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### ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SERACPE

#### Meeting in Orlando, FL

March 25-27, 2004

Eighty-five people registered for the **continuing education event**. The Rev. Bryan Fulwider addressed the dynamics of leadership from a systems theory perspective. A male quartet, known as "Forever Praise", entertained ninety people attending the **banquet**.

**Peter Keese** was the recipient of the J. Obert Kempson Distinguished Service Award.

**Jim Taylor** was certified a CPE Supervisor. Wayne Maberry and Maxine Walker were granted an extension of Associate, and Merrie Pabellon was granted candidacy status.

Deryck Durston, Olen Grubbs, Tom Mozley and Benson Thomas completed their peer review. Note Benson's reflections about the peer review process in this newsletter.

The Region adopted a budget of \$125,050 for 2004 that projected a \$34,370 withdrawal from cash reserves. The Region received the Treasurer's Report for 2003 that indicated expenditures of \$110,688 with a depletion from cash reserves of \$18,388.

The slate presented by the RANC was elected after a ballot determined Peter Keese to be elected as our Representative to the ACPE Board in the class of '06. The **RANC for 2005** will be comprised of Robin Booth, chairperson, Ralph Garofano, Misti Johnson, Bridget Piggue and Jim Stapleford. The Leadership listing for the SERACPE can be found under "Reports" on the Region's web site.

The Memorial Resolution adopted by the Region honoring **Charles V. (Chuck) Gerkin** is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The **2005 Annual Meeting** of the SERACPE will be held at Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC on March 15-19, 2004.

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**USING THE SERACPE  
WEB SITE**

The Web Site can be a very useful tool for each of us. We have a Web Master who puts all the information on the Web Site for us, but the hardest part is keeping it up to date. This is where each of you comes into the picture. **Please keep us informed of your correct contact numbers and E-mail addresses!!!**

If you see anything that needs to be corrected, deleted, added or if there is something you would like to see on the Web Site that is not already there, please send an E-mail to **jnkjr@aol.com** and we will get that information to the Web Master.

Go to **www.seracpe.org** on the Internet and click on any of the subjects that appear in the left hand column on the Home Page. Then send your critique and/or your requests to **jnkjr@aol.com**.

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**USING THE SERACPE "LIST SERVE"**

The use of the SERACPE List Serve is a way for you to send messages to all of the members of the Southeast Region at one time. The E-mail address for this list is **list@SERACPE.org**.

If you want to know who is on the list:

- 1) type **list@SERACPE.org** in the "send to" box;
- 2) then type **%WHO** in the "subject" box;
- 3) send it on;

and the list of members will be returned to your E-mail box.

If you do not see your name on the list and would like to be on it, please send your name and E-mail address to **jnkjr@aol.com** and your name will be added to the List Serve. We hope you will find this very helpful in communicating with your colleagues.

March 31, 2004

From: Benson Thomas

Re: Peer Review Process

We have within our midst a fellowship for collaborative reflection, renewal, nurture and pastoral guidance that is under-utilized and may be misunderstood. It is the Peer Review Process. I experienced peer review in Orlando on March 24. It was an emotional, spiritual, positive sharing of me and my process in pastoral education. I am retired. I am still active in CPE. I have participated in two interim CPE supervisor opportunities. Each has been very rewarding. I have grown in appreciation for the education and participation of the Professional Consultation Committee for CPE. The need for structure, clarification of roles, nurture and redefinition in governance and accountability with students, CPE supervisor and institutional administration has granted more sensitive priority in my awareness. In trying to share this information with my peer review members, I encountered a new orientation, pressure and rat-race existing within my personhood. Grief. Vision. Gratitude. Inspiration. Energy. These themes represented my process in the last three years since my retirement. The peer review process provided me the structure and relationships to articulate, clarify and even discover anew my process and personhood. It was quite tearful and intimate. This experience was shared with John Galloway, Deryck Durston, Orlando Jay Perez and Phil Summerlin. It was a gathering and assembly of a few witnesses who know the transcendent power within us as earthen vessels and living human documents who are blessed to share in education as our own witness to salvation history.

