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Dates to Remember

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| September 18-21 | Minnesota sub-region continuing education, North Shore |
| October 18-20 | NCR Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells |
| November 4-8 | ACPE Leadership meetings, Atlanta |
| February 3-6 | REM, San Antonio |
| April 21-24 | ACPE 2010 Annual Conference, Kansas City |

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RD Ramblings...

Thanks to all of you who provided words of encouragement (or at least sat your jealous thoughts as you labored away with summer students and ongoing institutional/organizational stresses) as Bev and I had opportunity to get off the continent for 16 days in July and August. And a big thanks to JoAnn O'Reilly and Roger Ring and the ACPE national office for covering for me. I left the cell phone and computer at home and survived!

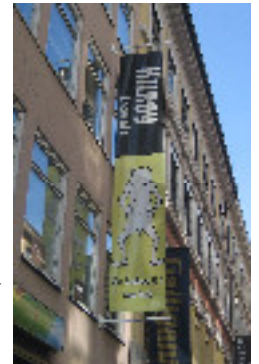


It seemed rather odd not to be “at the wheel” of the Region, so to speak, but I did have opportunity to be at the wheel of the “Fram” —the ship that was used in expeditions of the Arctic and Antarctic regions by the Norwegian explorers Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Admundsen (and several others) between 1893 and 1912 that is preserved in a museum in Olso. Although no beauty to behold, it is said to be the strongest wooden ship ever built as well as the wooden ship to have sailed the farthest north (85°57'N) and the farthest south (78°41'S).

The Norwegian word “Fram” means “forward” in English, and that is exactly where the program for our 2009 Annual Meeting is intended to help us go. Information, schedule, and registration forms can be found in this newsletter, as well as on the NCR website.

Please register now! Please also attend to the nomination information enclosed.

Bev and I didn't realize it at the time, but in taking our trip we were following the sage advice of a Norway travel agency, who flew the banner to the right above their office in Oslo! As we look to the future, we, as a Region, and ACPE as a whole need to be very proactive if we are to remain viable and able to carry out our mission and vision. A person like Fridtjof Nansen should serve to inspire us. His exploration activities are only part of his story. His biggest contribution was in the area of justice and human rights, particularly in refugee work with Russian peasants in conjunction with the League of Nations. (Look him up on the web. His story is inspirational.)



Bergljot with picture of Lovisenberg's founder, Cathinka Guldberg

We visited Copehagen, Stockholm and Helsingborg in Sweden, Helsinki and Ainola (Sebelius' home) in Finland, St. Petersburg in Russia, Tallinn in Estonia, Gdansk in Poland, and Wernemunde and Schwerin in Germany in conjunction with a ten day Baltic cruise. Then we flew to Oslo, Norway and travelled north into the mountains around Lillehammer and then west to the Jostedalsglacier and the Sognefjord. We then returned to Oslo, where we spent several days staying at Lovisenberg Guesthouse, part of the Lovinsenberg diaconal campus where Kirsti Mosvold and Bergljot Hauglid provide chaplaincy services and offer CPE.

Kirsti was our primary pre-visit facilitator and advisor and Bergljot the on-site host, as Kirsti was in Sweden the days we were there. Bergljot gave me a nice, albeit brief, tour of the hospital, the hospice, and the senior complex. She also pointed out that the campus houses the Norwegian Church's Resource Centre against Violence and Sexual Abuse.

It was most interesting to learn about the national health care system in Norway. Lots of parallels to what we experienced living in Canada: coverage for all, better public health interventions for children, more proactive wellness care, less expensive medications, better mental health care, better palliative care, some rationalization of services around elective surgery and futile end-of-life interventions, longer life expectancy, and lower infant mortality rates. One interesting twist on the Norwegian scene that we learned about when we went out for dinner with Janelle & Janette, two young women living in Oslo who had been children in my parish up in the Canadian Arctic back in the early 70's, was the Norwegian stance regarding physician malpractice and litigation. In the course of catching up with them about their family (their parents and brother now live in northern Norway), we learned that their mother had recently had knee surgery. Having heard earlier from Bergljot that Lovisenberg did all of the elective orthopedic procedures in Norway, I made the assumption she would have had the surgery on the campus where we were staying. However, the girls reported she had the surgery done privately elsewhere, as she didn't want to wait. When I asked whether there was supplemental health insurance available for something like that, they reported that it wasn't necessary because the procedure "was not that expensive". When I asked them why, they reported that doctor's in Norway cannot be sued for malpractice, which keeps the costs way down. Instead, complaints are dealt with through the government, and there is a government fund to support victims.



