

# **SOUTHEAST REGION NEWSLETTER**

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## *Looking ahead-*

**ACPE Leadership Meeting, Jan. 28-31, 2009**  
**REM Invitational, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2009**  
**Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit, Feb.1-4, 2009**  
Disney's Coronado Springs, Walt Disney World, FL

During the "Summit" Gathering, there will be:  
ACPE Presidential Luncheon, Feb. 1, 11 AM – 1:30 PM  
ACPE Organization Luncheon, Feb. 2, 11 AM – 1 PM

There will be no regional meetings of ACPE at this "Summit."

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### **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  
Peer Reviews as scheduled March 29 & 30

### **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***

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***Gratitude expressed for the leadership of Irene Albritton,  
Elwood Spackman, Robin Booth, Peter Keese, Olen  
Grubbs, and Fred Smoot who will complete their term of  
office as a chairperson of a regional committee as of 31  
December 2008.***

***Check the website for a listing of the chairs and members  
of committees beginning office in January 2009.  
Thanks to each and all.***

2008

#### **Administrative Board Chairperson**

Irene Albritton

#### **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 Kennebrew

**Reprstative & Nominations:**

Fred Smoot

**Sem/Faith Groups.:**

Franklin Duncan

**A Greeting from Irene Albritton, Chairperson of SERACPE**

Life comes at you fast...

This is my last (and first) newsletter article as Regional Chair, and as I write it I am reminded of the insurance commercial that claims “life comes at you fast.” That statement is true well beyond television commercials!

A little over four years ago, Cheryl Wurl called me asking me if I’d serve as chair elect, meaning I’d be Chair of the region from Jan 07 through Dec 08. At that point in my life, my mother had recently died, my son was in his final semester of college, and my daughter had just finished her first year of college and decided to take a different route for her future. My husband and I were finishing our first full year of empty nesters, and our empty nest had a nice warmth to it that we both liked. Taking on the term of chair in 07/08 sounded like a nice enjoyable way to give back to a Region that has been good to me since I became a part of it as an SIT in 1989.

I had high hopes for my term as chair, but those hopes never materialized. In March 07, my husband and I received custody of our then 13 month old grandson. The journey that lead up to that event, and since then, has been one I had never expected to be on. Raising an energetic, precocious almost three year old luckily gives back as much as it takes, and our ‘empty nest’ now has potty chairs, Thomas trains, books and all the mess and delight a toddler brings. But dealing with the emotional roller coaster associated with the various life dramas of his separate but equally troubling parents has been a drain and a distraction from the things I had hoped to do...like be Chair of the region with focus and energy.

The only one who really lost in this is me, though, because the Region has been in wonderful hands with Amanda Jones, Jap Keith and the Administrative Board. I have been in and out, but am delighted to report that several important things have transpired during these past two years. At the request of the Governance group formed during our Appreciative Inquiry process, a task force was appointed by the Board to study the Regional Director job description and present recommendations to the Board. The task force worked hard and presented their findings to the Administrative Board in March 08. The Board received the report and continued to work on the Job Description. Also the Board negotiated with Jap Keith to extend his contract an additional two years which afforded all parties more time to consider the best options for our future as a region.

I have loved this region for a long time and have felt very involved in a variety of ways – student, supervisor, committee member and various committee chairs. It is ironic, perhaps, that the two years when I had the job of providing leadership to the Board and to the region, I have felt the most disconnected from the group who has been a resource to me for many years. But the connections underneath are strong and I have no doubt when I am in a different emotional space and can once again be more active in the region, people will say “welcome home”. That is who we are to each other.....even when life comes to each of us fast!!

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**Relief, Joy, and Gratitude:**

**Mary Taylor**, wife of Jim Taylor, was diagnosed with an invasive ductile breast cancer in mid October. She had surgery, and is recovering at home. Hallelujah!

## **2009 MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST REGION**

### **Please make a note of it:**

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.

Twice now the membership has approved these dates and this meeting site. Lodging and meals will be \$115 per day. Lodging accommodations require two registrants per bedroom. Given the economy, the Adm Bd will make the decision about registration fees and travel reimbursements at its March '09 meeting.

The membership will be informed about the Adm Bd decision, the continuing education program, and will be given directions to the conference/retreat center in the May '09 Newsletter.

