



# CONNECTIONS

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### **President's Corner**



**Michelle Lemiesz,  
M.Div., BCC**

As I write this we have come upon the Summer solstice; another season inviting us to embrace the possibilities! The CAO is evidence of what dreams and possibilities can lead to! It seems just yesterday that a group of us were gathered together discussing how an organization could serve the chaplains ministering in various settings in the state of Ohio, and now that organization belongs to almost 215 members!

At our April 18 gathering in Columbus, many of you shared your vision of what you hope the organization can do for our members. The overarching theme kept coming back to the *need for collegiality* and the *fostering of relationships with one another*. Know that your leadership has heard your concern and that our regional chairs are focusing on ways to strengthen communication and fellowship within the four regions of the organization.

Meanwhile, another group is working on our Fall Conference which will be held in the Northwest region near Toledo. More details to come.

So, while we may be heading towards those "lazy, hazy days of summer", we are still keeping our noses to the grindstone in able to promote and enhance this organization. We welcome your feedback and your suggestions.

I wish you all a peace-filled and restorative summer season! Be Blessed!

*Michelle*

### **Greetings from your Treasurer**

Somehow we have either not received or have misplaced application forms for the following persons who did pay dues during the transition time between our 2 Membership Chairs. As a result, we only have names—no e-mails, phone numbers, work-places or addresses for them. If you know how to reach any of these persons, please let me know at the information below: Duane Campbell, Curtis Cousino, Elizabeth Crowell, Stuart Nicols, and John Spring.

## **Greetings from your Treasurer, cont'd**

A reminder: Dues run through the numerical year. If you received a membership card since the first of the year, then you are considered paid for 2008. If you have not, then you probably need to pay your dues to continue membership. Please contact me if you have any questions. I have a very accurate listing of who has paid.

CAO's finances will allow us to reach out and possibly get a nationally-known speaker for at least one conference a year! This is fantastic! People have asked if we give scholarships, extra reduced rates for students, etc. We are unable to do this. Our rates for conferences are low by comparison to other events held for chaplains. We normally just break-even on expenses or with just a little to spare. Our financial buildup is from dues. These also are quite reasonable when you consider you get reduced rates for the conferences (dues end up only being \$10 with the two \$10 discounts!)

I thank you for your patience as I deciphered who paid for what during the Spring Conference. I am sorry if there were any errors.

Again, let me know if you have any questions by e-mailing me at [Valerie.Johnson@healthall.com](mailto:Valerie.Johnson@healthall.com) or phone 513-584-5329.

Chaplain Valerie Johnson, treasurer

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### ***HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 18 MEETING & GATHERING***

- CAO Membership runs Spring-to-Spring. Those who have paid dues are paid-up until the Spring '09 Gathering.
- Paul Bierlein, NW Regional Chair, is retiring with his wife to Minnesota. He offered some history of predecessor chaplain organizations in Ohio.
- We elected these new Leaders: Faith Proietti, NW Regional Chair; Basharat Masih, SW Regional Chair; Irv Moore, Membership Chair; Stan Dunk, Historian.
- Gathered into Regional groupings to get acquainted and to discuss wishes and suggestions for CAO and education events. Reporters then shared items from with the whole group.
- Afternoon was lead by Spiritual Director Wanda Smith, RSM with a look at a Jesus- encounter with 2 sisters; guided imagery, personal reflection, group sharing.

We came away better connected and refreshed; looking forward to more.

We also had a chance to vote on future topics. Top vote/interest getters include:

-Creativity in the work place (Music therapy)

-Grief Crisis:

Complicated grief

Rochelle Shephard, Hospice Akron Area Ridgewood Rose

Pediatric trauma/death/grief of parents: Dr. Ron Oliver, Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY

Anticipatory grief issues

Control issues while dying

-Chaplain interventions with medical staff: How do we support them and what do they need?:

