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CARLOS BELL NOMINATED FOR ACPE PRESIDENT

Below are the speeches on behalf of Carlos made at the membership meeting by Carol, Tim, and Carlos. I did not want to leave anything out, so I am printing them without editing.

Bill

Dr. Conde-Frazier challenged ACPE at the Annual Conference in Dallas to become an “Empathic Organization”—one that would be “awake” to all that might threaten life even the threats that are within us. To become an organization that would promote and advance interdependence with all communities.

So today, I challenge us to elect a leader who will lead us with vision, integrity and purpose into the 21st century.

Carlos Bell is my nominee for this Great Task.

He is an African American Pentecostal Pastor. He has served as the first African American male to lead the Southwest Region. He has brought sensitivity, decisiveness and vision to our region.

He has encouraged the Southwest Region and its centers in the last year to contribute over \$60,000 dollars to ACPE programs.

He has a history of leadership both as chair of our region, chair of regional certification committee, and Co-chair of this incredibly challenging and educational conference.

Carlos Bell has led ACPE programs at Memorial Houston, VA Dallas, and currently Baylor Medical Center. He has been honored as the National VA Chaplain of the Year in 1996 and the Distinguished Black Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2003.

He is the face of our future. His gentle, intelligent, equitable and grace-filled leadership will move us into a more diverse and life-giving organization.

Carlos Bell is the leader who can take ACPE to the “empathic/interdependent” organization that Conde-Frazier described.



**SOUTHWEST
REGION ACPE
2008 Leadership
Roster**

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(‘08) Chair:
Carlos Bell

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(‘10) Melissa
Walker-Duckett

(‘10) Ross Davis

(‘10) Paul Robertson

If you are ready for ACPE to fulfill our potential-You will join me in electing the first Pentecostal ACPE Supervisor and the 2nd African American in our 40 year history-as the next President of ACPE-You will elect—**Carlos Bell**

Carole Somers-Clark
Vice President of Pastoral Services
Methodist Health System
Dallas, TX

I am Tim Van Duivendyk from the Memorial Hermann Health Care System in Houston.

Because I have loved and admired **Carlos Bell** for almost 20 years it is an honor to second this nomination.

Carlos has the leadership gifts we need at this point in our history.

He encourages differentness, celebrates differentness yet calls us to community and shared vision.

He has passion for ministry education and puts feet on his passion with skills as a leader, manager, and visionary.

He will guide us and nurtures us to reach our strategic plan.

Carlos, like an eagle, flies high, sees the big picture, but also is the wind beneath the wings of detail.

I am privileged to second the nomination of **Carlos Bell** for President-elect of ACPE.

Tim Van Duivendyk
Vice President for Spiritual Care
Memorial Hermann Hospital System
Houston, TX

I would like to thank Carole Somers-Clark and Tim Van Duivendyk, and members of the Southwest Region for supporting me in my candidacy as President of ACPE.

A core theoretical construct of my culture is story and song. Exactly 20 years ago in this city and region I was told by certain members of the dominant culture that I was not Black enough to enter CPE. I had the option of standing on the outside or dare to make a difference.

Ron Somers-Clark accepted me as an extended intern at Children’s Medical Center. I later pursued further training at the then Memorial Hospital System in Houston with Tom Cole, Don Bratton, Tim Van Duivendyk, and Deborah Whisnand. I became the first Black to pursue

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Thomas*

('10) *Kofi Adzaku*

('10) *Michael Saxton*

('10) *Linda Wilkerson*

supervisory training in the city of Houston. The Southwest Region, REM, and Certification Commission nurtured my professional development and I embedded in my heart the Old Negro Spiritual, "We Shall Overcome."

My competency as a leader in ACPE has been proven by service as the Southwest Region REM Chair, Certification Chair and Commission member, current Regional Chair, and Co-Chair of the 2007 Annual Conference. The hallmark of my service has been organization, professionalism, and ability to align individuals and groups.

The constructive critical purchase of my being the eldest of eight children reared in the inner city and person of color is that when one moves from oppression to liberation, he/she can become the oppressor and repeat the mistakes of the past. Therefore, the African concept of "we-ness" is an integrative construct of my servant leadership and desire to become President of ACPE. "We-ness" is another word for community or togetherness.

The centerpiece of my platform is the *ACPE 2010: Into the Future* strategic plan. We have an opportunity to deepen relationships with the Veterans Affairs, Military, and international organizations. The vision and success of the Development Committee will allow us to fulfill the strategic plan and a brighter tomorrow.

Standing with me are Harry Simmons, President of REM, two graduates of Baylor's supervisory education program a white female CPE supervisor, Director of her own CPE program and Regional Accreditation Chair with the VA, and international Associate supervisor from Ghana, West Africa now at Duke University Medical Center, a Latina supervisory resident, and the 2007-08 Baylor residents that represent gender, cultural, and faith group diversity. My vision for ACPE is symbolized by this community.

In conclusion, my goal and passion is to bring a pastoral presence and implement the work done on the regional and national level to the Presidency. Together "We Shall Overcome." Thank you.