The Bendiksen girls

It was shocking and disconcerting to return home and find that it was seemingly impossible to have an intelligent discussion about health care reform and to hear irresponsible politicians spreading lies about the Canadian system and claiming death panels are part of the proposed legislation. Sad to say, the two lead offenders, Representative Michelle Bachman and Senator Charles Grassley, are from states within our Region. How did we manage to elect such bigots to public office?!! We owe the nation and the rest of the world a sincere apology.



The Sognefjord, Norway

You all followed our family saga with our son, Jeremy, after his motorcycle accident in the spring of 2008. I am delighted to share the following that was published last week on the Minnesota Triathlon News blog spot:

JEREMY'S BACK!

(St. Paul, MN - August 23, 2009) Seventeen months after his devastating motorcycle accident, St. Paul's **Jeremy Sartain** is back in the Winners Circle. It was a perfect day a Lake Phalen, mild with light breezes, the water sky blue. And it was a perfect performance by Sartain, who did not simply win the 4th edition of the *St. Paul Olympic Triathlon*, his amazing 1:51:35 lowered **Brett Lovaas'** course record by 1:52.

<http://minnesotatrinews.blogspot.com/>



Now its on Madison, WI for the Wisconsin Ironman on September 13th at which Jeremy hopes to qualify for the World Ironman Championships in Hawaii in 2010.



Uncle Jeremy isn't the only triathlete in the Sartain family. Adam did his part as well, participating in the two Miracle of Mitch kid's triathlons this summer in which kids 7 to 18 race for "kids who can't", raising money for kids with cancer and their families.

Adam stayed home while we were in Europe, as his Aunts and Uncles took turns staying at our house with him. They kept him so busy he didn't have time to miss us. Given the way they entertained him, he probably wishes we would leave again soon!

An Important Message from the Nominations Committee...

Dear Colleagues,

Nomination time has come again and the period for decision is short, very short, so it is imperative that you respond quickly.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS AT THE NCR ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 18-20, 2009

Officer and Committee positions up for election this year are as follows:

Administrative Board:

Treasurer (Beth Burbank, incumbent, eligible for re-election)

Member at Large (Allen Dundek, incumbent, eligible for re-election)

Accreditation:

Chair: Board appointed Bob Green to fill Ellen Swinfords's position until the annual meeting. Assembly needs to elect Bob or someone else to fill the position for her term, ending 2011.

Four member positions: one vacancy, one in which the incumbent cannot be re-elected, and one in which the incumbent (Jim Winjum) is eligible.

Certification:

Four member positions; two in which incumbents cannot be re-elected and two in which they can. Eligible incumbents are Marty Halvorson and Mary Altenbaumer.

History and Research

Two member positions to which incumbents are not eligible for re-election.

Standards

Two member positions: one vacant; the other in which the incumbent is ineligible for re-election.

REM:

Four member positions: one vacant and three in which incumbents are eligible for re-election. Eligible incumbents are Amy Snedeker, Digna Campanano, and Angela Keith.

Clinical Members:

Two member positions: one vacant; the other in which the incumbent, Bob Eagle, is eligible for re-election.

ACPE Committees and Commissions:

Accreditation: Appointed incumbent Bob Green eligible for election to un-expired term of Ellen Swinford, who resigned.

Certification: Incumbent, Mary Altenbaumer, eligible for re-election.

Board of Representatives: Incumbent not eligible for re-election.

Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Appointed by the NCR Board): Three volunteers needed.

If your term is up this year and you are eligible to continue, please let Alice McLaughlin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, or your sub-regional member of the committee know your intentions immediately: Do you or do you not wish to be nominated for another term? Do you want to be nominated for an open position on a different committee?

If you are interested in any of the positions up for election (whether there are eligible incumbents for re-election or not) and would like to place your name in nomination, please also contact Alice or a member of the committee asap.

And, if anyone has a person to recommend, after speaking to that person, please forward the name.

Thanks for giving your immediate attention to this matter. Please, please respond before Labor Day Sept. 7. The committee has to work via email so this will help immensely.

