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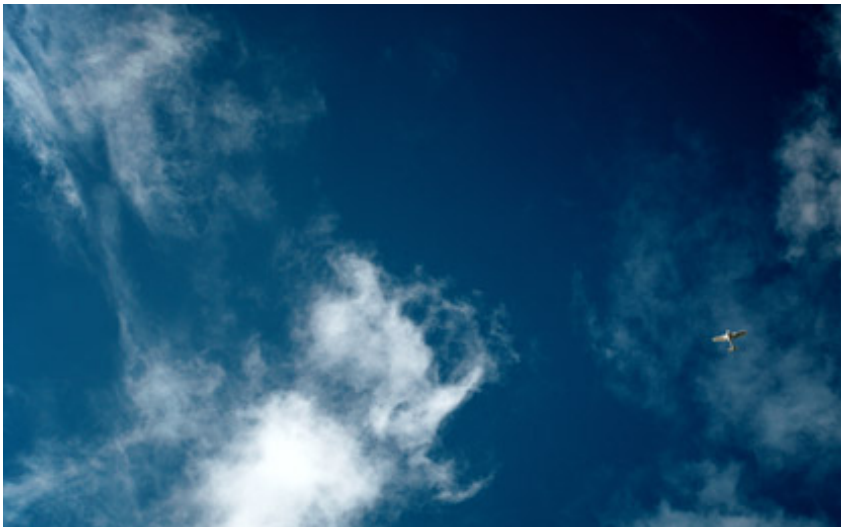
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**An Excerpt From Our
Commitment:**

*"I come from a place of
transparency, trust and
inclusivity. This
humanizes relationships;
allowing them to grow
and takes place in the
context of mutuality."*

CSCPF'S First Annual Gathering

by [Greg Colley](#), Secretary



CSCPF's first annual gathering took place on November 10 – 12 at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Nearly 40 individuals, representing an Inter-National voice of spiritual and pastoral care, attended. This meeting served as the founding gathering of our new Community. We worked together on formulating many of the core values, principles and policies of our Community.

The Gathering was dedicated to our priority of building a highly relational and transparent Community. A major portion of our time together was dedicated to the care and nurture of the people in our Community. Additionally, we had extensive discussion of major topics regarding Certification, Standards, Cognate Relationships, Corporate Status, Community Structure and Governance.

On the last day, we also recognized those newly certified individuals and affirmed those whose credentials from other organizations have been accepted.

As a Community, we also made a number of affirmations regarding policies, procedures and temporary leadership for our new Community. See "Decisions Summary" at the conclusion of this issue of Spirit Matters.

CSCPF Receives Tax Exempt Status

Nov. 10, 2014

On November 10, 2014 the Internal Revenue Service notified CSCPF of its determination that we are a tax exempt corporation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). We are registered as a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation as of September 10, 2014. Our Articles of Incorporation were endorsed by the State of California Secretary of State on September 25, 2014. All donations to CSCPF are deductible to the extent permitted by the donor's personal circumstances. With these important recognitions we are poised to provide many years of service to the public by advancing the discipline of spiritual care.



Frequently Asked Questions About CSCPF

How do I Find a Practitioner Community?

CSCPF has three different types of communities: Practitioner Communities, Learning Centers and Serving Sites. All members are encouraged to join a Practitioner Community. These are small groups of spiritual care professionals who meet together to do case studies, provide personal and professional support and to maintain high standards of accountability and competence. If you are interested in forming or joining a Practitioner Community, please visit our Communities page on the Website or call 925.658.5740 and connect to [Wendy Jones](#).

Are CSCPF Chaplains Endorsed by Joint Commission?

Joint Commission does not endorse Chaplains. Joint Commission accredits and certifies medical institutions and medical programs. While Joint Commission has a 'Cross-walk' of guidelines for

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CSCPF Receives Grant Challenge



CSCPF is currently applying for recognition to become an accrediting organization. There are significant fees associated with this process which present financial challenge for our new Community. Gratefully an anonymous donor has generously offered to **match any donations towards CSCPF's Accreditation fees up to a total of \$1000!** This will double the impact of any donations made towards that fee. The challenge deadline is December 31. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution please click the button below or go to our website. Questions? Call 925-658-5740.

To Donate
click here.

Special Funds Supporting Our Values

CSCPF has created two special funds to support our commitment to diversity and social awareness. Please consider a contribution. You may find information in the Support Us section of our Website.

The Jarvis "John" Edgerton Social Awareness Fund. To support the needs of individuals and groups in furtherance of CSCPF's commitment to serve and empower local and global communities re/build and re/organize their lives after natural disasters.

The Joel Harvey Education and Formation Fund. To support those who are active participants in CSCPF's local and inter-national communities to empower and nourish individuals in their work as clinical pastoral and spiritual caregivers and careseekers in the 21st century world.



