



# acpeNEWS

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### Names to note

Though life for us in the South Central Region continues to evolve, change has felt pervasive in recent months—and in some instances less than welcome!

In January we mourned the death of **Art Lucas** who had been in the prime of life! Art was a valued, highly respected friend and colleague whose contribution to the field of chaplaincy and pastoral education regionally, nationally and internationally was immense! In early February he was remembered and honored at the Spiritual Care Collaborative in Orlando, Fla., as recipient of the ACPE Helen Flanders Dunbar Award.

At almost the same time we learned of the passing of **Carl Towley** following a lengthy illness! Though Carl became a member of our regional family only recently, he had become well-known and regarded. We were thus profoundly reminded of the brevity and fragility of human life.

On a more positive note we welcome **Paula Gold** to the VA Medical Center of Kansas City, Mo., where she is now responsible for their program in clinical pastoral education. In addition, **Julie Swaney** has recently resumed her position as spiritual care services manager at the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, Colo. We look forward to their participation in and contribution to the life of the region.

Important to note are pending moves for **Garrett Starmer** to Tacoma, Wash., and **Jim Gunn** to Phoenix, Ariz. Each has made significant contributions to their centers, the region and ACPE nationally. They will be sorely missed! We are grateful for their competence as pastoral educators and thoughtful leadership. Fortunately, Garrett has agreed to return for our annual regional meeting in Kansas City

in September, thus completing his Board of Representatives' term. Similarly, Jim will join us for the annual regional meeting and will participate in transitioning the certification task; **Barbara Brumleve** has agreed to succeed him as chair.

In other certification news several colleagues have recently completed significant accomplishments. Involved were final reviews for certification as CPE Supervisor by **Jamie Beachy, Jessica Evans-Tameron, Marc Giedinghagen** and **Steve Gomes**. We applaud their success and wish them the very best as they continue their professional journeys!

The following persons were granted **Associate Supervisor Jeff Scheer, Supervisory Candidate Soomee Kim** and **Extension of Candidacy Tania Hammer-Luken**. Also, special congratulations to **Jessica Evans-Tameron** whose theory papers were judged nationally to be the best of the year and will be published in *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*.

Under the capable leadership of **John Pumphrey** and **Sally Schwab**, the Program Planning Group progresses toward the 2010 ACPE National Conference, themed *Exploring the Heart's Land: The Art(s) in Supervision—and All That Jazz!* Stay tuned in the months ahead for fur-

ther information on the Web site and in the newsletter.

I am pleased to announce the beginning a relationship with Jackie Howard of **Sage Creative** who will manage both our regional Web site and newsletter. Council has authorized efforts to expand and elaborate both of these facets of our mission. We encourage your comments and suggestions as these efforts continue!

*Stu Plummer, Regional Director*

### Certification '09 timeline

July 10	Deadline to declare
July 21	Deadline for fee to be paid to the regional office
July 28	Deadline to withdraw without penalty
Aug. 4	Docket to be sent to candidates and committee members
Aug. 11	Postmark deadline for materials to be sent to committee members
Sept. 15–17	Committee meets in Kansas City

Since Jim Gunn will be in transition, the declaration to the committee should be sent to the new chair Barbara Brumleve, at [barbara.brumleve@mercy.net](mailto:barbara.brumleve@mercy.net) with copies to Stu Plummer at [splummer@rkymtnhi.com](mailto:splummer@rkymtnhi.com) and Jim Gunn at [jim\\_gunn\\_954@msn.com](mailto:jim_gunn_954@msn.com). Jim may also be reached at 719.460.5535.

### Regional Annual Meeting

Sept. 17–19, 2009

### Accreditation, Certification Committees and Council

Sept. 15–17, 2009

Kansas City Marriott Downtown • 816.421.6800  
200 West 12th Street • Kansas City, MO 64105  
Lodging rate: \$135 single / double occupancy

A reminder of our current regional certification fees:

Mandatory Consultation	\$100
Supervisory Candidate	\$165
Extension of Candidacy	\$220
Extension of Associate	\$330

## Important summary of ACPE board meeting

In its Jan. 29–31 Board of Representatives Meeting in Orlando, the board continued to structure its work around the Strategic Plan for ACPE.

### Development and fund raising

This area with relevant concerns dominated the board's focus during the meeting. The question of the relationship of the ACPE Board and the FCPE Board quickly emerged, received immediate attention, and produced a clear statement of responsibility and authority: the sole purpose of the FCPE is to raise funds to support ACPE activities; decisions as to the disposition of such funds reside solely with the ACPE Board. The FCPE Board provided several reports: from John Moody, Art Schmidt and FCPE ED Deborah Whisnand. Longtime supporter of ACPE, Howell Adams, gave an impassioned speech on behalf of spiritual care, CPE, and the function of the FCPE to support the mission of ACPE. Subsequent discussion surfaced and addressed a misunderstanding on the part of some Board members—and likely of folks in the various regions—relative to use of the proceeds of ACPE's Annual Fund Drive. Contributions to the Annual Fund are used not to support CPE-related programming but to defray expenses of FCPE so that it can continue its primary function of raising funds to support ACPE's mission. Note: as of 21 January, \$116,060 of 2008 contribu-

