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NEWSLETTER

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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director

... After a May-like winter, April is looking to be an April-like spring in Cleveland.

Well we have had our spring Regional meeting with sunshine and 70 plus degree weather. So we can finally say we've actually had a spring meeting. It seemed so odd to be meeting without ice and snow.

George Fitchett did a really good job as our keynoter and I heard many comments that this was one of our best meetings.

Amy Greene and I followed the regional focus on research with two days talking with Dr. Harold Koenig about many of the same things. Harold is probably the best known researcher in Theology and Health. He is from Duke and you can join his Center for Spirituality, Religion and Health on his website and keep up with the latest research in the field.

While I was with Dr. Koenig at the Cleveland Clinic I missed the Regional Director's meeting in San Diego. I was however able to join for a good part of the meeting thanks to video technology.

It was a good meeting with a significant time spent talking about many national issues from a regional perspective. These include relationships with CPSP, APC and collaboration. The most extensive conversation centered on the governance proposal being worked on. The RD's recommended a 15 member representational board and this seemed to match a lot of what I heard at our regional meeting. Stay tuned. Please make sure your feedback is a part of the dialogue.

Several centers in the region are in the process of recruiting and interviewing for supervisory vacancies. I wish them well and look forward to welcoming new supervisors into the region or into new positions.

You will be receiving a letter from the annual fund that FCPE is supporting for ACPE. Please make FCPE a normal part of your annual giving.

Amy Greene is doing a mini CPE experience for the police officers at the Clinic. The idea is that they would be 1st responders in an emergency for peer spiritual support. A book you might want to check out in this area is "Crisis Pastoral Care" (A police chaplain's perspective) by Thomas Shane D. Div. [As noted in the February/March newsletter].

As spring and the Holy days are upon us; remember that birth happens often as a surprise. Take time for renewal and refreshment so you can see the surprise and promise when it comes.

In the previous newsletter, I inadvertently did not include John (Jack) Gleason in the list of regional members that led workshops at the ACPE Annual Meeting. My sincere apologies for the oversight.

Jack did lead a workshop, "Self Supervision of Work with Students," at the conference and we are very proud of the contributions that he is making to the organization.

It was good to see you at Hueston Woods. If you weren't there rest assured you were talked about, remembered and missed.

Love, Dennis
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THANK YOU LETTER FROM REM REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

[Note: Nine scholarships were granted to individuals by the ECR REM Task Force to offset expenses for individuals to attend the Racial Ethnic Multicultural Network 25th Invitational].

"Thanks for the Breakthrough!"

Thank you for making it possible for me to attend the 25th Anniversary of REM. This was my first ACPE gathering. I found the plenary discussions and workshops both informative and engaging. Dr. Lartey's speech on Interculturalism vs. Multiculturalism resonated authentically with the overall mission of ACPE as an entity of diversity (what a treat to hear my former professor speak again).

As a new CPE Supervisory Student, I was able to hear the stories of countless others who had pursued, endured and achieved that which I presently strive for; I am encouraged. Yet I would be remiss not to acknowledge that as a woman of color, I have not had many encounters with supervisors of color. Therefore, to explore the rich resources that were afforded me at the conference was an opportunity that could not be missed.

I returned to my clinical site with a different mindset and a greater respect for "the process." In fact, my supervisor deemed it "a breakthrough!" Thank you once again for the "course changing" opportunity.

*Rev. (Kay) Kechia Jenkins, Th.M., M. Div.
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"...Thank the ECR for the \$200 REM Scholarship to attend the 2012 REM 25th Invitational with the ACPE Annual Conference on February 8-11, 2012, in the Washington D.C. area.

I was able to enjoy the invitational, experience exceptional plenary sessions, engage in dialogue that fostered growth as a Supervisory Education Student and Spiritual caregiver, as well as develop new relationships. I was also renewed and refreshed from the richness of the gathering. It was during this conference that I reflected on my call to supervisory education and experienced a feeling of affirmation and belonging in a community that supports, fosters and celebrates my gifts, talents and uniqueness.

