

**Eastern Region ACPE
Mini-Newsletter
May 18, 2005**

Dear All - Please note that these are "news" flashes to be distinguished from "hot" flashes!

We are in the midst of moving our home which includes the regional office. Besides being up to our eyeballs in packing and panic we are having great fun! The move is from Shelton, CT to Hamden, CT (New Haven) so that my commute will be less and Nancy's a bit more but about in the middle. In the meantime we wanted you to know that if you need us for anything you can always reach us at our respective workplaces Hartford Hospital for Jo Clare (860-545-2293) and Bridgeport for Nancy (203-384-3881). We will be out of this house on the 20th and move into the new home on May 27th. So, if you mail something (such as an expense reimbursement request) please be patient. We will be back in the swing of things by June 15.

So for the hot flashes:

******Congratulations Robert Woods Johnson University Hospital for celebrating 20 years of CPE at their institution. There is a big party on May 26 and we have sent out a letter to John telling him how proud the region is of this center and the work of the staff. They continue to be a strong leader the training of persons for ministry.

******Also, please note the following and congratulations to Paul Derrickson at Hershey Medical Center. This is excerpted from the APC newsletter and you can see the picture and full article at their website. **WAY TO GO PAUL!!**

The Association of Professional Chaplains has presented the 2005 Distinguished Service Award to Chaplain Paul Derrickson, coordinator, Department of Pastoral Services, Penn State Hershey Medical Center. The award is presented to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions in promoting standards of professional chaplaincy or in the advancement of clinical chaplaincy. His award was presented during the Grand Banquet of the 2005 Annual Conference held on Sunday, April 10 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Derrickson, has dedicated more than thirty years of his career to the advancement of clinical chaplaincy. An educator, clinician, researcher, and author, he has influenced the lives of countless individuals within seminaries, the health care arena, and the greater community. In his pastoral care, Paul lives out the compassion and understanding so needed by patients and their families during hospitalization. In addition, he actively teaches hospital staff the value of the chaplain's role within the hospital, and has done significant investigation into interdisciplinary relationships, particularly regarding how chaplains relate to nurses and physicians. He has creatively merged his research findings with his experiences, becoming instrumental in developing the LINCSS program. LINCSS is an acronym for "Linking Individuals with Non-Medical Congregational Support Services," and is a program that extends pastoral care and health ministry into the larger community.

"This award honors the creative vision and service of individuals in the development of professional chaplaincy," states Robert Kidd, president, Association of Professional Chaplains. "Chaplain Paul Derrickson has exhibited exemplary dedication in his commitment to professional chaplaincy which not only strengthens our association, but increases awareness of the importance of professional spiritual care in his community."

******The new planning calendar should be at the website by the end of next week and a new newsletter out this summer!! Happy Spring to all

Jo Clare and Nancy