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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

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Regional Director

It won't be long until many of us are gathered in New Harmony for our Fall Regional Conference. By then we will be finished with the Olympics and two political conventions. Personally, I am ready for a break and time with colleagues and friends.

We now have the study documents for our new Standards and Manuals. It is a substantial volume of material to review, and not light reading. Still, I hope many of you will find the time to go over these documents before we get together next week. If you have lost the link, here it is again:

http://www.acpe.edu/2008_Study_Docs.htm

We are planning to give **Joe Viti**, our Standards Chairperson, a good block of time to offer comment and do the best he can with your questions. Fortunately, our conference comes early enough for us to have this discussion before the deadline for feedback to be submitted and included in the last steps of the process. Those of you that have sub-regional or area groups may want to put this discussion of the agenda for you next meeting as well. Joe is willing to work with you to have the materials and resources you may need.

We have also received news that a director has been selected for the Foundation for CPE: The Rev. Deborah Whisnand. She will officially assume her responsibilities on September 1. Art Schmidt, President of the Foundation writes, *"Deborah possesses a deep knowledge of the Association's expanding mission and vision and an extraordinary ability to communicate her knowledge to audiences both inside and outside of the ACPE. This talent will serve us all well as she leads our multi-level fund development efforts to secure the financial future of our Association and to provide the means to expand our work to places that we could only dream of before."*

But Deborah cannot accomplish our lofty goals alone. I am asking each and every one of you, to the best of your ability, to partner with Deborah and the leadership of the Foundation to make this effort a tremendous success. We will be in touch throughout the fall to share the ways in which you can help." For more information about the FCPE, you will be able to visit the web site (currently under construction): www.fcpefoundation.org or Email: info@fcpefoundation.org.

As I write this article, we are holding our breath over when, where, and how Hurricane Gustav will make landfall. This has special importance here in south-central Indiana, as we are still recovering from the disastrous flood we experienced in early June, and the memories of the devastation of Katrina. I know we are all hoping it will break up and dissipate without bringing more hardship on the folks in that Gulf Coast area.

I am aware of a few of pastoral concerns within the region. **Carol Green** underwent surgery on her knees on August 6th and reports that she is recovering well and hopeful for relief from what has been pretty much constant discomfort. **Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie's** mother has been hospitalized for cancer treatment. She gave me a hopeful report based on the procedure and test results, but says her mother still faces challenges. I also understand that **Yoke Lye Lim Kwong** has made a trip to Malaysia to visit her mother who is suffering

health difficulties, and that **Sergei Petrov** is making a visit to his family in Russia. Prayers for healing, consolation, and safe travel are in order for all.

Finally, for some techno-trivia, my kids finally got us set up with a web cam and Skype so we could see each other once a week. It's not as good as being there, but it is great to see them (especially the grandkids). It seems like a useful tool for some of our CPE activities as well. If you are "skyping," let me know. Perhaps we can do some video visiting. *Peace, Cal Brand ☺*

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE CPE SUN?

John (Jack) Gleason

Yes! Something *is* new under the CPE sun: an instrument for the consolidation of student learning from verbatim peer group presentations. The Verbatim Record of Pastoral Care, long the centerpiece of the typical CPE curriculum, was introduced 72 years ago in, "*The Art of Ministering to the Sick*," by Richard C. Cabot and Russell L. Dicks. Since that time thousands of CPE units have required verbatims to be written and presented to peers and supervisor for feedback as an integral part of clinical learning. *But only recently has a teaching tool become available to complete the process. That instrument is the Ideal Intervention Paper (IIP).*

The *immediate* purpose for the IIP is to help students consolidate learnings gained from presentation of a typical verbatim in the peer group before rushing out to get the next one. I have successfully employed these five simple steps in three extended CPE units at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

- 1) Provide a copy of the IIP protocol during orientation to the CPE unit.
- 2) Include one IIP in the written requirements for that unit listed, at the outset.
- 3) Near mid-unit, present a didactic seminar on the IIP. (I will provide an outline for the didactic seminar at your request.)
- 4) Toward the end of the unit, schedule a seminar in which students can read their IIPs to each other. This further consolidates learning and builds group trust ("She DID listen to my feedback!").
- 5) Have the student (not you) forward the paper for further study to Fr. Henry Heffernan, SJ at hheffernan@gonzaga.org and thereby avoid any confidentiality problem.

