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NEWSLETTER

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CAN YOU BELIEVE. . .

Dennis E. Kenny, Regional Director

... Grass is growing on a lot in Atlanta, summer is flying by, and most CPE students seem to be learning something.

We're about to have our 4 and 5 year old granddaughters with us for a week as my son brings a traveling baseball team to Cleveland. What fun, what fear.

Whenever I have conversations with Judy Ragsdale they are interesting; two of my comments are in response to some of her questions.

Recently, I have been helping people with their theory papers either as a consultant, supervisor, or reader. A list of do's and don'ts for writing theory papers began to form. Here's a beginning list, please add to it or respond to it and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF WRITING THEORY PAPERS

1. *Remember these are graduate level papers.*
2. *Read the questions directing each paper and respond to the question(s).*
3. *You need to be an expert in the theories you are writing.*
4. *Therefore, do not use derivative writings on the theorist.*
5. *Select a theorist that closely matches your experience.*
6. *Be able to critique your theory and understand its limitations.*
7. *Know the general field in which you are writing.*
8. *Demonstrate inclusivity and appreciation for diversity.*
9. *There is never just one way of doing something.*
10. *If you can't write have someone teach you.*
11. *If you can't edit have someone edit for you.*

Some general impressions: If your papers are poorly written they won't pass. Get several opinions on how well they're written. The biggest problem I've seen recently is that people turn in their papers without answering the questions. The readers are using the areas the questions come from to evaluate the papers.

Judy said, "Tell me again why we are doing the new building in Decatur." I'll try.

During Joan Hemenway's presidency, in 2006, I was asked to serve on a task force to implement some of the strategic plan that ACPE was working on. Art Schmidt continued to work with the task force after Joan's illness and death. Members of the task force included: Art, Deryck Durston, John Moody and others. We looked at the goals of the plan, addressed fundraising and potential building.

The organization generally recognized that we had out grown our building and if we wanted to remain the premier training program we would need to do something to address the problem. At the same time, our international programs were growing, requests for distant learning and our need to offer continuing education for supervisors and others was increasing.

The idea that became the ACPE Academy came out of those discussions.

We did some preliminary investigation into our ability to fundraise and were amazed at the potential resources of the members of our organization.

We believed we could design and construct a building that we would be proud of, that would include meeting space, educational technology and would improve service to the organization.

The task force reported to the ACPE board at least 5 times in the next few years and received encouragement to keep working.

Fundraising for the building, the creation of FCPE and most importantly trying to change the culture of the organization has been both interesting and tumultuous.

At times, we are a strangely modest group. We are ministers after all and there seems to be an aversion to thinking too highly of ourselves at least when it comes to financial matters.

However, the vision for a sustainable future for this organization and its important role in the international family is bigger than either our arrogance or modesty. As always I welcome your reactions.

May the renewing of summer extend throughout the year.

Love, Dennis
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PASTORAL CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

H. Joan Lyke

We are happy to report that **John Peterson** is home and recovering after his July 15 open heart surgery. John says he is happy to be home, although with the expected pains, pills and aches. He has taken a few walks with his wife, Deb and is enjoying the warm weather. Keep John in your prayers and thoughts as he continues to improve. He said he hopes to see everyone at the September regional conference. [John's e-mail address is: jpetersonlhi@frontier.com and his home address is 3320 Solitude Pl, Fort Wayne IN 46815]

Best wishes to **William Jensen**, Supervisory Candidate, at the William Beaumont Hospital. William and his family are moving to Denver, CO. We will miss William and wish him continued success in his CPE journey.

Prayers are with **Martha Amann** as she recently lost a very dear friend. Martha said she and "Mary D" entered religious life together on July 16, 1953. Their friendship grew through the years as did their care for one another. Martha reported that she is grateful for their time together and she takes

comfort in knowing that Mary D is at peace. Keep Martha in your prayers and thoughts that she will be comforted as she continues her journey without Mary D to share her experiences.

Congratulations to **David Hurst** on his recent retirement from William Beaumont Hospitals. David retired 3 weeks short of his 83rd birthday after approximately 21 years at Beaumont. We wish David much happiness in the next chapter of his life.

Welcome to **Alice Walsh**, ACPE Supervisory Candidate! Alice recently moved to our region from the Eastern Region and is working as a staff chaplain at Fairview Hospital, Cleveland, OH. We look forward to meeting Alice in the future. [You may reach Alice 216-476-7299; or by e-mail walsha3@ccf.org].

