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From the CORDS: Summer 2008

The Regional Office has been busy since the end of January and returning from the Regional Director's Consultation in California. While there we did much work including welcoming the newly appointed RD for the Pacific Region, John Moody; reviewing a case presentation from

Anne Underwood regarding the new ACPE/APC Joint Ethics Process; and, evaluating how the new electronic student unit reporting system is doing. From there it was on to getting the books ready for the yearly audit and getting ready for the regular spring meetings for SOS and the bi-regional conference. All of a sudden it is summer and we had a great Administrative Board Retreat at Stony Point June 19-20. We are looking forward to the Certification Committee meeting *in a new location* and then to Richmond for the National ACPE meeting. Jo Clare will not be at Richmond in order to attend a 30-year reunion of her graduating class at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This will be the first national conference she has missed since 1983! But then it will be time for the Spiritual Care Collaborative in Florida in February and a new experience.



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News and Notes from around the Region

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2008, TWO OF OUR OWN HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF PASTORAL CARE AND WE CELEBRATE THEM IN OUR EASTERN REGION!

BILL GAVENTA WINS AWARD

Rev. William C. Gaventa, M.Div., Awarded COMISS Medal

The Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings has awarded the Rev. William (Bill) C. Gaventa, the prestigious COMISS Medal for his significant contribution to pastoral care during thirty years of ministry in developmental disability. Rev. Gaventa is associate professor of pediatrics, and director of Community and Congregational Supports at the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Pediatrics at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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The Holiday Inn – University Hotel, Memphis, TN – April 2-5, 2008

THE EASTERN REGION SUPPORTED 6 PERSONS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND THE REM CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS, TN APRIL 2 – 5. WE ASKED THOSE WHO ATTENDED TO WRITE BRIEF REFLECTIONS OF THEIR EXPERIENCE FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND 5 OF THEM RESPOND IN THE FOLLOWING:

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE JUST CONCLUDED REM-ACPE CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS TN
Fr. Charles D. Udokang
 Bronx, New York

"One of the write ups that stood up for me is Martin Luther's affirmation; "I AM A MAN." The first two words of this powerful statement recapture the divine empowerment of Moses in the book of Genesis."

I want to begin by congratulating the organizers of the conference. Everything went on well except for the death of one of the choristers at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church shortly before our evening worship on Thursday, April 3, 2008. May his gentle soul rest in peace! Amen. I was particularly impressed by the presiding pastor who ministered at the moment. I think he did an excellent pastoral intervention.

I was equally inspired by the speeches and write ups at the event. One of the write ups that stood up for me is Martin Luther's affirmation; "I AM A MAN." The first two words of this powerful statement recapture the divine empowerment of Moses in the book of Genesis. It also mirrors the power and authority embedded in the "I AM" statements of Christ in the New Testament. The occasion celebrated the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. I used the occasion to mark my 40th anniversary of birth. This "I AM A MAN" statement has affirmed my pastoral authority and identity. Life begins at 40 and I am bouncing out to build the beloved community in response to King's question "where do we go from here?"

Sam Bryan
 Supervisory Candidate - University of Pennsylvania Health System

The REM Invitational is a significant part of my CPE experience. As an African American going through the supervisory certification process, this conference helps me to connect with my cultural heritage in an environment where I am frequently a significant minority. I am reminded at REM that the ACPE is intentional in their commitment to diversity, when I might be inclined to lose sight of that fact in my day to day interactions.

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This past REM was particularly significant because it tied in to the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis. Among the highlights for me was the opening panel discussion 'Telling our stories about Dr. King' as told by our REM founders. It was inspiring to hear the stories of those who helped to pave the way for my generation and beyond in the ACPE. I was also impacted by the April 4th Foundation Awards Gala as people who were pioneers in the civil rights movement were recognized for a lifetime of achievement; among them Dr. Joseph Lowery, Congressman Jon Lewis, and artist/activist Harry Belafonte. I was particularly moved by the events at the church service at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. It was an amazing experience being in the midst of a service of praise and worship and witnessing the death of a choir member while ministering to the audience. It was an honor to be asked by the pastor of the church who recognized that chaplains were in the congregation, and being invited to come into the pulpit and offer spiritual support to the choir members who were grieving the loss of their fallen brother. It was a true spirit of community as we were able to give back to them in ministry as they were giving to us. I am privileged to have been a part of such a powerful moment in time.

