



CONNECTIONS

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President's Corner



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

It is with great pleasure I inform you that as of mid-March, we have 151 members throughout the state of Ohio (and even West Virginia) as part of our organization. This is great news and a real testimony of the desire of all of us for educational and relational opportunities with one another. All members who have paid their dues and are up to date have received a letter with your membership card and other items in the mail. If you are not up-to-date on your dues, you will be receiving an email message from Mark English reminding you to do so.

I am hoping that as many of you as possible will be coming April 18 to our meeting/retreat in Columbus. The meeting will allow for time of fellowship and communication between you, the members and the leadership of the organization. It is the first time we will meet since last year's ratification of our Constitution, so there is a lot to do and talk about. Our afternoon retreat will allow for the formation of relationships amongst our members in a prayerful and respectful setting. I personally know Sr. Wanda from retreats I have taken with her at Our Lady of the Pines; I cannot think of

someone better to be our first retreat facilitator. While Wanda's theme is centered within the Christian Gospels, she has provided ways for inclusion of our non-Christian colleagues and has been very intentional about insuring that occurs.

Finally, I encourage you all to seriously think about your role in our organization and consider one of the leadership positions we have open. [See next page] It is my hope that we will have members who are interested in them so we can vote on their role in our meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you who are attending our gathering in April. Make sure to bring your thinking caps and have them ready for work!

Blessings!

Michelle

3 CAO Leadership Positions Available

Please prayerfully discern if you would like to apply for one of them. If you have any questions or are interested in being a candidate, please contact me at mlemiesz@mchs.com or 614-234-6355.

Per the constitution and bylaws:

- a. All officers shall be members of the Association and board certified by a nationally recognized organization (NACC, APC, NAJC, ACPE, CAPPE, and NIBIC). They shall be elected by a majority vote from those present at an annual meeting.
- b. Any officer who has been elected to fill an unexpired term shall be eligible to be elected to a full term of office at the annual meeting of the Association.

Positions available:

Membership chair: The membership chair compiles all data related to the membership of the organization. He or she updates the rosters, communicates changes to officers and members and informs members of dues renewal. This position is available immediately and has approximately 1 year left to its term.

North-West Regional chair: Must reside in the North-West region of the state. Regional chairs represent the members of their region and are responsible for hosting a professional development event. This position is available in May and has approximately 2 years left to its term.

Historian: Serves as the custodian of archives and provides historical knowledge, pictures and writings as requested by the President and Association. The Historian serves an indefinite term.

CAO Spring Meeting and Retreat

Friday, April 18 8AM-4PM

Martin de Porres Center at St. Mary of the Springs
2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH

8:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome, Devotions, Spring Business Meeting: What we want/need to support each other through CAO and otherwise

11:45 Lunch

12:45 Retreat: *Sacred Stories - Telling and Listening* with Sr. Wanda Smith

Scriptural storytelling, guided imagery and small group sharing

Wanda Smith, RSM is a Sister of Mercy of the Regional Community of Cincinnati. She is currently a spiritual director and retreat director at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH www.pinesretreat.org

3:30 Wrap up and Closing Devotions

4:00 Receive CEU certificates

Cost: CAO Members: \$30.00 - Non-Members: \$40.00 - To join CAO **and** register: \$55.00

Brochures/registration on this event were mailed in early March. If you need one, contact Ch. Mary George-Whittle at 614-416-6141 or mgeorge-whittle@mohun.org

HFA Annual Teleconference
Living With Grief:
Children and Adolescents

Hospice Foundation of America's 15th annual National Bereavement Teleconference will be broadcast **Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 1:30pm-4:00pm EDT**. HFA's 2008 Teleconference will focus on the experience of grieving children and adolescents and the ways that hospice professionals, teachers and school administrators, grief counselors, funeral directors, and parents can best support these populations as they cope with loss and grief. The program and newly published book will focus on the most current theories and practices in this area, and as always will combine academic research with hands-on ideas for use in hospice support groups and other settings.

To find a site near you, see <http://www.hospicefoundation.org/teleconference/sitelisting.asp?stateID=OH>

APC Corner

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In the last *Connections*, I was able to introduce myself. Now I would like to introduce the other members of the APC Ohio Leadership Team. Please feel free to contact one of us with questions or concerns; we are excited to be able to serve our fellow chaplains! Watch the 'APC Corner' for information and events.

