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Looking ahead---

Southeast Region Consortium for Supervisors of Supervisory Education Students
Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, GA
January 13-15, 2013

REM NETWORK INVITATIONAL

February 6-9, 2013

Embassy Suites Hotel at Centennial Olympic Park
Atlanta, GA

Visioning: Reclaiming our Purpose,
Offering our Best

Southeast Region Leadership Meeting

Hickory Knob State Resort Park, McCormick, SC
March 17-19, 2013

Certification deadlines:

Declaration of Intent to meet Committee: Jan 17, 2013
Materials to Presenter & Committee: Feb 15, 2013

Spring 2013 Leadership Meetings & Conference

Indianapolis, IN Marriott Downtown, 350 West Maryland Street
May 11- 18, 2013

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Southeast Region Members' Meeting

Embassy Suites, Greenville, SC

October 1-4, 2013

Reminder: In 2013, Annual Accredited Center Fee will be **\$175**; **Five Year Accreditation Review** will be **\$250**; **Site Review** will be **\$500**. **Student Unit Registration Fee** will be **\$90 per student per unit**.

Please let me know if you received this Newsletter!
Blessings, peace and grace sufficient to you!

Jap

Congratulations to **Brenda Green** who will be leading the Southeast Region ACPE for the next two years as our Chairperson. The other leaders for 2013 are listed on the first page of this Newsletter.

Thanks to **Jim Taylor** for the past two years of leadership as our Chairperson; and thanks also to Ramona Reynolds, Ed Wilder, Larry Wagoner, and Stephen Robinson for their leading our Annual Conference, History, Mission & Development and RANC committees in 2012.

Tolly Williamson reports the following persons completed **Peer Reviews in 2012**: Celillon Alteme, Robin Brown-Haithco, Donna Herrick, Amanda Jones, Jacqueline Kelley, Steve Lemons, Denise Massey, Joan Murray, Ray Otto, Bridget Piggue, Carson Rogerson, Jim Shumake, Dick Tibbits, Tolly Williamson and Martha Wright.

Report from Accreditation Committee by Wayne Maberry

The following centers have reviews in 2013:

Five Year Reviews (cf. Accreditation Manual, pages 39-40): Morning Pilgrim Baptist Church,

Ten Year Reviews (cf. Accreditation Manual, pages 41-42): NCH Healthcare System, Palmetto Health, The Ingalls Center of Pastoral Ministries

Candidacy to Accredited Member (cf. Accreditation Manual, p. 24): Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Candidacy and ten year reviews need to take place before the middle of November.

Completing Appendix 3 (see page 64 in the Accreditation Manual) is the initial step for these reviews.

Summary of the Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2012 the region has received **\$166,773** (the largest portion of which was \$132,685 in student unit fees). We expended **\$135,876** toward operations, transferred \$20,000 from operating to a CMA account, awarded \$11,888 in Special Projects, and ended the year with a deficit of \$940. Because of the "down" market, we didn't sell any of our Endowment Fund stock in 2012, and therefore, resourced the Special Projects from our operating funds. If, and when, the market changes for the better, we will replenish the operating account with a transfer of \$12,000 from the Endowment Fund.

A detailed line item accounting of the operating budget can be found on our website, *seracpe.org*, in the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Meeting at Hickory Knob State Park, March 17 -19, 2013

I need to know now if you will need lodging at this meeting. The administrative board, accreditation and mission & development committees will meet on Sunday at 3 p.m. through Monday noon. Certification will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. through Tuesday noon.

I have to provide HK with a list of attendees by 15 February.

Send me an email **verifying your need for lodging** on either Sunday or Monday or both nights. Send me the Registration form on the next page.

Thanks!!!

REGISTRATION

2013 SERACPE Meeting of Committees

March 17-19, 2013

Hickory Knob State Resort Park

Conferees are to **make their lodging reservations through the SERACPE Office.**

Deadline is February 15, 2013.