Therapeutic touch--potential pitfalls

Christiana Pulchalski, MD Georgetown Center for Spirituality, Washington, DC

Ch. Jim Melick, Ravenna, OH

-ER family violence:

please include pediatrics

Ch. Marilyn Morris at Riverside

- Sacred life transitions, rituals for the elderly:
    - Sacrament of sick-celebration of life
    - End of life; palliative care
  - Ministering to people of "other" faiths: the challenges for them and me:
    - Islam
    - Jehovah's Witnesses
    - Panel of 3-4 representative various faiths
  - Methodologies of quality self-care:
    - Holistic therapists
    - Understanding balance
    - Michael Stillwater
  - Marketing chaplaincy to hospital administration:
    - Presentation from NACC annual conference
    - Growing need for chaplain/pastoral care accountability
    - Cost cutting: Ch.Robin Walton
  - "Something uplifting, encouraging that will inspire chaplains to use everything they have with the focus on trusting God and being open to the Holy Spirit."
    - Fred Niedner "Centered and Spirit Sent": empowered by biblical stories and images
    - Humor & Ministry: Jep Hostetler Columbus, OH
    - Meditation/reflection
    - Dynamic & Deep Scriptural speaker: Dr. Mike Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary
- Other write ins':
- Dealing w/veterans' and families' struggles: Edgardo Padin-Rivera, Cleveland VA Medical Center
  - Interdisciplinary teamwork: how can chaplains make a difference in this area?
  - OH DNR Law--implications for pastoral support and interventional ethics
  - Remember who you are; pastoral identity/authority

**Meet our new NW Region Chair,  
Faith Proietti, D.Min, BCC**



Faith is a Board Certified staff chaplain in the MedCentral Health System in Mansfield and has been with the hospital 14 years. Faith is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She is married to Gary Proietti, also an ordained minister in the UCC and DOC. Faith leads support groups for cancer patients, for parents who have lost a child, for

caregivers, for griever, and for those who have lost someone to suicide. Last year, she received her D.Min from Pittsburgh Presbyterian Seminary; her thesis was *Designing and Developing a Resource for Those Devastated by Suicide*. She is scheduled to begin supervisory training at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital in Cleveland this fall.

**Meet our new SW Region Chair,  
Baharat Masih, D.Min, BCC, CPSP**



Basharat grew up in India a Muslim and was drawn to convert through love and presence. [Read his story at <http://adventistreview.org/2003-1550/story2.html> ]. He has served 25 years in healthcare, currently as Senior Division Manager for Kettering Health Network Spiritual Service and Mission Outreach and as a CPE Supervisor in Dayton, running all levels of CPE programs. He is active with the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association and is married with 3 grown children.

**Meet our new Membership  
Chair, Irvin Moore,  
BS, MSW, M.Div, BCC**



Irv currently serves as staff chaplain at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. With 16 years experience in chaplaincy, he previously served at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC and at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. He was Board Certified in 1992 and is endorsed through the Progressive Baptist Convention and American Baptist Churches, USA.

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**CAO Fall Conference Gathering  
Friday, October 10**

Frederick Niedner, Th.D., Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University, IN, will help us understand ***“The Endless and Messy Work of Forgiveness.”*** The conference will deal with the brokenness of the world and of the human family, coupled with the blessing and curse of memory, which make forgiveness a critical and lifelong project for anyone who would live a meaningful life and maintain at least some level of sanity. Through textual comparisons, modern writings and modern films, we will examine the depths of forgiveness. CEU's will be offered for the conference. Mark your calendars for this educational conference! More details to follow. It will be held in the NW Region of Ohio. Questions: contact Faith Proietti, BCC (see 1<sup>st</sup> page banner for info)

**APC Corner**

*Marianne Brandon, M.Div, BCC  
State Representative*

The APC Board of Directors has contacted APC state leadership representatives, requesting information on any of our chaplains who may have been affected by the recent flooding in the Midwest. Additionally, board member David Johnson has volunteered to help design a protocol for how our APC leadership might better respond to emergencies. *If you have information or ideas you would like me to pass on* as your representative, please email me at [marianne.brandon@cchmc.org](mailto:marianne.brandon@cchmc.org) or phone 513/636-8829.

Please also be aware that the state leadership team is a resource for you to make inquiries about continuing education, membership, and/or advocacy. Members of the leadership team and their roles are listed on the APC website <http://www.professionalchaplains.org/leadership/Local/> We would love to hear from you!

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The next issue of 'Connections' will come out in September.  
Please submit articles/notices by August 31 to Mark English (contact info on p. 1)

## SPIRITUAL CARE SUMMIT '09

This unprecedented event in the history of spiritual care will usher in a new era for all professionals seeking to embrace spirituality in their specialized settings. As the host for Summit '09, the SCC is setting a bold leadership pace with universal themes that draw attention to the importance of spirituality, faith and religion in all aspects of care from prevention to crisis. Drawing on common professional standards and a desire to strengthen our influence with healthcare and the work of faith traditions, this mega-conference will set the pace for strengthened relationships among spiritual care professionals and with care responders from other disciplines. Visit [http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org/scc\\_summit09.asp](http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org/scc_summit09.asp) for up-to-date program information as it becomes available.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Care providers in all human service settings interested or engaged in the provision of spiritual care - including nurses, social workers, physicians, bereavement counselors, psychologists, administrators, parish clergy and all spiritual care practitioners.

### ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL CARE COLLABORATIVE

The Spiritual Care Collaborative (SCC) is made up of six cognate groups, representing over 10,000 spiritual care providers, actively collaborating to advance excellence in professional pastoral and spiritual care, counseling, education and research. This unique partnership among chaplains, pastoral counselors and educators will provide a collective voice to promote the highest standards of professional practice and to advance the field of professional spiritual care. The SCC will encourage and facilitate innovative and collaborative programs of practice, education, training and research in diverse contexts. For additional information, visit [www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org](http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org)

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### 2008 APC National Conference

Over 800 APC members and friends enjoyed an inspiring and thought-provoking annual conference held at the Westin Pittsburgh Convention Center March 8-12. From recognition of membership anniversaries to the grand welcome of more than 200 new board certified, provisional certified and associate chaplains, the conference was marked by opportunities for celebration and networking with colleagues.

A diverse array of plenary speakers challenged attendees to consider how the current landscape of professional chaplaincy is changing as well as the importance of embracing one's own need for healing and self-care.

A variety of 2008 conference handouts are available:

<https://www.professionalchaplains.org/index.aspx?id=800>

Purchase annual conference CDs, DVDs and MP3s at:

<http://www.professionalchaplains.org/index.aspx?id=168>

### 2008 NACC National Conference

More than 500 participants gathered in Indianapolis for the NACC 2008 Conference, "Bringing Gifts that Differ in Splendid Varied Ways." High energy, great plenary speakers, informative workshops, supportive colleagues, challenging issues, inspiring award recipients, newly certified members, enjoyable common meals, and many other features combined to invigorate and renew those who came. Materials from the conference are available on the website for everyone. Check <http://www.nacc.org/conference/2008materials.asp> See also the 'Workshops' link there for downloads of some of the presentations.

## A Biblical Approach to Mental Health

Online Program of Religion/Spirituality and Mental  
Health at the University of Illinois/Chicago  
College of Medicine

The initial integrative curriculum is aimed at providing a serious dialogue between religious and secular psychological/psychiatric thought around the conflicts between Classical Greek and Biblical world views. The topics developed by Dr. Kalman J. Kaplan for this program include the following:

1. Overview of God, Nature and Creation
2. The Self and Other
3. Cycle versus Development
4. Man and Woman
5. Obedience and Disobedience
6. Practicum - Making the Biblical Approach Work for You
7. Fathers and Sons
8. Mothers and Daughters
9. Sibling Rivalry and its Resolution
10. Body and Soul
11. Freedom, Life and Suicide
12. A Tragic versus Hopeful Outlook on Life

**A Biblical Approach to Mental Health** consists of the 12 topics above organized into 4 conceptual modules:

**Module A:** Introduction and overview involving a comparison of Greek and Biblical models of individual health and pathology.

**Module B:** An extension of these comparisons tied together with a presentation of over 20 biblical stories for use in treating issues of self-esteem obligations, decisions, commandments, and good and bad anger.

**Module C:** More than 20 additional biblical stories tied to the treatment of marital and family issues, including issues related to marital couples, fathers and children, mothers and children, and siblings

**Module D:** A presentation of over 20 more biblical stories geared to the treatment of disorders such as substance abuse, alcoholism, eating disorders, family dysfunction, lack of parental blessings, healthy development versus clinical fixation and pathology, recovery from misfortune and disability, and suicide prevention.

All four modules are taught in an *online environment*, providing flexibility for participants while creating a collaborative learning environment.

Learn more at <http://www.rsmh.org> Chaplain Education credit available. Fall session begins Sept. 15

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### Pastoral Care Week October 20-26, 2008

"PASTORAL CARE: Listening Presence"

Pastoral Care Week gives opportunities for organizations and institutions of all kinds and types to recognize the spiritual caregivers in their midst and the ministry which the caregivers provide.

