

# EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE

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## CAN YOU BELIEVE?

*Dennis Kenny, Regional Director*

We will have two newsletters this month. The second will follow the leadership meeting taking place in Atlanta the week of November the 6<sup>th</sup>. We have 4 people meeting certification committees, **Laurie Hearn, Vickie Johnson, Wayne Mckenney** and **Jim Wright**, blessings to them. The board will be addressing some very important issues this week including a discussion of the FCPE, Voting on a Capital Campaign and hearing a facilities report on a proposed new home for ACPE. I will be there speaking to the board on facilities as well as being part of training for the new standards for Accreditation and supporting our certification candidates.

Ruth and I spent Friday night with **Urias Beverly** at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit at a celebration in recognition of his retirement as an ACPE supervisor. There were many friends and colleagues and students there. Urias has had a profound effect on our organization including his time as the President of ACPE. He has been largely responsible for keeping CPE alive in Detroit in the last few years. He will continue to work at ETS in the D.Min. program and in the creation of a new Doctor of Education degree. Thanks to Urias for all he's done for us!

I had a chance to talk to **Wade Rowatt** and he is recovering well from knee surgery and already back to work part time. Our best to **Martha Amann** as she continues her recovery. **Ann Letson** is recuperating at home after surgery and is looking forward to returning to work in the near future.

This is an important time for our organization with many changes being considered; keep **Bill Scrivener** in your thoughts and prayers as he helps lead the organization through these interesting times. Bill's task is not an easy one and he will need our support.

More to come after the leadership meeting.

Love, Dennis,  
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Phone: 216-312-6145

## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

*Vickie Johnson, Supervisory Candidate*

Dear Family and Friends:

My name is **Victoria Johnson** and Kenneth Uriah Ross/Uriah Marquis Pasha #92028 is my brother. I am writing this letter on his behalf. He will be eligible for parole December 2009. My family and I are hoping that the parole board will review his file/record and find what we see.

My brother is a changed man. He entered the correctional system at a young age and has done a lot of hard time. He appeared to start out his sentence the way he went in. But after years of regular communication with his family, he began a road toward change and recovery. Even though he has committed several crimes, he has paid the price and done the time. However, it appears that no amount of clear conduct has been

satisfactory for the Kentucky Department of Corrections. He has been in prison for 25 years and nine of those years he was held in segregation.

So when my brother gets the opportunity to meet with the parole board he will probably still be in segregation. I thought it was important for you to know that he has not been treated fairly. I hope you will take this into consideration when making your decision to support my family and I by signing the enclosed petition and returning it in the postage paid envelope to the parole board. .

The last point I want to make is that not only should my brother be released due to the amount of time he has served, but also that he has never raped, shot, stabbed, or killed anyone. He has displayed changed behavior over the last 5 to 7 years. Our mother is presently experiencing some early Alzheimer's and Kenneth and his mother both need to spend some time together.

We are requesting that Kenneth be released from prison so that he can be transferred to a transitional facility that will help him readjust back into society. I love my brother and look forward to him becoming a productive citizen. When he completes the transitional program he is invited to stay at my home.

Respectfully,  
Vickie Johnson, 5919 Bay Pine Drive, Louisville KY 40219, [vickielynn.2@juno.com](mailto:vickielynn.2@juno.com), [Victoria "Vickie" Johnson, is a Supervisory Candidate at the Louisville Cluster]. An example of the letter of support follows; you may edit the letter as you feel appropriate.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
          Title          First          Last  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Caroline W. Mudd, Chair  
Office of the Parole Board  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Post Office Box 2400  
Frankfort, KY 40602-2400

RE: Kenneth Uriah Ross #92028  
      (Alias) Uriah Marquis Pasha

Dear Ms. Mudd:

Kenneth has been in prison for 25 years. His record verifies that, he has never raped, shot, stabbed, or killed anyone. Our family, friends and supporters believe 25 years is enough!

We hope that you can find it in your hearts to release him into a Transitional Home.

A letter of reply would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



**WHOSE FACE IS IT?  
(REFLECTIONS FROM THE  
SEPTEMBER 2009 REGIONAL CONFERENCE)**

**Sheryl Nicholson, Coordinator**

On Friday, September 11, 2009, I had the opportunity to attend the East Central Region ACPE Fall Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The keynote speaker was Sister Helen Prejean, of the "Dead Man Walking Project." The theme of the conference was "Educating for Justice-Story, Spirituality, and Strategy."

Sister Helen spoke from her heart on the issue of justice, which is very passionate to her. She works with the prison industry, which she alludes to as one of the fastest growing industries. I was shocked to hear her mention "There are about two thousand inmates under the age of eighteen who are in prison for life without parole sentences." "These people," she said, "Are tortured and placed in cells size six by nine."

Alluding to the fact that crime sells newspapers, she reminded us that we are the most informed people. For example she referred to post Katrina where she said that "Public housing was torn down, hence, it was the poor people who got pushed out. As the city was being built up, it was the poor people's land that was dumped on."

