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NEWSLETTER

September 2012

CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director

. . .It's September. . .

Fall is fast upon us. I hope your summer was fulfilling and full of memories.

My father will be 95 this December. He lives on his own, drives his own car, works out at the YMCA three times a week and plays golf. He just suffered a significant loss. His lady friend of over 10 years died last month. She was 95. His social life revolved around their activities, which included going to plays, dinner and as you might expect watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune each evening except Saturday which is his house cleaning and errand day.

My sister called me the other day in a mini-panic saying "I'm worried about dad, he's planning his own funeral. Call him!"

I dutifully called him and asked how he was doing. He said he was, "A little sad. I've been planning my cremation so you and your sister don't have to worry about it. But I'm not ready to go yet." He then went into the details of the company he was working with and what they would do and how I could bury him next to my mother.

My father was a Detroit cop for over 25 years and the only thing remarkable about our conversation is that in the last few years he has added words like "A little sad." Planning ahead in every detail is not new. He still works on his own taxes although not completely any more, but he sat the two of us down two years ago and took us through all of his finances. He has selected the nursing home he would be in should he need it and placed himself on the waiting list.

We are blessed. When my mother died we worried he would become a recluse since my mother was the connector but that didn't happen. He called friends he hadn't seen in awhile and said, "Hey when are we going out?" The pool of friends is smaller now as is family. He still plans ahead and is facing his future with reality and interest. I'm learning, observing and thankful.

Big Happenings on the National Level:

As you should know by now David Johnson is our new ACPE president.

The governance changes have been settled for the time being. After much conversation and investment we have decided to leave governance relatively the same. One change however, is that each region will have one representative rather than two; and there is a specifically defined skill set for those individuals choosing to serve as a member of the Board of Representative.

There are interesting opportunities happening with our property in Decatur, which I hope to be able to tell you more about at our fall regional meeting. Initial conversations have taken place with the

person we hope will be our lead donor on the property. We are waiting to hear more on the opportunities before a specific request for funds is presented to the individual.

Greg Stoddard reported that Len Al Haas and Nancie Smith have been supporting our fund raising efforts and assisting with office management and administration. In addition to Andrea O'Neal, they are functioning as staff as the Foundation moves forward in advancing ACPE's goals and enters the public phase of fundraising.

NEW PEOPLE AND OLD PEOPLE IN NEW PLACES:

There has been more movement in the region this spring and summer than I have seen in the last 6 years and I suspect several years before that.

In addition to the changes reported earlier this year, **Barbara Bullock** has returned to our region and accepted a position at OhioHealth as Director of Pastoral Care. **Debbie Mansell** accepted a position as Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Services at IU Health, West Hospital. **Serge Petrov** left the region and is currently interviewing for jobs. **Karl Van Harn** will begin working as the Director of Pastoral Services and CPE at Pine Rest in Grand Rapids, MI on September 17. He said he is grateful for the opportunity to be more involved in CPE and supervising students more directly than he has been in the last several years. **Joe Viti** has accepted a position at Summa in Akron and will be working with **Deborah Damore**.

I hope to see you at our fall conference in St. Joseph, MI next month. [See the regional website for more information about the conference].

Blessings to all who are arriving, leaving or circling.

Love, Dennis / Email: RD@ecracpe.org Ph: 216-312-6145

PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

H. Joan Lyke

Welcome **Leslie Stokes!** Leslie is an ACPE Candidate that recently moved to Berea KY from New York, NY.

As reported above, Joe Viti has left Fort Wayne, IN for Akron, OH. **John Peterson** has graciously agreed to be the interim contract CPE Supervisor for the Residency Program and will serve as the Supervisor of record. And, **Kathy Nininger** has graciously agreed to be the interim contract supervisor for the Extended Program.

WELCOME TO SUMMA PASTORAL CARE SERVICES, JOE VITI!

Deborah R. Damore

Deborah Damore, Director of Pastoral Care Services and Education at Summa Health System welcomes Joe Viti to his new position of Pastoral Educator at Summa Health System. As the Summa Health System CPE Program has established ACPE Candidacy Status and is completing its first CPE Residency year, it is a timely blessing to expand our CPE supervisory staff with Joe, his experience and his passion for education. I also extend my gratitude to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for their support of Joe and acknowledge their exemplary CPE Program as they transition.

Please keep Joe and his wife, Barbara in your thoughts and prayers as they make their big move back to Ohio.

Appreciative Blessings,

Chaplain Deborah R. Damore
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ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SURVEY

Mike Wiese

The Anderson University School of Theology (IN) is interested in getting the perspective of the chaplain community on an idea for a *Doctorate of Ministry program* that focuses on reconciliation, from a biblical perspective. Part of their desire is to gain a better understanding of what “reconciliation” means from the view of persons in the field of ministry.

Anderson School of Theology has a strong relationship with many of the CPE supervisors and programs in the East Central Region and all of their M.Div. students are required to take a basic unit of CPE. So, they have a sincere interest in receiving your perspective.