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REM's Reflections cont'd

Will Mebane

Supervisory Resident
HealthCare Chaplaincy/Griffin Hospital, Derby, CT

Like many things in life, my reaction to the recent REM Network conference, *Chaos or Community: Where do we go From Here...* was mixed. It's impossible for me to imagine a more powerful and personally moving experience than visiting the National Civil Rights Museum and former Lorraine Motel. Standing on the very spot where The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered 40 years ago was more than this typically unemotional Black American could handle. Waves of grief consumed me and I found myself literally paralyzed until a friendly hand touched the small of my back at a time when I so desperately needed pastoral care. God willing, I will be in Memphis for the 50th anniversary commemoration of his Rev. Dr. King's assassination. Memphis was the perfect location at the perfect time for the REM conference!

As for the conference itself, I can attest to finding again the prophetic voice of witness that had been such a part of my youth and early adulthood. Once again, CPE has helped me to embrace my entire heritage and I pray that I will never lose that voice again. The workshop titled "The Role of the Church in the Creation of the Beloved Community" by Lewis V. Baldwin, Ph. D. was particularly inspiring. I look forward to reading past and upcoming works by this scholar.

My disappointment with the REM conference stems from its unabashed Christo-centric focus that permeated virtually every aspect of the program. This was surprising to me given the emphasis my CPE training has placed on the importance of being sensitive to and supportive of people who practice different religions and traditions. In fact, we even minister to those who profess no faith at all. While I am immensely appreciative of the support from the Eastern Region that enabled my attendance in Memphis, it is not clear to me that I will attend future REM conferences because of the discomfort I felt around the lack of true multi-culturalism in the programming. (And this is from someone raised in the Black Church tradition.)

Here's my unsolicited advice to the planners of future REM conferences...*Give us a little more conference and a lot less Black Church.*

Rev. Angel L. Sullivan

Staff Chaplain, Highland Hospital, Rochester NY

"Chaos or Community" Where do we go from here..." Was the 2008 theme for the R.E.M. invitational, as well as a play on the title of Dr. Martin Luther King's book; "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" I've never read the book. I was born in the early seventies, Dr. King had been assassinated and the peak of the civil rights struggle was over. The only connection I had to this time in history came from history books and documentaries.

However, being at R.E.M., listening to the stories of those who lived out the civil rights era, walking along side members of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, and other Memphis natives, commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. and the sanitation workers march, and experiencing the inspirational worship brought history to life within my soul. I was inspired to take our current world of chaos and rebuild communities by fully embracing what Rev. Theresa Snorton referred to as, the next generation of chaplains and chaplaincy. I felt empowered, supported, and capable of developing innovative approaches to build upon a strong foundation, created by the founding members of C.P.E., to create something new. I left R.E.M., saying, "I got next. We've got next." (You'll know what that means if you were there.)

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Women Supervising Women, Madison Mercy Center, CT



Group picture (right)

Nancy Anderson & Ute Schmidt



(top left) Katy Wilcox & Maureen Mitchell ; (top right) Nancy Anderson & Sue Asher

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Important Reminder:

The new student unit fees will be \$75 per student unit beginning January 1, 2009. (Decision made at the regional meeting in Dallas '07.) **All supervisory students, including candidates, should be included on your student unit reports.** If you begin a unit in the fall of 2008 and it does not get completed until after January 1, 2009 you will be charged for the new student unit rate for that completed unit.

With the use of the electronic student unit reporting the Regional Office will begin in January 2009 to send an invoice each time we receive the student unit report from the National Office. The accreditation fee of \$250.00 will be charged only in September of each year.

Something new:

We are going to Saratoga Springs, NY! The 2008 Fall Certification Committee meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott September 17 - 19, 2008. This will give some members an opportunity to experience a different environment for meeting and hopefully a sense of familiarity. We visited there at the end of May and with assistance from the company used by the national ACPE office, Conference Direct, we have negotiated a contract for the Certification meeting and then for the Fall Bi-Regional Meeting (and SOS), which, is tentatively planned for October 11-14, 2009. The room rate will be \$149 +tax. *Note that we are going back to having the national meetings in the spring beginning in 2010 and regional meetings in the fall.*

October 2008 - Richmond, VA National ACPE Conference
February 2009 - Orlando, FL for the Spiritual Care Collaborative
October 2009 - Saratoga Springs, NY Bi-Regional Conference and SOS
Spring 2010 - Kansas City, MO. National ACPE Conference

Pastoral Concerns: This seems to be the season of change and we keep those in the midst of transition in our thoughts and concerns. **John Bucchino** has moved to New Hampshire in order to be able to care for his father and will work with John Pearson at Beverly Hospital. We keep him and his family in our prayers. We will miss him in our region but look forward to seeing him at the bi-regional meetings.

