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NEWSLETTER

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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

*Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director*

I retired, moved and have been asked how I was doing at least 500 times! I have been offered definitions of retirement 45 times and been told by 3 particularly “annoying” people that I wasn’t really retired. This has left me searching for a definition of retirement that at least made sense to me and would allow me to search my inner-self and find a feeling that describes my experience.

I had a wonderful send off from the Cleveland Clinic thanks to Amy, the chaplaincy staff and a great group of residents who gifted me with a dancing-singing video that you can view on YouTube.

I had a profound sense of space on leaving. Space that the Clinic needed to define the future and space I needed to move into.

Definition of Retirement: About a year ago my youngest son Seth sat Ruth and I down to define retirement for us. It meant moving to Chicago and helping him with child-care. I didn’t have a definition at that point but both of us knew that wasn’t it. We love our grandchildren and really enjoy them and moved to Michigan, in part to be closer to them, but it seemed that regular child care would get in the way of trips to Italy and France. I managed to start a definition of retirement by explaining to him I believed it was more about freedom than obligation.

Many people have already told me that I’ve flunked retirement before I even started. Why? I asked several of them. “Because retirement is the absence of work,” they replied.

Hmm, that seemed odd to me because I’ve always found most of what I’ve “worked at to be fun” and if it wasn’t I changed it or left. However, it does echo my father’s definition of retirement. When I asked him why he wasn’t “doing something work related” in retirement I had to listen to the story I knew by heart. He had worked since he had been 13 years old in part to support his 11 siblings. He was done with it.

Currently, it feels like I am on vacation. I sometimes find myself hurrying to finish projects around the new house because “I will have to go back to work soon.” Whoops! I am stirring in the morning about the same time I would have been for work. If I don’t, the dog does because he apparently hasn’t retired yet. He seems to know more about relaxing and stretching than I do so I am watching him closely. My golf game is improving, the days are confused and weekends don’t have much meaning anymore. That last is odd. I think Ruth was more afraid of my retirement than I was but I believe she is less afraid now.

I’ll keep you posted on feelings (if I can find some) and definition. For now freedom, obligation and the dog are inhabiting the formation of the definition of retirement.

*Love, Dennis / Email: [RD@ecracpe.org](mailto:RD@ecracpe.org) Ph: 216-312-6145*

**LETTERS FROM CLEVELAND CLINIC – REGARDING  
DENNIS KENNY’S RETIREMENT**

**Eric Kodish & Amy Greene**

**A Tribute to the Reverend Dennis Kenny**

“July 1, 2014 marks the end of an era. Dennis Kenny arrived at the Cleveland Clinic to lead the Department of Pastoral Care in 2006. He promptly changed the name and transformed the nature of the department. The Department of Spiritual Care was launched, with profound positive impact on the patients, families and caregivers. The very name “Spiritual Care” speaks volumes about Dennis, his vision and his leadership. It opens the door to capturing the essence of strength that people find internally at time of hardship and challenge. The spirit takes the form of traditional religion for some, and for alternative paradigms for others. In either case, the concept resonates for more and delivers a message that the Cleveland Clinic is a place with heart.

But Dennis did more than simply change the name. He built a team. This group of chaplains, healing services clinicians, and trainees spread a calm, thoughtful and caring presence across our entire health care system. We walk the walk when it comes to empathy, and we help those who need spiritual strength to find their own inner resources. And this is the fruit of the seed planted by Dennis Kenny. I have had the privilege of working with and learning from Dennis, and he has helped to shape the Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care. Good partners don’t come along that often in the course of a career, and in the end it is the relationships that matter. Dennis Kenny has been a great partner and colleague, and those of us who remain in the Center in the wake of his retirement will carry on his legacy of caring. We wish him all the best in retirement: good health, happiness and peace.”

Eric Kodish, M.D.

**Dennis Kenny has left the building**

A seismic shift has occurred at the Cleveland Clinic where Dennis Kenny, former Director of Spiritual Care and most recently part-time Assistant Director of Spiritual Care, finally retired last week and moved back to Michigan. He leaves a qualitatively and quantitatively different department than he found upon arriving in summer of 2006. When he came to the Clinic, he inherited a CPE program with accreditation issues and a position for one staff chaplain. He immediately set to work trying to hire a CPE Director and succeeded in summer of 2007 by hiring me.

