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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

On April 23, we will meet for our Spring Retreat and Annual Meeting here in Columbus. At that time, elections will take place for the following leadership positions:

President-Elect
Secretary
Northeast Regional Chair

The job descriptions for these positions follow on p.2. I ask you as a member of this organization to prayerfully consider running for any of these positions. As the organization grows, it is important for us to have leaders arise from our membership. I know there are many vibrant and passionate professional chaplains in our membership, so I invite you to step up and let yourself become known!

Please take some time to discern your call to leadership in the CAO and, as you feel called, please send me an email **by March 23**. The email should include a brief bio, why you want to run for the position and (of course) your name! I will then submit all responses to the Executive Board for approval.

If you have any questions about these positions or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your responses!

Blessings,

Chaplain Michelle Lemiesz, M.Div., BCC

CAO LEADERSHIP JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Per the Constitution and

bylaws of the Chaplains Association of Ohio, the following criteria apply to officers in the organization:

Officers shall be a President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Chairs.

- a. The Executive Council shall be comprised of the above Officers, plus the chairperson of each standing committee.
- b. The term of office shall be for a two-year term without privilege of re-election to the same office for the following year. The term will begin April 2009 and end April 2011.
- c. All officers shall be members in good standing of the Association. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote from those present at an annual meeting.

JOB DUTIES:

The Present-elect shall assist the President when requested. In the case of absence or inability of the President to exercise the office, the President-elect shall assume those duties. The President-elect shall be the chair of the Program Committee. Upon termination of the 2 years of the President, the President Elect will assume leadership as President of the organization.

Note: this is, in essence, a four year commitment.

The Secretary shall take minutes at all Executive Council and Annual Business Meetings; shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and keep an accurate file of same; shall issue required notices to members; and shall assist in the keeping of an accurate membership roll.

Regional Chairs shall represent the members of their respective regions and be responsible for hosting a professional development event as well as facilitating opportunities for members in that region to network.

TAKE A LISTEN TO THIS

National Public Radio's *StoryCorps* project had a piece by a now-retired hospital chaplain, talking about ministering with staff. The segment, *In A Hospital, There's No Monopoly On Prayer*, can be found at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=98451551> It lasts 3 minutes. Listen to it, and maybe share with supervisors.

CAN WE MEASURE GOOD CHAPLAINCY?

A set of essays from the November-December 2008 issue of the *Hastings Center Report*. (23 pages)
The essays examine the "professionalizing" profession of chaplaincy, the goal of patient-centered care, and the special challenges of defining, measuring, and improving quality in less-standardized areas of health care delivery. The essays emerge from the research project, *Professional Chaplains and Health Care Quality Improvement*, a collaboration of The Hastings Center and HealthCare Chaplaincy.
<http://www.thehastingscenter.org/uploadedFiles/Publications/nov-dec%2008%20essay%20set.pdf>

**SPRING CAO RETREAT - THURSDAY, APRIL 23
WORTHINGTON, OH**

“Keeping Yourself Healthy in Stressful Times,” will be the theme at the Jessing Center on the campus of Josephinum Seminary in Worthington, Ohio. The retreat will focus on spiritual caregivers and chaplains who are feeling the need for their own selfcare in these troubling times of uncertainty.

Life is stressful enough without living in the shadow of potential job loss. And, if you're a competent professional, the employer often has to find a way to salve his/her own conscience and a file is developed to justify actions taken. One's self-esteem can be lowered, whether searching for new employment and discovering you're overqualified or, helplessly watching the departure of those you care about, feeling unsure how to respond to them and being overwhelmed by increased responsibilities. Self-care often dips and we sink down further.

At this retreat we will be guided by the Rev. Nancy Dietsch to explore the behaviors that emerge in our relationships that reflect that flagging self-esteem, explore ways to recover our rootedness, renew our spirits, affirm our gifts, identify the resilient part of ourselves, and allow the past to inform the future in a proactive way.

Nancy Dietsch serves as a CPE Supervisor at the Dayton VA Medical Center, where her primary patient population is veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She has a background in psychology, music education, and music therapy. Her clinical specialties include psychiatry, trauma, oncology and rehabilitation. She is currently studying for a Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology with a focus in Franklian Psychotherapy (Logotherapy) at the Graduate Theological Foundation.

A brochure and registration information will be coming out in the next couple weeks.

HFA'S ANNUAL LIVE-VIA-SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE

2009 National Bereavement Teleconference - *Diversity and End-of-Life Care*
Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Hospice Foundation of America's 16th annual National Bereavement Teleconference will be broadcast Wednesday, April 29 from 1:30p-4p ET. The program will focus on ways of understanding diversity and how cultural histories, traditions and beliefs can affect end-of-life care.