Meigs Ross is moving from East 60th (HealthCare Chaplaincy) to East 68th (New York Presbyterian – Weill Cornell) – not a huge physical move but certainly a change. She moves into the position held by **Bob Anderson** who is “transitioning and not retiring” (his words) to Massachusetts! **John Valentino** is now at Cooper in New Jersey and **Emily Jean Gilbert** has “transitioned” to part-time to spend more time with her beloved Randy. There was a great New Yorker cartoon recently which showed a person being interviewed in the office of an employment office specializing in “Your Future” and the caption read “Have you given much thought to what kind of job you want after you retire?” That is certainly a truth for many ACPE Supervisors.

Our prayers and concern continues to be with **Ted Trout-Landen** in the loss of his mother in late June. He was able to spend significant time with her during her last days and reports that he is grateful for that experience.

Ken Hayden's son was married in June and **Lynn Mikulak's** position papers passed with her theology paper nominated for the Len Cederleaf award! Congratulations as well to new CPE Supervisors Peter Kuhn and Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer and new Associate Supervisor Dan Mena.

We hope your summer is going well and you are finding some time for relaxation and rest as well as those summer units! During the last week in August and the first week in September we will be out of the office and in the mountains of North Carolina. Please remember to let us know what is going on in your centers and in your life!

Blessings and peace,
Jo Clare and Nancy

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Caring in Memphis – lessons from the African-American community

(an excerpt from his blog)

Alan Abrams

Reading Hospital

Not long ago in our hospital, a young African-American man died unexpectedly. A community pastor found herself in front of a group of his intensely grieving friends. She talked to them about their grief, but she didn't stop there. She took the opportunity to give these young men what one of my old rabbinical professors used to refer to as a "charge". She *charged* them not to let their young friend's life be lost in vain. She told them to use this tragedy as an opportunity for themselves to "get right with God".

I was deeply moved at the love she expressed by reaching out to these young men with the voice of a prophet -- at the hope she placed in them, in telling them she believed that they were indeed capable of *choosing* the right way and putting their lives on the right path.



Rev. Micah L.
McCreary

I thought of her compassion today in Memphis when I was listening to a dynamic pastor and psychology professor from Virginia Commonwealth University speaking at a chaplaincy conference on racial and ethnic diversity. Our society tells men that they have three roles – that of provider, protector and procreator – said professor [Micah L. McCreary](#). When some of these opportunities to "be a man" are closed to a person by that very same society the person can adopt other roles as compensation, including that of the "bad man" or predator, he said.

What really struck me about McCreary's talk was that it – like the words of the pastor in our hospital – had this fundamental *hopefulness* behind it. The prophet does not speak his or her words of warning to condemn, in my view. The prophet speaks in the hope that his or her words will effect real change and move people to *turn* to the right path.

Another that thing that struck me about McCreary's use of prophetic speech is that his words were not directed at an individual, but rather to groups as a whole. That is, they were calling not just for individual change, but also social change.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Social change is something that has been, it seems, lost from much of our religious language these days. We live in an age where even our religious and spiritual lives focus on things like *personal* piety and personal transformation. One of the other speakers at the conference – the annual meeting of the Racial Ethnic Multicultural Network (REM) of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education – reminded us that Martin Luther King was deeply critical of this emphasis on personal piety. Being a person of the church, in King's view, meant taking on a radical and *costly* discipline, said Lewis Baldwin, professor of religious studies at Vanderbilt University.

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King understood the church as a prophetic witness and movement, said Baldwin. He wanted unity in the church, but the unity King wanted was not of liturgy or even doctrine belief, but rather "unity in prophetic social witness".

It was this lack of focus on doctrine that allowed King's message to be heard not only by a Christians of all stripes, but also by people of other faiths, including Jews, said Baldwin.

