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## Happy New Year from the co-regional directors

Dallas seems a long time away from the wintry January perspective. The holidays seemed to flash past in a blur. Maybe the lack of much snow in Connecticut made the season seem less festive but we are not certain our colleagues in Buffalo or Rochester would say the same.



Eastern Region  
Co-Directors,  
Rev. Nancy Anderson  
& Rev. Jo Clare Wilson.

This time of year finds us preparing the books for the auditor, getting ready for the Regional Director consultation in San Diego and cheering on the Patriots for the Super Bowl

The first 2 presidential primaries have left us all wondering and perhaps we should have a "straw election" at the Spring East by Northeast Annual Conference - any thoughts?

The Eastern Region has a new slate of officers: Chair - Kathleen Davis, Chair-elect - Paul Steinke, David Stickley - Treasurer, and Angela Van Hise - Secretary. We are excited about the Grant Proposals that have been submitted and expect the Administrative Board to make a decision by mid-February. In this newsletter you will find information about Joan Hemenway's Library and upcoming events.

We are working on a possible place for Regional meetings. At the last Regional Certification meeting (Fall 2007) we

discussed the specific concern over Stony Point's financial future and general interest about the possibility of *new sites*. So we have been studying the map and hope to do a bit of exploring. We want to schedule the fall regional "C" committee meeting in a new setting with the idea of trying it out for a future Bi-regional Conference. *If you have any suggestions or thoughts about a location please let us know.*

There will be another mini-summit in February in Kansas City in order to continue work on *revisoning* our Supervisory Curriculum. The first one was attended by Meigs Ross representing the SERC (Supervisory Education Revisoning Committee). Attending the February event will be Meigs, Greg Stoddard (on behalf of the Board of Representatives and Robin Franklin (on behalf of the Eastern Region "C" Committee. We will look forward to a report from them.

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# The Fun In Dallas...

There was much to celebrate in Dallas with Rabbi Naomi Kalish receiving the coveted Len Cedarleaf Theory Paper Award; new Associates Jay Cooke, Rhoda Toperez and Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer getting their "wings" and Rabbi Leah Wald being recognized for the achieving the status of CPE Supervisor. There were lots of lights flashing and the results are below!

*Is it possible that Jo Clare has become the next generation of John Thomas with her camera??*



David Stickley new Eastern Region Treasurer reporting on Budget and Investment matters at the Regional meeting in Dallas



Having fun at the Eastern Regional meeting in Dallas



Steve Dutton, Chair of Eastern Region Accreditation Committee presenting his report at the meeting and behind him Angie Van Hise (secretary) and Beth Glover (Chair)



Rabbi Naomi Kalish



The Presidential Dinner and celebration for new CPE Supervisor Leah Wald and Associate Supervisor Rhoda Toperez with Jacobus Greyling

Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer and Jeffrey Silberman enjoying the Presidential Dinner

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## Congratulations...

Rabbi Leah Wald - new CPE Supervisor in Dallas

Rabbi Naomi Kalish receiving the Len Cedarlead Award at the Presidential Dinner from Jim Corrigan, Pacific Region



Training Supervisors proud of new Associates!

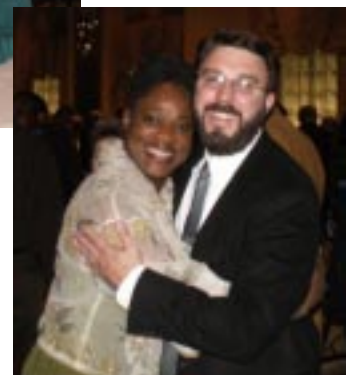


Kathleen Odgen Davis and Carolyn Fleming Sawyer - new Associate Supervisor



Nancy Anderson and Jay Cooke - new Associate Supervisor

What is Maureen Mitchell doing hanging out with all the NorthEast Region folks??



In Dallas having fun Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer and Jay Cook, new Associate Supervisors

## Chat from the Chair

The Rev. Kathleen Ogden Davis, Eastern Region Chair

**G**reetings in the new year! Welcome Paul Steinke as Chair Elect, David Stickley as Treasurer and Angie Van Hise as Secretary for the Eastern Region. A lot of change is upon us as usual. I look forward to my time as chair with the region and see this region as unique in its creativity, growth and multiculturalism. Being closer to retirement, this is also a time when I look back. Another supervisor the other day mentioned how he had idolized the CPE supervisors he had when he began training. I remember mine with a lot of fondness and respect. I recall the way supervisors in the East Central Region welcomed me collegially as I entered supervisory CPE. I found them to be open and receptive, making room for me in the region. I remember hoping that one day ACPE would be more diverse.

And while we still have work to do, ACPE does have more diversity within it than it used to, but not as much as in the next few years, I hope. Are we still welcoming people into the region and into the 'supervisory club' who are beginning supervisory training? Do new people experience the region as a welcoming experience? If not, can we change that? Can we still articulate what we like about the work we do? Are we still in love with CPE and can we say so?

I still find that I am learning from my students, perhaps more now than I used to. I love working in a position where learning is continuous and predictable. I am still moved by how impressed I am by the calling to service of our students. I am awed by their

gifts, touched by their woundedness, and inspired by their ability to live into this kind of education. I stand amazed at the way this process education actually results in transforming changes. I find that I feel very hopeful for the future of ACPE and this region. We are willing and able to step back and evaluate what we do and revise it to be more accountable. Let's just be sure that we keep the excitement and the richness of this educational process.