- CSCP Teams' Reports -

[Certification News](#)

by [Geof Tio](#), Certification Liaison

Board Certification is a review process intended for qualifying core competencies of practitioners in the field of pastoral and spiritual care. In a grassroots organization like CSCP, support, accountability, and decisions concerning certification take place in a local practitioner community. Practitioner community members are provided training in certification review process, aiming to be equipped and competent in offering professional peer review and consult. A certified Review Liaison from the Center sits with the review panel in particular and with the practitioner community in general providing support, education, and lending a pair of eyes to observe the process and dynamics involved in certification. The main responsibility of the Certification Liaison is to provide training and education necessary for the whole community to bridge gaps in standards that may exist between the Center, practitioner communities, and learning centers.



Click on the image above to see more about the Certification Process.

[Accreditation News](#)

by [Roy Sanders](#), Accreditation Liaison

The Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation, CSCP, intends to provide accreditation to learning centers that provide clinical pastoral education according to a rigorous education outcome expectation. Outcome based education that assures employers professional interfaith care providers. (Interfaith in this context refers to the behavior of providing care according to the patient-client-parishioner's faith practice versus the practitioner.)

Employers of all disciplines expect that professional education comply with the Department of Education principles. They expect professional to practice according to consistent standards of practice.

While most clinical pastoral educators provide rigorous and collegiate level education, accreditation assures employers the practitioner candidate is truly professional. Receiving accreditation from the Center of Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation requires adherence to a set of Common Outcomes from which the learning center develops its educational standards.

The Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation intends to become a Full Member of the Association of Professional and Specialized Accreditors, ASPA. ASPA membership helps assure that the Outcomes set by CSCP meet the education rigor set by the Department of Education, D.O.E. ASPA set fourth a Code of Good Practice that is congruent with D.O.E., the Division of Higher Learning, and CHEA organizations. Once membership is affirmed, learning centers accredited through CSCP will be able to market itself themselves as; "Accredited through the Center of Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation, CSCP; an ASPA member organization." (The learning center is not a member of ASPA. The learning center is an accredited program of a membership organization.)

- Events, Notes and Updates regarding CSCP -

[CLEAR National Workshop](#)

Save the date: April 13-15

What: Certification Leadership, Empowerment, and Review: A National Workshop (CLEAR National Workshop)

Who: CSCP Practitioner Communities, Review Liaisons, and Directors/ reps of Learning Centers and Serving Sites

Why: 1. To train practitioner communities to function as leaders in certification and professional review 2. To bridge gaps in standards and professional practice that may exist between the Center, practitioner communities, and learning centers.

Whom: Certification Liaisons
Where: Colorado - Location TBD

COMISS Network Annual Forum

January 11-12
Alexandria, VA

See the [COMISS Network website](#) for details. Paula Belleggie will represent CSCPF.

Special Thanks to Barbara McGuire

Those of you that attended CSCPF's First Annual Gathering received a plant as a "Living Experience" of our logo. These plants were donated by CSCPF's first president, Barbara McGuire. Barbara intended the plants to symbolize the roots of our organization are in the hands of our community. THANK YOU BARBARA for a memorable gift.

Decisions Summary (taken 12 November 2014 in Kansas City, KS)

Following is a summary of the decisions taken during the First Annual Gathering in Kansas City.

Formally, these are non-binding statements of preference voted upon by all present.

Proposal: That the formation of the Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation as a California nonprofit public benefit corporation be affirmed.

Amendment: That "charter member" be a status applicable to those present at this meeting, or by joining CSCPF before the end of 2015. Not passed.

Amendment: That "member since" information be provided with member listings published as internal or external directories. Passed.

Proposal as amended: Passed

Proposal: That decisions be taken by vote and not by consensus. Passed.

Proposal: That voting be by electronic means and without secret ballot.

Amendment: That this decision be referred to the Ad-Hoc Governance Team as a recommendation. Passed.

Proposal as amended: Passed

Proposal: That the current directors -- John Jeffery, Roy Sanders, and Barbara McGuire -- be affirmed. Passed.

Proposal: That the current officers be affirmed: President -- Barbara McGuire; Vice President - John Jeffery; Secretary -- Greg Colley; and Treasurer -- Lily Saganich. Passed

Proposal: That an Ad-hoc Governance Team be formed now and begin work immediately on recommendations for permanent governance principles and structures. Passed

Proposal: That the Ad-hoc Governance Team be composed of 5-7 volunteers.
Amendment: That John Jeffery, Annie McCary, Aimee Niles, Andrew Miller, and Rebecca Williams be affirmed as volunteers to the Ad-Hoc Governance Team. Passed

Noted: That the corporate secretary (currently Greg Colley) be a nonvoting ex-officio member of the Ad-hoc Governance Team.

Proposal as amended: Passed.

Proposal: That ASPA membership be pursued, and ACCISS membership when that organization was ready.

Amendment: That CSCPF remain in relationship with ACCISS while ACCISS is in formation. Passed

Amendment: That CSCPF's ASPA membership be pursued immediately. Passed

Amendment: That CSCPF's ASPA membership be transferred to ACCISS when ACCISS is ready to proceed with it. Deferred to appropriate time.

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