Over the past seven years together, we grew a team of gifted, diverse staff chaplains who offer a wide and creative range of services to the Clinic enterprise. There’s really no way to tell in a few paragraphs what Dennis’s influence has been. In the summer of 2010, we became part of the newly formed Center for Ethics, Humanities and Spiritual Care under the leadership of Dr. Eric (Rick) Kodish. This was by far the best thing that had ever happened to spiritual care and CPE at the Clinic. We have enjoyed growing visibility, respect and support throughout the enterprise over these past four years.

We all know Dennis as a man of big vision and big ideas. In comments I made at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast here in May, when we honored Dennis with the departmental award for “accomplishing the mission of pastoral care and education,” I said sometimes the only way we know the difference between faith and denial is when we know how the story turns out. There were many times when

Dennis would dream up things that seemed to fall in the “denial” category, only to learn I hadn’t had enough faith. But little by little, with his good salesmanship and his deep conviction of the place of spiritual care in a medical setting, he was able to shift the balance over the years to include more staff positions. When we no longer lost our entire work crew every August (when the residents graduated), we started to feel like we might actually be able to grow a real department.

Since I became director of the department last year, we now have the holistic nurses (our partners in the healing services team approach) and the family liaisons (who manage the reams of paperwork surrounding any death) reporting up through Spiritual Care. It is a unique department which would not exist without Dennis’s early plowing and planting....and daring to dream big.

We will miss him terribly, but we are all empowered to continue the vision we started together, and to welcome new hands and hearts to the team to continue shaping it as a truly collective vision. The measure of Dennis’s leadership is that we will not only survive but thrive because of his hard work, vision and example of what it means to dream big, inspire and empower others, and never ever give up.

Amy Greene

### KEYNOTE PRESENTER CHANGE

FALL 2014 REGIONAL CONFERENCE- September 19-20, 2014  
Committee Meetings: Wednesday & Thursday, September 17-18, 2014  
The Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant, Berea, KY

Les Small Stokes

Les Small Stokes received word August 11 that **bell hooks** had double-booked and **would not be the keynote speaker** for the September conference. Les and others in the region began to brainstorm about possible alternate speakers. Cam Holzer heard Adriana Cavina speak recently on Cultural Competency and highly recommended her; negotiations are underway with her. As soon as the agreement is confirmed details of the fall conference will be edited accordingly.

Les Small Stokes  
<[lesstokes@gmail.com](mailto:lesstokes@gmail.com)>

### PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

H. Joan Lyke

Welcome to **Kathy Bird DeYoung!** Kathy is a newly certified Supervisor and is in the process of moving from Colorado to Grand Rapids, MI to being working as CPE Supervisor at the Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Kathy plans to participate in the fall 2014 Regional Conference in Berea, KY. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to her. In the meantime, you may reach her at [kbirddeyoung@gmail.com](mailto:kbirddeyoung@gmail.com)

Welcome to **Bryan Ferry!** Bryan was also certified as CPE Supervisor at the national meeting in Austin. Bryan moved from Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles, CA and began his new job as CPE supervisor at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Ann Arbor, MI August 11. He is hoping to participate in the fall conference this September in Berea. His e-mail address will be provided when it becomes available.

*Sr. Martha Amann, Clinical Member Chair, is still hospitalized after complications from surgery in February. She has had many ups and downs and remains in very serious condition. Keep her in your prayers and thoughts. A friend of Martha's is picking up her mail and taking it to her in the hospital. Cards and/or letters may be sent to her home address: 1024 Sherwood Dr. Dayton OH 45406 5735.*

**FALL 2015 REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
INDIANA (Schedule and Venue be determined)**

**Netetia Walker**

**Netetia Walker** volunteered to serve as the program Chair for the 2015 fall conference. The schedule and venue are yet to be determined. Details will be provided as they become available.

Netetia Walker  
<[nwalker6@iuhealth.org](mailto:nwalker6@iuhealth.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.

**Note to Supervisory Education Students and Supervisory Candidates:** The ECR Certification Committee meets twice a year, once in February and once at the fall meeting, usually in September. A priority is given to applicants needing to meet a committee for a vote (Candidacy and Extensions), but we see Readiness applicants when there is space available.

**Supervisory Education Students (SES)** and others interested in the Certification process are encouraged to read the 2010 ACPE Standards and the 2010 Certification Manual to find out the latest in terms of what is required in the Certification process.