Please complete and return this form by February 15, 2013 to:

Jap Keith, Director SERACPE, 503 Birch River Drive, Dahlonega, GA 30533

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I will be arriving on March ____ (date) at ____ (time); and I will be lodging with _____ .
I will be departing on March ____ (date) at ____)time; and I will be traveling with _____ .
Other information you need to know to facilitate my participations is: _____ .

I will be participating in peer reviews on March _____ at _____ pm or am.
I will be participating in the meeting of _____ Committee.

Name: _____ CPE Center: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Person to notify in case of emergency: _____

Sources of contact: _____

Meals, lodging and travel expenses for working members of committees will be paid by the Region from lunch on Sunday through lunch on Tuesday. Travel expense forms will be provided at Hickory Knob. All reservations must be made through the SERACPE Office by **February 15.** **Please complete the form below** by checking the appropriate spaces for lodging and meals.

	LODGING	MEALS		
		BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Sun/Mar 17	_____		_____	_____
Mon/Mar 18	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tues/Mar 19		_____	_____	

Look for the agenda, time and place of your committee meeting on a "listserve" mailing that will come to you as soon as the certification and peer review schedules are established.

Reflections on the eve of a New Year:

Some folks think this is “the best of times.” Others are convinced that “it is the worst of times.” As I am experiencing the eve of a New Year, I’ve been comforted by Robert Burns’s poem *To A Mouse*. Robbie had turned up a mouse’s nest when he was plowing a field. He apologizes for having destroyed the mouse’s home. And then, Burns declares: “***you’re better off than I am, for only the present touches you.***” But then, in retrospection, Burns admits: “***I backward cast my eye to prospects drear, and forward to what I can’t see and guess and fear.***”

Isn’t that the way we must take our perspective, choose and act? We may be troubled both by what we know and what we don’t know. Our present is impacted by both our past and our future. At the beginning of this New Year in these United States of America, the future seems determined by the watch words of “fiscal cliff” and “Obama care” and all the ramifications thereof. But, we live in three dimensions of time all the time all at once; and the choices we make in the present are impacted by our past perspectives and our future hopes. Alas, what a human predicament!

I want to strengthen and comfort both you and me. So, may I, ever too briefly, make four suggestions?

1. Be kind...**be kind to your best self** because life is lived forward. We cannot know the outcomes of our endeavors in advance. We “sin” bravely, make choices courageously, and trust the process while knowing all the while that life is understood, if it is understood at all, life is only understood backwards.
Retrospect may provide a blessed corrective; but that wisdom comes only after vulnerable choices have been made and risky actions have been taken. So, be kind to your best self. If you could have done better, you would have. When you can do better, you will. For now, be kind to your best self.
2. Don’t waste your energy comparing the particular road you have chosen with all its realities and limits with that limitless road not taken that exists only in your fantasy. It is really great **foolishness to compare** or contrast the limited nature of the particular road taken with the limitedness nature of the imagined or the ideal road not taken. When you leave what actually happened, you have no idea of what might have happened. So, have your fantasy so long as you know it is fantasy; but please, don’t compare fantasies with realities. That’s a waste of time.
3. We mustn’t allow our regrets for what might have happened to **spoil our appreciation** of what did happen. Don’t define yourself by what you didn’t do or haven’t done. Celebrate what has been accomplished. For therein is the joy of living.
4. Always...there is the action of mercy, the work of grace because an **untiring Providence cares for us**. In everything we know that God cooperates for good with those who love God and God’s creation. God cooperates with us that by God’s mercy we may be empowered to cooperate with God in the renovation, reconciliation, and renewal of God’s world.

First question of the Heidelberg Catechism is: “***What is your only comfort in life and in death?***” And the answer of the catechism is: “*I belong body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful savior Jesus Christ.*” You may have another answer to that essential question. Bless you however you answer the question and live with assurance. I choose to identify with the answer of the Reformers of the Christian Tradition, and that gives me comfort (strength) for today and hope for tomorrow. I pray that you will know both comfort (strength/courage) and hope for 2013.

Blessings, peace and joy galore for you and yours in this and every Season! Jap