The *long-term* reason for collecting the IIPs is that they form the basis for testing and identifying evidence-based spiritual care best practices discipline-wide. In that regard the IIPs are organized by central issue identifiers so that others with the same issue can find out what the student has learned and incorporate that learning into their own interventions. This is the inductive method, as opposed to our usual way of deducing categories and then trying to fit situations into those predetermined categories. Thus, a tersely stated, very specific central issue identifier and a brief description of the desired pastoral response are essential in each IIP. Central issue identifier examples so far include: grief over loss of independence; doubts about hearing God's voice; despair; anger at God over spouse's cancer; triangulation by an uninvited pastor; and self-worth.

Several supervisors in the East Central Region and beyond have been requiring the IIP, some since as far back as 2006. What are they and their students saying about the IIP experience?

"The IIP helped me take the action-reflection-new action model to a whole new level." (Darlene Graham, Level 1 Student)

"I have been preparing IIPs on each verbatim based on the observations of group supervision using what I feel reflects learning for me. I have found this very useful in developing my ministerial style in addressing a variety of ministry encounters." (John W. Williams, Level 2 Student)

"Supervisory education students going up for Readiness find that having IIPs with both verbatims helps demonstrate that Level 2 Objectives are met." (Paul Steinke, Supervisor, Eastern Region)

"An aspect of practicing Buddhist meditation is to contemplate reality, to make the mind clear, to discard hindrances, to arouse awareness, to act upon right observation with helpful intentions. As a supervisor who has applied the IIP with my students, I witnessed their movement of learning likened to the process of Buddhist meditation... This added step (encapsulating new discoveries in the use of the IIP protocol) deepened their ability to integrate new learnings, hence new skills in helping ministry."
(Yoke Lye Lim Kwong, Supervisor, East Central Region)

Act today to include in your CPE curriculum this culmination phase of verbatim group learning. Obtain your IIP protocol and ask your questions by going to mariejohn50@att.net and remember in so doing that you and your students will be contributing to the discovery of evidence-based spiritual care best practices.

And please join us in Richmond, Virginia in October for the ACPE workshop entitled, "CPE Breakthrough: A New Learning Tool!"

Thanks for helping to provide the highest quality of care and education to our patients, their families, our staff peers, and our students. *Jack Gleason*, ACPE Supervisor Emeritus

**LETTER FROM JAY FOSTER, CHAIR
NATIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

Dear ACPE Colleague,

Your colleagues in Standards, Accreditation, Certification and Professional Ethics have been hard at work preparing study documents of proposed changes to the Standards and to each of the Manuals. This work was led by the Manual Writing Committee and reviewed by Standards.

Now it is your turn. Please go to the ACPE website to review the following files:
http://www.acpe.edu/2008_Study_Docs.htm

- (1). Study Document from Standards & Manual Writing Committee (This document describes all proposed changes to Standards and provides some description of corresponding changes to the manuals).
- (2). Definition of Terms – this document, it is proposed, will take the place of the various glossaries.
- (3). Certification Manual – the whole manual is placed on line, with the proposed changes highlighted in blue.
- (4). Accreditation materials for changes to Accreditation Manual:
 - a). New Appendix 5, Parts I & II
 - b). Addition of Supervisory CPE
 - c). Addition of Satellite Processes
 - d). Schematic of Accredited Center
- (5). Pilot project for Professional Ethics – this has been on the website for some time.

This is – truth be told – a fair bit of material. I encourage you to be creative and thoughtful about how you might consider reviewing it. For instance, if you have several colleagues in your center, perhaps you could divide certain sections; or perhaps you'll give particular energy to the section of materials that is of most interest to you. In any event, I encourage you to get involved and send feedback – WE WELCOME IT.

When you send feedback, please provide the following: Name, Region, Document under Review, Line Number, Suggested wording for change. In Richmond, the Standards Committee will carefully review all your feedback, incorporate this feedback into proposed changes, present this work to the Board and prepare a final version for Board approval in Orlando.

To meet this timeline, we ask that you return your comments NO LATER THAN October 10, at the e-mail account listed here: webmaster@acpe.edu.

Many, many thanks for your kind attention to this request,
Jay Foster, D. Min., Chaplain Supervisor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Congratulations to **Vickie Johnson!** Her theory papers passed!
- For your calendars and advance planning: The ACPE Board, Committees and Commissions will meet in Atlanta in the **Fall 2009** from **Wednesday, November 3 through Sunday, November 8.**

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) the last day on which the site team may visit to get materials to the national meetings: June 20, 2008 for Fall 2008 National Review

- August 15, 2008 for Review at January 28, 2009 National Meeting (the next national meeting will then be in October 2009).
- 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 that a provisional letter must be received from the Accreditation Chair prior to recruiting students.