Alice McLaughlin, Chair of Nominations
aemcl39@gmail.com 217-621-7145

Committee Members: Dan Leininger (Dakotas); Bob Bowlin (Iowa); Mary Ann Weigel (Minnesota); Geri Krautkramer (Wisconsin); Alice McLaughlin (Illinois)

News and Notes of the Region....

On the mend....

Amy Snedeker: After being on full disability since July 1 due to the enduring side effects of her chemotherapy treatments for her cancer, Amy returned to work on August 26th -- "done with chemo!! Hooray!" She wrote:

"At the tail of end of finishing chemo (just a few treatments to go) I had a heart attack. Fortunately it was a mild one, and they were able to put a stent in instead of open heart surgery. I actually had the attack in church. We have three nurses who were all in worship that morning, and did a quick assessment and then called 911. So much drama! And my oncologist was away on vacation when all this happened. When she came back, we had a long conversation, and decided not to finish the last three treatments. They think the biotherapy drug I was getting exacerbated the heart attack, but it was clear that I had underlying (and unknown to me) disease. In a way, perhaps this was a blessing, because the blockage was in the artery known as the "Widow-maker." Had I not had the chemo, it likely would have continued to go undetected until a major cardiac event. This MI did not do much damage to the heart muscle, thank God. So even though the chemo speeded up the problem, it likely saved me from a worse one.

I am feeling pretty good - a little anxious about being back at work. I have my stress test on Friday and then will start cardiac rehab. I have to admit that I am so sick of doctors and such that I am not thrilled about having to do this. But as one of my co-workers said, "Everything else has been done *to* you. This you get to do for yourself."

Again I find myself in a position of such gratitude for the support I have received through these long months. I never could have come through this without your notes, prayers, cards and calls. I found being at home all the time a little lonely (said the extrovert.) Knowing that people were thinking of me was such a lift to my spirits -- thank you from the bottom of my (not very damaged) heart."

Mark Anderson: Mark has completed therapy in the Twin Cities after his surgery for subdural hematomas of unknown etiology and has returned to his beloved "North Shore", where the real healing can take place. He reports coming along very well, although remains a bit disappointed that a residual side effect of the experience, at least currently, is an inability to remember his dreams. Hopefully, in time.... Mark's wife, Donna, wrote the following as they closed out the CaringBridge website by which friends and family could track the ordeal in mid-August:

"We celebrate Mark's recovery/comeback by saying THANK YOU to all of you . . . 'good and faithful {servants} friends'. You have stuck with us throughout this (sometimes) scary journey. We're feeling like we are 'back home' again! Thanks for your loving and caring embrace along the way."

On-going prayers for healing requested for...

Beth Burbank: Beth had a lumpectomy this summer, and—though the tumor was small and confined (with no lymph node involvement—now will undertake a regime of chemo, followed by radiation. With the help of her SES and a cooperative, talented group of students, she was able to do her summer in spite of it all!

Bill Tallevast: Bill developed a sensitivity to the gasses emitted by new construction materials such as the carpeting and wall coverings, etc. used in hospital remodeling when his CPE rooms were remodeled while he was still in Wausau. He has been at Aurora St. Luke's in Milwaukee for some time and, with the help of the institution and a lot of care on his part as to how much exposure he allowed himself, he was able to manage. However, over the past months the problem has escalated and Bill is currently on medical leave. Please keep him and the Aurora CPE program in your prayers as they work through this.

JoAnn O'Reilly: JoAnn continues to live with uncertainty after developing some aneurisms as a result of a past heart surgery that need to be continuously monitored. If any should worsen, additional surgery would be necessary, but it would also entail significant risk.

Condolences and on-going prayers of support requested for...

Jim Creighton and family on the death in early July of his brother, **Robert**, a clinical member of our Region and ACPE from Forest Park, IL, from congestive heart failure and sepsis after a long struggle with health issues.

Roger Ring and his family on the death of his mother, Nan, who passed away in mid-July at Methodist Hospital in the Twin Cities. Thanks to Tim Thorstenson and Clyde Burmeister for supporting Roger and the family over the 12 days she was in the hospital.

Dan Leininger and his family on the death of his brother's wife, Judy, during open heart surgery in early August. This comes for months after the death of Dan's oldest brother, Lee, also following a surgery. In a note to the History and Research Committee of the NCR which he shares Dan wrote: "Naturally, I am numb and preoccupied."

