



# CONNECTIONS

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### **President's Corner**

It is hard to believe that summer is past and we are heading into autumn; the adage 'time flies as one gets older' is certainly proving to be true for me. This summer, the Executive Committee and Event Planning Committees of the CAO have been busy recapping our past event, planning for the future one and also looking at ways to strengthen our regional connections.

You should have received, or will shortly, information about the CAO educational event on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Findlay, OH. The topic will be on "Forgiveness" and the speaker will examine this concept in light of scripture and modern media (i.e., movies and literature). The event has been accepted for contact hours by both the APC and NACC.

In May, 2009, my tenure as President will be completed and Rob Shores will assume the Presidency; it is hard to believe that two years have passed! I hope that the Organization is being formed to meet your needs and I invite you all to think about your own role in leadership of the CAO for the future.

This autumn, take some time to enjoy the simple beauty and joys of the season!

Be Blessed,

*Michelle*

### **In Sympathy, with Prayer**

We note the death of Membership Chair Irv Moore's mother: Mrs. Laura Byrd Moore, age 89, who died Saturday, July 26 in Burlington, NC. Her funeral was held on Tuesday, July 29 at First Baptist Church, Burlington, NC. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Irv and his family.

### **Website of Interest**

**Sharing Ramadan:**

**Muslim Men and Women Sharing Stories of Their Lives, Families, Hopes and Prayers**

<http://www.readthespirit.com/sharingramadan/>

Deadline for articles for December '08 *CAO Connections* – November 30

## CAO Fall Education Event

Friday, October 10 8AM-4PM  
Blanchard Valley Hospital  
1900 S. Main St., Findlay, OH

### *The Endless and Messy Work of Forgiveness*

Dr. Fred Niedner, Prof. of Theology, Valparaiso University, IN  
<http://www.valpo.edu/theology/faculty/fredniedner.php>

#### Objectives:

(Re)acquaintance with biblical theologies of forgiveness  
Examine assumptions about forgiveness at work in lives and ministries  
Reassessment and reflection upon the role of forgiveness in health and healing  
Attentiveness to one's own and others' longing for forgiveness and reconciliation

Registration begins	8:00
Welcome, housekeeping, settling	9:00
Session 1: <b><i>God Forgives: How, Whom and Why</i></b> (Leviticus 5 & 16; Psalm 51; Matthew 26-27, 1 Peter 3) Presentation and Discussion	9:15 – 10:30 AM
Session 2: <b><i>We Forgive: How, Whom, and Why</i></b> (Genesis 37-50; Matthew 18) Presentation, Discussion and Storytelling	10:45 - 12:30 AM
LUNCH and Association Meeting	12:30 – 1:30 PM
Session 3: <b><i>Messiness of Forgiveness: Forgiveness in Modern Fiction</i></b> (Excerpts from the works of Ron Hansen, Andre Dubus, Ann Tyler, Sue Miller, Raymond Carver)	1:30 – 2:30 PM
Session 4: <b><i>Blessed Are the Peacemakers---Or Not-Forgiveness in Modern Film</i></b> (Scenes from: <i>In the Bedroom, House of Sand and Fog, The Straight Story, Crash, Places in the Heart</i> )	2:30 – 3:45 PM

NOTE: Both the morning and afternoon sessions will include time for discussion, even breaking into small groups for discussion at certain points

3:30 Wrap up and Closing Devotions

4:00 Receive CEU certificates

Cost: CAO Members: \$30.00 Not-yet-Members: \$40.00

For more info, contact Ch. Faith Proietti, BCC (419) 520-2392 or [Fproietti@medcentral.org](mailto:Fproietti@medcentral.org)

Registrations go to Ch. Valerie Johnson, BCC (CAO)

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234 Goodman St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

For hotel reservations the night before or night after, call 1-800-325-0720 and ask for the *Chaplains Association of Ohio* booking, Group #2044683, **before Sept. 24, 2008.**

**Hospice of NW Ohio presents**  
**Richard F. Groves**  
**Founder of the Sacred Art of Living Center - Bend, OR**  
**October 6 & 7, Parkway Place Event & Conference Center**  
**At the intersection of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Detroit Avenue, Maumee, OH**

**Three Opportunities!**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 5:30 - 8:30 pm

***Re-Connecting the Soul and Role of Caregiving***

2.5 Contact Hours for Social Workers, Counselors and Nurses

Objectives

- o Identify specific prevalent patterns and warning signs that indicate caregiver burnout
- o Describe principles from the world's great spiritual traditions regarding the vocation of healing and caregiving
- o Discuss an integral, quantum model for caregiving based on contemporary science and ethics

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 8:30 am - 12:00 noon

***From Aging to Sage-ing***

2.5 Contact Hours for Social Workers, Counselors and Nurses

Objectives

- o Recognize the nature of spiritual health, especially as it applies to aging
- o Describe the four classical indicators of existential health and suffering
- o Identify practical tools validated by contemporary science and ancient wisdom regarding the aging process

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 12:30 - 1:30 pm

***A New Ethics for the Aging***

1.0 Contact Hour for Ethics for Social Workers and Counselors and 1.0 Contact Hour for Nurses

Objectives

- o Distinguish between traditional schools of ethics and an "integral" ethic of aging
- o Describe a more holistic ethical model for the elderly based on research related to existential suffering
- o Identify the essential qualities for a healthier community model for senior services

Each session includes a light meal. There's a fee for each session. Attend all 3 for just \$50!

