

ACPE — NCR Development Committee

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Research Update.

The Development Committee produced a research document on the relationships between the three committees, History and Research, Theological Education, and Development. When the survey was completed, the three committees had a chance to discuss its contents. Copies can be made available on request to members of the region. The chairs of the three committees continue to meet to develop possibilities of working together given that we have overlapping interests. The results of the surveys have been given to the board of the region at the spring meeting.

Efficiencies.

One of the motivations behind the research was to try to streamline the work of the three NCR committees. Development like other committees tries to be representative of the regions needs, we have come to the conclusion that the Development Committee should work more closely with the Regional Director, and the board. We should be constituted with people who have particular skills in tasks that would assist the development of the region, rather than be drawn as representatives of sub-regions.

We have given some thought to the notion that the data we currently gather from people who have participated in CPE could be enhanced. For example, we do not know who we are serving. Overall, the data that we gather such as that on gender, religious affiliation, whether we are serving lay or clergy could be made available to us. What is the target audience and age bracket of people wanting CPE? We do not know why people took CPE, and how satisfactory they found it. Each center is requested to do followup studies with students and so much of this data could be made available to a wider audience. Many people claim that CPE is one of the highlights of their training. It might serve us to get some of that data and anecdote to help us promote CPE. On The Development Committee we have several retired supervisors, could this be a project for the emeritus?

Fund-raising.

In the spring The North Central Region Board asked The Development Committee to investigate fund-raising for the newly established North Central Region Memorial Lecture Fund. Since receiving that request the Development Committee has considered several options which have been submitted to the board. It is assumed that at the regional meeting some of the results of our suggestions would be acted upon. We proposed that fund-raising can be fun!