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Looking ahead-----

Southeast Region Annual Meeting.....Oct. 6-9, 2009
Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center
1601 Alfaya Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765-9485

Southeast Region Board, Committees Meeting
Hickory Knob State Resort Park
March 14-16, 2010

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ACPE Leadership, Board, Committee, Commissions
November 4-8, 2009
Sheraton-Downtown, Atlanta, GA

ACPE Regional Directors Meeting
San Diego, CA; January 20-23, 2010

REM Invitational 2010
Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, TX

APC Annual Conference, Schaumburg, IL, Apr 10-14
AAPC Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN Apr 15-17

ACPE Leadership Meetings April 17-21, 2010

ACPE Annual Conference, April 21-24, 2010
Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO

In this newsletter, you'll find-----

....a greeting from our Chairperson, Amanda Jones,
reports and actions taken in the meetings at Hickory Knob,
results from the "Data/Perspectives" questionnaire,
and "this and that" about our membership.

Message from Amanda Jones, Regional Chairperson:

It was great to see many of you at Hickory Knob last week. It was a brief but very busy time together. As we look ahead, I ask all of you to mark your calendars and plan to attend the SERACPE annual conference October 6-9, 2009. The Annual Conference Committee is putting together a great program that you will be hearing more about soon. Also, there will be a lot of business to attend to at this meeting.

Within the next few weeks, you all will receive the new Regional Director Job Description that has been in process for over a year now. The work began with the appointment of a task force which made recommendations to the administrative board and then the board members spent much time and energy on this task. This new job description grew out of our three year Appreciative Inquiry process. This new job description will also necessitate changes to the governance manual and you will receive these proposed changes at the same time. The Administrative Board will welcome questions and feedback concerning these documents prior to and at our meeting in October.

I would also like to thank Jap for having the foresight and initiative to plan a members meeting to begin our dialogue as a region concerning the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education (FCPE). He also invited Deborah Whisnand, Executive Director of FCPE, to be with us during that time. As questions, concerns, ideas, and dreams were shared, I was once again proud to be a part of our region. I was intrigued by the diversity of thoughts and feelings as well as sense of timing that was shared. I joked later that some in our group are emotionally back in a time period that is pre-FCPE and others are already camped out in a new, state-of-the-art ACPE learning center – AND I believe this is an indication that we are a healthy group. I am encouraged by our dialogue and am confident that Bill Baugh and Miriam Needham will represent our voices within the ACPE board of reps.

Blessings,

Amanda Jones

Reflections from the “Members Consultation” Meeting at Hickory Knob

The **ACPE 2010: Into the Future Strategic Plan**, approved by the ACPE Board of Reps in May, 2006, has five emphases:

- 1) Contextual and Pastoral Education,
- 2) Supervisory Education and Certification,
- 3) Development and Fund Raising,
- 4) Multicultural and International Learning, and
- 5) Organizational Relationships in Pastoral Care.

By the fall of 2007 the ACPE Board of Reps had established the Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. as a 501c3 not-for profit organization. During 2008 the funds from the ACPE Endowment were transferred to the Foundation for its investment and management so that those funds might be protected from legal action against ACPE. The **“sole purposes” of the Foundation for CPE** are:

- 1) protect the assets contributed to promote CPE,
- 2) secure a new generation of donors to grow the endowment,
- 3) fund an appropriate learning center and headquarters for ACPE, and
- 4) provide funding for programs and projects in the ACPE Strategic Plan.”

The report of the Development Committee to the Feb '09 meeting of the ACPE Board states: “It was understood that should a capital campaign be launched, the funding goal would be set so that the total cost of any facility, any direct

expense related to this area of the campaign, and a reserve fund to maintain the facility into the future would be sought. It is generally agreed that the current ACPE facility (at 1539 Clairmont Road) is inadequate to accomplish Association's established goals (i.e., the adopted Strategic Plan)."

The **issue for discussion** at the "Members Meeting" at Hickory Knob was the kind of space, the location, and design of a "learning center/headquarters for the ACPE, Inc." that we might envision for the future and to which we might solicit funds for its realization.

We structured the reflections along the format utilized by Agnes Bourne at the joint meeting of the FCPE and the ACPE Boards in Orlando in Feb '09. We engaged the process diligently, forthrightly, and caringly. Our perspectives ran the gamut from renting office space as we need it to building a state of the art and technology center for education that also houses operational offices. At the end of that discussion Deborah Whisnand, Executive Director of the Foundation for CPE, described the "start-up" of the Foundation, the initial tasks and the objectives in 2009, and assured the members that the Foundation was to serve the directions of the ACPE Board.

As the members were leaving that meeting they were given a one page questionnaire that was to be completed privately. Following is a summary of the **responses to that questionnaire**.

Ten members had made a contribution to the Foundation, sixteen had not. Everyone agreed with the Strategic Plan: ACPE 2010: Into the Future, the establishment of the Foundation, and ten disagreed with using the Endowment Fund for the establishing of the Foundation.

The members ranked the five emphases of the Strategic Plan as follows: first to last in importance were Contextual and Pastoral Education, Supervisory Education and Certification, Multicultural and International Learning, Organizational Relationships in Pastoral Care, and Development and Fundraising.

The following ranking was made of the emphases of the Campaign Cabinet: first to last in importance: Foundations and Grants, Planned Giving and Endowment Campaign, Annual Campaign, Capital Improvement Campaign, and Religious Organizations.

Overwhelmingly, these members preferred that ACPE own the space, and five members would like to share/rent space with other cognate groups. When asked to choose between a conference center with lodging and meeting space or a learning center with meeting space, or an administrative headquarters, those who have made no contributions to the Foundation preferred a learning center with meeting space and those who have made contributions preferred an administrative headquarters.