- **Deadlines for meeting a Certification Committee at the fall regional meeting**, Thursday, September 18, 2014, at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Restaurant, Berea, KY:
- The application and fee **should have been postmarked by August 7, 2014.**
- Materials to committee members **must be postmarked by August 21, 2014.**
- Questions/inquiries regarding the **Regional Certification Committee** should be addressed to: The Rev. Dr. Yvonne Valeris, M.Div., Pastoral Education Coordinator, ACPE Supervisor, Pastoral Services, The Christ Hospital Health Network, 2139 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219. (Office 513-585-2266); (Fax 513-585-3171). [yvonne.valeris@thechristhospital.com](mailto:yvonne.valeris@thechristhospital.com)
- Questions/inquiries regarding the **National Certification Commission** should be addressed to: The Rev. Frank S. Impicci, 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](mailto:fimpicci@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 Carol Green for deadline information.

**Reminder:** Satellite Materials (see pages 32-34 in the Accreditation Manual) need to be in at least **45 days** before beginning a program at the Satellite center and a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

**ACPE On-Line Directory:** The national ACPE office is in the process of doing major work to update the online directory. They are in the process of combining storage places for information so that there will be only one data base to make information more easily accessible to all.

It is important that you check out the online directory to ensure that your data is accurate and up to date. If you find inaccurate information, please submit an Appendix 2, Change in Status report, to the national office. If you previously submitted Change of Status reports that are not reflected in the current directory – please resubmit the form for current information.

When you go in to the online director, you will see:

1. Clear identification of satellites and components.
2. A consistent look for website and email contact information for each center.
3. A detailed second page for every center. This page is reached by clicking on the name of the center.

Please review your center for accuracy and completeness. If any information is missing or inaccurate, please complete the appendix 2. It is online to make it easy.

If a supervisor's name is not listed on page 2 of a center, it is because they are not linked to that center in the database. It is easy for the national office to link the center, but they need to know the information in order to do that. We know this is an area that needs a lot of work and thus is the next major element of their work in organizing our data.

I appreciate your help and assistance in checking and gathering all of this data. One day, in the not too distant future we will have accurate and up to date data for each supervisor and center. One day, in the not too distant future we will have accurate and up to date data for each supervisor and center. **[A form is included in this newsletter and was sent to all centers in the region August 11, 2014].**

Direct your questions and/or requests for more information to: Accreditation Chairperson, **Carol Green**, Pastoral Educator Sr., Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Indiana University Health, 550 N. University Blvd., UH 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Office – 317-944-7415; Fax – 317-944-7440; **Cell phone– 502-445-1022. E-mail - [lgreen18@iuhealth.org](mailto:lgreen18@iuhealth.org)**; CPE Secretary: Lorie Vaughn 317-944-7415; E-mail – [lvaughn1@iuhealth.org](mailto:lvaughn1@iuhealth.org)

## JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Extended CPE Unit:** St. Vincent Charity Hospital Medical Center (The Sisters of Charity Health System), Cleveland, OH is accepting applications for the upcoming September 8, 2014 - January 16, 2014 CPE Extended Unit. Group will meet on Mondays from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Students will negotiate their schedule with the Supervisor of sixteen (16) clinical hours per week at one of three (four) assigned educational sites. (Classes are held at) St. Vincent Charity Hospital Medical Center, a downtown hospital located in Cleveland, OH. Send original application to Nancy Beckenhauer, OSU, ACPE and NACC certified CPE Supervisor at Saint Vincent Charity Medical Center 2351 East 22nd Street Cleveland, OH 44115. A downloadable ACPE application is available in the section of the webpage called "Forms" at [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu). For more information: phone at 216-363-7471 or e-mail: [nancy.beckenhauer@stvincentcharity.com](mailto:nancy.beckenhauer@stvincentcharity.com).

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

<http://www.ecracpe.org>

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER**- Friday, August 30. Send to: H. Joan Lyke at [hjoanlyke@ecracpe.org](mailto:hjoanlyke@ecracpe.org). For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

### Calendar of Events:

- 09/19-20/2014 – Fall ECR Conference, Boone Tavern Hotel, Berea KY
- 11/15-19/2014 – Fall 2014 ACPE Leadership Meetings, Courtyard Marriott, Decatur, GA
- 02/20-21/2015 - Spring 2015 ECR Conference, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH

## **SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION**

### **Associate Supervisors**

Vickie Johnson  
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### **Supervisory Candidates**

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