For resources, ideas, merchandise,  
go to:

<http://www.pastoralcareweek.org>

For more information e-mail the  
Pastoral Care Week contact person,  
Chaplain Calvin Runnels, at:  
[crunnels@wfubmc.edu](mailto:crunnels@wfubmc.edu)

## ***Links of Interest***

<a href="http://www.adventistchaplains.org">Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries</a>	<a href="http://www.adventistchaplains.org">http://www.adventistchaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.nationalministries.org/caring_ministries/chaplaincy">ABC Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling Services</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalministries.org/caring_ministries/chaplaincy">http://www.nationalministries.org/caring_ministries/chaplaincy</a>
<a href="http://www.correctionalchaplains.org">American Correctional Chaplains Association</a>	<a href="http://www.correctionalchaplains.org">http://www.correctionalchaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.aaidreligion.org/resources">American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities-Religion &amp; Spirituality Div</a>	<a href="http://www.aaidreligion.org/resources">http://www.aaidreligion.org/resources</a>
<a href="http://chaplaincy.ag.org/">Assemblies of God US Missions Chaplaincy Ministries</a>	<a href="http://chaplaincy.ag.org/">http://chaplaincy.ag.org/</a>
<a href="http://www.episcopalchaplain.org">Assembly of Episcopal Healthcare Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.episcopalchaplain.org">http://www.episcopalchaplain.org</a>
<a href="http://www.acpe.edu">Association for Clinical Pastoral Education</a>	<a href="http://www.acpe.edu">http://www.acpe.edu</a>
<a href="http://www.professionalchaplains.org">Association of Professional Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.professionalchaplains.org">http://www.professionalchaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.beno-ethics.org">Bioethics Network of Ohio</a>	<a href="http://www.beno-ethics.org">http://www.beno-ethics.org</a>
<a href="http://www.cap.gov/visitors/quick_info/for_clergy.cfm">Civil Air Patrol Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.cap.gov/visitors/quick_info/for_clergy.cfm">http://www.cap.gov/visitors/quick_info/for_clergy.cfm</a>
<a href="http://www.pastoralreport.com">College of Pastoral Supervision &amp; Psychotherapy</a>	<a href="http://www.pastoralreport.com">http://www.pastoralreport.com</a>
<a href="http://www.comissnetwork.org/html/comiss_organizations.html">COMISS Organizations</a>	<a href="http://www.comissnetwork.org/html/comiss_organizations.html">http://www.comissnetwork.org/html/comiss_organizations.html</a>
<a href="http://www.disasterchaplaincy.org">Disaster Chaplaincy Services</a>	<a href="http://www.disasterchaplaincy.org">http://www.disasterchaplaincy.org</a>
<a href="http://www.eastcentralacpe.org/index.html">East Central Region, ACPE</a>	<a href="http://www.eastcentralacpe.org/index.html">http://www.eastcentralacpe.org/index.html</a>
<a href="http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Chaplaincy.aspx">ELCA Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Chaplaincy.aspx">http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Chaplaincy.aspx</a>
<a href="http://firechaplains.org">Federation of Fire Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://firechaplains.org">http://firechaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.foursquare.org/landing_pages/48,3.html">Foursquare Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.foursquare.org/landing_pages/48,3.html">http://www.foursquare.org/landing_pages/48,3.html</a>
<a href="http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org">HealthCare Chaplaincy</a>	<a href="http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org">http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org</a>
<a href="http://www.hcmachaplains.org/index.html">Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association</a>	<a href="http://www.hcmachaplains.org/index.html">http://www.hcmachaplains.org/index.html</a>
<a href="http://www.hospitalchaplain.com">Healthcare Chaplains - [resources for many]</a>	<a href="http://www.hospitalchaplain.com">http://www.hospitalchaplain.com</a>
<a href="http://www.icpc4cops.org">International Conference of Police Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.icpc4cops.org">http://www.icpc4cops.org</a>
<a href="http://www.spiritualcare.org">Lutheran Chaplaincy Service</a>	<a href="http://www.spiritualcare.org">http://www.spiritualcare.org</a>
<a href="http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=1893">LCMS Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=1893">http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=1893</a>
<a href="http://www.mca-usa.org/html/The%20Chaplaincies.html">Military Chaplains Association</a>	<a href="http://www.mca-usa.org/html/The%20Chaplaincies.html">http://www.mca-usa.org/html/The%20Chaplaincies.html</a>
<a href="http://www.muslimchaplains.org">Muslim Chaplains Association</a>	<a href="http://www.muslimchaplains.org">http://www.muslimchaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.nacc.org">National Association of Catholic Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.nacc.org">http://www.nacc.org</a>
<a href="http://www.najc.org">National Association of Jewish Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.najc.org">http://www.najc.org</a>
<a href="http://www.nibic.com">National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://www.nibic.com">http://www.nibic.com</a>
<a href="http://www.racewayministries.com/ChaplainTraining.html">National Fellowship of Raceway Ministries</a>	<a href="http://www.racewayministries.com/ChaplainTraining.html">http://www.racewayministries.com/ChaplainTraining.html</a>
<a href="http://nazarenechaplains.org/nazarenechaplains/Default.aspx">Nazarene Chaplains</a>	<a href="http://nazarenechaplains.org/nazarenechaplains/Default.aspx">http://nazarenechaplains.org/nazarenechaplains/Default.aspx</a>
<a href="http://www.pediatricchaplains.org">Pediatric Chaplains Network</a>	<a href="http://www.pediatricchaplains.org">http://www.pediatricchaplains.org</a>
<a href="http://www.racetrackchaplaincy.org/aboutDisplay.asp?section=1">Race Track Chaplaincy</a>	<a href="http://www.racetrackchaplaincy.org/aboutDisplay.asp?section=1">http://www.racetrackchaplaincy.org/aboutDisplay.asp?section=1</a>
<a href="http://www.spirit-filled.org">Spirit-filled Churches - care in specialized settings</a>	<a href="http://www.spirit-filled.org">http://www.spirit-filled.org</a>
<a href="http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org">Spiritual Care Collaborative</a>	<a href="http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org">http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org</a>
<a href="http://www.chhsm.org">UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries</a>	<a href="http://www.chhsm.org">http://www.chhsm.org</a>
<a href="http://www.gbhem.org">UMC Gen'l Bd of Higher Education and Ministry</a>	<a href="http://www.gbhem.org">http://www.gbhem.org</a>
<a href="http://www.va.gov/chaplain">Veterans Affairs Chaplain Service</a>	<a href="http://www.va.gov/chaplain">http://www.va.gov/chaplain</a>