*Carlos R. Bell
Manager of CPE Programs
Baylor University Medical Center
Dallas, TX*

DEATH OF AL GREENBURG From Agnes Joy

Here is the Houston Chronicle article of Thursday morning on the death of Alcuin Greenburg on Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Lots of people did not know about it - it all happened so quickly, in the midst of much activity of the naming Wednesday of the Houston Catholic Archdiocese Archbishop Daniel DiNardo to be a Cardinal. First time ever for a Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston.

**REPRESENTATION
& NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE**

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*('08) Lee Ann
Rathbun*

*('09) Deborah
Whisnand*

('09) David Jenkins

('10) Luis Rodriquez

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(Chair)*

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('09) Sam Naidoo

*('10) Nina
Bryant-Sanyika*

('10)

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('08) Jenny Lannom

('09) Mark Hart

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Commission:**

('08) Kofi Adzaku

('09) Susan Nance

*('10) Celsa
Ayala-Coloma*

Al was in the dental chair and had a fatal heart attack. I don't know who was with him - but he had trouble getting around recently so a driver or someone from the chancery office or a friend must have been with him. He had mentioned to friends last week that he was not feeling very well.

Here is the Chronicle article (that had his picture with it.) It was downloaded from the Obituaries in the Chronicle of October 18, in case you want to forward it to anyone:

"REVEREND ALCUIN E. GREENBURG died on Tuesday, the 16th of October, 2007. He was 78 years of age. He was born on the 12th of December, 1928, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He entered the Benedictine Order of Conception Abbey and was ordained a priest on the 28th of May, 1955. Later he served as Army Chaplain for the Archdiocese of the Military Services and in 1979 he was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston by Bishop John Morkovsky. In 1984 after serving twenty-two years, Father Greenburg retired from the Army. In 1984 he was appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish (Houston) and in 1986 he became Director of the Hospital (Catholic) Chaplain Corps (of the Texas Medical Center, Houston). Father Greenburg retired in 2000. He is preceded in death by his parents, Platte Edward and Helen Hulda Greenburgh. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at two o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, the 18th of October 2007 at Warren Chapel, 2401 Holcombe Blvd. by Cardinal Designate Daniel N. DiNardo, Most Reverend Joseph Fiorenza and priests of the Archdiocese as concelebrants. Burial will take place at Conception Abbey in Missouri."

I notice there is no mention made in the Obituary of Al's being a CPE Supervisor. He spoke from time to time of memories of his training in California, Brooklyn and of course in Houston. But I do not know the dates although he did begin training while he was still in the military. In Houston he did part-time supervision in MD Anderson Hospital and at the Harris County Hospital District facilities, and periodically at evaluations, screening and didactic meetings throughout the CPE programs in Houston.

David Jenkins attended the funeral on Thursday. He was not aware of there were other CPE reps in the congregation. I was not aware of Al's death until a phone call this morning, or would have been at the funeral yesterday had I known.

There probably will be an Obituary in next week's Catholic Herald. If it is different from the above I will sent you a copy for your records.

Be blessed, Bill, at the National CPE Conference this coming week in Dallas. I send my regrets. I will not be able to attend this year. Prayers for you all that it goes well.

Agnes

Good to hear from Agnes, even though the news is sad.

**ACCREDITATION
COMMISSION:**

(’09) *Melissa
Walker-Luckett*

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ETHICS
COMMISSION:**

(’09) *Mary
Stewart-Hall*

**STANDARDS
COMMITTEE:**

(’09) *Leo Blanchard*

**REPRESENTATION
NONMINATIONS:**

(’09) *Steve Goss*

AROUND THE REGION

Samson Naidoo has left VITAS in Dallas.

Deborah Whisonand will join Vitas San Antonio during 2008. She will continue with BAMC and gradually take over at Vitas until October of 2008 when she assumes responsibilities full time.

Michael Doane and Merjam Berger have accepted positions at Christus Spohn in Corpus Christi. Merjam will supervise the CPE program and Michael will work in the administration.

Nina Bryant-Sanyika and Cindy Graber were certified at the National meeting in Dallas. Nina became a Certified Supervisor and Cindy moved to Acting Supervisor. Nina will remain at St. Lukes Houston and Cindy has taken the position at Valley Baptist in Harlingen, Texas.



Nina Bryant-Sanyika and Cindy Graber

ARKANSAS SATELLITE COMPLETES UNIT

The Regions Strategic Task Force granted \$5000 seed money for a satellite center in Bentonville, Arkansas. Six students completed the first unit in the

program January 18, 2008. St. Stephen Catholic Church in Bentonville became a satellite of Integris Baptist in Oklahoma City in October of 2008. Fr. Mike Sinkler is the priest at St. Stephen and a student in the program.



Left to right John Pate, Catholic Deacon. Fr. Bob Hall, Anglican Priest, Rev. Judith Lund, Episcopal Priest, Fr. Mike Sinkler, Catholic Priest, Candi Mount, Methodist Seminarian, Seated, Rev. Chuck Bengston, Southern Baptist

INTERIM SUPERVISORS

A list of potential Interim Supervisors is being compiled by the National Strategic Task Force. If you have an interest in serving as an interim supervisor, contact Bill Carpenter.