Joe Czolgosz and his family on the death of his mother in early August as well.

Joe wrote about his mother: "I trust she's entered into the fullness of life with her God who's journeyed with her in her life, and especially in these last difficult years." May the comfort of that statement permeate the hearts of all four members of the Region noted above and their families and friends during their time of mourning. May it also be a comforting reminder to any and all of us who may continue to grieve losses of family members, friends, students, colleagues, patients, etc. as we navigate the often bumpy road of life.

Celebrations...

Jim Tonneson: Jim has retired from the Allina CPE Center in the Twin Cities and will be honored at a retirement part at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul on September 9th. Meanwhile, David Carlson has become "active retired", taking on the CPE Supervision that Jim had been doing at Mercy-Unity Hospitals in the northwest suburbs.

Peter Lundholm: The St. Cloud VA Hospital and the St. Cloud faith community honored Clinical Member, Peter Lundholm, on the 30th anniversary of his ordination with a service and reception on August 26th. Peter's wife and two of his children (pictured) joined staff and people from the St. Cloud community at the 8:00 a.m. Service that was led by resident and staff chaplains from the hospital. Peter's Bishop, Jon Anderson, gave the homily. Peter was presented a plaque that had a Luther Rose on top that had been purchased in Wittenberg, Germany and that read: "In recognition of the 30th Anniversary of Ordination into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Peter O. Lundholm—August 26, 2009—St. Cloud Veterans Affairs Medical Center" This was followed by a quote from Isaiah 52:7:



**"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger
announcing justice, of the messenger of good news."**

Other News....

Margaret Thomas: **Scott McRae** wrote in July that Margaret Thomas had become his next door neighbor, as she moved from Madison to live with her son and his wife. Scott advises that she was doing better health-wise with an increase in oxygen and seemed to be settling into her new home nicely. "With her son, Richard **Skarie** and daughter-in-law, Beth **Dorn**, we have a high concentration of CPE types between our two houses."

CPE in Chicago land took yet another hit this summer. After seeing entire program's close at Northwestern Community Healthcare, Edward, and NorthShore Community Health System (formerly known as Evanston Northwestern), we also had the closing of the Wheaton Franciscan program. And the residency program at Loyola University Medical Center was also closed. Fortunately, things have been quite stable elsewhere in the Region, although the programs in both Lake Forest (Lake Forest Hospital) and Champaign/Urbana (Carle Foundation) are both on hold in the current recession.

Former NCR Supervisor, **Sheryl Wurl** sent an email to the ACPE Regional Directors advising that another former NCR Supervisor, **Gale Kennebrew**, has agreed to take over as coordinator of the ACPE Book of Remembrance “since I am relocating this week to Tucson to start September 14 as Director of the Human Subject Protection Program at the University of Arizona.” She continued:

“I appreciate the assistance and guidance you've provided over the 4+ years since I took this project over from John Thomas. It would be nice if at some point these pages were available on the ACPE website, for there is both a great deal of historical information about clinical pastoral education in the write-ups and they describe quite a legacy from these now-gone supervisors. Working with bereaved family members and ACPE colleagues to produce the BoR pages has been a humbling and moving ministry, and I encourage the Association to continue it.”

She also provided a list of people who have died along with their Regional associations for whom remembrance pages still need to be completed. Those related to this Region include Bob Bergeson (12/03/06); David Belgum (4/12/07), Eugene Leffingwell (12/08/07), John Thomas (11/19/08), Wilbur Hughey (12/06/08), and Carl Towley (1/14/09). Sue Ott-Holland and Harvey Berg are working on Gene Leffingwell’s page. Jeff Billerbeck is working on John Thomas’s. And Lyle Greiner is working on Wilbur Hughey’s. The NCR History and Research committee is looking for volunteers for the others. Further information and the outline for the requested page is posted on the NCR website:

http://www.ncracpe.org/hist_research.htm

The History and Research Committee has an on-going request that those of us still alive and kicking use the template to document our own story/history to assist those left with the task of creating our “ACPE legacy” when we are gone. So, do your wills, estate planning, advance directives, and also send the material requested on the Book of Remembrance template to the NCR History and Research Committee!

