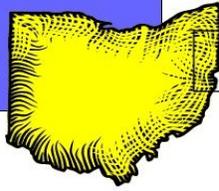


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Chaplains Association of Ohio

“CONNECTIONS” newsletter

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**Karen Ballard, BCC
President**



Greetings, Members and Friends of CAO,

It gives me great pleasure to serve as your President. I am humbled and honored to follow in the footsteps of Faith Proietti, who served our organization so faithfully in many capacities and for many years. Thank you, Faith, for your generous service.

You have probably noticed that you have received no information about a CAO fall conference. **We regret that we are unable to provide a conference this year**, but we want to support your continuing education needs. If your membership is current with our organization, **we will subsidize your attending another pastoral care conference this fall by sending you \$25**. Please send a copy of your registration (which includes the cost of the conference) and a copy of the CEU certificate to: Chaplain BJ Myers-Bradley at 1001 Aquamarine Blvd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. This offer is for conferences taking place between September 1 and December 31, 2013 only.

In looking toward our spring conference, we want to offer something new and, I think, exciting. **We are planning an overnight retreat on April 3-4, 2014** at Hueston Woods <http://huestonwoodsodge.com>. The programming will be such that you can attend Thursday only and feel that you have had a complete retreat experience. We are hopeful, however, that many will be able to spend the night and enjoy the programming that will be planned for Friday morning. Please make a note on your calendars and watch for more details. I hope by now that you have seen and used our newly designed web site: www.chapsOhio.org. Some of it is still under construction, but I think you will find the site much more useful. We are grateful to Mark English for keeping it up-to-date for us. Please let us know of any ideas you have for content or improvements to the site.

Elections will be held during our annual meeting at the spring conference. If you have an interest in serving on the Board of CAO, please contact your regional chair (contact information available on the masthead or website) and let that person know of your interest in being nominated.

Please know that your Board is available to hear of any ideas or concerns you have. Please be in touch. Also, please be mindful of offering support and encouragement to your colleagues in your area of the state.

Blessings,
Karen

**Marianne Brandon, BCC
Membership Chair**



I want to say a warm *welcome* to all of our new members!

Creating a membership account on the CAO website is easy! I encourage all members who have not done so to go online today – it will take just a few minutes. Go to www.chapsohio.org/login. Click on the "Join now!" button on the right hand side of the page. Once you have filled in and submitted your information, your account will be active. If the site informs you that dues must be paid, please contact me so we can ascertain when you last paid your dues and I can activate your account. (Don't assume you didn't pay; you might end up paying twice!) All members will receive a reminder to pay dues in April of 2014 for the membership year of May 1, 2014 – 2015.

If you would like to connect with chaplains in your area, please send me an email at marianne.wilson@cchmc.org and I will send you a list of chaplains in your region. We currently have 125 members from a variety of faith backgrounds and work experiences.

May it be a wonderful professional year for each of you!

**B.J. Meyers-Bradley, BCC
Treasurer**



Since the May 2, 2013 Spring Conference:

Opening Balance	\$14,829.11
Disbursements:	\$ 8.00
Deposits:	\$ 1,300.00
Closing Balance	<u>\$16,121.11</u>

Be sure to poke around our website: www.chapsohio.org
especially the 'Resources' tab