

ACPE NEWS

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From Your Regional Director . . .

A Blessed Holiday Season To All Of You!



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Don't forget to check the Regional Website, www.ncracpe.org, for all your needs, including manuals, forms, minutes, unit openings, job opportunities, breaking news and address changes and much more. If you are a Center facing accreditation or a person selected for a team for a site visit, make sure you visit the accreditation page. Those in the certification process should regularly check the certification page.

I would appreciate your feedback about the webpage – it is a living technological document! Are you finding it helpful? Is the format and presentation pleasing? Is there content missing? We do hope to have registration on line for the March committee convocation in Madison. And we are also hoping to set up a chat room to deal with information around merger/federation with other cognate groups arising from deliberations of our ACPE Board of Representatives at their November meeting. A report of that meeting will be posted on the website as soon as it is received from our representatives.

We have been diminished in the past few weeks by the deaths of one of our Clinical Members, **the Rev. Kenneth White**, and one of our long-time Supervisors, **the Rev. Russell E. Comnick** (see memorials, page 5). Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and those in our community who were particularly close to them.

Congratulations to our newly certified Supervisors!!!

Full: Diane Greve
John Katonah
Scott McRae
Michelle Oberwise-Lacock

Associate: Emilie Wolf

And congratulations also to our newest CPE Center:

City of Lakes Transitional Care Center, Diane Greve, Supervisor (moved from satellite to accredited Center status)

Supervisory Changes in the Region:

Walter Balk is at Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, WI, coming to us from Kalamazoo, MI in the East Central Region.

Karl Anderson has joined Lyle Greiner at Iowa Methodist, Lutheran and Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Karl comes to us from West Palm Beach, FL in the Southeast Region.

James Tonneson has joined The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society's supervisory team. He has a new address in Fergus Falls, MN: 3123 East Jewett Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537-7338. His home phone number is 218-736-3778. Email is jimtonneson@yahoo.com.

Susan Gullickson has left Mather Lifeways, formerly The Mather Foundation, effective September 22, where she had been offering CPE as a satellite center of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's. She will take a few months to be at home with her children before exploring other options. Contact her at home or through husband, Jim.

Sheryl Wurl has announced her resignation from Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis, MN in order to take a position at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN.



North Central Region

The North Central Region once again held its Annual Meeting in the Wisconsin Dells October 8-10, 2000. Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Here are some highlights:



Larry Shostrom presents the Distinguished Service Award to Clyde Burmeister.



Randy Nelson receives the Distinguished Service Award from Larry Shostrom.

Clyde Burmeister, long-time Supervisor and retiring Regional Director (left), and Randy Nelson, Seminary Representative and current Regional Secretary (above), received Distinguished Service Awards at the Monday night banquet from History & Research Committee Chairperson, Larry Shostrom. Roger Ring presented Clyde and Oz Anderson presented Randy.



Herb Skarie was remembered during the banquet worship service (right) led by Dan Leininger through a planned tribute from Jim Tonneson and comments from colleagues, including national and regional ACPE historian, John Thomas.



Jim Tonneson and Dan Leininger remember Herb Skarie.

Conference Highlights

Banquet entertainment included wonderful jazz music by a group led by our own **George Paterson** on the trombone (below right). **Jack Kouth** (below left) joined for several vocal numbers.



The George Paterson Band jazzes it up.

Clyde and Pat Burmeister (below) were honored, gifted (and roasted a bit) for their major contribution as Regional Director and Regional Secretary.



Clyde and Pat Burmeister hear words of praise and thanks from Regional Chair, David Middleton.