Questions regarding Accreditation Issues Contact: The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor, Pastoral Care Department, St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, 2213 Cherry St., Toledo OH 43608. (Phone: 419-251-8609); (Fax: 419-251-0890); E-mail: connie_bonner@mhsnr.org

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE DEADLINES

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be **Thursday, September 11, 2008**, at the regional meeting in New Harmony, IN. The deadlines for applying to meet that committee has passed.

The next opportunity to meet the ECR Certification Committee will be Thursday, February 26, 2009.

- **Application to meet a committee** along with the certification fee must be **postmarked by Tuesday, January 13, 2009** to: The Rev. Beth Newton Watson, Director, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Services, Clarian West Medical Center, 1111 N. Ronald Reagan Parkway, Avon IN 46123
- Materials to committee members must be postmarked by Friday, February 6, 2009.

Questions regarding regional Certification to: Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair 317-217-3192; bwatson@clarian.org

Questions/inquiries regarding the National Certification Commission to: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair 502-636-8085; ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Unit 1, **CPE Summer Grad seeking fall residency.** I would be willing to go just about anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, just as long as it is a sound program. I could work hard to very soon catch up with the others, if they are a few days ahead of me. I have has the required academic degrees for certification and would rather not wait to continue in the CPE process. Walter A. Puciata, E-mail <sonoranbird@yahoo.com> Telephone at (520) 387-4847 or (530) 923-1227.
- Akron General Medical Center is seeking a **Spiritual Care Director/ACPE Supervisor Akron General Medical Center, Akron, Ohio**, to administer, direct and coordinate religious and pastoral functions in the Medical Center, providing our staff, patients, families and visitors with supportive counseling and spiritual comfort. This position serves as a liaison with the community and religious leaders and is responsible for directing the CPE program. The Director also oversees the work of the entire Spiritual Care Department including employees, students, associates and volunteers. The successful candidate must be a graduate of an accredited seminary or theological school and ordained/endorsed as clergy by the denomination/faith group to which s/he belongs. At least 2 years pastoral care experience needed. Certification by ACPE as a full supervisor is required with at least 2 years experience conducting clinical pastoral education. The CPE program has been accredited and well respected for 22 years. For consideration, please submit your application and resume online at: www.akrongeneral.org/careers.
- UK Health Care, Lexington, KY has a position for a **night-time chaplain** - midnight to 8:00 a.m. five nights per week. UK pays above the national average and outstanding benefits. The UK is a trauma center, including seven adult ICU's, a Children's Hospital, and a Cancer Center. Qualifications include (but are not limited to): a completed Master of Divinity Degree (or equivalent), ordination or equivalency by a recognized denomination, denominational endorsement (or equivalent), 4 successful units of ACPE training and certified by APC or eligible, ability to work with a diverse culture, interdenominational, with a range of lifestyles; leadership abilities and flexibility, positive references and a successful interview. UK Health Care is on a University Campus with many cultural and sporting opportunities and opportunities for continuing education. Please apply on-line before September 2, 2008 at: www.uky.edu/HR/UKjobs/ For further information, you may contact Donna Farrar at: 859-323-5301.
- **CPE Day at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, October 13, 2008**-the day is an opportunity for CPE Supervisors to get to know the students and the seminary staff to get to know you and become familiar with your programs. For those students seeking CPE for the summer of 2009 – this is an especially important time. You are invited to join staff at the Chapel from 10:00 -10:20 A.M. and meet with students from 10:30-12Noon. For more information, see the attachment to this newsletter or contact Ms. Langknecht, 614-235-4136 x 4616; slangknecht@trinitylutheranseminary.edu.
- **Spiritual Care Summit '09** – “Health and Hope: The Hard Reality of Living Intentionally in a Village of Care,” – **February 1-4, 2009**, Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando Florida. New plans are being made each day for the Summit. ACPE is excited about the collaborative conference. New information will continue to be posted to the SCC Web site ,www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org> as it becomes available. Although the summit is scheduled for 02/1-4/09- a number of pre-conference activities are being scheduled for **January 29-31**, including traditional events and meetings for each participating association.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the October newsletter is: Tuesday, September 30. Send to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or via mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-426-5099

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **09/12-13/08**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair
- **10/22-25/08**-ACPE Annual Conference, Richmond, VA
- **01/29-31/09**-Preconference Association meetings, Disney Coronado Springs Resort
- **02/1-4/2009**-Spiritual Care Summit, Disney Coronado Springs Resort
- **02/27-28/2009**-East Central Region Conference, Hueston Woods, College Corner, OH

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