

ACPE News

of the North Central Region

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Congratulations to our newest Supervisors
These three successfully met committees for Candidacy in February:



Delbert (Del) Shinabarger
Advocate, Chicago



Kyle Vlack
Allina CPE Center, Twin Cities



Sarah Sainsbury
Advocate, Chicago



NCR Annual Meeting
May 18-20, 2008
Chula Vista Theme Resort, Wisconsin Dells

“Every Stone a Teacher, Every Breeze A Language”

Our plenary speaker and banquet entertainer will be Douglas Wood
— author, artist, musician, naturalist, and wilderness guide

*And what is each of us but a universe in miniature...with lakes and forests,
stars and planets undreamed of, and unexplored.” —Douglas Wood*

Register Now: Early Registration Ends April 15th

Conference Schedule, Information and Registration Form Inside.

Register on-line at www.ncracpe.org

Douglas Wood has a passion to communicate in words and music the wonder and mystery to be found in the natural world and in the human spirit. Best known for his classic book *Old Turtle* (and its sequel *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth*), he has also written numerous other books for children and adults alike.

Doug composes all the music for his live performances. A versatile and classically trained musician, he sings, plays 6 and 12 string guitars, dobro, banjo, mandolin, and keyboards. Many of the songs he will sing are found on his CD's, which can be sampled at www.douglaswood.com.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Sunday, May 18

12:00 – 4:00	Registration	Lobby
1:00 – 4:00	Board & Committee meetings as called by Chairs Certification Committees	
4:00 – 6:00	Opening Session—Worship & Business Session # 1	Convention Center
6:00	Presentation by ACPE Foundation	Convention Center
6:30	Hospitality	Suite 3001
7:30	Buffet Dinner	Fireside Room

Monday, May 19

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast Buffet	Fireside Room
8:00 - 8:15	Worship	Convention Center
8:15 – 9:45	Business Session # 2	Convention Center
10:00 – 12:00	Plenary Session with Douglas Wood	Convention Center

“Nature is filled with teachers and teachings, for those who know how to listen and look. There are clues on how to live a “human” life, in harmony with our deeper selves and our environment. Each of us can explore the meanings that are there; within the sunrise, the stream, the flower, the rocks and woods of everyday life.”

“There is an inseparable bond between external and internal landscapes, each one reflecting and illuminating the other. There is truly a wildness within.”

12:15	Lunch Buffet	Fireside Room
1:30—5:00	Peer Review – Certification Committees – Workshops—Free Time	Various
5:00	Hospitality	Suite 3001
6:30	Banquet Distinguished Service Award; Recognition of Retirees; Entertainment by Douglas Wood	Convention Center

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast	Fireside Room
8:00 - 8:45	Worship & Memorial Service	Convention Center
9:00 - 11:30	Business Session # 3	Convention Center
10:30	Box lunch to go	Convention Center Lobby

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.		Person	Person	Person	Person	Costs
	Registrant	a.	b.	c.	d.	Adult / Child 4—12
Sunday Supper Buffet						\$18.50 / \$11.10
Lodging Sunday Night, May 18						
Monday Breakfast						\$8.00 / \$4.80
Monday Lunch						\$9.00 / \$5.40
Monday Evening Banquet -choose 1 of the following -descriptions on next page of newsletter						
• London Broil						\$18.95
• Chicken Viennese						\$18.95
• Squash & Pepper Tortellini el Pesto						\$18.95
• Kid’s Meal (Chicken Fingers & Fries)						\$8.95
Lodging Monday Night, May 19						
Tuesday Breakfast						\$8.00 / \$4.80
Tuesday Box Lunch (available after 10:30 a.m.)						\$9.00

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.

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**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 call or email the Regional Office (612-270-3313; ncracpe@ncracpe.org) if you have needs that go beyond the parameters of this registration form such as a Saturday night stay; additional rooms for family or friends, cribs or cots in your room, etc.