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM REGIONAL OFFICE

Joan Lyke

- **ECR fall conference – September 23-24, 2011, Salt Fork State Lodge, Cambridge, OH:** The registration packet for the conference was e-mailed the first week of July. The information is available on the web site [www.ecracpe.org]. The deadline for room reservations is August 20; the regional registration deadline is September 1st.
- **Trinity Lutheran Seminary – CPE Day:** Mark your calendars now for CPE Day, October 31, 2011, 10:30AM-1:30 PM, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 E. Main, Columbus, OH 43209. CPE Day provides an opportunity for supervisors to meet the students, learn more about the seminary and share information about their centers and programs. Additional details will be provided in the fall.
- **“Spring” ECR Conference, March 23-24, 2012**-Hueston Woods State Lodge, College Corner, OH: Bob Uken and members of the program planning committee are beginning to work on the program for the Hueston Woods Program. If you have program or workshop ideas – contact Bob as soon as possible [e-mail bob.uken@yahoo.com]. Other members of the committee are: David Koch [davidckoch@earthlink.net; dkoch@scec-cpe.org]; Vickie Johnson [vickielynn2@juno.com]; Karen Morrow [karenmarie4847@sbcglobal.net; morrow1@comcast.net]; Hanci Newberry [hanci.newerry@osumc.edu]; Katherine Nininger [k9lizard@aol.com]; Sergei Petrov [sipetrov@stvincent.org]; and Versey Williams [versey.williams@allegiancehealth.org; verseyawilliams@sbcglobal.net].
- **Fall ECR Conference, October 5-6, 2012**-The Boulevard Inn, St. Joseph, MI: Walter Balk and Bob Persenaire have been working diligently to secure a venue for the 2012 fall conference. They are happy to report we are returning to The Boulevard Inn on the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan. Some of you may remember we had our fall conference there in September 2000. If you would like to help them plan the conference I am sure they would love to hear from you. You may reach them as follows: Walter Balk [balkw@bronsonhg.org]; Bob Persenaire [persenar@bronsonhg.org].

ACPE ACADEMY FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Visit the Members Only section of the ACPE website for a registration form. www.acpe.edu

Leadership – Summer:

- August 18 – **The Spirituality of Leadership** - \$49
Tim Thorstenson, Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, MN

The Practice of Supervision – Fall

- September 15 – **CPE Curriculum Development** - \$49
Greg Stoddard, Reading Hospital, Reading, PA
- October 20 – **Working with Group Process in CPE: Advances in Theory and Practice** - \$49
Meigs Ross, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY
- November 17 – **Working w/Theological Reflection in CPE: Advances in Theory & Practice** - \$49
Teresa Snorton, ACPE, Inc., Decatur, GA
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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.

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 at the fall Regional meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2011, Salt Fork State Park Lodge, Cambridge, OH.

- **The application deadline is August 5, 2011. [Applications are available on the website: www.ecracpe.org**

- **Materials must be postmarked to committee members no later than August 26, 2011.**
- Questions/inquiries regarding the Regional Certification Committee to: Frank Impicci, ACPE Supervisor, Manager, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Indiana University Health, 550 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

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- [Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw, MI](#) is seeking a **CPE Supervisor (or Associate)**. 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!
- [The Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center \(SJRMC\) in Mishawaka, IN](#) [North Central Indiana] has **4 CPE year long residency positions** available beginning October 3, 2011 in South Bend, IN. The stipend is \$26,300 plus a full range of benefits including 20 vacation/holiday days. Interviews for the residency will be held in May 2011. The deadline for applications was April 15; please contact Lauren Painer, OSF, for more information and/or to see if they are still accepting applications. paintelm@sjrmc.com. 574-335-2342.
- [Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY](#) – **7 CPE Residency openings** for 08/15/11-08/1/2012. This CPE Residency offers 3 ACPE units. Residents will earn a stipend of \$27040 including benefits at employee rates. Ranked one of the best places to work in both Louisville and Kentucky, Norton Healthcare is a faith-based five-hospital system which includes one pediatric hospital. Residents gain experience in all life developmental stages from pre-birth to bereavement care. Residents gain clinical competence in two hospital settings, plus on-call in all 5 hospitals. The strong commitment to pastoral care is evidenced by 2 experienced CPE supervisors, a Supervisory Candidate and 17 mentoring staff chaplains. The curriculum includes a focus on pastoral listening skills, family systems and theological reflection as well as addresses the outcomes of Level I and Level II CPE. For further information, please contact: Mary Burks Price, Director of CPE at 502-629-3152 or maryb.price@nortonhealthcare.org. Find information about Norton Healthcare at www.nortonhealthcare.com and the CPE program at www.nortonhealthcare.com/cpe. Applications will be received until the positions are filled.
- Other **Job/Educational** positions may be found on the Regional Website: <http://www.ecracpe.org>

Ideal Intervention Project e-Newsletter

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John J. Gleason, Editor

Chaplains in Scotland to Pilot an Effectiveness Questionnaire

A brief chaplaincy effectiveness questionnaire is being readied to pilot at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and other hospitals under the auspices of the National Health Service Education for Scotland and Mowat Research, according to Chaplain Iain Telfer and Dr. Harriet Mowat. The project is intended to develop and test patient-related outcome measures (PROMS). The PROMS questionnaire is completely congruent with the next step in the Ideal Intervention Project (IIP) research design toward testing and validating evidence based spiritual care best practices. Please stand by for information about possible comparative work in the U.S. later in the year.