Thank you CPE for the process.

Benson Thomas

## Conversing About the Mission of ACPE

by  
Jap Keith

In the hope of continuing the conversation begun in Orlando with the presentation of “*Generation to Generation and Sharing Power*” by The Reverend Bryan Fulwider, I offer these thoughts:

I am “emotional” about the purpose of the ACPE. I was engaged in the conversation that first established it, and I’ve participated in every critique and/or revision of it for almost forty years. Those of you who know me best will recognize my input in that portion of the statement which is in bold print.

“The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. is a **professional association committed to advancing experience-based theological education** for seminarians, clergy and lay persons of diverse cultures, ethnic groups and faith traditions. We **establish standards, certify supervisors and accredit programs and centers in varied settings**. ACPE programs **promote the integration of personal history, faith tradition and the behavioral sciences in the practice of spiritual care.**”

This statement best summarizes “my destination” and, with it, I’ve set my sails and have known which “winds were good or ill” (Seneca).

*To what adventuresome vision is the Southeast Region of ACPE committed?*

*What contributions are we able and willing to give to realize that vision?*

*Have we the perseverance/stamina to actualize that vision?*

I am still committed to the enhancing of Supervisory CPE because the next generation of CPE Supervisors must be better than we were.....are....., or “what the heaven for”? To enable that accomplishment we need to resource those who are now supervising “SITs”. I also happen to believe that “peer reviews” and “accreditation site visits” are two very good ways of resourcing CPE Supervisors and CPE programs.

To what mission might some of the other leaders in the southeast be committed? Please share your thoughts with the Long Range Planning Committee (Chairperson, Gene Locke ‘04, [gene.locke@northside.com](mailto:gene.locke@northside.com) and/or Chairperson, Michael Harper ‘05, [michael.harper@nchmd.org](mailto:michael.harper@nchmd.org)) or circulate your thoughts through the Region’s “List Serve” at [list@seracpe.org](mailto:list@seracpe.org).

SOUTHEAST REGION  
ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION, INC.

Memorial Resolution

Whereas, Charles V. (Chuck) Gerkin came to the Southeast Region over thirty-five years ago to establish clinical pastoral education at Grady Hospital in Atlanta and enthusiastically contributed to the work of the Region, and

Whereas, Chuck, while in Atlanta and in collaboration with other CPE colleagues expanded the movement through the establishment of the Georgia Association of Pastoral Care and supported the establishment of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services, and

Whereas, Chuck lent his “powerful presence and knowledge” freely throughout the region through consultation and service, and

Whereas, Chuck trained a number of a new generation of supervisors who have remained in the region or traveled as Southeast Region’s “missionaries”, and

Whereas, Chuck joined the faculty of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he prolifically taught and wrote, further supporting the expansion of the Pastoral Care field, and

Whereas, while in the Southeast Region, Chuck served as President of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education,

Therefore, be it resolved that: the Southeast Region of the Association of Pastoral Education acknowledges its indebtedness to this pioneer in pastoral care, counseling and education and expresses its grateful appreciation for his contribution to the literature of the “movement” and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chuck’s children, placed in the permanent records of the Southeast Region and in the archives of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

Adopted at the business meeting of the Southeast Region meeting March 25, 2004 in Orlando, Florida.

Ray Otto  
Chairman

# SCENES FROM



Ray Otto  
Chairperson

# ORLANDO



Kempton Haynes  
"Jackass Award"



Peter Keese  
Distinguished Service Award

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2004

ACPE Leadership Meeting, April 21-25  
Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX

Florida Consortium, June 17-18  
Clarion Hotel Universal, Orlando, FL

SERACPE Administrative Board, October 3-4  
Certification Committee Meeting, October 3-5  
Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC

ACPE Leadership Meetings, November 6-10  
ACPE Conference, November 10-13  
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

Projected dates in 2004 for Peer Reviews for the SERACPE are:

Friday, July 16, Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA  
Monday-Tuesday, October 4-5, Hickory Knob State Park,  
McCormick, SC

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to schedule your review

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