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RON SUNDERLAND RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Southwest Region presented its Distinguished Service Award to Ron Sunderland at the 2006 Regional Meeting in Dallas. Sister Agnes Joy introduced Ron and the award was presented by Doug Watts, chair of the award committee, during a Thursday evening dinner honoring Ron.

Ron came to America in 1966 from Melbourne, Australia to attend the Institute of Religion, then under the leadership of Granger Westberg. His classmates in that early unit of CPE were Homer Bain, Joe Gross, Kelton RoTrock and George Thompson. After several attempts to make Acting Supervisor, he was certified in Denver in 1968 and the following year became the Chaplain Director at Ben Taub and Jefferson Davis Hospitals in Houston. In 1974 he returned to the Institute as a faculty member and in 1976 he became the Director of the Institute, a post he held until 1982 when he began a ministry to HIV+ patients through MD Anderson. His method for teaching Lay Ministers using a CPE model became well known and he traveled widely teaching this program.



Ron was accompanied at the awards ceremony by Noel his wife of almost fifty years (November '06). They raised their four children in Houston: Dixon a nuclear physicist; Brent, a pediatric psychiatrist; Quentin, their only daughter, who is a pediatrician and Granger who died suddenly of leukemia shortly after starting his medical practice. Ron and Noel are the grandparents of eight grandchildren. Although retired, Ron continues to be active and is currently supervising at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Southwest Region To Host '07 National Meeting

Adolphus Hotel Dallas October 24-27, 2007

*Connecting in a Culture of Complexity :
Supervision for the Twenty-First Century*

Bell Hooks

Nancy Ramsey

Carol Pearce

AROUND THE REGION

Newly Certified:

Jeff Hoppe, Tulsa, Hillcrest was certified as Supervisor in the Fall of '05

Sam Naidoo, Methodist Hospital, Dallas certified CPE Supervisor at the REM meeting in New York, February '06

Luis Rodriguez, Harris County Hospital District, Houston certified CPE Supervisor at the REM meeting, Feb. '06

Jose Cedillo, MD Anderson, Houston certified Associate at the REM Meeting in February, '06 (First Southwest Region Candidate to enter and complete the new CRT pilot project)

Jim Duke, Army CPE, San Antonio received as a supervisory candidate in December, 2005

Cindy Graber, MD Anderson, Houston received as a supervisory candidate in January, '06

Elected:

Celsa Ayala-Coloma, VA in San Antonio was elected secretary of REM at the February meeting.

Opportunity:

Anyone interested in participating in a conference on "Core Competencies for Clergy and Other Pastoral Ministers in Addressing Alcohol and Drug Dependence and the Impact on Family Members" please contact Bill Carpenter. All travel and meals are paid for participants. The meeting is in Atlanta June 21-22. Two persons from our region can attend.

**SOUTHWEST REGION ACPE
2007 Leadership Roster**

*Underlined names are those elected at Spring Regional Meeting, Feb. 26, 2006,
Dallas, TX*

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

('08) Chair: Carlos Bell
('08) Secretary: Marty Aden
('07) Treasurer: Michael Doane
('07) At-Large: Carolyn Barksdale
('08) At-Large: Oliver Lee
('08) Chair-elect: Doug Watts
('09) At-Large: Lerrill White

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

('07) Melissa Walker-Luckett (Chair) ('07) Robin Aplet ('07) Paul Robertson
('08) Michael Schirmacher ('08) Carolyn Barksdale ('08) Jeff Hoppe
('09) Miriam Berger ('09) Witek Nowosiad ('09) Gene
Huffstutler

BUDGET & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

('07) Michael Doane (Chair) ('07) Mark Grace
('08) Bob Powell ('08) JoAnn Garma
('09) John Takacs ('09) Cynthia "Cyd" Thomas

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

('07) Susan Nance (Chair) ('07) Kofi Adzaku (Chair-elect) ('07) Wayne
Menking
('08) Ed George ('08) Mark Grace ('08) Ron Somers-Clark
('09) Celsa Ayala-Coloma ('09) Mary Stewart Hall ('09) Larry Smith

REPRESENTATION & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

('07) Steve Goss ('07) Celsa Ayala-Coloma
('08) Doug Watts ('08) Lee Ann Rathbun
('09) Deborah Whisnand ('09) David Jenkins

RACIAL/ETHNIC MULTI-CULTURAL COMMITTEE

('07) Paul Polk ('07) Susan Thronton (*appointed by Regional Chair to fill
vacancy*)
('08) Jose Cedillo ('08) Luis Rodriguez
('09) Cindy Graber ('09) Sam Naidoo

ACPE NATIONAL OFFICES

Board of Representatives: ('07) Mark Hart ('08) Jenny Lannom
Certification Commission: ('07) Gina Bethune ('09) Susan Nance ('11) Kofi
Adzaku
Accreditation Commission: ('07) Melissa Walker-Luckett
Professional Ethics Commission: ('07) Karrie Oertli
Standards Committee: ('07) Jacob Atuahene-Nsowaah
Representation & Nominations: ('07) Steve Goss

From the Regional Director.....

