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Nominations:

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Sem/Faith Groups.:

Looking ahead-----

Deadlines for meeting Certification in Fall '08

Declare to meet.....August 22

Fee paid to Treasurer.....September 5

Materials due to Committee.....September 12

Certification Committee Meets at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28, 2008 and as scheduled in sub-committees on Sept. 29 and until 11 a.m. on September 30 at Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC.

Florida Consortium...June 19 & 20, 2008

San Pedro Center

2400 Dike Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

Peer Reviews at Fall Meeting....Sunday p.m. Sept.28,'08

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Fall, 2008 Meeting of Administrative Board, Mission and Development Committee, 3 to 9 p.m., Sept. 28, 2008

Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC

ACPE Fall Leadership Meeting.....Oct 19-21, 2008

ACPE Annual Conference.....Oct 22-25, 2008

The Omni Hotel, 100 S. 12th Street, Richmond, VA

ACPE Leadership Meeting, Jan. 28-31, 2009

Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit, Feb.1-4, 2009

Disneyland, Orlando, FL

Southeast Region Annual Meeting.....Oct. 6-9, 2009

Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center

1601 Alafaya Trail

Oviedo, FL 32765-9485

ACPE Annual Conference, April 4-9, 2010

Kansas City

ACTIONS TAKEN at Annual Business Meeting, March 13, 2008

- 1. Amended two policies in the Policies and Procedures Manual by 1) increasing the Accreditation Site Review Fee to \$450, and 2) continuing to pay an honorarium to each member of the site team (\$150 to chairperson, and \$100 each to other members of the team).**
- 2. Ratified the action of the Administrative Board to extend the current term of the Regional Director through December 31, 2010.**
- 3. Adopted a 2008 Budget of \$153,942 (line item can be reviewed in the monthly Treasurer's Report at www.seracpe.org).**
- 4. Elected a slate of officers and committee members (can be found under Leadership at www.seracpe.org).**
- 5. Established that the next Annual Business Meeting will be held October 6-9, 2009 at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center in Oviedo, FL.**
- 6. Empowered the Administrative Board to establish procedure for receiving requests and to grant up to \$5,000 in scholarships for regional members to attend the Spiritual Care Summit, Feb. 1-4, 2009 in Orlando, FL.**

REPORTS from Standing Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The work of the "Task Force to Review the Job Description of the Regional Director" was received with appreciation. The Adm Bd will distribute a "working document" to the regional membership for comments in 2008, and a document for action will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting in 2009.

ACCREDITATION

Provisional Approval granted to:

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a satellite of CCCTrs of GA (Level I & II and Supervisory CPE beginning September 1, 2008), Joan Murray and Brenda Greene;

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital @Augusta, GA (Level I & II), Jan Hanson;

Roper/St. Francis Healthcare @Charleston, SC (adding Supervisory CPE), Robert Morris and Helen Waugh;

Spartanburg Regional Hospital, SC (adding Supervisory CPE), Carson Rogerson and Robin Booth;

Methodist Healthcare@Memphis, TN (adding Supervisory CPE), Gale Kennebrew; and

REPORTS from Standing Committees (continued)

Granted Candidacy to:

Morton Plant Mease/Sun Coast Hospice @ Tampa, FL (Level I & II and Supervisory CPE), Steve Smith

Two centers have withdrawn from accredited membership in the ACPE: Phoebe Putney in Albany, GA and Tucker in Columbia, SC.

The VAMC in Jackson, MS is currently without a CPE Supervisor, but is planning to employ the vacancy created when Ron Lovelace moved to the Southwest Region.

Donald Harris, a CPE Supervisor, at the VA in Tuscaloosa, AL hopes to establish a satellite program in the near future.

BUDGET AND TREASURER

After using \$15,000 of cash reserves, the expenses were still \$2,245 more than income in 2007. Noted also was the fact that for the first time ever, the total expense of Standing Committees exceeded the budget by \$1,000.

CERTIFICATION

In the fall of 2007, **Steve Lemons** was certified a CPE Supervisor and **Amani Legagneur** an Associate CPE Supervisor.

At the March meeting in Jekyll, **David Carnish** was certified CPE Supervisor; **Cora Saunders and Laurie Robbins** were granted extensions on Candidacy; and **Robert Freeman** was approved for Candidacy.

At the REM meeting in Memphis, **Harvey Rogers** and **Brenda Wallace** were certified as Associate CPE Supervisor.

CULTURAL, RACIAL, ETHNIC

Anticipating a good participation in the REM Invitational in Memphis in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, each of twenty CPE students from the Southeast received a \$275 scholarship from the regional Endowment Funds to attend this event.

HISTORY

Fifteen (15) interviews with regional supervisors have been taped and are on DVDs.

MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2008 income from Endowment Funds awarded for Special Projects were made to Cultural, Racial and Ethnic (\$6,500), Florida Consortium (\$5,000), and Interstate Supervisory CPE (\$3,800).

PEER REVIEW

Nine reviews were completed in 2007 and eleven in 2008. An additional eighteen reviews need to be scheduled in 2008. Persons scheduled to meet a peer review committee at Jekyll were: Jan Hanson, Chuck Weinrich, Marilyn Mayse, Jim Stapleford, Gene Locke, Dorothea Loetz-Kola, Brenda Green.

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

No recent complaints within the SERegion.

SEMINARY AND DENOMINATIONAL RELATONS

Recent contacts with the seminaries located within the S.E. were reported and the need of new paradigms and new models for reaching clergy with CPE in the first five years of their career development was noted.