I was so grateful to have some time with these inspiring people and all the people who attended the REM conference. It was a privilege to be reminded of the true power and possibility of faith, and to be witness to the profound call to service to God that others feel.

ExNE Bi_Regional Conference a Success Despite Rainy Weather!

The Eastern and Northeast Regions gathered together for their annual conference April 28-30 at Stony Point Conference Center and had a great time of learning and fun. There were approximately 120 registrants in attendance and 45 who were at the prior Seminar on Supervision beginning Sunday and ending Monday afternoon.



From left: Robin Franklin, Dan Petronella, Bob Anderson and Key Hayden



The Bluegrass Band

Our featured speaker for the conference was Dr. Maureen Walker, a licensed psychologist with an independent practice in psychotherapy and multicultural consultation in Cambridge, MA. She is Director of Program Development at the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute of the Stone Center at Wellesley College, as well as an Associate Director in MBA Support Services at Harvard business School.

Her presentation: "Making Connections: Power and Conflict in CPE Supervision" gave us much to think about and discuss during our time together. We were challenged to think about the power involved in relationships from a cultural point of view and the different ways conflict can be experienced. We thank our co-conference chairs, Michelle DeCoste and Carolyn Fleming-Sawyer for their hard work along with the Conference Planning Committee.

Report From our ACPE Board of Representatives

Reflections from the Board of Representatives - Spring 2008

Greg Stoddard and Jeffrey Silberman

The spring meeting of the ACPE Board of Representatives met in Memphis, Tennessee in conjunction with the REM conference this year. The Board met from March 31 through April 3 on the campus of the University of Memphis. While both Jeffery and I agree that these meetings can feel tedious and time consuming the work done is none the less important and directly related to the future of our Association. We want to report to you the highlights from the meeting, especially those matters that affect as members and centers most directly and share our reflections on the state of the Association.

- **Growing ACPE through Fund Raising and a Foundation:** The Board established the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education (FCPE) and launched a fund raising campaign at our last meeting this past fall in Dallas. The Development Committee reported that FCPE now has a governing board comprised of Art Schmidt (Foundation President), Bill Schrivener (Foundation Vice President), Paula Teague (Foundation Treasurer), and Foundation Board Members Howell Adams, Stu Plummer, John Moody, and Teresa Snorton. The transfer the fundraising campaign structure including cabinet and its subcommittees to the Foundation. To date, ACPE has raised over \$800,000.00 from ACPE leadership and members. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign please give considered thought to doing so.

The next step in the campaign is to use our leadership and member commitment along as a basis of our organizational commitment to approach individual and corporate sponsors for contributions. Our goal is 6 million dollars. The Board also voted to transfer the ACPE endowment and any other funds held by ACPE to the foundation following the development of a set of governing policies for the foundation. This work is currently underway. The Foundation Board is currently seeking up to 5 public members for the Foundation Board.

- **Continued Work on Supervisory Education:** At its Dallas meeting, the Board set aside the SERT recommendations concerning changes in the certification process at its Dallas meeting. However, it appointed a Supervisory Education Task Group of the Board to bring back recommendations concerning the establishment of a set of program standards to strengthen accredited programs of Supervisory Education, and a set of strategies for implementing those SERT recommendations not set aside in November. Mary Beth Hayes chaired the group. The other members were Janet Humphreys (Chair Elect for Certification) Gordon Hilsman (Standards Committee) and Greg Stoddard (Board). This group brought a lengthy series of recommendations that were adopted by the Board for incorporation in the study document to be published later this year as part of the ACPE manuals revision process for 2010. Included in the recommendations were:

- A proposed set of standards defining requirements for accredited programs of supervisory CPE and curriculum.
- A proposal to separate admission to supervisory CPE (a decision of the accredited program) from the consultation on readiness (a function of certification) with the clarification that a student enrolled in supervisory CPE may not begin supervising in a CPE program until completion of the readiness consultation.
- Clarifications regarding the extent of involvement a supervisory student may have in supervision based on progress in the certification process.