One of my goals as RD is to visit in as many centers as time and money will allow. I am particularly interested in getting into those centers that are geographically isolated. The Southwest Region covers an area of a little over half a million square miles which has historically made it difficult for us to get together on a regular basis.

I was in Oklahoma City in March, so, I made appointments to visit with Ken Blank and Darrell Tiller at the VA in Dallas and Karrie Oertli at Integris Baptist. I saw Karrie but because of a painful tooth extraction I missed seeing Ken and Darrell. Ken and I talked and corresponded about the program at the VA and I want to share some of the highlights of what he and Darrell are doing and what Karrie is doing at Integris Baptist .

ACPE CPE is alive and well on the wide-open plains of Oklahoma! At INTEGRIS, Karrie Oertli runs combined resident/parish-based units, with three residents at two hospitals, and parish-based students from the community. Beginning this fall, a new resident position will be funded for mental health children/adolescent and adult facilities. The unique parish-based units allow full-time, paid, professional persons in ministry settings to complete four CPE units within one year, using a model based on the students' parishes as their clinical areas. All students meet together all day on Tuesdays each week. Karrie also travels to the parish-based students' ministry settings to engage them and on-site reflectors in considering students' achievement of learning contract goals. Diversity is also alive and well in Oklahoma City: the current all-male student group is comprised of an East Indian Pentecostal resident, a Japanese Baptist missionary planting a church in Oklahoma City, an Anglo Assembly of God parish pastor, an African American Methodist resident, and an Anglo Nazarene resident. Students at INTEGRIS also learn about the mind/body/spirit connection and develop tools to assist patients and parishioners in making use of the Relaxation Response, described by Dr. Herbert Benson, Harvard Medical School. Recently, students had the opportunity to meet Swamiji Parmahansa Nithyananda (www.nithyananda.org), hear Dr. Judith Orloff, and participate in a Kundalini yoga meditation dance.

Ken and Darrell are at The Oklahoma Health Center Clinical Pastoral Education Institute (<http://www.cpeokc.org/>) which offices in the VA Hospital in the Oklahoma Health Center In Oklahoma City. The Institute faculty runs a year- round CPE program; includes a part-time researcher; writes a column on Spirituality and Medicine for the Oklahoma Health Center News; offers seminars for local clergy including "Medical Grand Rounds for Clergy" an introduction to twenty-first century medicine, and teaches a course on "Spirituality and Medicine" in the OU School of Medicine. Ken and Darrell draw from medical school physicians and community professionals to help lead seminars. The Institute is funded by The Presbyterian Health Foundation, Indian Nations Presbytery, The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, and VA Hospital. The research component of the Institute's programs seems to be unique to Clinical Pastoral Education. Dr. John Campbell, PhD. leads this program. Currently several projects are in the planning stages.

REGIONAL MEETING

The Regional Meeting was a great time for getting together with friends, enjoying a night out in Dallas and making decisions as a Region that will guide the future. Teresa Snorton ACPE Executive Director guided us to think about supervision as transformation. David Forney, Columbia Theological Seminary helped us look at strategic planning in fresh new ways. The Region elected officers for 2007(Carlos Bell becomes chair and Doug Watts Chair-Elect in '07); approved a budget (voted to give the National Organization \$15,000 for the '07 National Meeting which we host); honored Ron Sunderland and remembered Virgil Howard; installed Bill Carpenter as Regional Director; initiated strategic planning process and did lots of detailed planning for the coming National Meeting.



Karrie Oertli and Mark Hart



Leadership & Advisory Council Meeting



Mary Stewart-Hall & Teresa Snorton



Leo Blanchard, Mellisa Walker-Lucket, Steve Goss



Deborah Whisnand, JoAnn Garma & Oliver Lee

STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP FORMS

The strategic planning group appointed by Regional Chair Carole Summers Clark from volunteers who attended the Strategic Planning Workshop at the regional meeting in February will hold its first meeting in Houston June 16. Members of the group are Carolyn Barksdale, Jose Cedillo, Oliver Lee, Wayne Menking, Doug Watts, Lerrill White. This group will take the small group responses from the Strategic Planning Workshop conducted at the regional meeting in Dallas and refine it into a plan to recommend to the Leadership Council. When adopted by the region, the strategic plan will be much like student goals for a unit of training. It needs to serve as a guide but it should be reviewed regularly by the Leadership Council and revised to reflect changes in the region