At the conclusion of the teleconference, participants will be able to:

1. Define diversity and discuss sources of diversity such as ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, religion, and disability;
2. Describe the ways that cultural diversity can both complicate and facilitate end-of-life experiences, including grief and adaptation to loss;
3. Discuss the knowledge, sensitivities, and skills necessary to work with culturally-diverse populations in end-of-life care;
4. Assess the challenges hospice and palliative care present for culturally diverse groups including, but not limited to, African-Americans, Latinos/Hispanics, Asians and Islamic-Americans;
5. Describe effective strategies and programs to work with end-of-life issues with culturally diverse populations including, but not limited to, African-Americans, Asians, Latinos/Hispanics, and Islamic-Americans.

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

CAO GROWS...AND CONTINUES

We welcome the following new members to our organization:

Bea Broder-Oldach	Jean Hageman	Larry Johnson	Arthur A. Reed	Keith Rhoden
Ann Rita Young	Stephen J. Cuff	Louise Zaplitny	Thomas Reichert	Daryl M. Hanson
Jesse L. Thornton	Robert L. Wills	Lysander Nelms	Kristin M. Moore	Deadra Griffeth
Jane Surmitis	Kay O'Rourke			

and we welcome back these members who've renewed their memberships (as of 3/2/09):

Martha Amann	B. Diane Anderson	Mark Arni	Everett Arnold	Nancy Beckenhauer
Sharon M. Belisle	Christine Bielenda	Mary Monfils Bogan	Robert Bolton	Kathy Capps
Acie Collins	Gary Cooper	MaryBeth Cooper	Patricia L. Daum	Josephine DeBarr
Carole DeCrane, CSA	Joe Doran	Diana Durling, SC	Tammy Eady	Eileen English
Mark English	Grace Forsyth	Melinda Gallant	Mary George-Whittle	Paul Hawkins
Sue Jelinek	Beverly Jenkins	Valerie Johnson	Linda Kemp-Baird	Christine Kraemer
Vickie Kumorowski	R. Gwinn Lacy	Basharat Masih	Judy McBride	Kathryn McClure
Amy Marcum	Mary Paul Medland	Jim Melick	James Mitchell	Ted Mitten
Irv Moore	B. J. Myers-Bradley	Judy Niday, CPPS	Pam Nosbusch, OSF	Mike Oskin
Betty Peddicord, SFO	James J. Peter	Kathlen Pforr	Faith Proietti	Steve Race
Jerome Rodenfels	Eileen Schonfeld	Rob Shores	James Sizemore	Vernon Small
Jackie St. Aubin	Elena Stein	Tim Storms	Oran Telford	David Templeton
Charles Terrell	Kathleen Valentine	Bruce Vincent	Robin Walton	Daniel Wenger
Rick Williamson	Lois Winnick-Chapman	Vickie Yoder		

You can find Membership and Renewal applications attached with this newsletter mailing.

2009 Dues (*still just \$30*) are expected by **March 31**. But you can take care of this sooner. If you have questions about the status of your membership or dues, contact CAO Treasurer Valerie Johnson (see p. 1)

LUTHERAN CHAPLAINS, PASTORAL COUNSELORS: SAVE DATE FOR ZION XIV

Lutheran chaplains, pastoral counselors, and others who work in specialized ministry settings are urged to save **Oct. 21-24, 2010**, for the Zion XIV Conference, the 14th triennial gathering hosted by the Inter-Lutheran Coordinating Committee for Ministries in Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling, and Clinical Education. The conference will be held at The Lodge at Simpsonwood, Atlanta, GA. www.simpsonwood.org

The conference will explore the theme *Firm Foundations: Theological Challenges of Pastoral Care in Contemporary Specialized Ministries*. It offers an opportunity to celebrate the importance of ministries in chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, and clinical education in the Lutheran church, a tradition that began with the first conference in 1968.

For more information, contact Judy Ladage, LCMS World Relief and Human Care's Specialized Pastoral Ministry coordinator, at 800-248-1930, ext. 1388, or judy.ladage@lcms.org

FALL CONFERENCE DRAWS AND FEEDS CHAPLAINS

Dr. Fred Niedner, ThD, led us in a day of *The Endless and Messy Work of Forgiveness*. Over 75 colleagues listened, shared, reflected, discussed, snacked and fellowshiped through a full day. We thank Ch. Elizabeth Kelly and Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay for hosting us. The day was planned and tended by: Elizabeth, Paul Bierlein, David Templeton, Faith Proietti, Rob Shores, Amy Marcum, Tim Storms, and Mark English.

Next Fall's Conference will be in the Southwest Region. (The Spring Retreat is always in Columbus).



NW Region Chair and Conference Co-Planner Faith Proietti sits with polished stones that have 'Forgiveness' etched in gold on them. Conference participants were invited to take stones with them as a tactile reminder.