Banquet Meal Choices:

- London Broil: thinly sliced roast baron of beef, with a delicately smooth thickened Mushroom au jus
- Chicken Viennese: large white meat chicken breast over with an apple, onion and seasoned bread crumb stuffing layered with a smooth chicken and mushroom sauce
- Squash and Pepper Tortellini el Pesto: Fresh Red and Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions, Acorn and Zucchini Squashes and Cheese Tortellini in a Mild Garlic and Butter Sauce



All dinners include: house salad with choice of 2 dressings, vegetable of the day, baked potato with butter and sour cream, freshly baked dinner rolls with butter, and coffee, brewed decaf, hot tea, iced tea or milk

Dessert – choice of Black Forest Cherry cake or cheesecake with blueberries

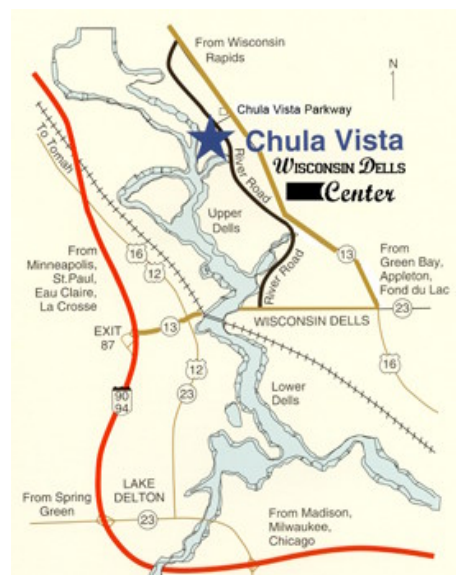
Travel Reimbursement: Supervisors, Sem Reps, Faith Group Reps, Clinical Members and Supervisory Education Students:

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| Zone 1 | \$20.00 – La Crosse, Rockford, Wausau, Madison, Metro Milwaukee, Oshkosh |
| Zone 2 | \$30.00 - Metro Chicago, Davenport, Iowa City, Rochester, Metro Twin Cities, Eau Claire, Green Bay |
| Zone 3 | \$40.00 - Urbana, Des Moines, St. Cloud Duluth |
| Zone 4 | actual cost up to \$300 - Glenwood, Sioux City, Cherokee, Sioux Falls, Brookings, Fargo, Grand Forks |

Directions to Chula Vista Theme Resort:

* Access from the Interstate I90 – 94: Take exit 87 off the Interstate. Go to the 7th set of stoplights all the way through the downtown. Turn left onto Hwy. 13 N. and continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn left on Chula Vista parkway which will lead you right to Chula Vista Resort.

* Access from the East: From the east, go to the intersections of Hwy's 16, 23, and 13. Go north on 13 for 3 miles. Turn left the Chula Vista Parkway entrance.



2007 NCR Student-Units by Sub-Region and Center

Illinois	429.0
Advocate Bethany	0.0
Advocate Christ Medical Center	26.0
Advocate Good Samaritan	23.0
Advocate Good Shepherd	9.0
Advocate Lutheran General	39.0
Advocate South Suburban	6.0
Advocate Trinity	6.0
Advocate IL Masonic	4.0
Alexian Brothers System	25.0
BroMenn Healthcare	37.0
Carle Foundation	10.0
Christian Homes	9.0
Edward Hospital	3.0
Elmhurst Memorial	27.0
Evanston Northwestern	6.0
Lake Forest Hospital	0.0
Loyola Un Med Ctr	11.5
MacNeal Hospital	6.0
Northwest Comm Healthcare	20.0
Northwestern Mem	21.0
Resurrection Health Care	11.5
Rockford Mem Hosp	14.0
Rush University	57.0
The Church Home	10.0
University of Illinois Hospitals	10.5
Urban CPE Consortium, Inc.	20.5
Vitas Innovative Hospice Care	12.0
Wheaton Franciscan Services	5.0
Iowa	89.0
Ecumenical Institute	6.0
Genesis Med Ctr	11.0
IA Methodist/Lutheran/ etc.	38.0
St. Luke's Reg Med Ctr	6.0
University of Iowa	28.0

Minnesota	270.0
Allina CPE Center	61.0
City of Lakes Consortium	8.0
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	27.0
Fairview CPE Center	81.0
Good Samaritan Society	17.0
Healtheast	22.0
Mayo CPE Program	34.0
Park Nicollet Health System	14.0
St. Cloud Hospital	6.0
Dakota's	95.5
Altru	9.5
Avera	69.0
Bethesda	17.0
Wisconsin	205.5
Alexian Village of Milwaukee	20.0
Aspirus Wausau Hospital	13.0
Aurora Sinai	16.0
Aurora St. Luke's	18.0
Aurora South Shore	13.0
CPE Ministry Program - GB	10.0
Gundersen Lutheran	35.0
Luther Hospital	8.0
Lutheran Homes - Oshkosh	32.0
Meriter	19.5
St. Camillus Campus	5.0
Village at Manor Park	16.0

Totals:	2007	1089.0
	2006	1093.5
	2005	1089.0
	2004	1109.5
	2003	1158.5
	2002	1177.5

Letter to the Editor _____

February 5, 2008

Dear Gary:

Thank you for the Winter '07—'08 issue of the NCR newsletter. It certainly came, and was read, at an “appointed time”.

