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October Newsletter Deadline
September 30, 2005

Ridges and Hollers

Many of us will gather soon at Frankenmuth, MI for our Fall Conference. I always think of these meetings as reunions, or tribal gatherings. Because of our shared commitment to pastoral education and pastoral ministry, and the process we go through becoming members of this community, we compare ourselves to an extended family, a tribe, or a dispersed congregation. As important as it is to take care of business and supplement our education, for me just seeing one another and having a few minutes to catch up with each other – face-to-face – is what draws me to our conferences.

This Fall Conference is also special because of our focus on goal setting and long range planning. We have a good region. Our committees get their work done. Our finances are in good shape. Communication on the whole is effective. Most people tell me they are glad to be in the East Central Region, and I readily agree.

Organizations frequently don't commit time to history review and planning unless they're in some kind of crisis. Unfortunately, when that happens, the process often gets tangled up in problem solving and/or power struggles. How much better it is to look ahead from a good, steady footing! I am hopeful that our efforts will not only affirm what we have been doing, but point the way to some areas where we want to do more, or do better, or give some new things a try. I hope you are all finding some time to do some visioning and daydreaming in preparation for the conference.

As I put the summer unit to rest I have been doing some gleaning, picking up some learnings from the leavings. Two thoughts have settled into my consciousness. Somewhere in the last year or so I remember reading something in which the observation was made that most of us, most of the time do the best we can. It is not unusual for CPE students (or anybody else for that matter) to project their own resistance on each other and discover in some mannerism or attitude an obstacle to their own progress. I encountered that several times this summer and found myself saying, "I believe you are doing the best you can with this. In fact, I believe you are all doing the best you can." Now this is not an altogether typical sentiment to come from the mouth of a traditional Calvinist, but it seemed to be supportive and challenging for my students. It took some of the power out of the projections and relocated that power in new risk-taking.

Related to risk-taking, this group (like a lot of others these days) was looking for a *safe* place. This is not infrequently mentioned in committee materials as new supervisors describe their task as "creating a safe

**Supervisory Education
In the Region**

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space" in which learning can occur. I'm all in favor of safety! But the world isn't safe, and the world is in our training groups. I challenged two of these students with the possible need to redefine safety in the interest of learning and growth. I remember hearing Jim Gibbons respond to a question regarding the need for health care in a future that fulfilled our technological promise for prevention. He noted that as long as our species is drawn to adventure, there will be need for healers. Adventure means risk. It's not safe. As I watched these students take risks for growth and learning, I decided that while I do what I can to create a safe space, it is more important to be faithfully present as students engage the things they fear.

What have you been thinking about as you do this CPE thing?
Joan would be happy to include your musings as we have space. Peace,
Cal @ EastCentralRD@AOL.COM

Regional Director Transition Time: My contract with St. Vincent's Hospital has ended. On September 1st I began to serve as half-time minister of pastoral care at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, IN. The best way to reach me remains my home number 317-834-4983 or by E-mail Eastcentralrd@aol.com

To my Colleagues and New Associates in CPE:

Hi! My name is Yerachmiel Rabin, and I am a Jewish, Orthodox, Chassidic Rabbi, probably the first such person to be a Supervisor in Training (SIT). In view of the emphasis that ACPE is putting on multi cultural awareness, to the point of revising some of the standards to be more inclusive, I would like to share with you what has been an issue for me, in terms of where I stand religiously and how I'm trying to manage being in a multi cultural setting, as an SIT.

My culture is different from the mainstream society in many ways. One of these differences, which is particularly relevant as a supervisor is, that I do not shake hands with or hug women. This is part of my religious belief. Many times this may seem rather awkward. A woman might stretch out her hand in a friendly courteous manner, and I do not accept it. This may cause her to become offended or feel rejected.

I would like to explain the reason behind this practice of not shaking hands or hugging women, and I hope that as I meet you individually, and move along on my journey to becoming a supervisor, you will be understanding and accepting of me and my beliefs, and not be offended in any way. I was able to share these ideas with the group in Hueston Woods, Ohio this past spring, and it was well received.

By way of analogy, the crown jewels are kept covered and are not available for everyone to touch. In the Jewish religion, like the crown jewels, women are not available for everyone to touch. Women are held in the highest esteem, as they are the closest to G-d. Just as G-d is the creator of life, women emulate that, in their ability to create life. Women deserve the highest respect and dignity.

Certification Deadlines

The Committee meets Thursday, September 15, 2005 in Frankenmuth, MI. New deadlines will be posted in the October Newsletter.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 16-17, 2005 ECR ACPE fall conference, Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, MI.
- October 26-29, 2005 ACPE Conference, Marriott Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, HI.
- February 17-18, 2006 ECR February Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH.
- July 14, 2006-Summer CPE Day, Richmond, IN. – Mike Saxton, Coordinator.
- September 29 & 30, 2006, ECR Fall Meeting, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN. – Mike Saxton, Coordinator

I hope this in somewhat clarifies for each of you, what may seem a strange practice at first. I ask that you respect my beliefs. I truly hope and trust, that we will always learn from each other, and be accepting of each other. We all share in our goals of reaching out and helping people through our ministry, each in our own ways. I look forward to meeting each of you.

I welcome any feedback you might have. You can email me at yrabin@sbcglobal.net

Rabbi Yerachmiel Rabin

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Fred Madren, an SIT with Clarian Health Partners, Indianapolis, IN. I am married to Kathryn Osborne and we have two children, Annette and Teddy. Recently we moved to Indy from North Carolina via New Orleans where I was doing a second year of residency. I enjoy evening walks with Kathy, cycling, golf (or at least an attempt at golf) and music.

I am also the region's new Webmaster. I have enjoyed playing with computers for years and find this task an exciting challenge. It gives me a new way to think as I am learning how to manipulate the background. I am fortunate in that our previous Webmaster, Barbara Bullock, has been helping me along the way. It may take a while until I am fully up to speed with it and that's okay. I have a few new ideas for our website that I have been discussing with Cal. I would like our site to be oriented towards learning by providing good theological, educational and psychological web links. If you have found good resources I invite you to e-mail them to me. I would also like to include a reading list of books and journals for students and supervisors to thumb through. Soon I will be updating the entire format of the website to a different operating system. This will help in two ways: One, it will allow me to manage the site a little easier and two, it will give us better security for keeping out unwanted advertisements.

Some areas of the site will change but many will remain the same. I understand that the CPE ads and the regional director's newsletter article are popular. If you have ideas for things you think would enhance our learning or make the site better, please e-mail your ideas to me. I look forward to working with each of you.

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Job Opportunities:

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH-seeking a **Certified CPE Supervisor as Director of Pastoral Care**. Responsibilities in managing a well-established Department, CPE supervision, providing pastoral care and counseling to patients, families and staff, with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Master of Divinity degree, CPE Certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Candidates will have a minimum of three years experience in managing a department of pastoral care. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or resume to: The Rev. Patrick M. Persaud, Pastoral Care, H-19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. 44195. Phone (216) 444-1518. Fax (216) 445-9678. Or E-mail persaup@ccf.org. Visit our website: www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare

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