

"CONNECTIONS" newsletter

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"CAO IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE"



I am proud to say I was a part of the original planning committee that helped to formulate the Chaplains Association of Ohio (CAO). Members from other cognate groups joined together to create an organization that would provide quality educational events throughout the year. Since then, I have served as the NW Regional Chair, Vice President and President of this wonderful organization. Serving the CAO has been a rewarding and beneficial experience for me. Our CAO conferences have provided us with nationally-known speakers, who have enlightened us, broadened our perspectives and enriched our faith traditions. The CAO also provided us with opportunities to support each other as colleagues and friends.

During the past two years I have witnessed tremendous growth and development within the CAO. In 2012 the membership voted to become incorporated. BJ Myers-Bradley (Treasurer), Karen Ballard (Vice President) and I worked with the Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg Law Firm to file for incorporation with the State of Ohio as a not-for-profit. This was no small task and each of us spent many hours rewriting the By-Laws and

processing the paperwork. The incorporation status will continue to provide security and structure for the CAO into the future.

Presently, the CAO is working on improving our webpage. We are contracting with a Webmaster. He is creating a new format and design for our site. Within a week or two, we will have an updated and active website for all to use. On the webpage it will have the history and purpose of CAO at the touch of a button. Newsletters, upcoming conferences, other events, conference registration, PayPal options, membership renewal forms, photo galleries, resources, links and a Members Only section will be available. The Members

Only section will provide a list of members, email addresses, officers, and election ballots (with a proxy). This is only the beginning of what the CAO website will provide its guests and members. Be sure to look for the web address on the spring conference brochure that will direct you to our new webpage.

Please know how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve the CAO. I leave with confidence, knowing that Karen Ballard (President-Elect) and the Board of Directors will continue to lead the CAO to new heights. I hope to see you all at our conference on May 2, 2013.

With warm regards,

Faith Luetti

Karen Ballard, BCC
Vice-President/
Program Chair



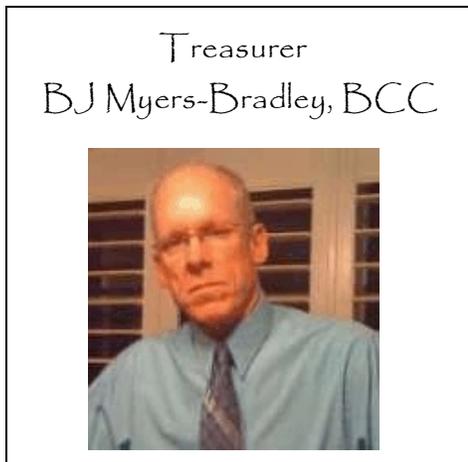
SPRING CONFERENCE:
Leveraging Self in the System
Thursday, May 2
Josephinum/The Jessing Center, Columbus

The contexts of our ministries, whether in healthcare, prison, the VA or other areas of pastoral care, are undergoing constant change. Today, our administrators live with enormous challenges of meeting the needs with diminishing dollars and person-power. In the last six weeks, two healthcare systems in Akron have faced the lay-off of 132 employees in one institution and 54 in another, plus leaving current vacancies open, because of losses in revenue. It is a challenging and sometimes fearful time.

The employees with whom we work and serve are under tremendous pressure from many different avenues: the fear of termination or concern for colleagues who have been terminated, the threat or opportunity of a buy-out, growth and change within the institution, even if it is positive. There is the stress of needing to do more and more with less and less. Stress and anxiety can be a constant in many of our institutions.

Jeffrey, Miller, MSW, a family therapist and management consultant, has authored a book, **The Anxious Organization**. He will be the presenter at our Spring Conference. He will challenge us to be a positive influence in our institutions in managing the stress and in being a calming presence among those with whom we work and serve. A brochure with all the details for this event will come to you soon. We hope you will make plans to attend this educational opportunity. Invite friends from other disciplines, too!

In addition to the educational, our Spring Conference gives us opportunity to be together with colleagues from across the state. There is power in the gathering and the community we form in which we hope you will be able to participate. Make your plans now to join us for this day of education and collegiality.



Thank you for electing me to my second term as CAO Treasurer; I am sincerely honored to receive your trust. I initially took the position to serve an organization that has served me with valuable education and colleagues. I've found that I continue to receive more than give. The role of Treasurer has provided me with an opportunity to witness the diligence of those who lead our organization and their passion to promote quality chaplaincy. The Treasurer position has changed to keep pace with how conferences are held making the position easier. Changes include:

1. A laptop was purchased to record financial data on Quicken
2. Credit Cards can be utilized for on-site payments
3. We are experimenting with the host region doing the recording

of registrants and their payment. The Treasurer's role is to record deposits and receive payments on the day of the Conference. This process eliminates communicating massive mailings and payments to the region.