Sister Helen asked the question "How do we respond to justice?" She answered her own question by saying, "We respond with the prophetic voice of justice and compassion." She remarked, "Compassion equals imagination plus sympathy."

Sister Helen points to Isaiah 55 quoting, "Every word that comes out of my mouth accomplishes what it is going to do." "These" she says, "Should be words of integrity, commitment, and words that are deeper than willpower and intellect."

For Sister Helen, being physically present for that inmate to look on her face as he went to his death was being compassionate. She was present there in his humanness. She heard his cry and she responded with her heart. Hence, Sister Helen was faithful to the call. "The Call" she said, "For justice." My prayer is that I will be sensitive to hear the cry and live to be faithful to the call of those whom I serve.

On Saturday morning, September 12, Sister Helen and Melanie Prejean Sullivan both led an interactive session. They spoke about "Developing a Theology of Discernment; A Chaplain Approach."

I learned that in life there are signposts and intersections. We are blocked by what we don't know. Therefore, we need to live a life of obedience. We are blessed by being obedient to authority. We, therefore, need to trust God and be humble because we can't trust our own selves.

*Speaking about consciousness and conscience they shared that "When we are awake, we can't be neutral because there are people who we meet and people who are all around us. We should, therefore, ask ourselves the questions "Where am I now? What junction or intersection? When do I have a hunch or sense about where I need to go next?"*

Making reference to the book *Prophetic Imagination*, Melanie made the following remark: "We all begin inept! We all begin not knowing our way! We need to unmask the evil and actively remove it. The work of prayer is the prophetic imagination of what is right and what is operative. With prayer we see that we are going to play a part."

She then mentioned three things that we should do: 1) Make it public in some way – tell someone; 2) Begin right away – take a step toward it; recall the place where you met; and, 3) Stick to it fervently until it is established for example, one hour a week in health care.

Melanie also remarked that “‘Enunciation’ is frequent but ‘Incarnation’ is not. Therefore, it is important that we understand our opponent so we can know where to go next.” She gave us some resources such as: ACPE; Medical In-Service; Gay and Lesbian Issues; and Denominational.

After the individual groups met, I was amazed at the following summary of the discussion: Health Care, (Church-Authority-Government) and Prison System: All of these problems are bigger than one person. Therefore, prayer needs to be one’s slingshot.

The question is then asked? Where are you going to collect pebbles? “By finding alternatives!” she says. Another way is with each other, not with their pocket book but with a path. This path is for the process to heal.”

The conference proved to be enlightening and has helped me to improve my ministry skills.

**Recommended Books:**

- Discovering Myself in Discovering God by James Merton
- Hearing God’s Call – The Fingerprints of God
- Sister Joy Gyoë – Printed by Wild Press
- The Discerning Heart
- The Prophetic Imagination

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*Sheryl Nicholson, Coordinator, Pastoral Care Department, Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, IN*  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Recent bank statement(s) indicate several outstanding checks. If you have received a check from the regional office, for any reason, please deposit/cash the check immediately. I would like to clear any outstanding checks by the year end. Thank you! H. Joan Lyke

**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 (see pages 32-34 in the 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](mailto:ralpers@huc.edu)

**CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES**

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, February 18, 2010.

- Application to meet a committee** along with the certification fee must be **postmarked by Wednesday, December 23, 2009** to: Frank S. Impicicche, ACPE Supervisor, Coordinator, CPE, Clarian Health, 550 University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Office 317-274-7415) (Fax 317-274-7440)
- Materials to committee members** must be postmarked by **Thursday, January 21, 2010**.

- Questions/inquiries regarding the Regional Certification Committee to: Frank Impicciche, [fimpicci@clarian.org](mailto: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](mailto:bwatson@clarian.org);

## JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI is seeking **Supervisor, Spiritual Support Services** to provide pastoral care that attends to the spiritual needs of the patients, their families, staff and personnel of the Henry Ford Health System; to provide opportunities for the discussion of religious spiritual and ethical dimensions of health care for clergy, health care professionals and interested laity; and to engage in partnership with the religious community of Detroit to promote health and wholeness. Minimum requirements include: Masters Degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Religious studies or related field and six units of ACPE. Certification through NACC, ACPE or equivalent is preferred. Position is full time (40 hours/rotating shifts). Weekends & holidays may be required (flexibility is essential). You may apply on the website [www.henryfordcareers.com](http://www.henryfordcareers.com), the job number is 115668. Application deadline is November 3, 2009. Contact Bronwyn Davis, Recruitment Specialist, [bdavis1@hfhs.org](mailto:bdavis1@hfhs.org)

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the December 2009 newsletter is: Monday, November 30, 2009. Send to: [hjoanalyke@yahoo.com](mailto:hjoanalyke@yahoo.com) or via mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **11/3-8/2009-ACPE Board, Committees & Commissions, Atlanta, GA**
- **02/04-06/2010-REM Invitational, San Antonio, TX**
- **02/19-20/2010-ECR Spring Conference, Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, OH**
- **09/24-25/2010-Fort Wayne Marriott, Fort Wayne, IN**

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