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Ridges and Hollers

The Installation ceremony was a wonderful gift/blessing for me! Coming at a time of personal transition with all the accompanying hopes and frets, it was a *PEAK* moment. Each of the participants brought words of encouragement, challenge and welcome – as well as tangible gifts that serve as reminders. And as I looked around the room I had the feeling that "God was in this place" and that I was among friends who were inviting me to a new ministry.

Some folk have assured me that there will be rough patches in the road ahead over these five years, and I know that is true. When those difficulties weary or worry me, I will remember the beautiful spirit that filled the installation ceremony and our community. Since that Friday evening I have felt more at home in this new service and confident that this is what God intends for me at this time. Many thanks to all who participated!

Cooperating to advance pastoral education programs is a central focus for the region. I would like to include some new ideas that seem to be working (or not) as well as words of caution or warning where difficulties have been encountered. I invite you to take a moment and send me an email with material that you think would be helpful to pass along.

I have a couple of things to share this month. One has to do with our senior supervisors. ACPE recognizes accomplishments and service to the CPE process in several ways, one of which is the *Emeritus Supervisor* status. Thanks to the urging of Mike Saxton, I am now in possession of the forms used to recommend a retired supervisor for *emeritus* status. It is a fairly simple process involving completion of a bit of paperwork and a vote by the region's administrative council. We have folk among us who might be willing to be recommended for this recognition. If you have someone in mind, I would be glad to send you the form and instructions.

Secondly, I would like to pass on a few words about something of an ordeal endured by Carl DeMeritt and Virginia Lane up at Covenant Health Care in Saginaw. One of their residents from a previous program claimed a benefit (unemployment insurance) following the conclusion of the residency. This individual eventually

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

Associate Supervisors

Dana C. J. Schroeder

Supervisory Candidates

Ruth Alpers

Ed Bastien

Don Chase

Carrie Cullen

Bill Foster

Donald Harris

Vickie Johnson

James Mitchell

Evans Mulima

Jon Paulus

Joe Roberts

Mark Scheffers

Pat Shelden Ward

Tim Waits

Frank Woggon

Officers of the Region

D. Calvert Brand, Director

Lin Barnett, Chair

Elizabeth Price, Vice Chair

Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie,

Accreditation

Carol Reynolds Green, Board of Reps

Frank Impiccicche, Board of Reps

Bob Uken, Budget & Investment

Mary Burks-Price, Certification Co-

Chair

Michael Rice Saxton, Certification Co-

Chair

Martha Amann, Clinical

Members Co-Chair

Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members Co-

Chair

Katherine Nininger, History

_____, Long Range Development

Daryl Hanson, Nominations

Carl Buxo, Professional Ethics

Victoria Johnson, Multicultural Task

Force

David Koch, Research

Karl VanHam, Standards

filed a suit and won. Carl reported that a crucial factor in the process had to do with the inability to produce a contract that clearly specified the terms of the residency. This is another reminder of one of those nagging posters: *The job isn't finished until the paper work is done* (and securely filed). As I listened to Carl's story I thought, "This could happen to any of us." Carl says they are doing OK and resident contracts won't go missing again anytime soon. But it seemed like a good reminder to pass along for the good of all.

I hope you all have seen **Mary Burks-Price's** contribution to the March 21st issue of Time magazine ("Hail, Mary"). Thanks for this sharing, Mary. Additional congratulations go to **Ruth Alpers** who has received word that all three of her position papers passed on first reading! And to **Evans Mulima** who got word that his Theology Paper passed – he is re-working the other two.

As I was preparing to send this off to Joan for publication we received news that Pope John Paul II had died. My condolences to all those among us for whom he has been a significant leader of the faithful. And with many others, I pray the Cardinals success in finding the right person to lead the Roman Catholic Church onward.

Finally, I repeat my request that each of you plan to attend the September meeting in Frankenmuth, MI – AND that you reach out to APC, NACC, CPSP, Seminary Reps, etc. to enlist all the help we can get for our visioning process. After fifteen years, it seems time to check our direction for the future once more. Peace, Cal Brand ☺

Accreditation Announcements: Two new satellites have been added to our region: 1) **Foot Memorial Hospital, Jackson, MI**, added to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, IN; and 2) **St. Vincent's Hospital, Lexington, KY**, added to the Hospice of the Bluegrass, KY.

Two centers completed their **2004 Five-Year Review**: **St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, IN**, and the **Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH**.

Two centers were granted **Continued Accredited Membership**: **Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, MI**, and **Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit, MI**, (commendation) outstanding organization & presentation of materials!

Notations Removed: **Twin Towers Retirement Community, Cincinnati, OH**.

Certification Deadlines: The next meeting of the ECR Certification Committee will be September 15, 2005 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI. The deadline for receiving applications is July 25, 2005 (postmarked). Materials will be due to the presenter and committee members by Monday, August 15, 2005 (postmarked).