- A proposal to establish a standing committee on supervisory education curriculum assigned the task of the development of model curricula and for developing educational resources for supervisor on curriculum development.
 - A proposal to standardize expectations regarding supervisors evaluations including setting the expectation that evaluations include narrative evaluation of the student as well as any numerical ratings.
 - A proposal to strengthen the Association's practice concerning the evaluation of Theory Papers including requiring the development of a theology essay as part of admission to supervisory education and readiness consultation, assigning ownership of the theory review process and clarifying through a set of criteria what constitutes an adequate paper. (Current wording regarding a passable paper uses the word "adequate.")
 - A proposal to publish and circulate bench mark examples of theory papers.
 - A proposal to set standard requirements for the experience and background necessary to begin supervising a supervisory student to be implemented in the 2015 manual review.
 - And, a request that the Certification Commission improve its communications regarding interim changes to its policy and procedure manual to better inform both student and supervisors of changing requirements and expectations.
- **Memberships and Affiliations:** The Board also continued to wrestle with decisions to recognize and/or admit organizations requesting membership in the Association. The Board resolved to appoint a group to develop a clearer set of criteria for recognition of endorsing members and faith group members.

There were many other items of business on the Board agenda at this meeting. These three are noteworthy since they deal with matters central to the future of ACPE and growing our organization. We also heard a host of reports. The Accreditation Commission was excited about the value of using a "consent agenda" to advance its work. It is hard at work with its part of the Manual rewrite project. Certification again had a successful session certifying over 75% of those candidates who appeared. The Eastern Region was 3 for 3 this time with Carolyn Sawyer and Peter Kuhn being certified as Supervisors and Dan Mena as Associate. We also heard from Standards who has begun in earnest the ACPE manual



Rev. Carolyn Fleming Sawyerr

and standards review process for 2010, and from Professional Ethics who continue to work to implement a pilot project involving a joint ethics review process with others in the Spiritual Care Coalition.

We are excited about the joint meeting of the Spiritual Care Coalition that will take place in Orlando in February of 2009. We have a short turn around between annual conferences this year and next. To help us manage it the Board approved in Dallas a plan that permits ACPE members to register for both the Richmond and Orlando meetings for one charge.

We continue to note the effects of our declining membership on our income as an Association. We have declines in both Supervisor Memberships and Clinical Members. We have fewer CPE supervisors doing more units of CPE. So far we are balancing our budget. We hope the steps being taken now will translate into renewed growth in our association. Please feel free to contact either Jeffery or myself if you have questions for us or concerns to report back to the Board.

On behalf of Jeffery and me we wish you a rewarding summer season. Greg Stoddard

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The honor recognizes Rev. Gaventa's length and depth of contribution in this specialized field and his focus on community and congregation. His creativity in taking Clinical Pastoral Education "outside the walls of the hospital" and into community agencies such as The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, was specifically noted by the selection committee.

The COMISS Network is a national network on ministry with organizational membership representing pastoral care and counseling in virtually all specialized settings. The COMISS Medal is the organization's highest honor and Rev. Gaventa is only the fifth recipient of the award since its inception in 1988.

Rev. Gaventa, a minister of the American Baptist Church, served on the Coordinating Council for COMISS' Dialogue '88, a conference in Minneapolis in 1988 of several thousand pastoral care and counseling professionals, and he was treasurer of the Coordinating Council for Dialogue '94 meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since its founding, Rev. Gaventa has been a representative to COMISS Network from the Religion and Spirituality Division of the American Association of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) (formerly AAMR).

In his role at The Boggs Center, Rev. Gaventa works on community supports, training for community services staff and workforce development, initiatives in cultural competence, aging/end of life issues, supervision of a program in Clinical Pastoral Education, and inclusive congregational supports. He also coordinates a training and technical assistance team for the New Jersey Self-Directed Supports Projects.

Before coming to New Jersey, he was coordinator of Family Support for the Georgia Developmental Disabilities Council. He moved to Georgia from New York, where he served as chaplain and coordinator of Religious Services for the Monroe Developmental Center. He is a graduate of Stetson University in Florida and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. In volunteer roles, Rev. Gaventa has served as executive secretary for the Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAIDD since 1985. He has received both the Service Award and a Presidential Award from the AAIDD.

Rev. Gaventa is editor of the *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health*, editor of two newsletters, and a columnist for *Insight*, the national newsletter of the ArcUSA. He also has authored journal articles, book chapters, monographs, resource collections, booklets, and four edited books.

Rev. Gaventa lives in Belle Mead, NJ, with his wife, Beverly, a professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. His son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Sarah, live in Charlottesville, Virginia.