### **Two Seminars Coming**

*Trauma, PTSD & Grief*  
with Linda Schupp, Ph.D  
Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia  
Livonia, MI  
Tuesday, August 26, 8-4  
<http://www.pesi.com/search/detail/index.asp?eventid=70273>  
800-844-8260  
\$179

*Language, Rituals & Tools When  
Navigating Loss*  
MetroHealth Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH  
Tuesday, November 4,  
*more info coming in September*

**Online Graduate Certificate Program in Healthcare Ethics**  
**Fall 2008-Spring 2009**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**  
**Center for Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University**

A new Online Graduate Certificate Program in Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh ([www.duq.edu/chce](http://www.duq.edu/chce)). Designed for chaplains, ethics committee members, ethics consultants and health care professionals. Nine online courses address integrating ethics across organizations (eg, "next generation" models for ethics services). Develop competencies for ethics case analysis, decision making, ethics consultation, education and policy issues in clinical, organizational, professional ethics. Optional concentration in Catholic health care ethics. Two weekend retreats to foster ethics leadership skills (hotel accommodation and meals included in course costs). **Beginning Sept. 2008** with Fall, Spring, Summer semester courses. For information contact: Glory Smith 412.396.4504 or [smithg@duq.edu](mailto:smithg@duq.edu).

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**Places to Look for Job Openings**

<http://www.professionalchaplains.org/APC/professional-chaplain-services-jobs.aspx?s=3>  
<http://www.nacc.org/positions/available.asp>  
<http://www.spiritualcare.org/EmploymentOpportunities.html>  
<http://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=chaplain&l=ohio>  
<http://chaplaincy-jobs.blogspot.com/>

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Education Breakfast

**SUICIDE IN VETERANS**

Presented by Josephine Ridley, PhD, Clinical Psychologist/Program Manager  
WP Psychiatry Day Hospital, Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center

**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

8:00-8:30am—Registration and breakfast

8:30-10:00am—Presentation

Location: Hospice of the Good Shepherd 2116 Dover Center Road - Westlake, Ohio  
(enter through main doors of the new Lutheran Home)

Registration: Free for NE Ohio Bereavement Council members; \$10 for non-members

Program Objectives:

- Become familiar with the issues facing military families and veterans as they return home from the war.
- Become familiar with the rates of suicide in the military and interventions that are in place to help prevent/reduce suicide in the military and among veterans.
- Be able to identify risk factors, protective factors for suicide and signs of suicidality.
- Become familiar with ways to support the family members when a suicide has occurred.
- Be able to identify resources available to military families and veterans.

Professional continuing education for social workers (RSX079403), counselors (RCX049701) and nurses (OBN-006-92) - 1.5 contact hours

**RSVP to Mary Trivisonno at 216-486-6838 or at [mtrivisonno@hospicewr.org](mailto:mtrivisonno@hospicewr.org)**