

**Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.
Annual Report of the Eastern Regional Director
December 31, 2003**

(The first five headings are the areas of RD contractual responsibility.)

Pastoral Function

During 2003 condolences were expressed on behalf of the Region to the family of retired supervisor Omar S. Lantz who died on April 29 as well as to the loved ones of retired supervisor Harold D. Yarrington who died on May 21. JoClare Wilson represented the Region at the memorial service in Colorado for deceased retired supervisor Maxine Glaz on October 4.

The concerns of several among us and for their loved ones were prayerfully considered: especially Barbara Derrickson, Walter Baepler, Art Tingue, Cornel Rempel (sister), Bill Gaventa (mother), and John Bucchino (mother). Also for those with new positions in and beyond the Region: Robin Franklin, Jeffrey Silberman, Martin Montonye, Ute Schmidt, Bill and Susan Scott, Steve Dutton, Jim Winjum, Steve Smith, Terry Culbertson, Don Stiger, Connie Bonner, Maureen Mitchell, Mary Carole Nelson, Angela Fellin, and Angie Van Hise. Mary P. Donahue retired and moved to Baltimore, and Israel Kestenbaum resigned from the ACPE.

Consultation in Regional Functions, Coordination of Regional Staff and Committees, Regional Representation, Reporting, Record Keeping, Transmission of Information, Communication, and Management of Office Functions

Consultation was provided to centers without supervisors: Calvary Hospital, Catholic Health- East, Clara Maass, Lehigh Valley, Lutheran Service Society, and Stamford Hospital. I participated in two Executive Committee teleconferences, in both Certification Committee and Seminar on Supervision meetings and an ExNE Executive Committees retreat, represented the Region at the RD consultation in Toronto and at the Geisinger Med Center chapel dedication in Danville PA, attended two Administrative Board meetings, listened in on the Nominating Committee teleconference, attended two Strategic Planning Committee meetings, participated in two 2004 ACPE Conference Planning Committee meetings and in its three teleconferences. I was in on the teleconference of the Regional Director ad hoc committee, and worked in advocacy for continuing the Medicare Passthrough provision.

The regional office's efficiency was improved with the addition in January of a new PC, a combination printer, and a new e-mail address, easternacpe@aol.com. The bi-regional web site, www.eneacpe.org contains up-to-date information, and will soon have a link to the 2004 ACPE Annual Conference information page.

Consultation in Education and Development

In keeping with the Region's strategic planning goal to diversify our centers base, conversations continued with potential ACPE training sites: American University and Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico, the Binghamton NY Council of Churches, Children's Hospital Philadelphia, Jersey Shore Univ. Med. Center in Neptune NJ, Samaritan Hospice of Marlton NJ, Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin NJ, the VAMC in Philadelphia, and Wartburg Adult Care, Mt. Vernon NY. In addition, there were several consultations with supervisors regarding difficult student situations. I offered guidance and career counseling with an average of two or three CPE inquirers per week.

At Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown PA, I gave the first annual William Wycoff Lecture "Pastoral Research" in February (to be published in *The Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling*) and completed an extended unit there in May; taught in the Princeton Seminary Summer Institute; and supervised at St. Mary Medical Center, Langhorne PA, for the summer unit. A second extended unit at Lehigh Valley was underway at year's end.

Facilitation of Complaints & Grievances

Two complaints were processed at the center level. Informal mediating interventions with potential complainants and their supervisors are a continuing service.

Management of Financial Resources

The \$10 student unit fee increase for 2003 (to \$50) will allow the Region to more easily help underwrite some event costs as a co-host of the ACPE Annual Conference in Portland, Maine in November 2004. \$490 in contributions have been made to the Susan E. Lyon Endowment Fund. Her friends may make checks payable to the Eastern ACPE Region, Lyon Fund. Monies will be used to broaden our multicultural constituencies. A grant writing work group awaits activation by a volunteer coordinator.

ExNE Relationship

The idea for another incremental step in deepening the ExNE partnership emerged at the ExNE Executive Committees' retreat. The two groups agreed to ask their respective administrative boards to consider integrating some RD pastoral, consultative, and management functions at the end of my term in December 2004. After an Administrative Board vote to pursue the idea, Regional Chair Al Lumpkin appointed an *ad hoc* committee. In its July teleconference that committee agreed to study current RD functions. I then prepared a list of RD tasks prioritized by severity of consequences if not done, and also kept a log of my RD time during August. Members of both regions were asked to express perceived needs and their expectations for the RD function. Since there is no presumption of combining the two regions' RD functions into one position, an RD Search Committee will begin work in January.

On to Portland, Maine!

Regional energy and focus is toward Portland, Maine for *two* events in 2004. The first is May 12-14, the ExNE Annual Conference, **At the Heart of Our Stories: Meeting One Another as Persons and Professionals**, with Arthur Frank and Anne Underwood. The second event is the November 10-13 ACPE National Conference when Robert Kegan, Brita Gill-Austern and others will address the theme **Education As Transformation**, Yvonne Agazarian and others will conduct pre-conference workshops, the seacoast ambience will be savored, and John McCutcheon will be in concert.

Respectfully submitted,

(Rev.) John J. Gleason, D.Min.