

**ACPE NCR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
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**Development Committee
&
Theological Education Committee**

A few years ago, the Development Committee initiated a survey of the relationships between History & Research, Theological Education & Development. The results of the survey and ensuing discussion have reached a point where Theological Education and Development are looking seriously at merging their interests. In addition, we have been asked to reduce the number of members of our committees. In order to relate to the needs of the region, the members of these committees have been meeting to establish some proposals and directions for the consideration of the membership and of the board.

Results from the survey of committee members suggested that the purpose of our two committees was promoting CPE within and outside of the organization. We might promote CPE financially by raising funds. We might support relationships CPE has with other organizations. The overall goal would be to help the organization develop with more confidence.

We have focused on giving more confidence the region, through research and liaison. In the past two years have conducted longitudinal surveys of the demographics of students attending CPE. It was a survey that brought the committees together. We have completed surveys on retirement plans for CPE supervisors and we also plan to discover the impact of CPE on its graduates. Research is what we have done most.

FUNDRAISING The North Central Region Board sent a letter to Development asking us to consider fund raising. We are not experts, but we recognize the need. Whoever raises funds needs a close relationship to the Board. This new direction for development is as yet in its infancy.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS When we think of areas of weakness in CPE, we in Development are continually concerned about how CPE is attached to hospitals and the need for training to take place in more diverse settings. Clearly, we are in other settings, but to what extent? It is our concern that we should know more about how CPE is being developed and it is our intention to begin the process of understanding, by surveying members on their innovations. A similar survey was conducted several years ago. It is time for an update.