The following poem by May Sartin was read in tribute to Clyde Burmeister by NCR Administrative Board Member Sheryl Wurl:

Letters to a Psychiatrist

by May Sartin

In middle age we starve
 For ascension,
 Look back to childhood teachers
 But have outgrown them.
 Mature love needs new channels.
 How long has it been –
 What starving years –
 Since I was permitted
 To cherish wisdom? I bend tenderly
 Toward the young
 With open heart and hands.
 I share in a great love
 With my equal.
 Every day I learn better
 About how to give
 And how to receive love.
 But there is still the need
 To be filial toward someone,
 To be devoted,
 Humble and enlightened.
 I need to remain teachable
 For one who can teach me.
 With you all green things flourish,
 All flowers may be freely given,
 All fears can be expressed,
 No childish need is sneered at,
 No adult gift unrecognized.
 Speak to me
 Of the communion of saints
 On earth.

May Sartin, "Letters to a Psychiatrist, The Action of Therapy 5," COLLECTED POEMS (1930-93), NY: WW Norton & Co.

CPE in the City: Context, Challenges and Changes

By Barbara Sheehan

Editor's Note: Barbara Sheehan led a workshop on "CPE in the City" at our recent NCR annual meeting in the Wisconsin Dells. Her workshop was one of eight excellent offerings from our own membership. Following is her synopsis of the presentation "for awareness and conversation." Barbara intends to explore the issues in depth in a forthcoming article she will write for publication. We hope to share synopses of other workshops in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

My workshop addressed three questions that the living human documents of the people of the city present to CPE. These questions are: What does the city say to me as educator about curriculum and about program design? What does the city say to me as CPE Supervisor about for what am I educating and what are the pastoral formation, pastoral competency needs of today's public ministers? What challenges does the city offer to some long-held personality theories in understanding human growth?

To be an effective urban CPE supervisor one must move from the concept and practice of isolation into networking and partnership. The CPE Supervisor is called to move away from a position of center-stage into one of mutual partnership with others in service work. The reality of interdisciplinary approach is a move away from using nurses, social workers, physical therapists and others in the hospital "team" as consultants to partnering for mutual engagement of students on a day-to-day basis. The expertise of the site supervisors and other site personnel is held as equally important in the supervisory process.

The city speaks to us of social ills – poverty, racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, etc. The diseases of society are diseases created by peoples being disconnected from one another, from one group being dominate over another group or culture. The healing of these diseases is not the healing of individual persons but of groups, of peoples living separated from one another because of self-interest or cultural interest. Exclusiveness of peoples is not healed by individual pastoral care alone.

Methods and skills of social analysis and community organizing, awareness of racial and cultural impact (on oneself, on one's people, on society), conflict

transformation skills, power concerns and practices (one's own and use/abuse of, relational or unilateral) are some of the needs to be an effective partner in the healing of society.

Developmental/personality theories used often in supervisory training and recorded in theory papers center around self development, self autonomy, self, self, self. Even relational theorists (W.D. Winnicott, my theorist until recently, included) speak of the developing self with only a slight mention of the impact of culture on development. Object relations theorists and others speak of the use of others for the sake of the self to grow. As one participant noted, these theories are pretty individualistic oriented.

The reality is, therefore, that our theories upon which we do CPE supervision for growth and transformation for ministry can be inconsistent (and perhaps opposed to) the needs for social transformation. For too long the –isms have remained and peoples have been told to get it together as individuals. Yet, the brokenness, the illness is a collective, a cultural/ group issue. Our



Sister Barbara Sheehan discusses "CPE in the City."

theories of personality seem to collude with this individualist notion. Whereas, the more recent Relational/Cultural Theory of development involves an understanding of cultural influences and their impact on development. The focus is on how one negotiates connection, disconnection, reconnection. It begins with

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the premise of awareness of the psychological impact of cultural dominance/disconnection. To use individualistic theories in CPE for growth stands as a contradiction to the cultural transformational growth needs of the city. How consistent is our CPE work (in individual supervision, in group process, in understanding the student as learner) with the work we are called to do in and among ourselves and our brothers and sisters of the city? Is focus on individual supervisory sessions challenged by cultural realities? Does more emphasis clearly lie with group work and partnership skills around power, etc.? Duane Parker and Cameron Bryd have both called us to this in the past.

