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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . . It's December?

Dennis Kenny, Regional Director

People and Places

Congratulations to **Laurie Hearn**, new ACPE supervisor, and to **Wayne McKenney** and **Vickie Johnson** as new associate supervisors. Cheers and support to **Jim Wright** who will have to meet the committee again because it always takes courage to lay yourself and your work on the line. We are such a unique organization where we educate not only people's practice but also their person, we celebrate it and it is not always an easy journey.

Laurie Hearn recently joined Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie and Sergei Petrov at St Vincent's, Indianapolis and **Ruth Alpers** has accepted a position at Cincinnati Children's to join Judy Ragsdale and Bill Scrivener. I think **Ken McCullough** will be doing the summer unit at Hebrew Union as they begin their search for a new supervisor.

Blessings to **Daryl Hanson** and his family on the death of his mother-in-law. Just heard from **David Hurst** that he will have a kidney removed with a contained cancer, December 8. The prognosis is good and he has asked for our prayers. Blessings to all of our families and friends this holiday season those who are ill and well; and those who struggle loudly and quietly.

Congratulations to **Cal Brand**, as he was able to secure funding for his Kenya Mission. Blessings to him as he heads off to learn CPE anew. [See message from Cal in this newsletter].

National News:

WOW was there a lot going on at the leadership meetings in Atlanta! The new standards for 2010 were talked about. I was present for the accreditation team leader training. There were lots of emails traded on this new process between regional directors. I don't have the history on this one but we had good representation at the training and if it goes as planned it will help the process.

Change seemed to be the theme at the leaders meeting and it affects all of us. Read your standards and the accreditation materials don't let yourself or your students be caught by surprise on the changes. [Our February Program will focus on these organizational changes; see program highlights in this newsletter].

It has been a very long time since I have been around the Board of Reps and the decision making process at the national level. They have a tremendous amount of decisions to make in a very short period of time. Among the topics I was involved in was the relationship between ACPE and FCPE and the facilities report which I chaired and presented to the Board. The report was the result of 3 years of work to find a new home for ACPE and possibly other cognate groups that would house the vision of our strategic plan.

In my time with the board and during conversations before and after I was reminded of the messages I learned in my house growing up:

*My mother taught me to look around corners
For there were things to fear*

*My father taught me to look around corners
For there were people to fight*

*CPE taught me to look around corners
For there were people to love*

*When I dared to look I found
Surprise
Myself
My humanity
God*

I found trust.

It seems to me that in the midst of change and decision making we don't always remember the lessons CPE taught us and that we teach our students during it. In the midst of change, trust is sometimes a commodity hard to come by and fraught with risk but always essential for growth and learning.

We are not perfect and what a season to remember that we are children of light and that we are loved.

Happy Holidays, Dennis,
Email: RD@ecracpe.org; Ph:216-312-6145

FEBRUARY 19-20, 2010-REGIONAL MEETING

Program Committee

The February Conference planning committee members, Laurie Hearn, Stan Mullin, Judy Ragsdale and Dana Schroeder have been working on the program. Maureen Walker, Ph.D., Associate Director, MBA Support Services, Harvard Business School will be the keynote speaker. The new ACPE standards will be coming out January 2010 and some of the new ways will be fairly controversial. Maureen's presentation will focus on Power and Conflict in Organizational Change. Saturday morning, Joe Viti, Regional Standards Chairperson, will be leading a discussion on the new changes. Following that discussion, a panel, familiar with RCT will discuss how we could incorporate some of what Maureen shared with us on Friday to the organizational changes in ACPE.

Ruth Alpers, Regional Accreditation Chair, will also present a workshop Friday afternoon focusing on recent changes in Accreditation. Many people may have specific questions about the details of the Accreditation process and there will be ample time for questions and answers following Ruth's workshop.

As usual, most of the committees will be meeting Wednesday (2/17) and Thursday (2/18). Other highlights will include the Business Meeting, Dennis Kenny's "installation" as RD, and opportunities to visit with friends and colleagues. Dana Schroeder will be coordinating the entertainment for Friday evening following the banquet. Some of you may be asked to participate more than others in what is sure to be a "surprise" and a "mystery." Details are still being finalized; the agenda, program and registration information will be e-mailed the 1st week in January. In the meantime, you may call Hueston Woods at 513-664-5300 if you would like to reserve your room in advance. [5201 Lodge Road, College Corner, OH 45003].