Many members expressed appreciation for a most informative meeting, encouraged additional information through the newsletter, and invited position papers about envisioned space to be circulated via the regional listserve.

Actions of the Administrative Board of the S.E. Region

Influenced by the fact that the down market had reduced the value of our Endowment Fund by \$40,000 (the corpus of which is now below the \$150,000 bench mark that determines the income we can use annually for Special Projects), the Administrative Board

- 1) directed the Treasurer to pay the **expenses of Special Projects in 2009** from the operating income and/or from cash reserves (implicit in this approval is that no funds will be taken from the Endowment Fund in 2009), and
- 2) **affirmed the reimbursement** of travel expenses at \$.50 per mile or airfare whichever is least expensive, actual expense of lodging if the room is shared by two members of standing committees, or one half the cost of lodging for single occupants, and actual cost of meals for persons serving on standing committees.

Aware of the increasing costs of both the accreditation and certification committees and anticipating the motions from Mission and Development to make expenses of REM and SES Education a part of the expenses of Standing Committees rather than as Special Projects, the Administrative Board is

recommending to the membership the following motions that will be presented to the membership for action at the Fall '09 Business Meeting:

- 3) **Increase Accreditation fees** beginning Jan 1, 2010:
 - a. Annual Accreditation Center Fee \$100 for Annual Report Review plus \$75 for each program site
 - b. Satellite, Component or Consultation Review \$250 plus the visitors expenses with \$100 to the region and \$150 to visitor
 - c. Five Year Review \$250 to the region
 - d. Ten Year Review \$\$500 with \$150 to the region, \$150 to chairperson, \$100 to each visitor
- 4) **Increase Certification fees** by \$50 so that after Jan 1, 2010 the fees will be:
 - a. \$150 for all consultations,
 - b. \$200 for Candidate, Extension of Candidacy, and Reinstatement of Inactive Status,
 - c. \$250 for Extension of Associate Supervisory Status.
- 5) **Increase "Student Registration Fee"** by \$10 (\$5 of which will be placed in the Endowment Fund, \$5 of which will be used for "Special Projects") so that the Student Registration Fee will be \$80 beginning Jan 1, 2010.

Because of vacancies in the committee, the Adm Bd appointed Robin Booth to serve as Chairperson of **RANC in 2009.**

The Adm Bd adopted the ACPE Strategic Plan emphases to be the **five objectives of the Southeast Region** in 2009 and 2010 and instructed the RD to devote time and energies to those objectives. The Adm Bd blessed the RD's participating at similar "Members Meetings" in other regions if invited to do so.

The **spring meeting of Standing Committees** will be at Hickory Knob, **March 14-16, 2010.**

Accreditation Announcement

The Accreditation Committee will present a workshop at the regional meeting in Oviedo, FL on October 9, 2010. The workshop will focus on the changes in the 2010 Accreditation Standards. The committee will have sample documents available and a power point presentation outlining the process for Ten Year Reviews beginning in 2010. Special attention will be given to developing Complaint/Grievance Procedures, Ethics Policy statements and curriculum requirements.

Certification Actions at Hickory Knob

Good news from Hickory Knob:

Congratulations to the following who received encouragement of "readiness to begin the process"

Kenneth Standley, Palmetto Health
Tim Park, Emory
Patrick Whiteford, Methodist/Memphis

Congratulations to Mary Huie-Jolley(N.Atl) and John Renfro (Roper/St.Franis) for attaining Candidacy status.

Congratulations to the following for being granted an Extension of Candidacy:

Jonathan Ball, CCCGa
Laura Robins, CCCGa
Cora Saunders, North Atlanta

Congratulations to Dan McRight and Thomas Mozley on being reinstated as ACPE Supervisors.

Action recently approved by the ACPE Certification Commission:

“A Candidate whose Candidacy has expired may apply for re-instatement within one year of expiration (not to exceed a total time of six years). The regional chair determines when extenuating circumstances apply. Reinstatement requires the candidate meet a regional certification committee in the same format and with the same required materials as an Extension of Candidacy.”

Statistics from the 2007 ACPE Annual Report

1,310 **student units** of CPE were reported **in the Southeast** in 2008, and 228 units from previous years were reported. That’s the largest number of student units reported in any single year in our history.

In 2007, out of the nine regions, the **Southeast Region** was first in total members, first in total students, second in number of CPE Supervisors, first in Clinical Members, and third in Supervisory Candidates.

Most interestingly, this 2007 ACPE report revealed that the **rank of students** in categories was: seminarians (1921), parish clergy (1578), institutional chaplains (1111) and lay persons (1058). The **faith groups numbers** were also informative: Roman Catholic (1041), Presbyterian Church USA (662), United Methodist (652) Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (549), Episcopal (507), Baptist (469)...In the Southeast Region the United Methodist comprised the most students.

This and that:

Dan McRight, recently reinstated as an active ACPE Supervisor, will begin a new work with Thom Phillips at the VAMC in Nashville, TN in April.

Brenda Wallace, recently certified as Associate ACPE Supervisor, will begin a new work with James Taylor at the VAMC in Tampa, FL in April.

Thanksgivings:

Betty and I give thanks upon every remembrance of you, but in the last month you have been ever so present, caring, supportive, endearing, loving Your email responses to my “updates” were printed and those pages, along with your greeting cards to Betty, now comprise an inch thick file ... your prayers have brought us assurance in the midst of anxiety ... your embracing hugs at Hickory Knob comforted and encouraged us. For all of that and much more, we are exceedingly grateful that in the providence of God our paths crossed, our pilgrimage was shared, and our community was formed. May the blessings, peace and grace of God be more than sufficient for all our needs.

Jap