**Our best wishes to the following people who will meet certification committees
at our annual meeting in October:**

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| Candidacy: Rush University Medical Center: Pat Thresher Karen Hutt Willia Brown | Candidacy Extension: Advocate Health Care System Janet McLean |
| Fairview CPE Center Kyrre Klevberg Torstein Holten Caroline Eustis | ACPE Supervisor: Loyola University Medical Center Jerry Kaelin |
| Advocate Health Care System Angela Keith | |
| Gundersen Lutheran Kristin Rice | |
| Iowa Methodist, Lutheran & Blank Children’s Hospital Jennifer Hall | |

“Shaping Our ACPE Future to Survive & Thrive”

Through an Examination of Foundation, Structure & Practice

NCR Annual Meeting - October 18-20, 2009

Chula Vista Resort - Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

As ACPE leadership looks into the future, they see steadily increasing operational expenses, a continuing decline in our traditional revenue streams, and a decreasing ability of members to provide the volunteer hours needed to run the organization as we have historically done. Pro-active changes need to be made. These have begun through:

- the establishment of the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education
- the creation of a special task force of the ACPE Board of Representatives to look at how we might best structure ourselves to do our business most efficiently
- and some major adjustments beginning in January 2010 in how we do accreditation.

Your planning committee and board have invited three persons to our annual meeting with expertise in each of these areas who will share information and enter into facilitated conversation and dialogue with us during plenary sessions Sunday evening and Monday morning. They are:

- **The Rev. Stuart A. Plummer:** founding member, Vice-President and Campaign Cabinet Co-Chair of the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education
- **The Rev. Sally A. Schwab:** ACPE President-Elect and Chair of the ACPE Board of Representatives Task Force on “Administration, Governance & Business Affairs”
- **The Rev. Karri A. Oertli:** Chair, ACPE Accreditation Commission

This event will provide ample opportunity for us to provide our input and perspective to the process. We cannot leave this important work to a few in leadership—competent as they might be. It leaves them with an unfair burden and with a smaller database from which to make decisions than they deserve to have.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 17

1:00 – 4:00 Certification Roomsto be posted

Sunday, October 18

8:30 – 11:15 Certification Rooms to be posted
12:00 – 4:00 **Registration** Grand Ballroom Lobby #2
12:30 - 3:30 Certification Rooms to be posted
1:00 – 4:00 Committee Meetings as called by Chairs Rooms to be posted
4:00 – 5:30 **Opening Session – Worship & Business Session # 1** Upper Dells Ballroom
5:45 – 6:30 Hospitality Suite 3001
6:30 - 7:30 Buffet Dinner Market Fresh Fireside
7:30 – 9:00 **Plenary Presentation** Upper Dells Ballroom

Monday, October 19

7:00 – 7:45 Breakfast Buffet Market Fresh Fireside
8:00 - 8:15 **Worship** Upper Dells Ballroom
8:30 – 10:00 **Plenary Session** Upper Dells Ballroom
10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 12:30 **Plenary Session** Upper Dells Ballroom

Monday, October 19, continued

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| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch Buffet | Market Fresh Fireside |
| 1:00 - 4:00 | Certification | Rooms to be posted |
| 1:30 – 3:00 | Workshops | Rooms to be posted |

1. An Enduring Mission in the Context of Health Care Change

Reviews change occurring in health care and ministry environments, subsequent challenges to spiritual care/CPE, on-going relevance of spiritual care/CPE and action plans to continue viability.

The Rev. Scott W. Hinrichs – VP Mission/Spiritual Care HealthEast Care System, St. Paul, MN

2. Residency Admission Interviewing: Best Practices

This workshop is designed to be a colloquium to share and exchange ideas, philosophies, and best practices in accepting, interviewing, and admitting the best residents. I will make a presentation for twenty to thirty minutes of what my history and practice has been, including high points and low points. Participants are encouraged to come with specific examples of what has proven to be effective in screening and admitting resident applicants, as well as criteria for denying admissions.