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CELEBRATIONS AT THE BANQUET

At the banquet the History Committee presented the J. Obert Kempson Distinguished Service Award to *Kempton Haynes*. Tolly Williamson spoke appreciatively of Kempton's contributions to our life and ministries together.

Humorist Todd Walter kept his colleagues in hearty laughter. "lordy mercy!" It was a joyful evening for ninety-one conferees.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Wayne Maberry and Bill Baugh...who wrote a chapter on "Pastoral Care to Trauma Victims and the CPE Program at Tampa General." Bill writes: "This is a big, expensive book for the trauma surgeons. It was published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA, co-edited by five doctors headed by Lewis Flint, the Trauma Director at Tampa General. The title is *Trauma, Contemporary Principles and Therapy*."

A PERSONAL NOTE

Betty and I will be spending the last three weeks of May in Daytona Beach Shores. You can reach me via the cell phone 404-272-2515 or by email at jnkjr@aol.com. I plan to be in Spartanburg on May 29 for Ed Wimberly's address on "Spirituality in Health Care," and at the Florida Consortium June 26-27. I'd like to visit some CPE Centers this summer, and I'm open to negotiate dates as per your invitation. We wait in prayer with Mary Crist and her family, and invite you to anguish with us. May the blessings, peace and grace of God be sufficient enough for all our needs.
Jap

PREPARE...BE FOREWARNED!!!

STUDY DOCUMENTS ARE FORTHCOMING!!!

PROPOSED CHANGES IN STANDARDS

The ACPE Board of Representatives approved an amended post Supervisory Education Revisioning Committee (SERC) report and referred it to the commissions and Standards Committee for implementations.

The anticipated intent is that a Study Document (or documents) will be circulated to the membership for critique and comments by the end of summer, 2008. Watch for it (or them), and be prepared to offer your experience and wisdom.

Some changes are likely to be made in the process of certification. For instance, the theology papers might be required for Candidacy. A unit of Supervisory CPE might include 100 hours of “structured” learning. A time change for materials being due to presenters might be reduced from six to five weeks, and that might be determined by a “postal mark” rather than by calendar days. Look for the “study documents.”

The Accreditation Commission intends to revise the Accreditation Manual so that “standards” are distinguished from “guidelines” and the whole process is simplified. For instance, under critical scrutiny are Appendix 11 (“Requirements for Student Handbooks”) and Appendix 19 (“Accreditation Review Criteria”). These revisions will be an opportune time for the membership to engage in that conversation which forges the future direction of the ACPE. Please, study the documents that are forthcoming.

The Standards Committee has already proposed changes in Standards 305.2 and 308.9. These changes intend “to better track how centers use program evaluations to determine satisfactory achievement of CPE program outcomes” and to “establish a threshold by which the Accreditation Commission can assess a center’s compliance with student achievement standards.”

You’ve already received notice about changes to Standard 202: “Complaints against Education Programs and those against the Accreditation Commission.” The “study documents” you will receive in the summer and fall of 2008 will be for the revision of Standards to be published in 2010.

Actions by the ACPE Board of Representatives

New Generations Project – an initiative developed by Exe. Dir. Snorton in support of non-traditional programs of CPE in the hope of encouraging program creativity and innovation.

Re-Naming Work Group – a task force created to offer alternatives to the name of the Association and the title of “CPE Supervisor.” “Pastoral” and “Supervisor” don’t translate well into the organizational structures in which some certified

persons function. “Spiritual Care” is neutral enough for the ministry rendered, but what will the “Educator” of “chaplains” be called within the health care industry that will make that title acceptable enough?

Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education (FCPE) – The Board of Representatives formed a “Development Committee” in the fall of 2006, and John Moody was named the Chairperson. John also serves as Vice-Chair of the “Campaign Cabinet” (formed by the Board to focus on the fundraising needs of the ACPE), and John serves as “Treasurer” of the FCPE Board of Directors. John is also Director of the Pacific Region. John announced to the Board that the Foundation has currently received \$800,000 in gifts and pledges; \$350,000 in cash, \$350,000 in pledges, and \$107,000 in deferred pledges. The FCPE will be a separate entity from the ACPE, Inc. (necessarily separate for legal and tax reasons), but the Board of Representatives will maintain a controlling membership on the Board of FCPE. Mark Leichter will be staffing the forming foundation for the near future.

A more complete report of the most recent meeting of the ACPE Board of Representatives, co-authored by Miriam Needham and Peter Keese, can be found attached to the email to which this Newsletter is also attached.

R.E.M. Annual Conference

“Chaos or Community: Where Do We Go From Here?”

Thanks to Gale Kennebrew and Bridget Piggue for their leadership in bringing the REM Invitational to Memphis on April 2-5, 2008. What a celebration of memory and hope!

The pre-conference event invited members to share their stories about the climate and experience around the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Four CPE Supervisors from the Southeast Region participated in a panel discussion (Richard Stewart, Benson Thomas, George West, and Jap Keith).

REM joined the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees in their annual march commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. and the sanitation workers. The march ended at the Lorraine Hotel/Civil Rights Museum where forty years ago Dr. King was assassinated.

Participants attended the April 4th Foundation Annual Awards Gala (Keynote speaker was Dr. Joseph Lowery, and “I AM A Man” Award recipients were Harry Belafonte and Congressman John Lewis). The services of worship were powerful as always.

The Southeast Region contributed \$1,000 to support the program of this Invitational, and this region provided twenty \$275 scholarships to support CPE students’ lodging and meals. The conference was well attended and much appreciated.

Thanks to all who made this Invitational one of the best ever.