I retired as a full-time Interim Pastor for conflicted congregations in January 2007. My thoughts were, then, that after a few months relaxation I would return to the “saddle”. Those few months are now 15!

It has been a struggle to adapt to “retirement”. My body and mind are in fairly good health (some of my former NCR colleagues might wonder about the mind), so just sitting at home doing ‘nothing’ is depressing. (Even though my home office has the view on the enclosed pic!) The area Lutherans elected me as Dean a few years ago, so I focused on helping them become a more “collegial” group: weekly Bible studies, monthly educational two hours sessions, a newsletter, etc.

It was while reading the NCR Newsletter that I was reminded how area clergy are not educated/trained to work collegially and often do not trust each other. Most importantly, the newsletter reminded me of the gift that was mine during the decades of service in the NCR and in ACPE and its predecessors!



Winter on the Rock River '07

It is 50 years ago this summer that I offered my first unit of CPE under the auspices of the Lutherans. Many of the friends made during those five decades are still friends. Even though we might not see each other on any regular basis, I know that with a phone call there will be conversation and acceptance as if it were just yesterday that we were together.

ACPE Supervisors and Clinical Members are still a unique gift to the world and to the Church:

- We **Celebrate** inclusivity as we rejoice in the birth of Sadie to Rene and Andrea; and we Celebrate inclusivity at the marriage of Mark and Robert. My attempts to help move the area pastors towards even discussing such inclusivity hit stone walls.
- We **Celebrate** the publication of “The Heart’s Alphabet” by the son of a member.
- We **Celebrate** the new challenge for Jan de Jong, affirming that “retirement” from supervision is not “retirement” from the love of the community.

It has been a decade since I actively supervised—and may years since I was a Chula Vista for the annual meeting. It is my hope to see you all again May 18-20 and to renew my ties to one of the finest examples of what it means to be Church!

Thanks Gary.

Frank S. Moyer

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Religion in the election
By Steve Corum
[For the Argus Leader](#)

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Jesus for President! Just the sound of these words strikes us as odd, ridiculous or even blasphemous. But with so many political candidates citing their religion during the primary elections for president, "Jesus for President," may not seem so far-fetched as it sounds.

It seems the candidates of both parties are working hard to be the candidate of faith. One candidate was asked about an issue, "What would Jesus do?" He responded by saying Jesus was too smart to run for political office. When I heard this answer, I laughed; what a humorous yet evasive response.

What is the place of faith and religion in our political life? In our government?

As a nation, we have been wrestling with the place of faith in our culture and society since the writing of the Constitution, if not before. It was Thomas Jefferson who stipulated the need for a "wall of separation between church and state."

Some Americans then (and many today) wanted our government to be explicitly Christian, while others wanted to maintain neutrality regarding matters of faith. Jefferson hoped to sustain a proper distance between religion and politics.

Nonetheless, as we hear during the presidential debates, religion remains a viable force in our political discussions.

If we accept the reality of faith as a part of our public life, then what is the best way to go about integrating religious values and faith into the public discourse? Religion works best when it challenges injustice, poverty and social inequities brought about by neglect or discrimination. In other words, healthy faith is inclusive rather than restrictive.

For example, Martin Luther King made a forceful use of scripture and biblical imagery when he challenged the policies and culture of racism. Without the power of the spirit of the Lord, Dr. King would not have had the effect he did.

The difference between Dr. King's use of faith and so many public figures today is that King made us feel uncomfortable and even angry. His religious beliefs probably led to his early death; this often is the outcome of a prophetic voice.

On the other hand, the public use of faith today often seems more about manipulation and appeasement rather than a call to justice and self denial.

As the Quaker theologian Elton Trueblood stated years ago, good religion comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.

As we ponder the choice of our next president, may we look past the easy veneer of religious words and seek a candidate whose religious values will lead him or her toward the difficult tasks of challenging "the powers and principalities" of injustice, war and poverty.

Steve Corum is a clinical pastoral educator with Avera Health and Wing Chaplain with the South Dakota Air National Guard.

NCR-ACPE Community and the NIU Valentine's Day Shootings

Our entire nation was impacted to some degree by the horrendous events that took place on Valentine's Day on the Northern Illinois University campus. But our North Central Region – ACPE community was far more directly impacted than we could ever have imagined.