From the Department of Communication & Public Affairs *UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School* News Release, January 16, 2008

RABBI BONITA TAYLOR NAMED CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS!

THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO A PERSON TO EXEMPLIFIES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PROFESSIONAL JEWISH CHAPLAIN. THIS INCLUDES: DEMONSTRATING ONGOING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN THE FIELD OF CHAPLAINCY, BEING CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE IN DEVELOPING CHAPLAINCY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMING IN THE FIELD OF CHAPLAINCY, DISPLAYING EXTRAORDINARY PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY SKILLS IN ONE'S DAILY WORK AND INSPIRING OTHERS IN BOTH THE FIELD OF CHAPLAINCY AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE GREATER RABBINATE.

RABBI BONITA E. TAYLOR, BOARD CERTIFIED JEWISH CHAPLAIN (BCJC), AND LONG TIME ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS, MEETS ALL OF THESE CRITERIA AND MUCH MORE. RABBI TAYLOR IS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, A COMPASSIONATE, CARING AND SILLED PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINC. SINCE THE MID 1990'S SHE HAS PROVIDED DIRECT PASTORAL CARE TO PATIENTS AT SEVERAL MAJOR TEACHING HOSPITALS IN NEW YORK CITY. FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS RABBI TAYLOR HAS LEDA PASSOVER *SEDER* AT PAYNE WHITNEY PSYCHIATRIC UNIT. IN 2001, SHE CHAPLAINED TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO PERISHED ON 9/11 AND TO THE LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE TRAGIC AIRPLANE CRASH OVER BELLE HARBOR, NEW YORK.

AS A CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) SUPERVISOR WITH THE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY, SHE IS A PIONEER IN THE "JEWISH" CPE. SHE HAS SUPERVISED MORE JEWISH STUDENTS, IN BOTH MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL AND MULTI-FAITH CPE GROUPS, THAN ANY OTHER CPE SUPERVISOR. LIKE THE NYBR, HER STUDENTS COME FROM THE GREAT QUAD-STATE NEW YORK AREA, FROM ALL STREAMS OF JUDAISM, AND FROM ALL WALKS OF CHAPLAINCY (ACTUE/LONG TERM CARE, CORRECTIONS, DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, SOCIAL SERVICES, ETC.). THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS (NAJC) AND ITS PAST-PRESIDENT STUDIED CPE WITH HER.

RABBIT TAYLOR ALSO DEMONSTRATES ONGLING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN THE FIELD OF CHAPLAINCY THROUGH HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE UMBRELLA CHAPLAINCY ASSOCIATIONS. FOR NINE YEARS SHE SERVED AS AN OFFICER OF THE NAJC IN THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE CONFERENCE COMMISSION. CURRENTLY SHE SERVES ON THE NAJC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS THE CPE CHAIR. IN 2002-3 SHE SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR EPIC-2003, THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THAT INCLUDED THE NAJC, APC, NACC AND CAPPE.

IN 2003, SHE WAS INVITED BY RABBI STEPHEN ROBERTS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAJC, TO JOINING THE COUNCIL OF COLLABORATION (CoC - NOW THE SPIRITUAL CARE COLLABORATIVE) WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE MAJOR 6 CHAPLAINCY ORGANIZATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA REPRESENTING OVER 13,000 CHAPLAINS/PASTORAL COUNSELORS. HER TASK WAS TO CO-WRITE THE "COMMON STANDARDS FOR PASTORAL EDUCATORS/SUPERVISORS." THESE STANDARDS WERE ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER, 2004 BY THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CoC. RABBIT TAYLOR IS A CLINICAL SUPERVISOR WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (ACPE) AND CURRENTLY SHE SERVES ON THE ACPE EAST/NORTHEAST CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE. SHE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINS.

FINALLY, RABBI TAYLOR HAS BEEN PUBLISHED EXTENSIVELY. HER ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN "CHAPLAINCY TODAY" (THE APC JOURNAL); "THE NAJC CHAPLAIN"; "PLAINVIEWS eMAGAZINE"; "THE JOURNAL OF PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING"; "THE JOURNAL OF SUPERVISION AND TRAINING IN MINISTRY" AND MANY MORE. BOOK CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE JEWISH HANDBOOK OF PASTORAL CARE, JEWISH RELATIONAL CARE A-Z: WE ARE OUR OTHER'S KEEPERS, AND SPIRITUALITY AND PALLIATIVE CARE: A TIME FOR LISTENING AND CARING.

