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Franklin Duncan

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Looking ahead---

Certification Meeting, Oct. 5, 6, & 8, 2010

**Deadline for declaring and fee payment: August 5
Papers postmarked before August 30; due Sept 3**

**S.E.Region Members Meeting, October 5-8, 2010
Oceanside Inn and Suites, Jekyll Island, GA
Group rate: \$84 & \$98 +tax; reservations by Aug 24**

Sam Keen will speak on Thursday afternoon & evening

**Standing Committees Meetings, October 8
Annual Business Meeting, October 8
Peer Reviews, October 8 and 9**

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**ACPE Leadership Meetings April 2-5, 2011
ACPE Annual Conference, April 6-9, 2011
Salt Lake City, Utah**

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**Southeast Region Board, Committees Meeting
Hickory Knob State Resort Park
March 6 - 8, 2011**

**S. E. Region Members Meeting, Sept. 27 – 30, 2011
Hyatt Regency on N. Main in Greenville, SC
Group rate: \$89 plus tax; reservations by Sept. 6**

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***Please: email me if you received this newsletter and have
made a note of events & dates and have noted the actions
by committees meeting at Hickory Knob.***

Thanks, Jap

ACTIONS OF THE S.E. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Meeting at Hickory Knob on March 14 & 15, the Administrative Board of the Southeast Region, ACPE, Inc.

- **endorsed** enthusiastically the **nomination of Robin Brown-Haithco** for the ACPE President-Elect Office,
- and **adopted the following resolution** that the Chairperson sent to the President and the Executive Director of the ACPE for inclusion in the information to the ACPE Board of Representatives:

“Whereas, we the members of the Administrative Board of the Southeast Region for ACPE, Inc. believe the **primary mission** of the ACPE, Inc. is to establish standards and procedures for the accrediting of programs of CPE and certifying ACPE Supervisors in order to produce a particular professional pastoral educator, and

“Whereas, we understand ACPE to be a **“member organization”** that is representatively focused, and

“Whereas a vision and a plan of the ACPE Board and Executive leadership is looking to **acquire space** in order to expand ACPE’s program offerings to a broader consumer/donor constituency, thus apparently shifting the primary mission of ACPE,

BE IT RESOLVED that on this 15th day of March, 2010, the Administrative Board of the Southeast Region of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education has gone on record in support of our representatives to the ACPE Board of Representatives (William Baugh and Miriam Needham) and our Regional Director (Jasper Keith) in their efforts to **continue raising serious questions and concerns** about the current direction of ACPE, specifically in regard to:

- The **purchase of new space** for programs beyond our primary mission objectives,
- The mission or purpose in **establishing an ACPE Academy** for Continuing Education, and
- The **raising and use of funds** for the administration of the FCPE.”

ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES IN KANSAS CITY

The **good news** is: **Robin Brown-Haithco** was the only person nominated for President-Elect. She **will be elected** sometime this summer most likely by an email vote, and she will assume the office on January 1, 2011.

However, the resolution from our Administrative Board **had no effect** on the actions of the ACPE Board of Representatives. Before the members gathered in Kansas City, the **ACPE, Inc. had purchased the property** at 542 Church Street in Decatur, GA for \$1,025,000. The purchase price had been contributed by anonymous “friends of ACPE” and there may be enough left for the destruction of the old McKinley Building. The Foundation for CPE now has a goal of \$10 million more for the construction of **“The New International Headquarters and Educational Center for the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.”** That Capital Campaign was launched at the Annual Member Meeting in Kansas City.

Meanwhile, the **adopted operating budget of the ACPE, Inc.** for 2011 includes a 15% increase in centers/clusters fees, a 15% increase in Supervisors and Associates fees, a 5% increase in retired Supervisors (Active), a 15% increase in certification review fees, and a 15% increase in accreditation Review & Extension fees.

On the expense side, there was a \$2,500 reduction in the Executive Director’s travel budget, an action not to fill the staff position that is vacant, to give the staff a 3% cost of living increase, to reduce the budgets of the Board of Representatives by \$10,000 and Accreditation by \$6,000, and raised Certification \$2,500 (largest number of persons ever meeting the ACPE CC occurred in Kansas City). Fee increases are listed below:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Fees for CPE Supervisor-Active and Associate	\$410	\$475
Retired Supervisors-Active doing supervision	\$205	\$236
Certification Review-Associate	\$465	\$535
Certification Review-Supervisor	\$750	\$865
Accreditation Annual Fee	\$285	\$340

The establishment of the **Foundation for CPE** made it possible for “anonymous friends” to contribute tax deductible gifts by which the property on Church Street was purchased. However, the Foundation for CPE is dependent upon the Annual Fund and other contributions from the members of the ACPE for its operating costs. As of April 18, 2010 a total of \$25,500 had been contributed by the ACPE members to the 2010 Annual Fund. Not enough support.

The good news is that there is a total of \$1,330,882 in the permanent restricted endowment funds of the ACPE that are invested through the Foundation. The funds that comprise this total as of April 16 are from the ACPE Endowment (\$960,609), the Glaz-Plummer (\$132,120), the Thomas-Hemenway (\$47,661), the North Central Region and the South Central Region (\$190,559). Income from the Endowment Fund allowed a grant of \$25,000 by the Board of Reps for special projects in 2010. The FCPE can, is, will be borrowing from these funds in order to operate.