### **Visit the Southeast Region Website: [seracpe.org](http://seracpe.org)**

Information on the website is current.

You can find a listing of the committee members in their elected classes, the calendar of future events with locations, fee structures, manuals and policies, current and former newsletters, current (monthly posted) and previous (annual) Treasurer's Reports, and an invoice for Student Registration Fees.

What isn't there that you wish were posted?

### **Congratulations:**

**Rev. Patricia A. Wilson-Cone** received her **Ph.D. degree** from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, OH on 27 Sep '08. The Ph.D. is in Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Pastoral Counseling and Theology. Her project focused on African-American men telling their stories, and the name of the project was The Development of a Framework for Men's His-Story Month. Pat is the ACPE Supervisor at Jackson Memorial in Miami.

David Nowlin shared with me a quote from Anne Lamott in *Grace(Eventually):Thoughts on Faith*: "All I knew to do was to be willing to feel really shitty with her." One of David's students commented about that quote: "THAT is ministry of presence!" I suspect most of us have been in that place many times over the years; and indeed, it is a ministry of presence.

## **REGIONAL AND ACPE MEETINGS IN RICHMOND**

**2008 Distinguished Service Award** was presented by Bill Baugh to his good friend, **Dan DeArment!** Dan was a CPE Supervisor at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia for 25 years during which time he served as chair of ACPE Standards, ACPE Accreditation and ACPE International Committees. He was named Emeritus Supervisor by the Eastern Region. In retirement, Dan and Anne live in Sarasota, FL and Dan has participated in the Florida Consortium and supervised students at Tampa General and Florida Hospital.

**2008 Helen Flanders Dunbar Award** was given to **Art Schmidt**. Art has served in many positions of leadership in the Pacific Region, but he has endeared himself to the ACPE for his

service as President, Past-President, Acting President after the death of Joan Hemenway, and then as another Past-President. He is the first and current President of the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education.

**Amanda Jones** convened the meeting of the Southeast Region at 2:30 p.m. on October 23. **29 CPE Supervisors and 6 Clinical Members** were present. New attendees were welcomed and everyone was introduced. We heard reports from Peter Keese, Miriam Needham and Bill Baugh about the meeting of the ACPE Bd of Reps. Robin Booth (Certification) and Steve Lemons (Accreditation) spoke to the actions of those commissions; and we celebrated **Stephen Robinson** and **Cynthia Vaughn** being granted the status of Associate Supervisor.

Treasurer Jap Keith gave a report on the status of the 2008 Budget and the Balance of all Funds, and presented the lodging arrangements for the 2009 Regional Meeting. Representatives from the ACPE Campaign Committee solicited contributions to the Foundation for CPE before the end of the year because our gifts will be matched by the Howell Adams Family. Expressions of appreciation for service rendered were made to Peter Keese (after six years on the ACPE of Reps), Robin Booth (after six years as Chair of Certification), George West (after six years on Certification), Olen Grubbs (after being Chair of Peer Review),

## **REPORT FROM CLINICAL MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Laura Dorsey, Chaplain, Oncology, Northside Hospital and the Representative from the SERegion to the ACPE CMAC, makes the following report to the region.**

“As a part of the strategic visionary process in the fall of 2007, the ACPE Board voiced a need to utilize and engage Clinical Members. Two motions were passed and forwarded to the Clinical Member representatives.

**Motion #52 Membership Categories and Benefits.** *To ask the CMAC to look at the possibility of continuing education (i.e., CPE for ministerial leadership) and present a proposal at Spring 2009 meeting.*

**Motion #53 Membership Categories and Benefits** *To fund nine regional clinical representatives to the 2008 annual conference as the CMAC to meet to do this work.*

The CMAC met in Richmond, Oct. 23-25, to envision the kind of education programs and events that ACPE might offer for its Clinical Members. We met with Teresa Snorton, Executive Director, and Jan McCormack, ACPE Board Representative to focus on the task. We held an open meeting for all clinical members to hear suggestions on the project from attendees. During this meeting we reelected Billie Beverly to serve as our Clinical Member Representative to the ACPE Board. On Sunday morning six of us gathered at breakfast to reflect on the recommendations from this Network Meeting, to draft a preliminary report for the ACPE Board and to decide who does what and when as a part of this team.