The Rev. Roger J. Ring, Mayo Clinic CPE, Rochester, MN

3. Accreditation Q & A with NCR Accreditation Chair, Bob Green

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| 6:00 | Hospitality | Suite 3001 |
| 7:00 | Banquet - Distinguished Service Award | Upper Dells Ballroom |

Tuesday, October 20

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| 7:00 - 7:45 | Breakfast | Market Buffet Fireside |
| 8:00 - 8:45 | Worship & Memorial Service | Upper Dells Ballroom |
| 9:00 - 12:00 | Business Session # 2 | Upper Dells Ballroom |

Banquet Meal Choices:

- Chicken Michel – White meat breast of chicken stuffed with parsley butter and a splash of Chablis crowned with melted mozzarella and fresh sliced mushrooms. Served with rice pilaf on the side.
- Fresh Vegetable Platter – seasonal fresh vegetables steamed and sautéed in butter and garlic. Served with baked tomato, mushroom stuffed pepper, fresh sautéed squash, and couscous
- London Broil – thinly sliced roast baron of beef with a delicately smooth thickened mushroom au jus served with oven browned Yukon potatoes
- Chicken strips or Mac & Cheese for kids

All dinners include: house salad with mixed greens and romaine and choice of dressings, vegetable of the day, freshly baked dinner rolls with butter, and coffee, decaf coffee, hot tea, iced tea or milk

Dessert – choice of Apple Strudel or French Silk Chocolate Pie

Travel Reimbursement for Supervisors, Sem Reps, Faith Group Reps, Clinical Members and Supervisory Education Students:

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| Zone 1 | \$30.00 – La Crosse, Rockford, Wausau, Madison, Metro Milwaukee, Oshkosh |
| Zone 2 | \$50.00 - Metro Chicago, Davenport, Iowa City, Rochester, Metro Twin Cities, Eau Claire, Green Bay |
| Zone 3 | \$80.00 - Urbana, Des Moines, St. Cloud, Duluth |
| Zone 4 | \$80.00 plus 25 cents per mile travelled in excess of 700 miles round trip - Sioux City, Cherokee, Sioux Falls, Fargo, Grand Forks |

Registration—2009 Annual Conference of the North Central Region-ACPE Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18 through 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20

Until September 18th, there is an early registration fee of **\$100.00** for this conference for **CPE Supervisors, Clinical Members, and Faith Group and Seminary Representatives**, and a **\$75.00** early registration fee for **Supervisory Education Students and retired CPE supervisors** that covers meals and lodging. This is predicated on your sharing a room with another registrant. If you request a private room or choose to have family members or other guests in your room with you, your cost will be the base fee plus an additional **\$44.50** per night. You will be reimbursed for travel according to the formula published with the conference schedule. **Registrations received after September 18th will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00.** **Family Members & Guests** pay the actual cost for rooms and meals.

Fill out and submit this form to the Regional Office, attending carefully to each numbered section or register on-line at www.ncracpe.org

Please do not submit payment with your registration. You will be invoiced.

1.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Non-Attending Emergency Contact: _____
Phone: _____

2. Registration Category

_____ Certified Supervisor / Sem Rep
 Faith Group Rep / Clinical Member

_____ SES or Retired Supervisor

_____ Guest requiring own room or
 requesting an assigned roommate***

*** Family members and people attending as guests of registrants who will stay in the room of a registrant do not need to fill out their own registration form. They will be listed in sections 4 & 5 of the registrant's form.

3. All rooms in our block will have two beds.

Please list your room needs here by checking the appropriate spot on each line & filling in the related box:

1. Non-Smoking room _____ **or** Smoking room _____

2. Roommate _____ **or** Private room / room with family _____

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If requesting a roommate, fill out both #1 & #2 below, then go to Section 5 on the next page:

1. Assign roommate at your discretion _____ **or**
 I wish to room with _____
 or _____

2. Assign someone else, if the above are not available _____
or I prefer a private room, if my requested roommate is not available (Additional cost of \$44.50/night) _____

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If requesting a private room, go directly to Section 5 on the next page.

If you are planning to share your room with family members or friends, go directly to Sections 4. on the next page.

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Registrants with family members or guests staying in their room need to fill out both Section 4 and Section 5.

(Be sure to fill out the appropriate column in Section 5 for each person including yourself as “Registrant”.)

All other Registrants can skip Section 4 and go directly to Section 5. Fill in only the “Registrant” column.