The Board of Representatives decided (*defacto* and unilaterally) that **only one elected representatives** from each region **would be seated** at the Board of Reps meeting in November, thereby ignoring the By-Laws of the ACPE and of the regions. The members adopted a By-Law change by which the office of Past President was eliminated. The stated rationale for both actions was cost reduction.

The **ACPE Annual Report (2008-2009)** revealed that the Southeast was first in total units of CPE (1,190) and fourth in units of Supervisory CPE (39). In the ACPE, Inc., there are 396 accredited centers, satellites, systems and system sites and candidacy centers and systems. There were reported 549 CPE Supervisors, 96 retired-active Supervisors, 221 retired-inactive Supervisors, 53 Associates and 105 Supervisory Candidates. Seminary students (2,011, parish clergy (1,781), lay persons (1,224, and institutional chaplains (871) comprise the largest numbers in categories of student units. The denominations/faith groups of students included nearly 100 different entities, and those with the most students were Roman Catholics (1,091), United Methodist Church (728), Presbyterian Church, USA (643), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (591), Episcopal (528), and Baptist (455).

ACTIONS OF THE ACPE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Congratulations to: Laurie Robins and Heather Collins on being granted Associate, and **James Duke** being granted ACPE Supervisor

ACTIONS OF THE ACPE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

Congratulations to: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta granted the status of Accredited Member (Joan Murray and Brenda Green are the ACPE Supervisors).

PEER REVIEWS

The following ACPE Supervisors are scheduled for their five year peer review in Decatur at the ACPE Office: Kerry Duncan, Miriam Needham, John Patton, Milton Synder, and Elwood Spackman.

ACPE ACADEMY for Continuing Education

The ACPE Academy for Continuing Education was established by the ACPE Board of Representatives in November 2009 with the intention of addressing the components of the ACPE Strategic Plan:

- **The Leadership Forum** – for ACPE leadership, board, commission and committee members.
- **The Center for Management Studies** – for pastoral leaders and ACPE Supervisors serving as department heads, program managers, senior staff.
- ❖ **The Center for the Teaching and Supervisory Arts** – for Supervisory Education Students, ACPE

Supervisors, Field Educators, Pastors and Pastoral Theologians.

- ❖ ***The Institute for International CPE*** – for international ACPE Students and their supervisors and other persons across the globe who might be interested in advancing CPE.

Check the Academy website (www.acpeacademy.com) for additional information, including the webinars to be offered on July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16. At the 2010 ACPE Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO, the first courses offered by the Academy were entitled:

- ❖ ***Center for Management Studies 101: Seeing and Understanding the BIGGER Picture.***
- ❖ ***Center for Management Studies 201: Relating UP the Organization.***
- ❖ ***Leadership Forum 101E: When Students' Therapeutic Issues Hinder the Educational Process***
- ❖ ***Leadership Forum 101G: Multicultural: When Culture and Curriculum Collide***

President Sally Schwab wrote: "The focus for the continuing education (through the ACPE Academy) for our members is to support their work as ACPE Supervisors and Clinical Members. It is an effort to provide our membership more support from their national organization."

An Editorial Perspective from Jap Keith

The primary mission and the primary language of my beloved Association have changed. Language defines a reality, identifies a people, and creates a culture. Once upon a time the language in ACPE was about Standards, Accreditation, Certification, Peer Reviews, By-Laws and regional representation. If you listen carefully, you might still hear some conversations in the hallways of conferences in which that language is spoken. And sometime during an annual conference, the chairpersons of accreditation and certification commissions will be invited to recognize newly accredited centers and newly certified supervisors. Thanks be to the Power that is: the ACPE still has an Associate Director who devotes primary time and energy to resourcing this good work of the Association. My perspective is: if we don't continue to do accreditation and certification and standards, and do them excellently; there is no future for the ACPE, Inc.

But there is a new language creating a new culture and defining a broader constituency nowadays. There were hints of it in the Strategic Plan, but two documents presented at the Members' Meeting in Kansas City were explicitly revealing. "*The New International Headquarters and Education Center for the ACPE, Inc.: Embracing Nature, Building Community and Educating for the Future*" was the title of an advertisement promoting the Capital Campaign. "The new ACPE Headquarters and Education Center will be a signature building dedicated to the future of the healing arts. ... will be equipped with the latest in distance learning technology allowing the ACPE Academy to expand its programming through increased access to hospitals and teaching centers worldwide." "The new Center for Spirituality and Healing will provide classrooms for virtual and distance learning, and studios for hands-on creative expression, as well as administrative offices for the ACPE Academy and faith groups. ... bringing learning and unforgettable experiences to millions of individuals." "Our strategic plan and vision call for us to expand the delivery of educational opportunities in a variety of formats to a variety of helping professionals and other disciplines."

This new language is expansive; its metaphors are global. And so, an "ACPE Office" that once rendered administrative and service functions so that education and supervision could be done in accredited centers is quickly becoming either an "*Education Center for the ACPE Academy*" or a "*Center for Spirituality and Healing*" (both titles are employed simultaneously), and will be offering its special programs of education. New language defining new perspectives for an expanding constituency for the new ACPE! Let's hope that more contributions "from anonymous ones" come in quickly. Accredited centers, members and students fees cannot be continually increased for programs and services provided for non-members of the ACPE.