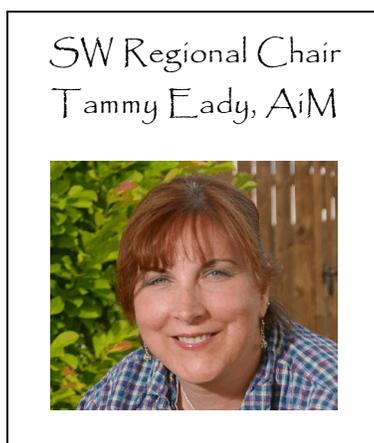
4. Soon, secure on-line payments will be possible for Conferences and be automatically deposited to the CAO account--further reducing labor (and chances for error).

At our Board meeting last month, we discussed the value of having a **back-up Treasurer** in case I become debilitated and unable to perform my duties. I will train the individual in the aspects of the Treasurer position. This is not an elected position; however the person can submit his/her name for consideration at the Spring, 2014 CAO Meeting. Think about it.

5/1/12 – 2/20/13 Report (abbreviated):

4/26/12 Opening Balance:	\$11,375.76
Deposits:	\$ 8,320.00
Expenditures	\$ 3,254.58
2/19/13 Balance	\$16,441.18

(a full report was presented to the Board of Directors and is available to members upon request)



Recently, Chaplain Lawrence Taylor resigned as Chair for the Southwest Region. I will be completing his term at the invitation of the CAO Board. Some of you may remember me from the officers' ballot at last year's Spring conference.

I have been serving as a chaplain at Mercy Health - Fairfield Hospital since 2008 after completing my final units of CPE and a residency at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati.

I look forward to working with colleagues in the Southwest Region and invite you to contact me with any questions, comments, and/or suggestions for networking activities/programs. My direct line at the hospital is (513)870-7156. I can also be reached by e-mail at TEEady@health-partners.org.

Membership Chair,
Marianne Wilson, BCC



2012 membership in CAO ends April 30th, 2013! Members will receive renewal forms by email March 18th. Please complete the membership information form and mail with \$30 dues to:

Marianne Wilson 108 Buckingham Court Florence, KY 41042

before April 30th, 2013 to keep your membership up to date.

We will also be accepting membership forms and dues payments with mailed registrations for our May 2nd Conference. You will receive an email confirmation of your dues payment with an attached membership card that you may print yourself. If you did not receive the renewal form

or wish to join CAO, please contact me at marianne.wilson@cchmc.org and I will send you a form. You may also contact me at 513-636-8829.

Looking forward to welcoming you [back] to the CAO!

23rd Annual Bioethics Network of Ohio
Conference
"Culture, Religion & Clinical Ethics"
Friday, April 26, 2013
at the Conference Center at OCLC, near Dublin, OH

The conference will include a keynote address, plenary and breakout sessions. Most sessions will be introduced via a paradigmatic case on the topic followed by a presentation and audience discussion.

This education is co-provided by the Midwest Care Alliance and BENO for contact/clock hours for nursing and social workers. Please contact Beth Griebel for questions regarding Counselor clock hours. beth.griebel@midwestcarealliance.org

Fees: Early Registration before 4/1/2013 = Individual member \$135, Non-members \$155 and Students \$73.
After 4/1/2013 = Individual member \$175, Non-members \$195 and Students \$93.

For registration, directions and nearby lodging: <http://www.beno-ethics.org/conference.html>

Other nearby conference opportunities

-NACC annual conference in Pittsburgh in mid-April <http://www.nacc.org/conference/>

http://www.nacc.org/vision/Nov_Dec_2012/2013-conference.asp

See workshops listed in <http://www.nacc.org/docs/conference/2013-Conference-brochure.pdf>

-ACPE conference is in Indianapolis May 15-19 <http://www.acpe.edu/ConferencesAnnual.html>

-NAJC conference was in Arizona in January

-CPSP in Las Vegas this month <http://www.pastoralreport.com/>

-APC conference in Florida, June: www.professionalchaplains.org/content.asp?pl=72&sl=197&contentid=197

-AAPC is not having a conference this year

Places to Look for Job Openings

http://www.professionalchaplains.org/jobs_search.asp <http://www.nacc.org/positions/available.aspx>

<http://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=chaplain&l=ohio> [also use 'spiritual care']

<http://www.simplyhired.com/a/jobs/list/q-chaplain/l-ohio> <http://chaplaincy-jobs.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.ecracpe.org/id77.html> <http://spiritualcare.org/employment/>

You can also take/send your resume to hospitals (find URL's at <http://www.hospitallink.com>)
and/or hospices (<http://www.hospicedirectory.org/>).

You never know when they'll have an opening and look at resumes they have on file.

[*editor's note:* The Spirit has led me to all 5 of my chaplaincy positions through relationships.
Keep talking/emailing with friends and folks who can help.]

Hospice Foundation of America Spring Program
Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death

This 3-hour continuing education program (2.5 hour educational video and 30 minute local discussion) is designed to assist end-of-life care provider organizations and professionals in enhancing their sensitivities and understanding of veterans and to provide professionals with new interventions to better serve dying veterans and their families.

See <http://www.hospicefoundation.org/2013springprogram> for more info.

Offered (often for free) at various sites around the state, after April 17.