4. If family members or friends will attend the conference with you and share your room, please list their name(s) here. Write the ages of children after their names. Then go to section 5. and check off all items needed by each person, including yourself.

a. _____ c. _____
 b. _____ d. _____

| 5. | Registrant | Person | Person | Person | Person | Meal Costs Adult / Child 4—12 |
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| | | a. | b. | c. | d. | |
| Lodging Saturday Night, October 17 (Cost covered personally or by NCR Committee budget) | | | | | | |
| Sunday Supper Buffet | | | | | | \$17.75 / \$10.65 |
| Lodging Sunday Night, October 18 | | | | | | |
| Monday Breakfast | | | | | | \$8.00 / \$4.80 |
| Monday Lunch | | | | | | \$8.95 / \$5.40 |
| Monday Evening Banquet (choose 1 of the following) | | | | | | |
| • London Broil | | | | | | \$17.00 |
| • Chicken Michel | | | | | | \$17.00 |
| • Fresh Vegetable Platter | | | | | | \$17.00 |
| • Kid’s Meal (Chicken Fingers & Fries) | | | | | | \$8.95 |
| Lodging Monday Night, October 19 | | | | | | |
| Tuesday Breakfast | | | | | | \$8.00 / \$4.80 |

Even if you are a flat rate registrant, it is important that you check off only the particular items in Section 5 that you will be using, as the Region does not want to pay for rooms that are not inhabited or meals that are not going to be eaten. We are required to guarantee room numbers 24 hours in advance of the conference and meal numbers three business days in advance of the conference. We will be charged for no fewer meals than the guarantee, and can go over by no more than 3%. This makes accurate counts vital.

6. Mail or fax this registration to the Regional Office:

If you do not receive email confirmation or an invoice within a reasonable time after your submission, please contact the Regional office.

**North Central Region-ACPE
 PO Box 1832
 Burnsville, MN 55337**

Fax: 952-431-1423

**If you need to cancel or change any part of this registration, please do so through the Regional Director:
 612-270-3313 or ncracpe@ncracpe.org
 Do not attempt to do it directly through the hotel.**

Please also contact the Regional office if you have questions or needs that go beyond the parameters of this registration form such as additional nights; cribs or cots in your room, handicap rooms, etc.

The following is excerpted from a letter sent to ACPE on behalf of the Norwegian CPE movement last January by Kirsti Mosvold and Bergljot Hauglid. The organization is attempting to work out a relationship with us that will meet the needs of their students doing CPE in the United States in light of their organization's new arrangement with the Norwegian academic community. Bergljot is the former Chair (now member) of the Accreditation and Certification Committee. Kirsti is the Chair of the CPE Supervisors Collegium and a member of the Program Committee responsible for the programs on Basic and Advanced level. They will be attending the Minnesota Continuing Education Event on the North Shore in hopes of continuing the dialogue. We will also put this on the agenda of our business meeting in Chula

As we do not expect that you know our movement very well, we assume it would be appropriate to start by giving a brief background on CPE in Norway:

We have existed since the 1951, however only from the seventies as a movement with standards and regulations that are compatible with those of the ACPE. For decades the Norwegian CPE has enjoyed close ties with the ACPE, especially in terms of Norwegians going to the United States for training on all levels, from basic up to supervisory education. We have no figures that tell us how many Norwegians who have participated in basic (summer) and advanced (residency) CPE in your country. However, we are sure it's a fairly large number for a small nation like Norway. Our first two supervisors were certified with the ACPE in the seventies. Since then three of us did some of our supervisory training with the ACPE. The total number of active supervisors today is seven. Nine are retired or inactive. Two candidates are currently enrolled in our supervisory training program. Both already did one unit supervisory in the North Central Region (NCR) last year. Another two Norwegians have recently started a two years supervisory education in NCR, hoping to return to Norway as ACPE certified on associate level.

A handful of ACPE supervisors have visited us over the years, among others: Mark Anderson and George Fitzgerald in the seventies and eighties, Margot Hover at our 50th anniversary in 2001, Dick Sellers and Tim Thorstenson at conferences in the nineties and more recently. They have all contributed in a very positive way to our sense of fellowship with the ACPE over the years.

Some of us have occasionally participated at the annual ACPE Conference, as members of ACPE, and some of us continue to cultivate the relationship with ACPE colleagues, mainly in the NCR.