State Advocacy Chair – K. "Dido" Ntontolo, Th.M, BCC

Dido is a Board Certified Chaplain at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV. He received his early education in Sweden, Belgium and Congo. Currently he is pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. Dido says "It's a privilege to serve as your Advocacy Chair and I am looking forward to networking with you to advance the advocacy mission of the APC in our state. Please, feel free to contact me at kntontolo@st-mary's.org or call 304-526-6026."

State membership Chair – Jackie St. Aubin, M.Div., BCC

Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Jackie has been serving at HomeReach Hospice (part of OhioHealth) for 10 years. Jackie has two great teenagers: Jacob and Jena. Jackie is especially interested in helping pre-certified chaplains to find a mentor. You may contact her about any issue relating to membership at 614-517-8382 or jstaubin@ohiohealth.com

State Continuing Education Chair – Faith A. Proietti, D.Min., BCC

Faith is a Board Certified staff chaplain in the MedCentral Health System in Mansfield. She has been with the hospital for 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 is available to assist filling out Continuing Education forms. She can be reached at 419-520-2392 or fproietti@medcentral.org

APC National Leaders are also part of the Ohio Leadership Team. They are:

**APC President
Mary S. Whetstone,
MDiv, BCC**



Mary has served as site coordinator of pastoral care at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio since 1990. She graduated with a BA in Philosophy and Physical Education from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN. She earned a Master of Divinity at The Divinity School at Duke University in Durham, NC. She is an ordained United Methodist minister and became a Board Certified Chaplain in 1992.

Area Certification Chair - Chaplain Judith W. McBride, MDiv, BCC

Judy serves at Cincinnati Children's Hospital where she is part of the StarShine Hospice team. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, Judy was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is currently a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker). Judy is available to address questions relating to Certification. She may be reached at 513-636-7211 or judy.mcbride@cchmc.org

**Board of Directors,
Member-at-large -
Irvin Moore,
BS, MSW, MDiv, 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.

**Membership Services Coordinator,
Membership Services Council
Gerald C. Nussbaum, BCC**



In chaplaincy since 1988, Jerry currently serves at Mount Carmel Health System-St. Ann's in Westerville, OH. Jerry coordinates and leads grief support groups for bereaved parents and staff education for patient care. He serves on the Ethics committee and consultant team at St. Ann's Hospital. Jerry recently served as APC State Membership Chair for Ohio. Now he's part of the national APC leadership in the role of Coordinator of State Membership Chairs. Jerry is married to Virginia and they have three children. They reside in Galena, OH and are members of Columbus Mennonite Church. Jerry is an avid gardener and enjoys bicycling and backpacking.

The Pastoral Care Department of the Metrohealth Medical Center in Cleveland offers:

Looking for Life in a Shattered World: Implications for the Helping Professions
May 1 and 2, 2008

Conference Objectives:

- Identify the leading causes of life and how they frame a new paradigm.
- Distinguish between the neurobiology of empathy and reward.
- Examine strategies that challenge our professional focus on pathologies and problems.
- Describe how story telling can promote individual, familial, and community transformation.
- Explore the journey of reclaiming one's humanity after extreme psychological trauma.

Presentations include:

- Reorienting Our Professional Focus on Pathologies and Problems
- Discovering a Common Language of Life Logic: How This Helps Us "Do"
- The Transforming Power of Stories
- A Long Way Gone
- Life as a Narrative Framework
- American Mania: Have We Spawned an Addictive Society?
- I am My Mother's Daughter

Concurrent Sessions include:

- Resilience Therapy for PTSD and Combat Trauma Readjustment
- "What We Would Choose, We Would Never Give Back"
- Families in Crisis: Turning a Negative into a Positive
- Logotherapy: A Treatment Approach with a Focus on the Future
- Relational Contact, Relational Healing: Working Creatively with Children and Adolescents
- "From Caterpillars to Butterflies"
- Adaptive Mechanisms of Creative People with Severe Psychological Illness
- Quality of Life: What is a Year of Your Life Worth to You?

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn at 4181 W. 150th Street in Cleveland. The conference rate is \$79 (plus tax) per night for single or double occupancy. *Reservations need to be made no later than April 16 for this rate.* Please make your reservations directly, by calling (216) 252-7700. Reference 'MetroHealth' to receive the special rate.

Registration - Register Early and Save!

Early Registration Fees (Received by April 18, 2008) \$125
Registration Fees (Received after April 18, 2008) \$150

Registration deadline is April 22, 2008
Confirmation letters will be sent.