The Touchstones were specially made for our Fall Conference by Bob Lerner, a Volunteer in the Spiritual Care Department at Medina General Hospital, where CAO President-Elect Chaplain Rob Shores is Director. For information on ways to use Touchstones in your spiritual care or for ordering information, contact Rob at (330)721-5188 or rshores@medinahospital.org

SOME SEMINARS OF INTEREST

This provider (PESI) is pricey, but they offer a quality product. See what interests you at <http://www.pesi.com/search/seminarresults.asp>

GRATZ COLLEGE, PHILADELPHIA

Jewish Chaplains - Do you need to complete your educational requirements for certification credentials? Would you like to revitalize your knowledge and connection to Jewish faith and practice? Gratz College near Philadelphia, PA may be right for you! The Masters in Jewish Studies (MAJS) program at Gratz College offers courses in Bible, Rabbinics, Liturgy and Prayer, Jewish Thought, Jewish Ethics, and Interfaith Studies. The MAJS is offered both online and on-campus. For more information, visit www.gratz.edu or contact Chaplain Stephanie Day Powell, Associate Director of Student Life/Admissions at 215-635-7300, x148 or admissions@gratz.edu

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/>

THE GRIEF RECOVERY INSTITUTE

Index of Articles online <http://www.grief.net/ArticleIndex.html>

1. "Killer Clichés" about loss
 2. Less Than Loved Ones --- Hopes and Dreams
 3. Am I equipped for Happiness?
 4. If I start crying will I be able to stop?
 5. Are there actual stages of grieving?
 6. Am I paranoid, or are people avoiding me?
 7. I'm Fine... And other Lies!!!
 8. Exploring the "F" words
 9. Exploring the "F" words #2 --- Fear
 10. Exploring the "F" words #3 --- Familiarity
 11. Right or Happy... Pick One!
 12. Is it ever Too Soon to Recover?
 13. Heart vs. Smart!
 14. Emotional Jet Lag
 15. On Crying Part 1
 16. On Crying Part 2
 17. Pay Me Now or Pay Me Later
 18. As Unconditional as it Gets
 19. Legacy of Love or Monument to Misery
 20. After the Fall of the Towers How to Address Your Children
 21. RECOVERING FROM LOSS & ADAPTING TO A NEW REALITY
 22. Conclusionary Rituals - Things you need to know about Funerals & Memorial Services
 23. What a Difference a Day Makes - Memorial Day
 24. Uh-Oh, It's That Time Again
- ...and more on left-hand menu

See also their **Grief Recovery Certification Training** program (not cheap) www.grief.net

**DIDN'T MAKE IT TO ORLANDO FOR THE
SPIRITUAL CARE COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE?
NOW YOU CAN GET SUMMIT '09 WORKSHOP HANDOUTS!**

“After much thought and conversation by the Summit '09 Planning Committee, all submitted workshop handouts will be posted to the Spiritual Care Collaborative Summit '09 website, rather than print a book of handouts. Our rationale is two-fold. First and foremost, we believe the utilization of the website for these materials opens up the resources to a wider audience, as are the hopes of this historic Summit. Secondly, we believe in striving toward a “green” Summit. Please note that not all workshop presenters submitted a handout for their workshop.” Print out what you like:

http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org/workshop_handouts.asp

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH CARE, JULY 6-10

Patients often suffer deeply in their lives, experiencing suffering that is both difficult to witness and hard to ease.

As a result, physicians and health care workers often avoid those who suffer because they fear there is "nothing they can do." Addressing the spiritual needs of patients at this time can assist them in their suffering.

Are you looking for ways to better incorporate spirituality into your professional work with patients and families? Do you want to improve your leadership skills in developing professional educational and clinical programs in spiritual care?

GWish is pleased to announce our Summer Institute on **Spirituality & Health Care**. The Institute is designed for health care practitioners and clinicians of all disciplines, administrators, educators, and others working with patients and families.

Held on the George Washington University campus in Washington, DC, July 6-10, 2009, the Institute is comprised of two tracks: **Practice Development** and **Leadership Development**. Participants may take both programs, or a single program. A discount is provided to registrants taking both programs.

to learn more:

Details about the Institute and registration information

<http://www.gwumc.edu/gwish/education/summerinstitutehome.cfm>

Brochure http://www.gwumc.edu/gwish/education/summer_institute_brochure.pdf

If you have questions, please contact Jan Bull at hcsjlb@gwumc.edu or by telephone at 202-994-6223.

COMING UP

National Association of Jewish Chaplains 2010 Conference

Hinuch, Education: Rededicating the Sacred Through Learning, Reflecting, and Acting

January 10-13, 2010

Boston, MA

Association of Professional Chaplains 2010 Annual Conference

Professional Chaplaincy: Reaching New Heights

April 10-14, 2010

Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center

Schaumburg, IL

National Association of Catholic Chaplains 2010 Conference

Saturday, March 20 – Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Crowne Plaza St. Paul – Riverfront

St. Paul, MN