I would like to encourage each of you to re-member why you entered CPE and supervisory training (if that's the case) and what you still like about it. We can inspire and encourage one another and help the region to develop a vision that guides us into the future.

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You may be seeing a familiar face in the Eastern Region due to John Swift's failure at retirement and his contracting with St. Francis in Hartford to offer an extended unit of CPE as a satellite of John Dempsey Hospital. Rumor has it that Jack Gleason may make an appearance at our Spring ExNE meeting! Let's hope it is true. In the meantime, stay warm, stay in touch and stay tuned for more news and notes.

***And, hopefully, you have all seen the new regional email address:  
eastern.region@sbcglobal.net***

Jo Clare and Nancy  
The CORDS

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Bonita Taylor, Cathy Bickerton and Gloria Fish from the Eastern Region



Janet Lutz and Ann Letson



Harlan Ratmeyer enjoying his dinner with his bib!



Rabbi Leah Wald & Theresa Snorton

Greg Stoddard enjoying his meal at the Presidential Dinner in Dallas!



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Penny Allderdice and Nancy Anderson



Rabbi Naomi Kalish



Rabbi Leah Wald



Rhoda Toperz, Jay Cooker and Carolyn Fleming Sawyer - new Associate Supervisors

## Collection of Joan Hemenway's books

Jennifer Allcock has sent us information about a hope for the books from Joan's library. Joan Hemenway's library of 880 professional books is now available on line via the following web site: [www.librarything.com/profile/jhemen](http://www.librarything.com/profile/jhemen) The entire catalog can be seen at [www.librarything.com/catalog/jhemen](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/jhemen) by title, author, date and tags. Separate listings of the hundreds of subjects covered can be found at [www.librarything.com/tags/jhemen](http://www.librarything.com/tags/jhemen). Access to the Author Cloud and Tag Cloud tabs is also possible from the profile page.

The books are currently housed on fifty six running feet of shelf space in Joan's study in Guilford, Connecticut where they can be viewed by appointment. It is eventually intended that this collection will be donated (in whole or in part) and transported to a ACPE program where future CPE supervisors-in-training could physically access them from a central site and thus benefit from the richness of its scope and content.

## Ask the Grand Slanders

*Dear Grand Slanders,*

*I Am a certified supervisor in an organization, CRITICAL POSTURAL EXAGGERATION. We are known as the CPE movement. We are leaders in the field of posture correction by being critical of bad posture, and teaching the exaggeration of good posture. However, the national and regional organization keeps sending me all these forms and papers to fill out, and leaves me little time to criticize bad posture and exaggerate the good posture. It pains me to see folks all hunched over, while I, alas, am in the office filling out papers. Do you have any advice for me?*

*Sincerely,*

*Fila da Paper*

*Dear Fila,*

*I know just how you feel. I too am a member of an organization, whose name is actually very close to the name of your organization. We have added another letter to the title, but for purposes of confidentiality, I cannot reveal it in this professional column.*

*How sad, how sad to hear of your pitiful plight. Clearly you were born a century too early (or late). Postmodernism is not relished in these late days of modernity, where structures and statistics are worshiped, where goals and objectives leave little room for the spirit and spontaneity.*

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*I see no hope for you in your miserable job. Straighten up and exaggerate your own posture, QUIT! Sit on a hillside and write poetry, When you see a person with a hitch in their gitty-up, point it out as a humble citizen, not as a certified Critical Postural Exaggeration guru. Or better yet, start a new organization, call it Critical Postural Supervision and Pliability (CPSP) and eliminate most of the structure, and stress relationships.*

*If you don't care to exaggerate your posture in those ways, if you really want to remain in the organization, you can take a lesser route. Not as satisfying as the ones I suggested, but pretty effective.*

*First, procrastinate, postpone paper work till the last second, or past the deadlines, Then do it all in ten minutes. It will look sloppy and send a message, but didn't you want to send that message anyhow?*

*Second, manage to lose a lot of papers. I have the misfortune of having a paper eating demon in my office, lurking here somewhere. Papers literally disappear as I turn my back for only an instant. No one can argue with someone afflicted with a paper eating demon. Such persons deserve understanding and yes, even pity.*

*Third, change the subject. When pressured to get the paper work in, talk about the weather, the newest Critical Postural Exaggeration article in the Journal of Postural Criticism.*

*I wish you well in CPE  
Snidesneeringly, Grand Slanders*

## Updates for Planning



(Also found in the Planning Calendar at [www.eneacpe.org](http://www.eneacpe.org))

### **Reminder about REM April 2 - 5, 2008**

This year REM is in Memphis and the deadline for registration is January 31! The application for student scholarship was sent out on the Regional List Serve last week and can be found on the regional website [www.eneacpe.org](http://www.eneacpe.org). We want to make sure it gets to folks who might want to apply. Please note that in order to apply for a scholarship, you must be registered to attend REM.

**Eastern Region Certification Committee** meets March 5 - 7, 2008 at Stony Point.

**Women Supervising Women** - March 13 - 14 at Mercy Center in Madison, CT

**Seminar on Supervision (SOS)** April 27-28 Prior to the ExNE Spring Annual Conference April 28 - 30 at Stony Point. Watch for details and registration forms to begin coming your way!

## Pastoral Concerns

We received the news January 1 that John Bucchino's mother died December 30 and John and his siblings are quite concerned over his father as he lives on after his wife of 73 years has died. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

We continue to keep Ted Trout-Landen under watchful eye as copes with an on-going health concern. In transition: Scott Davis will begin January 21 as the CPE Supervisor at LeHigh Valley Hospital