KENYA MISSION

Cal Brand, ACPE Supervisor

Greetings Friends,

I wanted to let you all know that the Kenya Mission budget was fully funded before Thanksgiving. The ACPE New Generation project approved a grant of \$5,500 and my home church committed to contribute what was lacking, which turned out to be \$4,000. I am very grateful for the interest and support this venture has received from ACPE, ECR [\$2,500], the Louisville Cluster and some individuals.

At this point, I have purchased my airline tickets and received five immunization shots <groan>. At our Presbytery of Ohio Valley Assembly on Thursday, December 3rd, I was commissioned for this service. That felt like the "seal" on this call and I am ready to go. My attention is divided between email correspondence with Joseph Mothaly (SES) and others connected with the program there on the one hand, and all the minutia of shopping and packing for the journey on the other.

I am scheduled to fly to Nairobi on January 12, arriving there on the 13th. I booked a return flight leaving Nairobi on May 4, arriving back in Indy on the 5th. That means I will not be with you all for the February regional meeting. I will try to send some kind of report on how the program is going and how I am getting by to be shared at the gathering. I am also setting up a blog on our Presbytery of Ohio Valley web page. When that is done, I will send information.

One little note: my current email address which is <calbrand@sbcglobal.net>. Thanks again for you individual and regional support. Please keep me and the program at Presbyterian University of East Africa in your prayers. Peace, Cal Brand :-)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Martha Amann's** job was recently eliminated from the budget. She asks for your prayers as she considers next steps. Effective December 16, she will not have access to E-mail but you may reach her by regular mail: 1024 Sherwood Dr, Dayton, OH
- **Bob McGeeney** joyfully reported that he and **Marge LoPresti** were married October 24. Congratulations to both of them! They both thanked the region for its love, support and prayers during the past several years and into the future for Marge's health.

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

[As noted above, Ruth Alpers is moving Cincinnati Children's Hospital-please note new fax number and address effective January 4, 2010]

National Accreditation Commission Action Report:

- 5 Year Reviews were accepted for: The Christ Hospital and Pine Rest Christian MHS
- Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital, was approved as a Candidacy Center
- Notations were removed from: Covenant Healthcare and TriHealth Clinical Pastoral Education c/o Good Samaritan Hospital.

Annual Reports due: January 15, 2010. The Annual Report form can be downloaded at www.acpe.edu. Please remember that a late report results in a fee (\$50). After February 15, the fee goes up to \$75. Please **fax your** report to the attention of **Ruth Alpers, 513-636-4971.**

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, B.C.C., Jay Stein Director of Human Relations, HUC-JIR, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220-2475; 513-221-1875; ralpers@huc.edu; **Effective January 4:** Rabbi Ruth Alpers, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Department of Pastoral Care, 3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 5022, Cincinnati, OH 45229; Ph: 513-636-6999; Fax 513-636-4971.

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. Impicciche, 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 (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

There were no job openings received for this newsletter. You may check the regional and national websites for current job postings. [www.ecracpe.org ; www.acpe.edu]

ACPE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

ACPE Board of Representatives Atlanta, Georgia Fall Meeting / November 4-8, 2009

Highlights

- The first order of business was the Self-Study of Organizational Structure Reports from each of the ACPE Regional Board Reps. Marla Coulter-McDonald reported the results based on the survey respondents from the East Central Region. The following represents a summary of comments and thoughts from ACPE members:

Suggestions:

- Further links with cognates
- Board should focus on Board work and not redo Commission work
- Reduce annual meeting to be-annual
- Study at-large positions

Themes:

- Impressed that we are about this
- Grateful to be invited into this conversation
- Feel very strongly that certification remain at REM meetings
- Certification is most important and expensive thing we do -- Reexamine the Certification Study
- Be very thoughtful not to lose primary culture and mission for cost-savings
- A sense of tension between national and regional
- Something happening that feels distrustful
- Opportunity for dialogue is needed and appreciated
- Regions were very welcoming. The regions were very thankful for the opportunity to provide feedback. But also the national board – should be our executives – take action.
- Regions do not want to see fee increase in 2010 budget. May differ in what they want to see cut but no one wants higher fees.