## Fall 2009 ACPE Leadership Meetings

Nov. 4–8, 2009

Sheraton Atlanta Hotel

165 Courtland St. • Atlanta, GA 30303

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tions qualified for matching by Howell and Madeline Adams. A joint Board exercise (Joint Vision Plan), led by Agnes Bourne, dealt with plans for expanding ACPE facilities. Using prior Board responses to a survey structured about the "who, what, when, why, and how much" of potential expansion, the Boards participated in a freewheeling brainstorming exercise during which both dreams and difficulties surfaced. At the conclusion of the exercise, Howell Adams said that he and his wife were committing \$250,000 to the capital program. At its meeting following the exercise, the ACPE Board voted to appoint a study group of the Development Committee to explore options/costs for keeping the ACPE office in Decatur (to be used as a measure against which to compare costs of out of state locating). The study group was to present a report at the fall Board meeting. Overall, the joint Board contact served to allay fears while at the same time helping to keep clarity of purpose before the Boards.

### Supervisory education and certification

The C' Commission decided that committee members will waive one day's per diem as a cost-cutting measure. The Commission is also reviewing Presenter and Committee Action Reports to assess and to improve

quality and is continuing discussion as to making Associate Supervisor the terminal point in the C' process. Also a continuing item on their agenda is the challenge to train those who train supervisors. The C' Commission together with Standards is addressing the hot-button issue of the range of supervisory activities allowed of a Supervisory Education Student. Can they, for example, function legitimately as a co-supervisor? There is fair agreement that the Theology Position Paper is to be presented at the Candidacy appearance. The endorsement process has received considerable attention; and the emerging standard seems to be that one may not be endorsed by one body while claiming membership in another. Thorny issues remain here. Discussion continues around the issue of establishing supervisory education as a degree program. The Supervisory Education Task Force raised the possibility of making this a cooperative venture, rather than competitive, with seminary D.Min. Programs. Former C' Commission Chair, Ted Trout-Landen, is in the process of re-writing the *Certification Manual*.

### Contextual and pastoral education

The Accreditation Commission has determined not to credit CPE unit offered by NACC supervisors in centers in which there is no ACPE supervisor at the center. There is no reciprocity between NACC and ACPE. Appendix 19 of the *Accreditation Manual* has been reduced from 23 to 5 pages and is offered as a "guide" rather than a "checklist." The New Generations Projects currently is working on new endeavors in Seattle and Liberia.

## REM 2010

Feb. 2–6

Omni San Antonio Hotel

at the Colonnade • San Antonio, Texas

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## Multicultural and international learning

R.E.M. representative, Harry Simmons, noted the dates and locations of future R.E.M. meetings: the R.E.M. Invitational of 2010 in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 4–6; and the R.E.M. Invitational of 2011 in Richmond, Va., Feb. 3–5.

## Organizational relationships in pastoral care

As appropriately noted in preceding reports, we continue to stress the importance of sustaining effective relationships with member seminaries and schools of religion. The Board approved a Work Group recommendation to continue its relationship with the Congress on Ministry in Specialized Settings (COMISS). The Board also approved a motion to refer questions relative to membership in the Spiritual Care Collaborative, received from CPSP or any other cognate group, to the SCC for deliberation.

## Other

*The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* announced that APC plans to withdraw its financial support and that without "substantive support" from ACPE it cannot survive through the 2009–10 period. The Board voted not to assume the debt accrued by the Journal and further to require payment of 2008 fees and 2009 assessments. Whether our professional field will field a scholarly journal remains an open and painful question.

Closer to home, our departed colleague Art Lucas was dually honored at this meeting: APC presented him with the Anton Boisen Professional Service Award; ACPE made him its recipient of the Helen Flanders Dunbar Award. These were well-deserved honors made the more poignant by Art's not being among us to receive them. His wife Lou, daughter Kate and son Martin accepted the awards on his behalf.

—James Daugherty

## Job posting

**St. Anthony North Hospital—Centura Health**, Denver, Colo., is seeking a manager for its programs in clinical pastoral education. A successful candidate for this position will be ordained and / or endorsed by a religious body, hold a Master of Divinity degree, and be certified by ACPE as either a CPE Supervisor or Associate Supervisor. St. Anthony North Hospital is a part of Centura Health, a joint venture of Adventist Health Services (AHS) and Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). Centura Health is accredited by ACPE as a System CPE Center. To apply online visit our Web site and click on jobs. If you desire additional information, please contact either Sr. Patricia Hayden, VP for Mission Integration, PatriciaHayden@centura.org or Stuart Plummer, Corporate CPE Director, splummer@rkymtnhi.com. www.stanthonynorth.org

## Spring 2010 Leadership Meeting

April 17–21, 2010

## and ACPE Annual Conference

April 21–24, 2010

Kansas City Marriott Downtown

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