I had an awesome time that was filled with many firsts: my first time in the Washington DC area; my first ride on the Metro; my first visit to the National Mall and Memorial Parks, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s memorial; my first visit to Howard University; and my first experience of the wonderful taste of Ethiopian food as I broke bread with my colleagues and peers. I will never forget



this experience and I look forward to attending many more REM Network Invitational's and ACPE Annual Conferences.

Once again, thank you for the Regional REM Scholarship. It was greatly appreciated!

*Rev. Anastasia Holman
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RESULTS OF THE CHAPLAIN STUDY - SURVEY RESPONDENTS FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Yvonne Miloyevich

“...The random drawing of the Chaplain Study Survey respondents was held Tuesday, March 20th at 3:30 pm on the beautiful bank of the Detroit River in Wyandotte, MI at the home of Shaun Abshire, Vice President of Comerica Bank. The Rev. Dr. Wayne McKenney, ACPE Supervisor in the ECR, picked the winning tickets. We had an American winner and a Canadian winner!

The winners of the drawing from the first 50 surveys received are Deborah Bolen, who has completed a CPE unit. Her supervisor suggested that she complete the survey. She is the pastor of a church in the USA. And, #33, Lindsay Drabiuk, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Lindsay is the Spiritual Health Specialist at CancerCare Manitoba and is currently pursuing Certification with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care.

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the survey! Especially to the St. Vincent Healthcare staff-your enthusiasm started the contest and the survey off at a gallop!”

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PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

H. Joan Lyke

Congratulations to “Dr.” **Wayne McKenney!** Wayne successfully presented and defended his dissertation March 15, at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI. Many friends, family members and colleagues were there to support him and celebrate with him! He looks forward to receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree in June along with “Dr.” **Amy Greene**, who successfully presented/defended her dissertation on December 15, 2011.

Bob & Char Uken are thankful that they are both ok after a break-in at their home. Fortunately, neither one was home at the time of the burglary. Although many of the items taken were not valuable

on the street-they were family treasures of significant sentimental value and cannot be replaced. Our prayers are with them as they literally pick up the pieces of their home and cope with the feelings that follow a B & E. You may contact Bob at: bob.uken@yahoo.com

Prayers are with **Walter Balk** as he is scheduled for emergency back surgery this week, April 12. He is looking forward to being pain free and plans to be available by e-mail the first week in May. You may contact Walter at: balkwf@gmail.com; or balkw@bronsonhg.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM REGIONAL OFFICE

Joan Lyke

- **Fall ECR Conference, October 5-6, 2012** -The Boulevard Inn, St. Joseph, MI: Walter Balk and Bob Persenaire have been very busy planning the fall conference. We will return to The Boulevard Inn on the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan. Although the program is still being developed Gordon Hilsman of California will be the keynote presenter; details will be provided as the information becomes available. If you would like to help with the program you may contact Walter and/or Bob at: [balkw@bronsonhg.org]; [persenar@bronsonhg.org].

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

ACPE Standards & Manuals are on a five-year cycle. The next edition will be published in 2015. Please check the Certification Commission section of the national website for interim changes. ***Students in the certification process are responsible for updated procedures and policies. Please check the Procedures & Deadlines regularly for updated information.*** For complete information on all Certification matters, refer to the ACPE Certification Manual and the Certification Policies and Procedures Manual.

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be October 3rd, 2012 at the Regional meeting at The Boulevard Inn, St. Joseph, MI.

- **The application and fee deadline is August 5, 2012.**
- **Materials to committee members must be postmarked no later than August 26, 2012.**
- Questions/inquiries regarding the Regional Certification Committee to: Frank Impicicche, Manager, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Indiana University Health, 550 N. University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5250. (Office 317-944-7415; Cell 317-437-2734; Fax 317-944-7440), fimpicci@iuhealth.org
- Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-965-9229; Indiana University Health, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education, P.O. Box 1367, WH 230, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1367; bwatson@iuhealth.org

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 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, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Department of Pastoral Care, 3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 5022, Cincinnati, OH 45229; Ph: 513-636-6999; Fax 513-636-4971; ruth.alpers@cchmc.org.