If you are interested in participating in this study, click on the following link to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/reconciliationhealthcareministryprofessionals>

If you have any questions about the study or survey, contact: Mike Wiese mdwiese@anderson.edu

CPE DAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012 EARLHARM SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Tara Lea Hornbacker

CPE Day at Earlham School of Religion and Bethany will be October 16 in the ESR dining room. We invite each CPE setting in our area to send a representative to bring literature, introduce their program and have lunch with the students that day.

Every year this event ignites a spark in someone to participate in the excellent opportunities provided in our Eastern Region.

Please contact me if someone from your setting can attend. We look forward to your participation in the event and our continuing relationship in educating ministering persons for the now and not yet of ministry.

Tara – for Dan Poole and Jim Higginbotham.

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE

H. Joan Lyke

Increase in Regional Student Fees: The FY 2013 Budget as approved at the General Business meeting in March included a \$5.00 increase (from \$80.00 to \$85.00) per student unit **effective January 1, 2013**. Jim Wright, provided an overview of the budget at the meeting. If you have any questions about the budget you may contact him james.wright@bhsi.com.

Fall ECR Conference, October 5-6, 2012 – Walter Balk and Bob Persenaire hope to see you at the fall conference. The theme of the program is “Sexuality in Professional Practice.” Dr. Gordon J. Hilsman, D. Min. of Tacoma, WA will be the keynote speaker. The meeting will be held at The Boulevard Inn, St. Joseph, Michigan information is available on the website <www.ecracpe.org>.

Fall 2013 ECR Conference - Bill Scrivener has volunteered to serve as Program chair for the ECR Fall 2013 meeting. Thank you Bill! The conference will be held in OH and other details will be provided as they become available.

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 with the Certification Committee will be at the spring regional conference, 02/21/2013, Hueston Woods State Park, College Corner, OH. The application deadline will be announced in the October newsletter.

- 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

- **Third Shift Staff Chaplain** – Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center is seeking candidates for a full-time chaplaincy position as a third shift chaplain. Primary responsibilities include: responding to all traumas, medical alerts and deaths, and providing staff support, debriefings and education throughout the house. Qualifications: M.Div. or equivalent; minimum of 4 units of CPE; denominational endorsement, and eligibility for APC, NACC or NAJC Board Certification; and a demonstrated ability to establish a collaborative, pastoral presence. Substantial experience beyond CPE preferred. Applicants must apply on line at: www.cincinnatichildrens.org. For further information please contact William E. Scrivener, Senior Director, Dept. of Pastoral Care at (513) 636-4377 or bill.scrivener@cchmc.org

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

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

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

Calendar of Events:

- 10/5-6/2012-Fall ECR Conference, St. Joseph MI, The Blvd. Inn
- 10/21-27/2012-Pastoral Care Week
- 11/14-18/2012-ACPE Leadership Meetings, Atlanta, GA
- 01/13-14/2013-COMISS Annual Forum
- 02/6-9/2013-Racial, Ethnic, Multicultural (REM)Network Invitational, Atlanta, GA
- 02/22-23/2013-Spring ECR Conference, Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH
- 05/11-15/2013-Spring ACPE Leadership meetings, Indianapolis, IN
- 05/15-18/2013-ACPE Annual Conference Indianapolis, IN
- Fall ECR Conference – OH – Location, dates, etc. TBD, Program Chair, Bill Scrivener

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**SUPERVISORY EDUCATION
IN THE REGION**

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Spiritual Care Initiative for Professional Excellence e-News

(Formerly the Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter)

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John J. Gleason, Editor

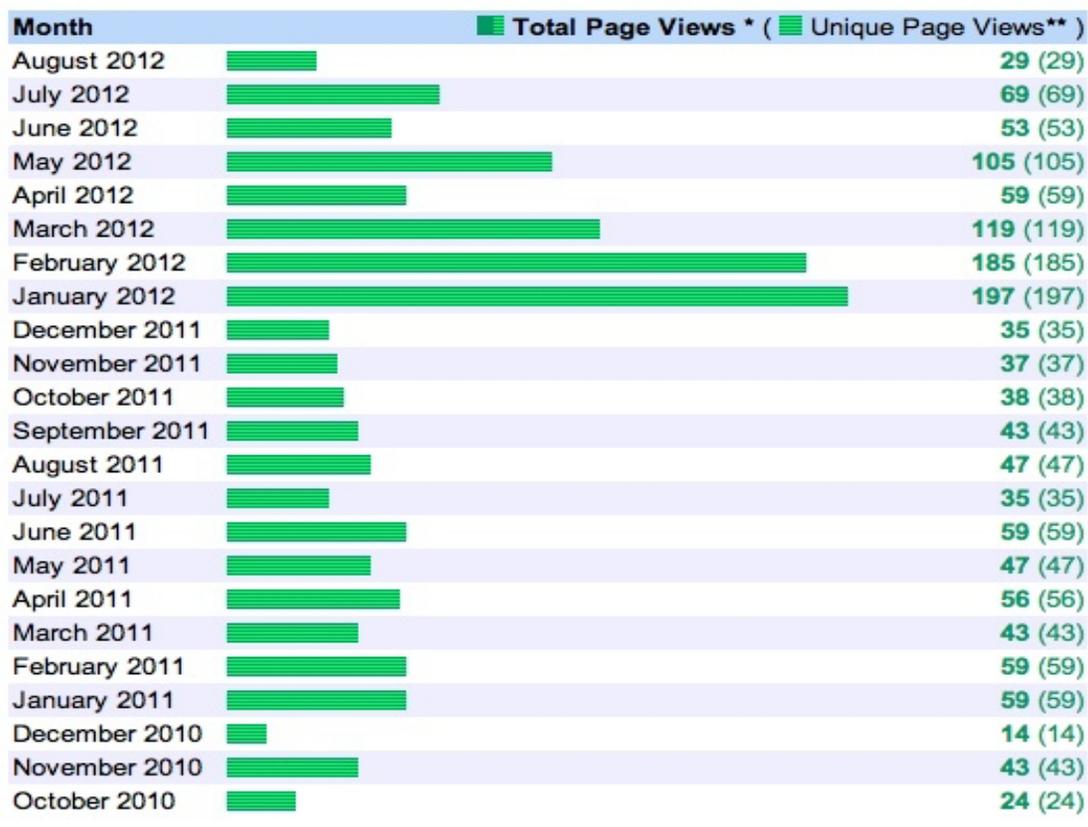
New Category Added to SC�PE Online Spiritual Care Knowledge Base

