison with each of 19 specific qualities of a profession.

A summer CPE student from another discipline asked, "Can those of us who will not be working as chaplains submit IIPs?" Most definitely YES!

Perpetual Reminders

CPE Supervisors, don't forget to remind your students to forward (after review in individual supervision) their *Ideal Intervention Papers* or like formats as Word document attachments to mariejohn50@att.net for processing into the growing IIP knowledge base. Have students provide a copy of the cover e-mail message as documentation.

Parish clergy, chaplains, pastoral counselors, educators and other spirit-oriented practitioners, please forward your completed *Ideal Intervention Papers* in like manner.

Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 28, 2009. Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information telephone: 734-239-3423 (cell).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **09/11-12/09**-East Central Region Conference, The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY –
Registration information may be downloaded from the website www.ecracpe.org
- **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
- **09/24-25/10**-Fort Wayne Marriott, Fort Wayne, IN

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