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Howard Regional Health System CPE, Kokomo, Indiana – **Four (ACPE) Residency positions beginning September 3, 2012 – September 1, 2013** four consecutive quarters. Residents are offered a broad array of clinical opportunities, which include psychiatry, medical and surgical units, long term care rehabilitation facilities, oncology and emergency unit make this a uniquely powerful learning environment. Collaborate and mentorship with professional chaplains and clinical staff in a supportive department. Health and dental benefits are available to Residents. Membership discount to Howard Regional Sport Center. The Resident stipend is \$24,266 for 12 months. Accrued Paid Time off (PTO). Lunch is provided. On-call sleep room in a secured suite designated for CPE residents. In the August 10, 2011 edition of Forbes Magazine Kokomo was listed as fourth place on their one of the “Top 10 Best Places to Live Cheaply” list. CQ Press, a leading publisher of books, directories and reference publications focusing on U.S. government affairs, released its annual City Crime Rankings for 2011 – 2012. In the report, Kokomo ranked 45th out of 405 U.S. cities for safest places to live. Requirement: Graduate Theological Degree or equivalent, no prior CPE is required. For more program information email ykwong@howardregional.org or write: Rev. Yoke Lye Kwong, ACPE Supervisor, Board Certified Chaplain, Director of Spiritual Services, 3500 South Lafountain St., Kokomo, IN 46904-9011. (Ph: 765-864-8776). www.howardregional.org
- HealthCare Chaplaincy in New York City has several openings for the **summer, 2012 CPE program**. HCC is the largest ACPE program in the United States. We have seven ACPE supervisors, 5 supervisory education students, and nearly 200 CPE students per year. We can place you at one of 7 different medical centers in Manhattan. Come spend a summer in New York City with a national leader in the field of pastoral care, research, and education. Come see for yourself what pastoral care and cultural diversity are really all about. Check us out on line or contact the registrar at www.healthcarechaplaincy.org. [The ad was submitted by John Valentino, ACPE Supervisor/Director of CPE <jvalentino@healthcarechaplaincy.org>]
- **ACPE Supervisor (or Associate Supervisor)** - Does it feel like you've been neglecting your pastoral care roots? Want an opportunity to serve a trauma hospital and its regional community as both an educator and chaplain? Then consider joining Covenant HealthCare's Department of Pastoral Care in Saginaw, MI-where all 3 staff chaplains are former educators and the director has a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. Participate in our integrated approach to pastoral care and education, in which all members of the department are seen as teachers, students and caregivers. Check us out at: www.covenantpastoralcare.com and then contact Kathy Bonn at 989-573-6037 or kbonn@chs-mi.com if you'd like to consider joining our team!

Other job/educational opportunities may be available on the Regional Website:

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER- Monday, April 30, 2012, Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com
or hjoanlyke@ecracpe.org. For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 10/05-06/2012-Fall ECR Conference, The Blvd. Inn, St. Joseph, MI
- 05/15-18/2013-ACPE Leadership Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 05/15-18/2013-2013 Annual ACPE Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

**SUPERVISORY EDUCATION
IN THE REGION**

Associate Supervisors

- Mary Q. Browne
- Don Chase
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- Linda Bos
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Palliative Spiritual Care Effectiveness Pilot Project

In mid-March the Editor submitted an ACPE-sponsored \$170,865 grant proposal, "Palliative Spiritual Care Effectiveness Pilot Project," to the HealthCare Chaplaincy/John Templeton Foundation initiative, "Growing the Field of Chaplaincy Research in Palliative Care." The project's purpose is to assess the effectiveness of palliative care chaplains' interventions in three hospitals: Morton Plant Mease Health Care & Suncoast Hospice in Tampa, Florida; Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut; and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton in Hamilton, New Jersey. The three Site Coordinators are, respectively, Connie Bonner, Debra Slade and Ted Taylor. Should this activity be funded, a further step will have been taken in the research design of the Ideal Intervention Project (IIP): interventions found to be effective will be so designated in the now-300-plus-sample Spiritual Care (SC) Knowledge Base at www.acperesearch.net/IIP.html (click on KNOWLEDGE BASE OF SAMPLES) for replication and the ultimate validation of evidence based spiritual care best practices.