Register online at <http://www.hospicenwo.org/conference.html>

If you have questions, need special accommodations or do not wish to register on line, please contact Jennifer Joseph, Community Outreach Coordinator for Hospice of Northwest Ohio, at 419-931-3156.

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**"PASTORAL CARE: Listening Presence"**

**Pastoral Care Week**, October 20-26 this year, 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)

**Save the Date**  
**Monday, November 3, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
***Professional Chaplaincy in Health Care***

Attend this **free** one day conference at the OSU Medical Center in Columbus to hear **Larry VandeCreek**, BD, ThM, D.Min, a nationally-known author and speaker on the topic of chaplaincy and health care.

He will discuss:

- Advocating for chaplaincy in health care settings
- Patient satisfaction with the ministry of chaplains
- Spiritual care research and publishing symposium

Look for more information soon about how to register. Approved for 6 CEU's.

Questions? Contact Jacqueline Grueser, Office Associate, OSU Medical Center Department of Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education, at (614) 293-8791 or [Jacqueline.Gruesser@osumc.edu](mailto:Jacqueline.Gruesser@osumc.edu)

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**2008 SCC Salary Survey Report**

Four organizations of the Spiritual Care Collaborative came together in 2008 to conduct a confidential salary and compensation survey with their collective membership; 1,292 individuals participated. Employees and human resource representatives alike may use findings from this initiative to gauge salary and benefit levels in different parts of the country.

The survey results provide the most up to date tool available on detailed employment information for chaplains and are being provided to you as a benefit of your membership in the association. It is the hope of the association that this information will empower you to propose additional chaplaincy positions in your department, strengthen current positions or assist you should you seek a new position.

APC members can log on to the Members Only section of the APC website & access this 17 page document.

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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/>

**SPIRITUAL CARE SUMMIT '09**  
**February 1-4, 2009**  
**Walt Disney World, Florida**

The theme of Summit '09 is ***Health and Hope: The Hard Reality of Living Intentionally in a Village of Care***. Attendees will engage in progressive conversation, eliciting new directions of competency and challenge through substantive pre-conferences, plenary addresses, workshops and inspirational gatherings. Acknowledging the complex web of all those involved in the village of care in various setting, Summit '09 will call us to:

- \* Define & transform how we care for others from a holistic perspective
- \* Build interdisciplinary relationships that nurture and disturb, support and educate
- \* Engage & experience authentic collaboration, celebrating that which unifies and honoring that which separates

Six pastoral care, counseling and education associations, acting together as a common host, are leading the way toward the development of best spiritual care practices that are just, faithful and professionally rigorous. As we continue to define our field, we invite fellow team members to join our efforts to ensure that the spiritual needs of all who are in need of care are fully met.

We want others to know who we are and what we represent. This will be the biggest event in the history of spiritual care professions on this continent. Make your plans now to attend. Invite and bring your colleagues: nurses, physicians, psychologists, social workers and health therapists.

Visit [http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org/scc\\_summit09.asp](http://www.spiritualcarecollaborative.org/scc_summit09.asp) for up-to-date program information including hotels and travel, as it becomes available.

***Language Rituals and Tools When Navigating Loss***  
Tuesday, November 4, 8 AM-4:30 PM  
MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland

Conference Objectives:

- Explore the multiple expressions of spiritual language around loss
- Define the concept of wounded healer and its implications
- Explore the creation and use of ethical wills
- Examine rituals and their benefits during transition and loss

Approved for 6 hours of chaplain continuing education

**Schedule:**

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:30 Welcome and Introductions  
8:45 **Discovering and Respecting One's Spiritual Language** Doug Smith, M.A., M.S., M.Div.  
10:30 **Being a Wounded Healer: Finding Meaning in the Midst of Pain** Doug Smith, M.A., M.S., M.Div.  
1:00 **Rediscovering Ethical Wills: Bestowing Values, Hopes, and Life's Lessons** Barry Baines, M.D.  
2:45 **Transitional Keys: Rituals for Comfort and Hope** Andrea Sherman, Ph.D.  
4:15 Closing Remarks and Evaluations

Cost: \$80 before Oct. 21; \$100 after. Deadline: Oct. 24.

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