One of the five young lives that were so needlessly taken was that of **Ryanne Mace**, the only grandchild of ACPE Supervisor Emeritus, **the Rev. Eugene W. Mace and his wife Sally** of Washington, IL. Gene was an active member of the North Central Region, serving as a CPE Supervisor in Peoria, IL at the time of his retirement a number of years ago. Ryanne's parents are Gene and Sally's son, Eric, and his wife, Mary Kay, of Carpentersville, IL. The maternal grandparents are Rev. Miley and Janet Palmer of Decatur, IL.



Ryanne Mace

Three other families with direct connection to our Region were also impacted. CPE Supervisors **Ellen Swinford** (Northwestern Community Health) and **Peter Strening** (Northwestern Memorial), and Candidate Supervisor **Sarah Sainsbury** (Advocate) each have a child who attends there. All three young people were on campus at the time and were traumatized by tangential exposure of varying degrees.

And CPE Supervisor **Linda Bronersky** (Wheaton Franciscan Health Services) was very busy working with people in her community, because one of the other victims, Daniel Parmenter, was the son of one of the Marionjoy nurses.

The memorial service for Ryanne was held on February 18th. **JoAnn O'Reilly** and **Michelle Oberwise-Lacock** were able to attend. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Region and the ACPE community. The card that accompanied them read:

From Grandpa Gene's clinical pastoral educator colleagues of the North Central Region of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. on behalf of our entire ACPE community, in order to honor Ryanne; express our profound sorrow over her untimely death; and remind you, her family and friends present at her memorial service, that there are people from our organization from all over this country and beyond lifting all of you up in prayer as you walk this most painful path.

Shortly after the memorial service your RD received the following from Gene:

Gary, will you please send a note of appreciation from Sally and me for the kind and caring notes we have received in response to our granddaughter's death? It was good to see Michelle Oberweis-Lacock and JoAnn O'Reilly at the memorial service. Thank you all for your kind words.

Gene & Sally

He responded to Gene as follows:

I will certainly do that, Gene. I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of caring within our community that has been communicated to me as well regarding you and your family, many expressions accompanied by anecdotes of your contribution over the years to their formation or your friendship and collegiality, and some saying they never had opportunity to meet or work with you, but want to provide prayer support anyway.

When I come up against situations such as this and know that even the best intended and carefully chosen words are just plain inadequate, I think about William Sloane Coffin, (previous campus chaplain and Yale University and senior minister at Riverside Church in New York City) who lost a son in a tragic car accident, abruptly forcing him to walk the walk that you are on these days. He found meaning in his suffering by preaching a most profound sermon about what he was going through on a Sunday morning just a week after Alex' death. He said...

"I know all the 'right' biblical passages including 'Blessed are those who mourn', and my faith is no house of cards; these passages are true, I know. But the point is this: while the words of the Bible are true, grief renders them unreal. The reality of grief is the absence of God—"My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" The reality of grief is the solitude of pain, the feeling that your heart's in pieces, your mind's a blank, that 'there is no joy the world can give like that it takes away (to quote Lord Byron). Or, as C.S. Lewis wrote after the death of his wife, "the coward dies many times; so does the beloved." We find ourselves at times like this deep in the valley of the shadow of death—marching as the latest recruits in the world's army of the bereaved. But the story doesn't end there, because God has given us each other to be each other's rescuer on God's behalf. Because, as we walk the painful walk together, a miracle happens. Our extensions of love and compassion to each other not only beget love, they transmit strength, so that even though the pain remains deep, we can come to declare that God is good. "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?—yes, but at least "My God, my God! And the psalm only begins that way. It doesn't end that way. It concludes with the recognition that "God has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help." As the grief that once seemed unbearable begins to turn to bearable sorrow, the truths in the 'right' biblical passages begin one again to take hold: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall strengthen thee". "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "Lord, by thy favor thou has made my mountain to stand strong". "For thou has delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling."

It is my hope that, as the days unfold, you also experience the transmission of strength that he found through people who didn't try to fix him, but simply accompanied him in the valley.

Please continue to pray for the Mace's and all of the families impacted by this and also remember the other NCR grandparent couple who lost grandchildren through a tragic car accident in the not too distant past, David and Carol Solberg.