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Newsletter Deadline: Information for the May Newsletter must be received by April 28, 2005. Send to the Regional Business Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 20-24, 2005, ACPE Leadership Meeting Atlanta, GA
- September 16-17, 2005 ECR ACPE fall conference, Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI.
- February 17-18, 2006 ECR February Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH.

Three centers were granted their **Postponement Request:** 1) **Christ Hospital**, Cincinnati, OH; 2) **Larue Carter Hospital**, Indianapolis, IN (5 year review postponement); and 3) **Ohio State University Medical Center**, Columbus, OH.

Job Opportunities:

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has **five positions for the 2005-2006 Residency and six for the Summer 2005 program.** Residency stipend is \$22,000-\$22,600. Apply by 2/28/05. The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care H-19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195 (216) 444-2518. Fax (216) 445-9678. Web Site:<http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare>

Night Staff Chaplain Position available at Chandler Medical Center-UK Hospital, Lexington, KY. The position is immediately available. UK is Trauma Center and has a Children's Hospital, Cancer Center, 7 adult intensive care units, 2 pediatric intensive care units and a wide variety of medical services. We hold Nursing Management status. The Hospital is also an accredited ACPE center. The night staff chaplain is highly valued and very necessary to meeting our mission and goals. Requirements: M. Div or equivalent, Denominational endorsement, ordination or equivalent within one's denomination, APC certified or eligible (will be required to be completed) and an ability to work in an academic/interfaith setting. Please apply on-line at: www.uky.edu/UKjobs. The position number is SA507883. For further information contact: Donna Farrar at 859-323-5301 or e-mail at: dbfarr3@email.uky.edu [UK posts positions for a very limited time so if you are interested, please apply immediately.

Seeking Residency Opportunity: Charlene Sexton is seeking a CPE residency in a setting where she can receive simultaneous supervision from a Licensed Social Worker. Please respond to her by e-mail at: hesse@wisc.edu

Announcements: Fr. D. Carl Buxo, Chair, ECR Professional Ethics, distributed copies of the new "**ACPE Code of Professional Ethics and Manual for Processing Ethics Code Violations in ACPE,**" at the February meeting. The Regional office has 10 copies available. To receive a copy contact hjoanlyke@yahoo.com.

**ECR Regional Conference
Summary of Board Actions
Hueston Woods Resort & Conference Center
College Corner, Ohio
February 18-19, 2005**

It was our privilege to serve on the Board as your representatives in Portland, Maine. Our meeting in Portland was truly an historic event for many reasons. The highlights are listed below.

Affirmation of the Common Standards

The adoption of Common Standards for Chaplaincy, Pastoral Education, and Professional Ethics by the boards of NACC, NAJC, AAPC, APC, CAPPE/ACPEC, and ACPE. This will now enable us to speak with a unified voice in addressing governmental agencies, JCAHO, etc. Perhaps even more significant than this outcome was the process and the way our six boards worked together.

Affirmation of 2005 Manuals

The adoption of the 2005 ACPE Standards, Accreditation, Certification, and Professional Ethics Manuals. These will now be the documents with which our CPE programs will live for the next five years.

ACPE Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee presented their annual review of the Executive Director, again noting and commending her exceptionally high performance. The Board also approved a policy and procedure for regular Study Leave for the ED.

Liability Coverage for Regional Officers and Committee Members : Several regions, as well as ACPE Leadership, have voiced strong concern as we have discovered that regional leadership is not currently covered by ACPE's Liability Coverage. A Presidential Task Force made recommendation for ACPE By-Law changes that will correct this issue. A first reading of these changes was presented and approved at this ACPE Membership meeting. The second reading and vote will happen next year in Hawaii .

Multi-Cultural Task Force

The MCTF chaired by John Moody, along with committee members Anka Flor, Glenn Herada, and Sat Katar Rhamey presented the Board with their research findings and recommendations. This will guide ACPE in our further integration of multicultural consciousness and competence in how we understand ourselves as an organization, as theological educators, and how we educate our students. The Board overwhelmingly affirmed their outstanding work and committed ourselves to ongoing implementation of their recommendations.

Multicultural Database

The Board approved the implementation of an online database to capture religious, cultural, and contextual information to more effectively meet the needs of our

constituencies. George Grant will work with Teresa Snorton to design and implement the database.

Certification Pilot Project

This project is progressing toward full implementation by February 2005. Twelve Certification Review Team (CRT) chairs were trained for this project in Portland . They in turn will train the other CRT members. Applicants and their training supervisor are to submit their forms by January 15 so that they may be assigned a CRT in February. Consent forms for applicants and training supervisors are currently posted on the ACPE website. Applicants should submit forms three months before they intend to submit their theory papers for approval.

Joint Annual Conference in 2008

The Board approved in principle our participation in a joint annual conference along with the other five cognate groups in the spring of 2008. The city and dates are still to be negotiated.

Respectfully submitted,
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