Concerns:

- Reducing meeting times
- Reducing memberships
- Mixed about past-president elimination
- Certification should stay the way it is – prime issue -- do not reduce to 2 or 3 instead of 5 unless for extension
- All leadership meetings in Atlanta – membership split
- Do not eliminate at-large Members – great concern about diversity
- Ineffective communication between FCPE and ACPE national office and membership – strong feelings
- Lots of money being spent at national level
- Very concerned about rearranging regions ---- passionate about identity
- Organization solvency – particular focus on FCPE
- Definitely keep At-Large positions --- now is the most important time to strengthen relationships with faith groups and theological institutions

Harry Simmons, the REM representative on the Board made the following report:

A REM invitational flyer and registration form for the 23rd REM invitational in San Antonio, Texas was distributed. The theme is “Living in a Post Racial Society? Race, Ethnicity, Diversity and Empowerment in Clinical Pastoral Education.” The dates are

February 4-6. The plenary speakers are Professor Miquel A. De La Torre and Professor Namsoon Kang. REM will also hold its annual leadership elections.

The Board voted to approve four (4) Program Grant Awards for doing CPE. They are:

- University of Louisville – CPE at Presbyterian University of East Africa receive \$5,500.00
- The Care and Counseling Center of Georgia – Georgia Prisons Ministry Project receive \$5,500.00
- The Boggs Center for Developmental Disabilities – Rehab Unit receive \$4,000.00
- The Methodist Hospital of Southern California – CPE at Recovery Ministry (substance abuse) receive \$5,000.00.

The results and discussion of the Self-Organizational Study were compiled by the President –Elect Sally Schwab. Based on the results the Board voted to approve the following:

- Eliminate paper issue of ACPE Newsletter for reduction in 2009 ACPE budget of \$3500.00.
- That all leadership, commissions/committees reduce their meeting time by one day at the fall 2010 meeting.
- To exclude the Certification Commission from the one-day reduction if needed.
- Accept “Go Green” recommendations from SOS to strongly recommend electronic transfer of all materials.
- Reduce the Standards 2010 Budget by \$7,000 to \$10,000.
- Always schedule ACPE leadership meetings in Atlanta to reduce travel costs of the ACPE national staff members.
- Reduce travel for national leadership and national office staff to a need basis and at the costs of the region when the travel is for regional function.
- Eliminate the Past-President position.
- Eliminate alcohol costs at all ACPE meetings.
- That the Certification Committee when possible uses meeting room space for hospitality and certification meeting rooms. If not possible, use a leadership suite as certification hospitality suite for savings of \$7500.
- To maintain savings at a total cost of \$71, 700.00

The Board voted to create a Work Group on Association Governance and Organization. The Work Group would address:

- Clarify expectations and structures related to management and leadership of ACPE professional staff
- Determine organizational value of representative basis for ACPE Board, Commissions and Committees

- Research benefits and losses in regard to decreasing number of regions in ACPE
- Make recommendations at the April 2010 meeting.

The Board voted to create a Task Force on Supervisory Education and Certification Commission. The task force would consider and propose changes to the Supervisory Education and Certification process, utilizing the 2007 SERC reports. The intent is to strengthen Supervisory Education, refine the Certification process, and reduce costs. This Task Group will include current and immediately past Certification Commission Chairs and other representative stakeholders, and bring recommendations to November 2010 Board meeting.

These are just a few of the highlights and decisions discussed and voted on by the ACPE Board of Representatives at the November Fall meeting. More detailed information will be shared at the ACPE East Central Regional meeting in February at Hueston Woods.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Marla Coulter-McDonald
December, 2009



<u>SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION</u>
<u>Associate Supervisors</u>
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Frank Nation
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Jim Wright, Budget & Investment
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Lin Barnett, Nominations
David Hurst, History
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 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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