Excerpts from the Editor's June 27 Open Letter to COMISS Network Leaders

“Dear Colleagues: ...In the near future U.S. health care professionals, including chaplains and clinical pastoral educators, will increasingly be paid only by demonstrating the achievement of evidence based best practices desired outcomes. ...Failing to demonstrate the ability to achieve evidence based best practices desired outcomes, chaplains and clinical pastoral educators will increasingly be replaced with local religious volunteers.”

Reasons for this troubling forecast: “U.S. health care costs continue to spiral upward. Pay-per-performance systems are on the increase. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is being implemented. Other countries’ chaplaincies are setting the pace by moving toward pay-for-results.”

Action steps: “Make a professional commitment to vigorously advocate for the Ideal Intervention Project among your constituents... Contribute to the spiritual care knowledge base... Secure institutional commitment and support... Apply IIP learnings now...”

(Rationale and action steps details will be provided upon request to mariejohn50@att.net.)

Spiritual Care Knowledge Base Update and Uses

The Knowledge Base of Spiritual Care Samples is available to all for free at <http://www.acperesearch.net> and currently contains 179 reports of actual spiritual care situations, including lessons learned, as grouped in 23 inductively-arrived-at categories. Samples continue to be edited for entry in the collection. You can get these immediate benefits from use of the Knowledge Base:

- gain insights for your work in similar current situations
- require students to complete Ideal Intervention Papers after verbatim presentations, thereby consolidating their learnings by putting them in writing
- require students to forward their Papers for editing into the Knowledge Base, thereby making a contribution to the greater good by making their work available for study
- show administrators exactly what spiritual care practitioners and educators “do”
- complete (and submit) the simple form below as a self-supervision discipline--as a practitioner and/or as an educator
- document examples of your interventions and learning to demonstrate competency for certification.

Experienced SC Practitioners: Make a Professional Contribution for the Greater Good

Experienced SC practitioners, please know that you can use the five-step outline below to make your most memorable interventions available for study by others in complete anonymity. Cut and paste the form below into your files. Then create and submit your own IIPs as a vital part of your reflective practice. Confidentiality is assured, and you must okay any revision before its entry into the national SC knowledge base. Please remember, the ethical imperative and the professional challenge is to join in these timely efforts to learn at a deeper level, to contribute to the cause of eventually identifying, testing, and validating SC best practices, to keep getting paid, and most importantly, to better serve the SC needs of patients, family members and staff. Your IIPs will contribute significantly in these vital ways.

Educators, Join the IIP Today!

Help students consolidate learning. Help them contribute to the free-access, anonymous national SC knowledge base. Add the material below the dotted line to your next student handbook and/or syllabus as a requirement. Confidentiality is assured.

-----Cut Here and Paste into Student Handbook/Syllabus-----

THE IDEAL INTERVENTION PAPER

You will consolidate your learning by selecting a verbatim previously presented to your peer group. Then, prepare an Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP) in light of insightful comments and suggestions made by those peers and supervisor. Use the simple five-step Ideal Intervention Form below.

Write the IIP in such a way that you or another chaplain could make a more effective intervention with patients, families or staff with similar spiritual/pastoral needs. Do not address your learning issues. The IIP should be prepared as a Word document suitable for forwarding as an e-mail attachment, and should include the following elements. Copy your supervisor with the forwarding cover e-mail message as evidence of your IIP submission to the national knowledge base editor.

Ideal Intervention Form

(For Use by All Spiritual Care Practitioners and CPE Students)

1. Statement of the Spiritual/Pastoral Care Central Issue (e.g., Feeling Angry and Abandoned by God; Hope in Terminal Illness, etc.)

2. Narrative Summary of the Actual Spiritual/Pastoral Care Intervention (No more than two paragraphs of narrative description. Take confidentiality precautions.)

3. Narrative Summary of the Ideal Spiritual/Pastoral Care Intervention (No more than two paragraphs of narrative description of how you would do the intervention differently if given another opportunity. 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 topic. (Books, journal articles, pamphlets, etc.)

5. Forward a copy of this completed form to Knowledge Base Editor John Gleason at mariejohn50@att.net as a Microsoft Word attachment for inclusion with similar data toward validating evidence based SC best practices. Confidentiality precautions will be taken. You will be asked to approve the edited version before entry in the SC knowledge base. Thanks for your contribution!

(Please go to <http://www.acperesearch.net> and click on “Special Section: Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP) Project” to view the free-access national SC knowledge base and for further information on the Project.)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER- Monday, August 12, 2011. Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com.
For more information contact: 734-239-3423.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 08/20-27/2011-International Council on Pastoral Care & Counseling 9th World Congress, Quality Hotel Geyserland, Rotorua/Aotearoa, New Zealand
- 09/23-24/2011-Fall ECR Fall Conference, Salt Fork State Park Lodge, Cambridge, OH
- 03/23-24/2012-Spring ECR Conference, Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH
- 10/03-06/2012-Fall ECR Conference, The Blvd. Inn, St. Joseph, MI

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