For those of you who would like to contact Gene and Sally to continue to support them in the days and months ahead, here is the contact information from the ACPE directory: The Rev. Eugene W. Mace 22952 Grosenbach Rd Washington IL 61571 e-mail: genemace@aol.com

Second Summit on Supervisory Education Meets in Kansas City, MO February 3-5, 2008

After our successful Summit on Supervisory Education in the Spring of 2007 there was energy around the country to continue the dialogue. When Michelle Oberwise Lacock raised the possibility of a second Summit using funds we had allocated but not spent for the first Summit at our NCR Business meeting during the ACPE annual meeting last fall, it was suggested that we consider doing so, if there was broader ACPE sponsorship.

That sponsorship materialized through a group that included Michelle, ACPE President Bill Scrivener, and several others. All Regions received a letter from Bill inviting them to send at least two participants to a gathering in early February in Kansas City, MO, and provide money to cover their costs. The purpose of the gathering was to focus on objectives and outcomes and how they connect to curriculum, the process of moving a candidate through the different stages of supervisory education, and to the certification process itself as it attempts to evaluate whether people have met those outcomes. Dr. Jane Fishback, an educator with a specialty in Adult Education at Kansas State University was contracted as a facilitator.

The NCR Board and Michelle met via conference call in December, and it was decided that we would send up to 6 people, providing the committee \$3600.00 and sending two people whose costs would be covered out of that pool, and then covering the entire costs of the other four ourselves. Those asked to attend were JoAnn O'Reilly (NCR Chair), Bill DeLong (NCR Certification Chair), Ellen Swinford (NCR Accreditation Chair), David Rumbold (NCR Standards Chair), Osofo Atta, and Inba Anantharaj. Michelle Oberwise Lacock and Carlos Sanchez also attended the Summit as national invitees. Our costs were \$6488.45.

One of the exciting developments in the aftermath of the Summit has been a movement to create a new ACPE Network on Supervisory Education. An application is currently being prepared that will go before the ACPE Board of Representatives at the ACPE spring leadership meetings in Memphis.

A few words of Reflection on the 2008 Supervisory Summit

— David Rumbold

The Supervisory Summit of 2008 met this past February in Kansas City. For the most part this was a continuing education event looking closely at supervisory education. From my perspective the purpose has been to create a forum for looking closely at how supervisory education may be done and how it is done by others in other fields so that we may with greater clarity look critically at our own programs as well as ACPE's process of supervisory education. Again, my reading of things is that the lack of clarity resides to some degree in our use of language, and in some part in our diversity, and in some part to our inability to clearly say what it is we wish to see as the result of our programs.



From this perspective then I have found the Summits meaningful as they have helped me to look from an educational point of view at how we might structure and describe our programs so that they might maintain the unique qualities of our approach while also effectively meeting the expectations of our clients, our organization, and the educational standards we have adopted. This last Summit was facilitated by Dr. Jane Fishback, who is a leader in adult education from Kansas State University. Jane shared a number of theories and approaches used to develop adult education programs. She helped us with the language we use to describe the outcomes and goals we seek as well as some ways to think about appropriate goals and outcomes for the different stages of a developmental process as well as matching learning activities, learning readiness and appropriate evaluative approaches.

While I have been supervising students for many years I am embarrassed that much of what was discussed was material with which I had very little familiarity. I was also excited to find some very helpful tools that I felt easily applied to challenges I have been seeking to resolve. In the end I feel I gained some very solid content to share with my supervisory students, convinced that what we were discussing and the material presented would be exceedingly helpful to individuals developing curriculum and theory papers.

There was some energy directed to looking at our current Standards and Certification handbook, but I found this more an exercise in understanding the material than actually serving as an effective problem solving step.

What was most exciting to me was the general enthusiasm present as we talked seriously about supervision. Jane introduced us to a number of theorists sharing how they approach Adult education. She assisted us in identifying the type of education we do and then held up to us ways to assess our effectiveness. She was an eager resource and provided a lot of material to whet ones whistle and more. The bibliography and other shared materials will be (as I understand it) made available to all supervisors. I would encourage all training supervisors to pass this info on to their supervisory education students. After all was said, and I was back home, I found myself revisiting a number of things that I do- trying to think about how I could increase clarity in my expectations and also wondering about the time appropriateness of various activities. For example; am I assigning reading when the goal is one of integration and if a basic acquisition of some material is necessary am I pressing for integration too soon? I found this reflection very energizing and deeply appreciate the time with Jane and the other supervisors just to work on our craft. Thanks to those who supported the project and thanks to Michelle Oberwise Lacock and the others who worked to pull the event together. It was a gift to the attendees and I believe a gift to ACPE.



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