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Looking ahead-----

Accreditation Committee, September 18-19, 2008

Certification Committee, September 28-30, 2008

Materials due to Committee.....August 29
Certification Committee Meets at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28, 2008 and as
scheduled in sub-committees on Sept. 29 at Hickory Knob State
Park, McCormick, SC.

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

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ACPE Leadership Meeting, Jan. 28-31, 2009 ***Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit, Feb.1-4, 2009*** Disneyland, Orlando, FL

Southeast Region Committees Meeting, March 29-31, 2009 Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC

Adm Bd and Mission & Development, 3 p.m., March 29
Certification Committee, 7 p.m., March 29
Accreditation Committee, 9 a.m., March 30
Certification Sub-Committees as scheduled March 30 & 31

Southeast Region Annual Meeting.....Oct. 6-9, 2009 **Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center** 1601 Alafaya Trail Oviedo, FL 32765-9485

2008

Administrative Board

Chairperson

Irene Henderson

Chair Elect

Amanda Jones

Secretary

Phil Summerlin

At Large Members

James Stapleford

James Taylor

Chairpersons of

Budget

Elwood Spackman

Annual Conference

Peter Keese

Mission & Development

Larry Wagoner

Treasurer

Jasper Keith

ACPE Board of Reps

Peter Keese

Miriam Needham

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Committee Chairperson

Accreditation: Gene

Robinson

Certification: Robin Booth

History: Ed Wilder

Peer Review: Olen Grubbs

Cultural, Racial & Ethnic:

Gale Kennebrev

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Fred Smoot

Sem/Faith Groups.:

Franklin Duncan

MEETINGS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Please make a note of it:

The Adm Bd, Certification and Mission and Development will be meeting at Hickory Knob, September 28 and 29, 2008.

A meeting of persons attending the ACPE Annual Conference in Richmond, VA will be scheduled on Thursday afternoon, October 23, 2008.

The Adm Board, Accreditation, Certification, and Mission and Development will be meeting at Hickory Knob, March 29 and 30, 2009.

The next Business Meeting and Continuing Education Conference will be October 6-9, 2009 at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center in Oviedo, FL 32765-9485.

REPORTS from Standing Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

At Jekyll Island in March, 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 the fall of 2008, and a document for action will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting in 2009.**

ACCREDITATION

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

The following centers **do not have a CPE Supervisor on staff and are in danger of losing accredited status:**

Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL;
University Hospital in Birmingham; and
Mississippi Baptist Health System, Inc. in Jackson, MS.

Benson Thomas is the new CPE Supervisor at the VAMC in Jackson, MS. His email address is Walter.Thomas2@va.gov, and his business phone is 601-364-1397. He and Mable have moved to Brandon, MS.

Donald Harris, a CPE Supervisor, at the VA in Tuscaloosa, AL has established a satellite program, and will be offering a unit of CPE in the fall, 2008. His email address is Donald.Harris@va.gov, and his phone is 205-554-2054.

Cecelia Walker moved from University in Birmingham to CAVHCS in Montgomery, AL, and she hopes to establish a CPE Program in that facility in the near future. Her email address is Cecelia.Walker@va.gov, and her work phone is 334-272-4670, ext. 4598.

CENTERS SEEKING TO EMPLOY CPE SUPERVISORS:

- Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL
- University Hospital, Birmingham, AL
- LifePath Hospice, Temple Terrace, FL
- VISN & CPE Program, James V. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL
- Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA
- Children's/Scottish Rite, Atlanta, GA
- St. Francis, Columbus, GA
- Mississippi Baptist Health System, Jackson, MS
- Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital and Roper Hospital, Charleston, SC
- AnMed Health, Anderson, SC
- Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, SC

BUDGET AND TREASURER

The **Report of the Treasurer** is posted at the end of each month on the region's website (www.seracpe.org). The July report reveals that we have used \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund for special projects, and we had to withdraw \$9,800 from cash reserves in order to pay expenses. But with some of the summer units paid, we now have \$9,545 in income over expenses. Bad news is that the expenses of the fall committee meetings will be upon us by the end of September. Please do what you can to get your "Student Registration Fees" to the office as soon as possible after the beginning of the fall unit.

CERTIFICATION

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

When the Certification Committee meets at Hickory Knob on Sep 29, it looks as if we'll have five persons asking for "readiness to begin supervisory CPE," one person asking for "candidacy," five asking for "extension of candidacy," and one asking for "extension of associate."

REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS

Because of some deaths and relocations of elected members, we have the following vacancies on Standing Committees. Please **send your nominations** to Fred Smoot, Emory Clergy Care, 3700 Crestwood Parkway, Suite 270, Duluth, GA 30096.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, class of 2010: _____

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE, class of 2009: _____

MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT, class of 2010: _____

According to the Governance Manual the Regional Chairperson can appoint persons to function in these positions until the membership meeting in October 2009.

A PERSONAL NOTE

On May 22-23 I met with Don Winslett, Christina Stevens, and Jim Palmer, their Professional Advisory Committee, and the CEO of Baptist Hospital. It was a time of grieving the loss of Cristina (she's moving to St. Louis), and envisioning the future of that program.

On May 29 I attended a CPE Day at Spartanburg, enjoyed the company of Carson, Robin, Harvey and Steve, and the address of Ed Wimberly.

In late June I visited the CPE programs at Anderson Medical Health (George West, CPE Supervisor) and at Greenville Hospital System (John Hartman, CPE Supervisor). Both programs are serving students and patients, and are looking for an additional CPE Supervisor.

In early July I visited CPE programs at Tampa General, VAMC-Tampa, Sun Coast, and Life Path, addressed the students and chaplains at Tampa General, toured the facility and met the chaplaincy staff caring for wounded veterans at the VA, participated in a continuing education event led by Steven Smith and met with the Professional Advisory Committee at Sun Coast, and met the administrators and the students at LifePath.

I addressed the students at VAMC-Atlanta on 15 July, and attended the CPE Day in Atlanta on July 16 and participated in the program that included "A Brief History of CPE" by Teresa Snorton, a delightful gathering of the community led by Dale Owen, and workshops led by Fred Smoot, Amani LeGagneur, and Maureen Shelton.

In late July I met Thom Phillips at the Caney Fork River southeast of Nashville for a day of fly fishing. We spent some time talking about his CPE program and his ministry with wounded veterans returning from the Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts; but mostly, I enjoyed Thom's coaching my fifteen year old grandson on how to fish for trout on the Caney Fork River.

In August I visited the CPE Program at Johnson City Medical Center (expanding under the leadership of Larry Easterling) and spoke with the new senior chaplain, Debbie Shields, about her support of this program. Betty and I attended a fish fry luncheon with Jim Pollard and his students who were participating in an "evaluation retreat" at Jim's log home in Erwin, TN.

I then visited Sheryl Wurl at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, was confronted by and learned much from the questions raised by the staff of the Department of Pastoral Care, enjoyed meeting (and anticipating some fly fishing with) the Director, Steve Sexton, and delighted in renewing an old friendship with George Doebler, recently retired and founding director of the Department of Pastoral Care. Peter Keese was the first CPE Supervisor in this center.

During the last two weeks in August I will be **visiting centers** in Florida. In September I'll be addressing the students newly enrolled in the CPE program at the VAMC-Tuskegee and consulting with the administration in that new satellite.

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**May the blessings, peace and grace of God be sufficient enough for all our needs.
Jap**