FROM NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS NYBR CHAPLAINCY REVIEW, VOLUME 11, JUNE, 2008

OTHER NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

RAMONA CECILLE WRITES THAT SHE MARRIED TIMOTHY DAILY ON MARCH 29TH AND THEY HAD A CPE PEW! SHE IS NOW RAMONA CECILLE DAILY AND CONGRATULATIONS CAN BE SENT TO CECILLERA@YAHOO.COM:

JOHN DEVELDER RECENTLY RETURNED FROM CHINA WHERE HE ATTENDED A CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF A HOSPITAL STARTED BY HIS MISSIONARY GRANDFATHER.

WE WELCOME TO THE EASTERN REGION! A TAR HEEL!!!

Randy Shoun has given up the blue skies of North Carolina to move to Philadelphia (what color are those skies?) He has been for the last 9 years at Moses Cone Health System in Greensboro, NC in the Mid-Atlantic Region. He began his work at the University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia, PA with Ralph Ciampa in late May and We look forward to welcoming him.

WE ALSO WELCOME ELIZABETH WATSON-MARTIN, ACPE SUPERVISOR, WHO HAS JOINED KEITH ESPENSHAD PART-TIME AT LANCASTER GENERAL IN PENNSYLVANIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING BOTH RANDY AND ELIZABETH AT REGIONAL GATHERINGS!

Chat from the Chair

The Rev. Kathleen Ogden Davis, Eastern Region Chair

Greetings from the Chair

Hello all!

In June, the Administrative Board held an overnight retreat at Stony Point, New York. It was a great opportunity to be with colleagues and dialogue about some of the issues facing the region. Among the areas discussed/decided:

- Upgrading the regional web site to be more interactive, interesting, in conjunction with CORDs and webmaster;
- To encourage supervisors newly moving into the region supervisors to attend regional meetings, the region will provide the registration cost for them;
- To provide consistency and efficiency in our registration processes, establish a Regional Registrar position, who would coordinate registration for the biregional conference, Women Supervising Women, and Seminar on Supervision. The compensation for this position will be the cost of attending each conference and \$200.00/conference;
- In the Spring of 2010, there will be an ACPE Conference in Kansas City; biregional Conference will be Oct. 12-14, 2009 in Saratoga Springs, with hotel fees at \$149/night; the Region will provide up to \$4500 to help SITs get to SOS there;
- There will be a later announcement about grants from the region, available to further the purposes of the ACPE strategic plan in the region, specifically to increase the multicultural/religious tradition within CPE or to increase the diversity within supervisory students.

I also want the region to know that you should really be proud of all those who represent you within this region. They are bright, hardworking, creative and fun to be around as well. Being with them made me realize what a talented group of leaders we have, from Claudia Landau, representing clinical members who was attending her first meeting to Harlan Ratmeyer who runs circles around the rest of us with both his intellectual and physical vigor. When you have a chance, please thank those who give so much of their time to make this a great region!

For Fun and Laughter:

The following is a delightful parody of IPG put to the tune of The Sound of Silence by a CPE Resident at Hershey Medical Center. Maybe some of your students have similar talents - if so, please send. THANK YOU.

The Sound Silence (IPG Parody)

*Hello darkness, IPG,
I've come to meet our circle again,
But I've done all my processing,
My "E" side is now sleeping,
And the thoughts that were planted in my brain
Still remain.
I want the sound of silence.*

*In restless thoughts I walked alone
Barely touching feelings at home
In IPG we go deeper
I turn my thoughts into feeling
When my thoughts get loose and travel to my gut
Reflect I must
And touched the sound of silence*

*And in the open space I saw
Two, three people, maybe more.
People talking and subgrouping,
People hearing and reflecting,
People saying words that voices never share
And some don't dare
Disturb the sound of silence.*

*"What" said I "Do you avoid"
Thoughts and feelings get annoyed
Find your feelings that I might teach you.
Feelings come that I might reach you.
But the feelings like silent raindrops fell
What do I feel?
In the wells of silence.*

*And the group did bow and pray
That IPG may go away
Supervisor flashed a warning,
CPE Process is forming
And the process transfers into visits here always
And residents say
But we still want the sound of silence*

—Greg Bidgood Enders, 2007
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