One major reason for our need to stay in touch with centers and colleagues in the ACPE is that our movement is small, yet not at all small for a little country like Norway, with a total population of only four million people. Annually we have had 30 - 50 participants / students in our programs, at only four accredited CPE centers. Around 1 500 of ministers have participated in our program over the years. I say 'ministers' as CPE here is usually not open to seminarians. We are currently exploring opportunities for launching a student version of CPE.

Being small compared to the ACPE scale; we nevertheless enjoy an outstanding reputation in our country, both within the clergy and the church leadership. We are known for high educational quality and a unique and effective clinical learning program in well functional accredited centers. And we know we have had a strong impact on pastoral training over the years.

Our mission, standards, ethical values and program / curriculum design are similar to the ACPE. In fact, we do not know of any other CPE organization internationally that is compatible in terms of educational requirements within our field. This is also why our relationship with the ACPE has been so important for us to cultivate and develop.

A few years ago, as a result of a major 'Higher Education Quality Reform' in Europe, the issue of CPE *ownership* came up. Up to then CPE was organized under the Pastoral Association of Norway, which is actually a 'union' for ministers and theologians. The union operated as an umbrella organization for various continuing educational programs for clergy. Their role in CPE has been of a coordinating and accrediting nature, providing accountability, quality assurance and so on. The union also appointed officers to the various CPE committees, in close understanding with the supervisors and centers.

As a consequence of the Higher Education Reform the union handled over most of the programs, CPE included, to the seminaries and theological schools. The supervisors have been supportive of this process. So from 2007, basic and advanced CPE (CPE 1, 2 and 3, as we name these levels) have become part of an academic accredited post educational degree for clergy, named *Master of Clinical Pastoral Care and Counseling*. The sponsor is MF - Norwegian School of Theology here in Oslo. < www.menighetsfakultetet.no > The program is open to clergy who already hold a Master of Divinity and Theology. It means that MF as a sponsor grants academic credits for the CPE standardized 400 hours units and also owns the programs in cooperation and understanding with the accredited centers, certified supervisors and the union. MF operates the program through a specially appointed CPE Program Committee. CPE supervisors serve on this committee along with MF's professional staff on pastoral care education. The Supervisory Education Program is still run by the certification committee appointed by the union.

So far our experience is that the transition of CPE into academia has gone well. The core values of CPE as clinical and experience based learning has been respected and preserved. All our standards have been rewritten to fit the new administrative setting with our educational philosophy, curriculum, and requirements intact. In this new academic system, students are more than ever encouraged to do one of the CPE units in the master program outside Norway, in practice that will be with the ACPE. As we said above, we do not know of any other CPE organization that holds the same level as ours, thus compatible in the sense that MF finds it acceptable to grant credits.

Since the CPE constituency here wants to continue to recommend and send students to the ACPE on all levels, supervisory included, and also wants to ensure Norwegian academic credits to those who successfully complete a unit in the US, we would like to explore what structures could be used to enter into a dialogue about a partnership agreement with the ACPE.

Here is what we have in mind: We would like to identify some preferred centers that we could recommend to students who seek credits with our Masters Degree Program or our Supervisory Program and Certification process. From our perspective these centers would have a similar status in ours system as our own accredited centers in Norway.

Such centers might be called 'Affiliate Centers', 'Center of Companionship' or whatever would be appropriate. Of course we would like to link up with centers of excellence, and criteria for excellence would need to be defined. It could include the following:

- centers where CPE is available on all levels
- centers with a history of training success, in the sense that candidates have been certified
- centers with a satisfactory 'End of Unit Alumni Evaluation'
- centers with no history of ethical misconduct

Our feeling is that it might be more manageable for us to enter a partnership with centers in one region, thus we have already informally discussed our ideas with some ACPE supervisory colleagues in the NCR. For a number of reasons the NCR would serve us well:

- NCR is the region that have received the majority of Norwegian students over the years, supervisory included. Several NCR supervisors are very familiar with the Norwegian CPE and the learning style of students from our country.
- Norwegian students find it easy to adjust to this part of the US, as the mid-western culture is perceived as having close ties and similarities with the Norway and Norwegian culture.
- A majority of the active Norwegian supervisors already have close contact with the supervisors in the Twin City area.
- The Norwegian Government rents a house on the Luther Seminary Campus in St. Paul for the purpose of providing free housing for Norwegians who seek theological post education in the area. CPE clergy are very welcome to take advantage of this arrangement.