Do Seasoned SC Practitioners and Educators Need Supervision?

Certified and seasoned SC practitioners and educators often neglect their own continuing pursuit of excellence. Contributing to that neglect is the reality that "human beings resist exposure and critique; our brains are well defended." So says a veteran endocrine surgeon, Atul Gawande. ("Personal Best," *New Yorker*. October 3, 2011. 44-53.) When Dr. Gawande noticed after six years and several thousand surgeries that he was no longer reducing his complication ratio, he reluctantly asked his former professor to observe his surgery. The very first 20-minute feedback session over coffee "gave me more to consider and work on than I'd had in the past five years." The next best thing to sharing actual situations with a mentor or trusted colleague is *self-supervision* that can come from the simple discipline of writing down what you did and what you might have done differently. The new Spiritual Care Situation Summary (SCSS) format as presented below makes this exercise almost easy. Students and practitioners, copy the form below the dotted line for your use. Supervisors, ask the Editor at mariejohn50@att.net for the educator's version of the SCSS form, the Supervisory Situation Summary (SSS).

More Testimonials about the IIP

>From a CPE student for whom IIPs are required after every verbatim presentation, and who was responding to the edited version of her paper: "Jack, it looks great... The IIP process is such a valuable tool! You are doing great work for the chaplaincy field and have enhanced my personal learning."

>From a denominational executive who participated in a workshop in which participants created Spiritual Care Situation Summaries from memorable interventions: "It was helpful to stop and evaluate the experience through this process. I find that I replay those care encounters over and over but this format gives an opportunity to clarify what took place. Thank you for sharing it with us."

>From a CPE Supervisor who requires Ideal Intervention papers after verbatim presentations: "I am seeing benefits. On Tuesday each student presented (an IIP paper); one person said, 'I see so much more when we do these.' At first they were doing them because I said so. It is so fun to see them valuing them and learning."

Recent and Forthcoming IIP-Related Presentations

>January 15, 2012 Seventh Day Adventists Chaplains Conference, Tampa, Florida. "Excellence Plus Job Security." 4 hours.

- >February 10, 2012 REM's 25th Annual Invitational in Community with ACPE Annual Conference, Arlington, Virginia. "Self-Supervision of Work with Students." 1½ hours.
 - >June 21, 2012 APC Annual Conference, Schaumburg, Illinois. "A Case Self-Supervision Model," Professional Development Intensive. 4 hours.
 - >January 16, 2013 APC Webinar: "Improving Casework Quality Now While Preparing for Pay-For-Results Later." 1-2:30 pm CT.
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Spiritual Care Situation Summary

(Save form as a Word document for multiple uses before entering a specific situation.)

1. The Spiritual Care Situation's Central Issue (Be concise. Examples are *Feeling Lonely, Facing Terminal Illness, Loss of Faith.*)

2. Narrative Summary of the Situation and Spiritual Care Provided (Enter here a few descriptive paragraphs about the situation, your effort, and the response to that effort. Take confidentiality precautions.)

3. Narrative Summary of What Would Be the Most Effective Spiritual Care (Enter a few descriptive paragraphs about how you would or would not do it differently if given another opportunity in this situation. Write so that another practitioner with a similar situation could benefit from your insights.)

4. Resources that you would recommend to other spiritual care givers regarding this situation (Books, journal articles, pamphlets, etc. Be as specific as possible so that others can find them.)

5. Send completed form as a Word document to mariejohn50@att.net to be edited into the Spiritual Care Knowledge Base at <http://www.acperesearch.net/IIP.html> (click on KNOWLEDGE BASE OF SAMPLES) so other practitioners can benefit from your experience in similar situations. To approve the edited version before entry into the Knowledge Base, provide your name and e-mail address below. All samples are entered anonymously.

(Enter name and e-mail address here if edit approval desired)