Spiritual Care Situation Summaries (SCSS) obtained at the Indiana Department of Correction Chaplain Training Conference in New Castle on July 12, 2012 have made possible the creation of *Corrections*—a new category in the SC�PE online Spiritual Care Knowledge Base at <http://www.acperesearch.net/IIP.html> (click on TABLE OF CONTENTS). The collection was initiated some years ago with CPE student samples. Since then educators and many seasoned practitioners—such as correctional chaplains—have contributed, bringing the “experience factor” percentage in the collection to approximately 40% today.

The Knowledge Base now contains 394 samples in 26 categories. Each sample has an effectiveness rating and each effective sample awaits replication toward designation as an evidence based spiritual care desired outcome. Your help is needed in order to proceed with the replication phase. Contact the Editor at mariejohn50@att.net for further information.

Visitors to the Spiritual Care Knowledge Base Web Page

As of August 28, 2012 the SC�PE/IIP main page had been visited 2,633 times since its inception. For people using Google to find the page, 82% were from the U.S. and 17% were from the U.K. They used the search phrase "ideal intervention project" 34% of the time and "spiritual care verbatims" 29% of the time. The image below depicts the unique page views of the SC�PE/IIP main page showing distinct visitors for the two-year period beginning October 2010. The “bulge” at January, February and March 2012 and the 17% figure noted above suggest visits made while a collaborative research project with Scottish chaplains was under consideration and while a grant proposal involving three hospitals’ palliative care teams was being prepared.



*Page Views - No. of times a page is viewed, reloaded and visited.

**Unique Page Views - No. of Page Views that are distinct visitor sessions, indicating audience size.

A Pre-Election Testimony about the Impact of The Affordable Care Act

“The Affordable Care Act is a stunning and far-reaching achievement. Among its many provisions are these: 32 million people who have been without health coverage will soon have it; no one can be denied health coverage because of pre-existing conditions; insurance companies can no longer impose

lifetime expenditure limits on anyone, even those with major illnesses; young adults can remain on their parents' plan after leaving college; all of us now have a "patients' bill of rights;" everyone can keep their health care coverage if they wish; and Medicare is strengthened for years to come. Mitt Romney and other Republican leaders hate these achievements and have pledged to repeal all of them."
(--Robert Tiller, former American Baptist Churches USA Governmental Relations staff in Washington, D.C. tiller64@rcn.com.)

Spiritual Care Effectiveness Study

The spiritual care effectiveness study using observer raters that was described in the *SCIFE e-News* summer issue has been halted due preliminary testing difficulties.

Get a Second Opinion from the SCIFE Knowledge Base

To benefit from the learnings of another practitioner regarding a current spiritual care situation, go to the category in the Knowledge Base TABLE OF CONTENTS that most closely fits your situation, find a sample title that is similar, and then scroll down to the appropriate page number. Apply any wisdom you find there in your situation, but avoid formulaic responses. Write up your experience on the SCSS form (see below) to consolidate your own learnings (a useful self-supervisory discipline). If the sample you selected had an effectiveness rating of 1, 2 or 3, you are invited to submit your completed SCSS form to the Editor in complete confidence for inclusion in the replication study.

A Self-Supervision Model for Experienced SC Practitioners

Experienced SC practitioners, please be aware that you can become case-hardened and even lazy by failing to critique your own caregiving. Use the simple four-step outline below to engage in self-supervision. Cut and paste the form below into your files. Then create your own SCSSs as a vital part of your reflective practice. Even better: partner with a trusted peer regularly to share mutual insights from these summaries.

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*, and *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.)