What does this say about how we frame the Outcomes and Curriculum in our Standards? What does this say about our understanding of ourselves as educators, clinicians and as pastoral practitioners? The ACTS Urban CPE Education Committee perspective has led them to rename/reframe some of the stated ACPE Level I and Level II outcomes.

Greater development of these thoughts and reflections is being put into an article for submission to the *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry* or *Christian Century*. For now, let these reflections stand as a challenge to all of us and a door for dialogue among us.

History and Research Committee Announces 2001 Research Grant

An award of up to \$3,000 is available for original research projects in the areas of Clinical Pastoral Education, Pastoral Care or Spirituality and Health. The principle investigator has to be a member of the NCR (at any level). New researchers are encouraged to apply. The deadline for submission of the grant request is January 31, 2001. Go to the History & Research section of the NCR website for more information and for an application, or contact Larry Shostrom at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 319-356-7093, email: larry-shostrom@uiowa.edu.

In Memoriam

Rev. Kenneth White

We are saddened to learn of the death of one of our Clinical Members, the Rev. Kenneth White. Ken and his wife Barb have led a wonderful store-front ministry in the Minneapolis inter-city area out of the Music Box Theater called Light Foundational Ministries. Ken has also been a key pastoral presence in many of the correctional facilities in the area as a chaplain with the Salvation Army. Ken collapsed with a presumed heart attack while preaching in his congregation on Sunday afternoon, November 12, and could not be resuscitated. Ken's family can be contacted through his wife, Barbara, at 923 Ibarra Ave. SE, Buffalo, MN 55313-4621.



Rev. Ken White

Rev. Russell E. Connick

We are further saddened to learn of the death of one of our long-time Supervisors, the Rev. Russell E. Connick, at his home in Menahga, MN from a virulent cancer that was first diagnosed last summer. Russ was a parish pastor with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 1956 to 1974, when he made the move into specialized ministry. He entered a CPE residency at that time and immediately followed that with supervisory training. He trained under Al Anderson in Omaha, Nebraska. He was certified Acting Supervisor in 1976, Full Supervisor in 1980. He served as a Supervisor in our Region from 1976 until his retirement in 1994. He was first at Glenwood State Hospital-School in Glenwood, IA. Then, from 1979 on, he was a fixture at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, MN. He served on numerous ACPE committees and was Regional Chair of Accreditation at the time of his retirement. He was experienced as active, innovative and progressive in community, church and CPE. However, his many professional accomplishments and activities only partially capture and give testimony to the "heart" that those who were privileged to call him family and friend experienced. His family can be contacted through his wife, Helen, at their home in Menahga: 39284 Lodge Drive, Menahga, MN 56464-2686.



Rev. Russ Connick

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 17-18, 2001** Wisconsin area sub-regional meeting, Oshkosh, WI
- January 26, 2001** Minnesota area sub-regional meeting, Minneapolis, MN (Central Lutheran Church)
- January 27-30, 2001** ACPE Regional Directors Meeting, San Diego, CA
- February 1-3, 2001** REM Convention, San Diego, CA
- February 1-4, 2001** Triennial Inter-Lutheran Conference for Ministries in Specialized Settings, San Antonio, TX
- February 4-7, 2001** National Association of Jewish Chaplains Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
- March 3-7, 2001** Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- March 11-13, 2001** NCR Committee Convocation, Madison, WI (Edgewater Motel)
- May 2-5, 2001** ACPE Annual Conference, Vail, CO (Vail Cascade Resort)
(Commissions meet April 28-May 2)
- May 16-20, 2001** National Association of Catholic Chaplains Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
- October 14-16, 2001** NCR Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells, WI (Chula Vista Resort)
- April 24-27, 2002** ACPE Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA (Hilton Pittsburgh & Towers)
(Commissions meet April 20-24)
- October 13-15, 2002** NCR Annual Meeting, Wisconsin Dells, WI (Chula Vista Resort)