This is an energetic and committed group with a growing understanding of who we are as clinical members and how our membership can be more meaningful to us and ACPE. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the Southeast Region, and I look forward to what we can accomplish in the coming months.

## **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

Three centers have **withdrawn from accredited membership** in the ACPE: **Phoebe Putney in Albany, GA , Tucker in Columbia, SC., and Mississippi Baptist Health Systems in Jackson, MS.**

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

Congratulations to centers for **successfully completing their accreditation review:**

#### Five Year Review:

Ingalls Center for Pastoral Ministries (Birmingham, AL)  
Palmetto Health (Columbia, SC)

#### Ten Year Review:

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare (Memphis, TN)  
University of Alabama Hospital (Birmingham, AL)

#### Accredited Membership:

Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church (Montgomery, AL)

**The Institute for Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education (Decatur, GA)** added two new satellites: **Children Health Care of Atlanta** and **Northside Hospital.**

Centers scheduled for a **Ten Year Review** are G.V.Montgomery VA, Jackson Health System and the University of Tennessee Hospital. The scheduled **Five Year Review** are Anderson, SC Medical, James H. Quillen VA(Johnson City, TN), and VISN8 (Tampa, FL).

Chairperson Eugene Robinson reports:

- 1) The Accreditation Commission took action to allow satellite programs to move to accredited membership after completing two units.
- 2) Beginning January 1, 2009, centers will be able to develop Education Placements.

Gene states: "The Accreditation Commission wanted to give centers more flexibility in developing short term programs. For example, if a center wanted to develop a congregation-based program for one unit of training, an Educational Placement would be the structure to use. You will receive more information through the region's e-mail network in the next few weeks."

#### CENTERS SEEKING TO EMPLOY CPE SUPERVISORS:

Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL  
HPC Healthcare (formerly LifePath Hospice), Temple Terrace, FL  
Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA  
Children's/Scottish Rite, Atlanta, GA  
St. Francis, Columbus, GA  
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](http://www.seracpe.org)). The October 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. Because we have collected \$15,370 for student unit fees due but not paid in previous years, we have \$3,833 more income than expenses in the 2008 budget. Please do what you can to get your 2008 "Student Registration Fees" to the office as soon as possible so that we won't have to withdraw any more from our cash reserves to cover these last two months of expenses.

The investment value of the region's endowment fund and cash reserve fund will likely be reduced from \$305,000 to \$240,000, or less, by the end of this fiscal year.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

At the ACPE meeting in Richmond, **Stephen Robinson** and **Cynthia Vaughn** were certified as **Associate CPE Supervisor**.

When the Certification Committee met at Hickory Knob on Sep 29, "extension of Associate" was granted to Ty Crowe; "extension of Candidacy" was granted to Heather Collins, Beverly Ross, Christy Miller; "candidacy" was granted to Miguel Santamaria, and John Renfro, Karen Miller and Mary Huie-Jolly participated in a "readiness" review.

### **Deadlines for meeting with Certification at HKSP, March 29-31, 2009:**

*Declare intention to meet committee.....January 23, 2009*

*Fee paid to Treasurer (Jap Keith).....January 30, 2009*

*Materials to Committee Members postmarked by.....February 23, 2009*

### **Make a Note of it:**

On January 1, 2009 **Elwood Spackman** will become the Chairperson of the SE Region Certification Committee. All requests to meet committee and any questions about the certification process should be directed to Woody. His email address is [Elwood.Spackman@emoryhealthcare.org](mailto:Elwood.Spackman@emoryhealthcare.org); and his postal mailing address is Emory University Hospital, 1364 Clifton Road, NE, C 204, Atlanta, GA 30322. Phone number is 404-712-7200.

## **REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

Because of some deaths and relocations of elected members, Chairperson Irene Albritton, with input from the RANC and the Adm Bd, appointed the following persons to fill these vacancies on Standing Committees until the membership can elect persons in October 2009.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, class of 2010: **Steve Lemons**  
Chair, BUDGET AND INVESTMENT, class of 2011: **Joe Whitwell**  
CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE, class of 2009: **Cecilia Walker**  
MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT, class of 2010: **Gale Kennebrew**