Parking, refreshments, lunch, and conference materials will be provided

Brochures/registration on this event were mailed in early March. If you need one, contact Dan Rossbach at (216) 778-2992 or email drossbach@metrohealth.org

NACC Corner

Michelle Lemiesz, M.Div., BCC

The annual conference of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains will take place April 5-8 in nearby Indianapolis, IN at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites. The theme is: ***Bringing Gifts that Differ in Splendid Varied Ways***. <http://www.nacc.org/conference>

The conference will begin with an optional retreat at a nearby retreat center and move into plenary speakers and workshops that speak of the theological basis of the vocation and ministry of chaplaincy.

This year the NACC community is invited to read The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion as part of the *One Book, One Association* endeavor. Members are encouraged to read the book and gather with colleagues to discuss and evaluate it. Continuing education opportunities exist for not only reading the book, but also for discussion groups. This makes for an excellent gathering possibility for the NACC members in the various regions of CAO to come together as both members of NACC and CAO. If you are interested in having a gathering or need more information, please let me know (mlemiesz@mchs.com).

2009 'Mega' Conference - February 1-4

Start saving shekels for Spiritual Care Summit **2009**, a joint conference of AAPC, ACPE, APC, CAPPE, and NAJC. The theme of this historic summit is **"HEALTH AND HOPE: THE HARD REALITY OF LIVING INTENTIONALLY IN A VILLAGE OF CARE"** and it will take place in Orlando, Florida (a good time to get a break from Ohio...). Applications for 90-minute workshops are currently being accepted with a due date of May 2, 2008. You can view information about the conference, the workshops and the workshop application at the Spiritual Care Collaborative website www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!

For APC & NACC Members To Track Continuing Ed Hours

APC: Download form from
<http://www.professionalchaplains.org/index.aspx?id=121>

NACC: View instructions at
<http://www.nacc.org/certification/renewal.asp>
Download Education Report form from same page,
further down.

If You Move to a New Place of Service or Retire...

...please alert Mark English of your new place,
email (or USPS) address and phone. Thanks!

Bioethics Network of Ohio Conference May 29-30

Integrity in Healthcare: Exploring a Core Value

Go to <http://www.beno-ethics.org/> for information
and registration

Association Newsletters, etc.

NAJC Newsletter <http://www.najc.org/about/documents/NAJCNEWSLETTER.pdf>

NACC *Vision* most requested articles <http://www.nacc.org/vision/most-requested.asp>

‘Chaplains Are More Than What Chaplains Do’ by the Rev. Stephen Ryan, OSM

‘Do You Want to See the Chaplain?’ by Joan E. Carlson

‘How Much Does It Cost for Chaplain Services?’ by Dean V. Marek

AAPC Newsletter <http://www.aapc.org/currents.cfm>

APC Publications

Healing Spirit <http://www.professionalchaplains.org/index.aspx?id=678>

APC e-News <http://www.professionalchaplains.org/index.aspx?id=165>

College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy <http://www.pastoralreport.com/>

PlainViews - an e-newsletter for chaplains & other spiritual care providers <http://www.plainviews.org>

Caring Connections: an Inter-Lutheran Journal for Practitioners and Teachers of Pastoral Care and Counseling <http://caringconnectionsonline.org/>

If you know of other spiritual care-related newsletters available online,
please alert Mark English (contact info on p.1)

*Where in Ohio Can I Take CPE
(Clinical Pastoral Education)?*

Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton,
Kettering, Toledo (and environs)

http://www.acpe.edu/directory-ctr/eastcentral_region.htm#OH

**Caring for the Spirit at Work:
Workplace Chaplaincy and Emerging Paradigms**
August 6-8, 2008 Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

This is the third national conference on this topic. The target audience includes people involved in or interested in learning more about faith at work in general, and workplace chaplaincy in particular.

[*Ed. note:* and really, we *all* are workplace chaplains]

This highly interactive conference is designed for all those involved in using, providing, or considering workplace chaplaincy, including CEO's and business leaders, HR professionals, academics, clergy, and workplace chaplains themselves. Panels and forums will be offered on various issues, including how to develop and utilize workplace chaplaincy, how to offer an effective ministry to multi-cultural/ multi-faith workforces, and how workplace chaplains can better network to share ideas and training. We anticipate that certificates will be provided for CCE credits (13.75). <http://www.yale.edu/faith/esw/ncwc.htm>